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The annual ritual is nearly here.

The start of daylight saving time, which subtracts an hour of sleep, is this Sunday. The seasonal time change when we "spring forward" will occur on March 13, a full week before the official start of spring on March 20. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. which is the official hour to set all of our clocks ahead one hour. That's when local time will instantly become 3 a.m.

City of Sheridan Plans to Tow Abandoned Vehicles

The City of Sheridan announced that, beginning in mid-March, the City will place tow notices on vehicles stored on city streets in violation of Sheridan Municipal Codes

Owners will be given a time limit to remove their vehicles, trailers, or other private property off city streets before they are towed.

The City said they hear complaints about these vehicles daily, and ask for the community's patience with city staff and law enforcement as they work to enforce these laws.

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To apply, please complete a Government Office Application which can be found on the City of Willamina website or at City Hall. Applicants can submit the applications via email to meneleyb@ci.willamina.or.us or drop the application off at City Hall. Please call Bridget Meneley, Deputy City Recorder, at 503-876-2242 with any questions. You may also email Bridget at the email address above with questions.



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- 1. A Registered Voter;
- 2. A Resident of the City of Willamina (i.e. live within the city limits); and
- 3. Have resided within the City during the twelve months immediately preceding appointment.

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Help Wanted

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NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

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

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

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

Other restrictions apply based upon occupation and family relationships.

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Lindsay Berschauer KEPT HER PROMISES:

- Allocated entire discretionary fund to build shelters for houseless individuals and shore up county fairgrounds' economic losses from 2020 wildfire.
- Voted over 20 times against Kate Brown's business and school closures.
- Protected Yamhill County taxpayers from a Portland-style bike path and future Light Rail Train that would cost MILLIONS and erode private property rights.
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A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

Dear Sheridan Families,

The Oregon Health Authority recently changed the lifting of he face mask mandate to Saturday, March 12. The Oregon Department of Education released the updated version of Ready Schools, Safe Learners Resiliency Framework which makes all previously required protocols advisory.

Our Health & Safety Committee met to discuss the protocols and determined the following would be implemented starting Monday, March 14:

- Face masks are welcomed in schools and district facilities, not required.
- If we receive notice of a confirmed COVID case we will notify parents of possible exposure using district communication systems.
- If your child tests positive for COVID, they will need to stay home five days. Day 0 is the first day of symptoms or positive test if no symptoms are present. We strongly recommend wearing a face mask for another five days.
- Students exposed will not be asked to quarantine.
- When riding the school bus, face masks are welcomed, not required.

Additionally, at this time we will not allow volunteers in the schools. The Health & Safety Committee will revisit this topic in early April.

As we move forward it is critical that all students and staff feel safe and welcomed in our schools. Thank you for working with us as we balance the protection of in-person instruction with management of our health protocols.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

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Tai Chi Classes to Begin March 15 at WVCC

Moving For Better Balance Tai Chi classes will begin on March 15 at the West Valley Community Campus in Willamina. The 12-week classes, facilitated by Tracy Johnston, are scheduled from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at WVCC. Northwest Senior and Disability Services (NWSDS) will sponsor the classes.

Participants will learn eight sets of gentle movements, called forms, that can be practiced standing, chair-assisted, or seated. Dr. Li developed this style of Tai Chi at the Oregon Research Institute to help promote strength, balance, and prevent falls.

The classes are free, but pre-registration is required, 833-673-9355. Participants should wear comfortable exercise clothing and non-slip shoes. All OHA Covid guidelines will be observed.

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The Coastal Hills Quilters have been teaching folks how to quilt and assisting quilters at all skill levels for the past five years in Room 7 at the West Valley community campus.

Covid-19 put a damper on their ability to get together to aid quilters at WVCC, but now they are back and eager to help.

The quilt room is open from 9:30 a.m. until noon every Friday for drop-ins or people who want to stay the entire time.

These experienced quilters can help most all quilters, from unpacking a sewing machine they've never used before, to helping with a small problem they may come across with an existing quilt, maybe grandma's quilt.

All Coastal Hills Quilters are vaccinated and boosted and are ready to teach folks who've also received their vaccines.

"We are excited to see quilters, new and old. We're ready to help," said one of the quilters. For more information call Pamela Hilton, 541-921-7350.

Chamber Breakfast Friday

The March 11 Sheridan Chamber breakfast will be held from 8-9 a.m. at Techtonics Tuning. All Chamber members and potential Chamber members are invited.







Oh boy, will this ever end? First, it was some of my "yard art." Then it was tools and a wheelbarrow from the Community Garden at the West Valley Community Campus. Sad to say, the garden is now fenced and locked.

A trailer was stolen from the WVCC parking lot somewhere along the line.

Then it was the rope off from the WVCC flagpole. Thanks to the firefighters at the Willamina station and their big truck. we were able to get a new rope threaded through the pulley at the tip-top of the pole.

This really takes the cake. "Rusty the Logger," in Color Spot Park, across the street from Coyote Joe's, has lost his saw. I sincerely doubt that he "lost" it. I think someone must have climbed up there and maliciously taken it. I hope their conscience will ask them to return it by bringing it back to City Hall...no questions asked.

Hoping all these missing things will be returned and nothing else will disappear is "What's Up in Willamina."



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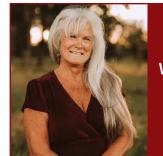
Toastmasters help people become more confident speakers, communicators, and leaders. It is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches these skills via local club meetings.

In Willamina, Toastmasters meet at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month at Coyote Joe's. All interested are welcome to attend.

Oregon Mask Mandate Will be Lifted March 12

The Oregon Health Authority rules requiring masks in indoor public places and schools will be lifted after 11:59 p.m. on March 11. Other state and federal requirements, such as those for health care settings, public transit, and other specialized settings, will remain in place for a period of time.

State policies do not change federal requirements, which still include masks on public transit.



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Fire Chief Les Thomas Advancing Open and Honest Communication

Staci Coker

Les Thomas became Sheridan's new fire chief on Oct. 1, 2021. He moved to the West Valley in 2019 to serve as the division training officer for Sheridan, West Valley, and Southwest Polk fire districts.

Les grew up in Whitney, Texas, just north of Waco, where he launched his 30-year fire service career. Raised on a ranch with a father and grandfather in fire service, he applauds his upbringing for teaching him respect, morals, and the importance of sticking to his principles.

He started as a firefighter/paramedic. He worked through the ranks for the next several years, finishing up his time in Texas in the Houston area.

Chief Thomas said civil service is the only type of work he has ever done.

He and his wife, Lisa, an English teacher at Sprague High School in Salem, who also worked for Western Oregon University, live in Dallas, Ore., but continue to search for the perfect property in Sheridan.

A father of three, his youngest daughter is about to finish her first year of law school after graduating from Texas A&M. His son is preparing for a summer wedding this year, and his oldest daughter is a free-spirited traveler.

When asked what prompted him to work in the fire service, he answered, "I got into this work because of a tragedy." At age 16, after spending a day at the lake,



he was heading home. His girlfriend was just two cars ahead of him when she was involved in a car accident. She became trapped, the first responders could not free her in time, and she died. After the tragedy, Les said to himself, "I know I can do better."

During his tenure, Les became a specialist in auto extrication rescue. Years later, he found himself teaching his specialty at Texas A&M and others around the United States, Mexico, the Virgin Islands, and other locations. Les earned a degree in Fire Business Administration and is finishing his second degree, a Masters Degree in Business Development with an emphasis on Fire and EMS, which he expects to complete in 2023.

Les was accepted and attended an executive fire officer program for which thousands apply, and 25 are accepted.

Chief Thomas said his goals are simple. He believes, "We excel, so others benefit," and said his motto is "Serve others before self." That is what he wants to instill in Sheridan's career and volunteer staff. He enjoys working alongside the career staff and the volunteers, training with them, building their trust, and instilling these values in his team.

Les said, "I know the community might be feeling some mistrust at this time; there have been misunderstandings in the past. I want to be transparent to all." His goals are to be more available to the community, and he said he will always welcome calls.

As chief for the past five months, Les has focused on the financial standings of the Sheridan Fire District. In addition, he is working through the separation of the three districts.

His focus has turned to the Sheridan district's required operating costs. Currently, Sheridan has a levy in place of 35 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This 35¢ is in addition to the state-mandated fire district tax of \$1.11 per \$1,000, for a total of \$1.46 per \$1,000. This levy expires in June 2022, which would drop the rate to \$1.11.

Les formed a subcommittee to review the district's operating costs. They considered the increase in calls each year and increased expenses. As a result, the district will request a replacement levy of 88 cents per \$1,000. The tax would increase from the current levy of \$1.46 per \$1,000 to \$1.99 per \$1,000. According to the subcommittee and Chief Thomas, this is the lowest figure they can come up with that will allow them to continue providing the community with the best service possible.

Currently, three career staff work each day, with two running the Advanced Life Saving

(ALS) and the third serving as a first responder to other calls. If the levy is approved, we would have four career personnel per day which would staff two ALS ambulances.

In 1980, Sheridan had 46 volunteers. Sheridan now has 15. "However," Les said, "Many of our current volunteers cannot respond to daytime calls because of their jobs. So while we have 15 volunteers, we may have only two or three available during the day, and sometimes zero."

Les talked about the district's reliance on volunteers and noted they are an integral part of the fire team. He has applied for a grant to cover a volunteer fire coordinator; if approved, Sheridan would gain a person for three years, at no cost to the community, whose sole purpose would be to recruit and retain volunteers for the district.

Les added, "No matter what, we will always need our volunteers."

Chief Thomas said he would hold several town hall meetings to enable the community to ask questions about the replacement levy. Once confirmed, he will announce the time and date for these meetings.

Chief Thomas said, "The immediate need is to replace the levy set to expire. I know the number is higher than what it was. It would be easy to ask for renewal; however, we would be unable to do anything more than what we are doing now. I believe our citizens deserve better."







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St. Patrick's Day is March 17

Part of what makes celebrating St. Patrick's Day so enjoyable is the scores of traditions surrounding the holiday. The month of March ushers in parades, festive foods, lively music, and as much green attire as a person can handle.

As ubiquitous as it is each March, green attire has not always been symbolic of St. Patrick's Day or Ireland. In fact, earlier depictions of St. Patrick had him royally clothed in a rich shade of blue. Some ancient Irish flags even







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sported the color blue. According to National Geographic, the color green became associated with St. Patrick's Day in the 18th century, when the shamrock became a national symbol of Ireland. The color of the shamrock and Ireland's natural landscape forever linked green to St. Patrick's Day celebrations and the Emerald Isle.

There are reasons for donning green clothing on St. Patrick's Day. If a person isn't in green, he or she just may get pinched. According to Irish folklore, leprechauns wore green, and if anyone else wore the color that individual would be invisible to leprechauns. Leprechauns are ornery sorts who like to pinch anyone they can see. Therefore, by wearing green clothing, a person is sure to avoid a painful tweak. It's not only the leprechauns who might do the pinching. Celebrants are inclined to pinch people who don't wear green as a reminder that leprechauns might sneak up on them at any time.

Beyond shamrocks and leprechauns, other people are inclined to wear green on St. Patrick's Day as a symbol of good luck and to honor their Irish ancestry.

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Obituary

Gretchen Ernestine Fischer Robertson Jan. 20, 1948- Oct. 15, 2021

Gretchen and her twin brother Lester were born in Portland to Margaret and Ernest Fischer of Valley Junction.

Gretchen grew up in the rural area of Valley Junction, where life was about logging, dairy farms, green trees, mountains, and lush green pastures for cows to graze. While living in this area, she attended Willamina Grade school and graduated from Willamina High School in 1966. She played drums and saxophone in the school band and sang in the church choir. A memorable event was when she played in the marching band at the Rose Parade in Portland. In 4-H, she learned to knit, sew, and cook.

As a child, she annually joined the other Valley Junction youths picking strawberries and pole beans during the summer. Gretchen put the money she earned in the bank for school clothes and college.

At age 16, Gretchen began working at local restaurants, including Gillespie's and the Bonanza.



She started as a dishwasher and moved up to baker and cook.

After high school, Gretchen enrolled in pre-nursing classes at NW Nazarene College (NNC) in Nampa, Idaho. Boise State College accepted her into their nursing program, where she graduated in 1970 with her Associate Degree of Science in Nursing.

While at NNC, Gretchen met Rick Robertson. They married in May 1969 at the Church of the Nazarene in Grand Ronde. They celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary in May of 2021. The couple has two daughters, Melanie and Amy, and five grandchildren.



In 1967 Gretchen worked as a nurse's aide at Greely Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Portland.

From 1968 through 1970, she was a nurse's aide at the original Mercy Hospital in Nampa, working her way through college. For the next 43 years, Gretchen was an RN in various departments at Mercy Hospital. She concluded her career as a hospice nurse.

In addition to being a nurse, she and Rick became a certified family home and cared for developmentally disabled clients. Over the years, they cared for eight individuals.

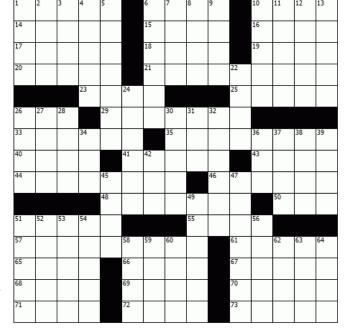
During retirement, she revived her "homesteading" desires. That included raising chickens, which she named. She also enrolled as a "traditional cooking school" student, learning the art of sourdough baking, fermenting, making bone broth, cheese, yogurt, and dehydrating.

In 2007, Gretchen was diagnosed with breast cancer and passed away Oct. 15, 2021, from metastatic breast cancer. Yet, she maintained a positive attitude and a radiant countenance, helping others in similar circumstances by taking them meals and offering support with a listening ear and prayer. Gretchen is survived by her husband, Rick; daughters Melanie (Kevin) and Amy (Jim); five grandchildren; siblings Leonard Fischer, Lucie Lindberg, Lester and Artas Fischer, Karen and Manuel Silveira, and many nieces and nephews.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

- Calendar numbers
- 6. Statutes
- 10. Company (abbr.)
- 14. ____ & Roeper
- 15. Light brown
- 16. Length times width
- 17. 747, e.g.
- 18. Biblical pronoun
- 19. "Beware the ____ of March"
- 20. Jeopardy
- 21. Most sore
- 23. Differently
- 25. "M*A*S*H" locale
- 26. Twitch
- 29. Military runway locale (2 wds.)
- Stick
- 35. Reclines (2 wds.)
- 40. Earnest request
- 41. Digging tool
- 43. Butter substitute
- 44. Notched like a saw
- 46. Gobi, for one
- 48. Food service
- 50. Notice
- 51. Satellite's path
- 55. Spoken
- 57. Honor roll (2 wds.)
- 61. Grain towers
- **65**. Gawk
- 66. Brainstorm
- 67. Marry secretly
- 68. Grating sound
- 69. Shed feathers
- 70. Crowlike bird
- 71. Mattress support
- 72. French female
- 73. Fragrance



Down

1. Johnny ____ of

"Edward Scissorhands"

2. Talented

3. Small rip

4. Bert's friend

5. Outstanding

6. Alphabet part

7. Tooth problem

8. Tiny bird

9. Brought to court

10. Egypt's capital

11. Sequence

Witherspoon

of "Walk the Line"

13. Italian staple

22. Scrapes by

24. Afternoon snooze

26. Faucets

27. Unoccupied

28. "Moonstruck"

actress

30. Razor ____

31. Support

32. Planter

34. Corn unit

36. Juan's "two"

Bullring cheers

38. "Wish You_

Here"

39. Quick letter

42. Family animal

45. Behaves

47. Pencil ends

49. Twirl

51. Aromas

52. Kingly

53. Hobby wood

54. Bumbling

56. Fragrant shrub

58. Green citrus fruit 59. Adored one

60. Peddle 62. Adore

63. Unwrap

64. Exported



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River Front Cafe to Serve Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Natalie Griffin will be the River Front Cafe manager.

"We've had so many people stop by here today, it's unreal! We've heard nothing but great things. People are so excited!" said Barb Hofenbredl, new owner of the River Front Cafe, a space known to many locals as the old Sunshine Cafe. "People said they want a family-style restaurant, and so that's what it's going to be."

Barb Hofenbredl is the new owner, and Natalie Griffin, pictured left, will be the new manager. Barb said that Natalie will be her daughter-in-law one day.

With the windows now clean and sparkly, they've been busy scrubbing, cleaning, de-greasing, and painting in hopes they'll be able to open the cafe by May 1.

Future plans will include changing out the awning on the front of the cafe and repairing the bricks underneath it.

"With the new RV park coming in, I think the cafe should stay super busy. I'm hoping that one day we'll be able to expand into the area now occupied by the old antique store. I may be able to use that space to add more seating in one section, and possibly add a retail area to sell reclaimed furniture and things like that on the south end," said Barb.

Barb said the owners of the antique store building have hired a contractor to start working on repairs.

Natalie worked out at Fort Hill as a manager, so she has lots of experience and knows a lot of local people.

THE BULLETIN BOARD HAS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: BULLETINWESTVALLEY@GMAIL.COM



It is time for high school seniors to apply for college scholarships offered by the West Valley Kiwanis Club.

Applications are available at local public schools and at the Sheridan Public Library.

The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 6.

The scholarship was established to encourage school and community involvement by local youths. Consideration will be given to need, determination, and in part, to academic excellence. Students planning to enroll in trade schools or trade school programs at community or four-year colleges and universities are encouraged to apply.

The applicant must either be a senior enrolled in one of the public schools in the Willamina or Sheridan school districts or a homeschooled senior from Grand Ronde, Willamina or Sheridan.

Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 will be awarded. The number of scholarships given out is subject to the discretion of the Kiwanis scholarship committee. In 2021 The West Valley Kiwanis Club awarded at total of \$4,500 to seven students.

For more information, contact Marguerite Alexander at 503-843-4104.





A Day in the Life: Supporting the Community, Making Everyone Feel Valued

April Carothers

The word "enforcement" may have negative connotations for Derek Trombla, the community support and code enforcement officer for Willamina. So why does he dislike the word? He sees his most significant role as community support. And that is a duty he takes very seriously.

As a longtime Willamina resident, he is invested in the area and passionate about improving livability.

"My personal belief why this job is so important is being a part of this community. I know our citizens, friends, and families deserve a peaceful, clean, and safe environment to live and raise families. I am committed to and enjoy improving the quality of life in our community, knowing others have the same vision and commitment. I believe long-lasting relationships with community members can build the positive impacts meant for this position. I thank city management, Council, and members of the community who have allowed me to serve."

The City Council has frequently expressed their deep appreciation for Officer Trombla, who took the job after the death of Dave Morey, the previous officer. Dave's death left a big hole in many hearts.

Trombla was considering what to do next after 32 years in law enforcement when he saw the job opening. He knew that he wanted to continue to help people.

He retired in 2019 from the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office and had worked for the McMinnville School District as a campus supervisor at the high school under retired Sheriff Jack Crabtree. He took the job in Willamina in June

He tries to hide inside every issue of The Bulletin Board.

of 2021

The law is complicated, and part of Officer Trombla's job is to help clarify codes and ordinances. But, he said, "I believe education can remedy confusion. For example, the most common ordinances that I deal with daily are related to abandoned or discarded vehicles parked on the city streets, in driveways and yards." Some may be damaged or inoperable. Another frequent issue is garbage or debris on properties.

"It's a different type of role," he said, comparing his job to that of being a deputy or a state trooper. However, it's similar in that he continues to bridge gaps and help people be safe. For example, he sees the homeless crisis from many angles: he sees the poverty and suffering and the problems. Whether they have a home or not, everyone has to follow the rules of society because they are still part of it.

Rules must be enforced, but Officer Trombla's goal is prevention. If someone needs a ride to seek assistance in McMinnville or Salem, he will personally drive them. He says every person has equal value, and every person deserves to be seen and heard. He contacts anyone who seems to need help to find out what they need throughout his day. He actively works to make sure everyone has a voice and knows where to find resources.

Sometimes the job gets a bit overwhelming, as with all other areas of society since the pandemic began. Trombla sees person-power shortages. There



aren't enough officers to stay on top of everything, but having a community support officer is a huge help. It provides someone to assist on the spot when there's a problem who can provide information and connection to resources.

"It's not easy," he admitted. He works with the Planning Commission to prevent code violations, ensuring people have the proper permits. He frequently deals with abandoned vehicles, motor homes, trailers, junk, tall grass (a fire hazard), and animal nuisances. In addition, he must monitor vacant properties to ensure they're up to code. He must balance the needs of both the housed and the unhoused.

He reflects that life was black and white when he was a deputy. An individual was either arrested or not. His job in support of the community is much more complicated and requires a lot more consideration of every angle. Many unhoused people struggle with mental illnesses and are unable to access care.

Trombla feels there is a lot of work to do and that it may, at times, look as if nothing is happening. "The public needs to understand that laws must be enforced as written. Steps must be taken, and information must be sought, such as who owns a particular property. He must follow this process, and it can be time-consuming, especially if

there are multiple complaints at once. Officers must collect considerable evidence before they can enforce code violations.

For example, if a property has been collecting waste and debris for many decades, the City won't hand the owner a warning to clean it up in ten days; the person would be overwhelmed and unable to comply. Sometimes it takes people working together to solve complicated problems. Arrests and investigations into critical issues must come before broken ordinances. Officer Trombla savs he and others carefully prioritize complaints and issues, and nothing gets overlooked; it iust takes time and effort.

When in doubt, never hesitate to contact Code Enforcement or the City of Willamina; they are happy to answer questions. Trust that Officer Trombla cares about his community and is working closely with Yamhill and Polk County deputies, State Police, and Grand Ronde Police.

He is also an on-call officer with the Grande Ronde Tribal Police, which means he is on hand to help with emergencies or events. The work he does helps maintain peace and keeps things running smoothly.

We sometimes forget to be grateful to the people who do the demanding job of calming the waters and keeping us safe. Thank you, Officer Trombla, for all your hard work.











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Contributed by a Bulletin Board Guest Writer

It's my 7th birthday, and I have asked for a book. "I love books." My parents arrived at grandmother's, and I'm excited to see them. Since I had finally gotten to have a birthday cake for my sixth birthday, I thought it might become the norm. But, no! Instead, I was presented with a baby brother. Okay! No book, instead I got a cute little brother. I looked at him and wondered if it would be possible that I wouldn't have to deal with the boxing and pushing and all of the mischiefs that I've had to deal with from my existing brother. As the years progressed, this brother did turn out to be a different sort. He liked to play nice. My dad tried the boxing bag thing again, but he wouldn't hit his sisters and use us for sparring.

He would share crackers, cookies, candy, etc., but only after he took a big bite out of them.

My little sister started asking for the boy's piece. My mother asked, "What does that mean?" Ours always has a big bite out of it

We got to go visit our fun grandmother (which wasn't often; we're not supposed to know about fun.) Anyway, they have rabbits, chickens, a barn, and big trees around, so we can climb trees, play with the bunnies, and have no chores.

While there, little brother disappears. We look upstairs, downstairs, room to room. Finally, we find him hiding behind a big overstuffed chair, and he is eating a chocolate bar all by his lonesome. Oh! No! We call for mom, grandma, everybody. He has just eaten a whole box of Exlax. Well, you can just imagine...



Grand Sheramina Earns 'Excellent' Rating

Oregon Food Bank officials inspected the Grand Sheramina Food Bank in Sheridan this week. The local facility earned a rating of excellent for their paperwork, cleanliness of the facility, and for their outstanding volunteers who have given thousands of hours, collectively, in service to their neighbors in need.



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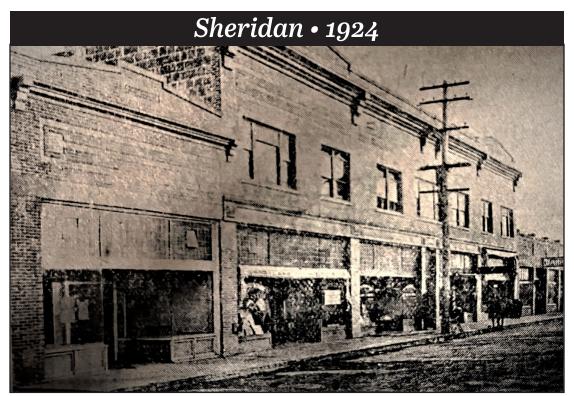
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Sheridan Creamery, the home of Meadow Side Butter, as it looked in 1924. The Ethel Rebekah Lodge purchased the Sheridan Creamery Building in 1958 and held a dedication of the hall in 1959. Many long-time residents have fond memories of turkey dinners at the lodge.



The original State Bank was on the west side of South Bridge Street, across from Harney Street. The bank was among many structures that burned down in Sheridan's July 18, 1913, fire. After that, the bank moved to the corner of Monroe and South Bridge Street, (pictured) where Sackett and Doughty Department Store did business before the fire. The new building was constructed entirely of brick in 1914-1915. Brick construction became a requirement in Sheridan after the fire.



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- Medical calls account for approximately 80% of call outs.
- Service areas include Sheridan, Willamina, Perrydale, Ballston, Dallas, and McMinnville.
- Volunteer fire and EMS membership has dropped from 28 volunteers in 2016 to 12 in 2021.
- This replacement levy will allow the district to staff a second ambulance 24/7/365.

WHAT WILL THE REPLACEMENT LEVY PAY FOR?

- Hiring firefighters and emergency medical responders (paramedics) to staff a second ambulance 24 hours per day, 365 days a year.
- Replace expired and expiring personal protective equipment.
- Fund basic general operations of the district.

THE PROPOSED 2022 LEVY REPLACEMENT

The proposed rate for the 2022 measure is 88¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value. For example, based on the most current information available from the county assessor, the owner of a property assessed at \$300,000 would pay an estimated \$49 per month or \$597 per year.

The previous levy in effect from 2017-2022, will expire this June. The 2022 levy will be an increase of \$13.25 a month, or a \$159 per year using the example of a \$300,000 assessed value property.

If this levy is approved, we can hire additional personnel to staff a second ambulance and replace some of our expired and expiring PPE while continuing the funding of our primary operations.

In 2016, our fire district's emergency call volume increased to 1,486 with our levy at \$1.46 per \$1,000 of the assessed value with a single ambulance in service.

In 2020/2021, we experienced more than 1,639 calls for service, while our \$1.46 levy remained the same. That is an increase of 150 calls for service with just one ambulance available to respond. Additionally, some of our current calls occur in multiples with limited outside resources available, which results in citizens waiting for an out-of-district ambulance to respond.

With the passing of the new local option levy of 88¢ per \$1,000, the Sheridan Fire District will be able to answer more ambulance and fire calls faster and more efficiently.