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West Valley Bulletin Board's community calendar will be published in next weeks issue on March 1. Send your events for March to bulletinwestvalley@gmail.com by Friday, February 24 to include them.



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Free Lunches Offered Tuesdays and Thursdays

The West Valley Veterans Outreach will distribute free lunches to anyone in need from 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the American Legion Post 75 at 125 N. Bridge Street, Sheridan.

These lunches are made possible by the West Valley Veterans Outreach with help from the American Legion Post 75 and the Grand Sheramina Food Bank.

Grand Ronde Art Guild; New Name and Meetings

The Grand Ronde Art Guild is now the West Valley Creative Artisans, and meets from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Wednesday at the Willamina Christian Church at 200 SE Baker Street in Willamina.

An annual membership of \$30 helps defray the costs of field trips, entitles the use of the groups' common art supplies, allows member input, and voting rights at the monthly meetings.

Membership is not required. Interested persons, can come Wednesdays and work on art projects of their own.

For more information, contact Alice Flory at 503-879-5927.

Multiple Estate SALE

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Beautiful area to build your dream home. 44 acres, Perrydale water, two wells, seasonal creek, shop is around 50x36, manufactured home no value, no value on old barn, some fencing for animals. Could plant filberts, grapes or Christmas trees, etc. Apple, oak and some fir trees on property. Sheridan.

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Physical Therapy

This is to give notice that Robert "Bob" Thornburg, LPT, who has treated patients in Sheridan for the past 20-plus years, will now be accepting patients at DNA Physical Therapy in Amity, OR, on Trade St. He will see patients on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 971-708-6113 or text 503-308-1156 to schedule.

Help Wanted

The West Valley Bulletin Board is looking for a fill-in worker for Tuesdays: paper delivery and light office coverage. Please call 503-687-3000 or come by the Bulletin Board 136 E main St. Sheridan to inquire.

West Valley Bulletin Board classified ads cost only 20¢ per word per issue. The deadline is Friday for the following Wednesday's issue. Email your ad to bulletinwestvalley@gmail.com or stop by 136 E. Main in sheridan.

VETERANS OUTREACH

by Zeek Linn

The fact of life is that eventually, we are all going to die. Another fact of life for Veterans is that they have burial benefits. Veterans are eligible for burial benefits for themselves and some family members. To qualify, Veterans must meet the criteria that are used by many of the other benefits.

One of the following criteria must be true to qualify:

- A Veteran who did not receive a dishonorable discharge.
 - A service member who died while on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty for training.
 - A Veteran's spouse or minor child can qualify even if the Veteran died first.
 - An unmarried adult dependent child of a Veteran.
- In addition to burial benefits, VA survivor's benefits include health care for spouses, dependents, and family caregivers, VA education benefits for survivors and dependents, and VA home loan programs for surviving spouses.

There will be more information in the coming columns to explain the qualifiers for each component. Information is available at VA.gov, or go to the Legion for help with your claims.

WHAT'S UP IN WILLAMINA
by mary jane

Are you like me...tired of things made in other places? Some of them you can't even pronounce, let alone point to them on a map. Well, we're really lucky here in Willamina. We have the Willamina Mercantile. It's that big brown building at the corner of Main and "B" St. Some people know it as "the old bank building." It is full of items made by local people.

There's everything from jams and jellies to jewelry, kitchen items, and clothing too. Then, of course, there are lots and lots of pretty things.

The folks working there are usually the artisans themselves, so feel free to ask questions. Being lucky to live here is "What's Up in Willamina."

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Sheridan's First Federal is accepting donations for the Boekhoff family, who suffered a tragedy on Jan. 24 when the family trailer caught fire, destroying their belongings and taking the lives of their two dogs, Daisy and Jackson.

Eric and Sharon are parents to three boys, Aiden, Nolan, and Jonah. They were in the process of rebuilding the home they had lost to a fire in 2020.

All funds are given directly to the family. First Federal does not charge fees on the account.

Warm Fuzzies

Thank you to PGE for restoring power on Fort Hill Road area during the recent outage.

~ EGL

I want to thank each and every one of you the cards, flowers, and visits after the passing of my sister Jan. You are all very much appreciated.

~ Jean Risseeuw

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And, it's published on the last Wednesday of each month.

The deadline is the Friday before publication.

Email the date, time, event name, and location to:

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Obituary



Delano "Gale" Schmitz
Jan. 23, 1933 – Feb. 9, 2023

Gale Schmitz, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, sadly passed away in Salem on Feb. 9, 2023. He was born on Jan. 23, 1933, in Fairbury, Neb. to Clarence and Lilly Schmitz. The family moved to Oregon when Gale was three, eventually settling outside McMinnville. He graduated from Dayton High School in 1951.

Following graduation, Gale joined the United States Army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged. Upon his return, he married Betty Agee, and they moved to Klamath Falls, Ore., where he attended ITT (now known as OTI). They returned to the Willamette Valley, eventually settling in the Willamina area, where he worked in lumber mills and farmed. In later years, he sold property as a real estate agent for Century 21.

Gale was married to Betty for 53 years, and the couple raised four children. After retiring and selling the family farm in the early 2000s, he and Betty moved to Stayton to be closer to their children. Betty passed away in 2008 from cancer. In 2015 he married Judy Brothers.

Gale was a member of Aumsville Bethel Baptist Church, and his hobbies included his love for fishing, camping, playing cards, and spending time with family. He loved to tell stories and had

many friends. He and Betty were known for their hospitality, hosting many families over the years, most notably a family from New Zealand they met while fishing at Hebo Lake (of all places!). Betty and Gale loved to travel, visiting 40 of the 50 states, including Alaska (where they owned a fishing cabin) and Hawaii. They also traveled to Canada, Australia, and New Zealand (3 times).

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Agee, two brothers, one sister, and two grandchildren. Gale is survived by his wife, Judith Brothers-Schmitz, and his children: Lora Hofmann (Kim), Richard Schmitz (Cindi), Douglas Schmitz (Beth), and Amy Shetterly. He is also survived by his brothers: Dale Schmitz of Willamina and Dean Schmitz of Newberg. Eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, various nieces, nephews, cousins, and the many friends he loved as dearly as family. His remains have been buried next to his beloved wife, Betty, in Buck Hollow Cemetery, Willamina.

Services were held on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, at Aumsville Bethel Baptist Church. The service can be viewed on the church's Facebook page: Bethel Baptist Church of Aumsville.

Donations can be made to Bethel Baptist Church, 645 Cleveland Street, Aumsville, OR 97325, in lieu of flowers.



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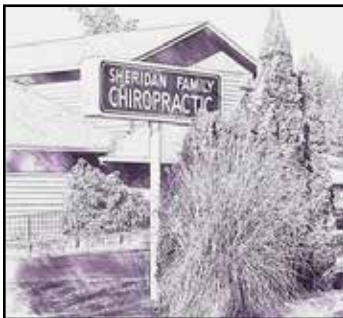
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A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

Sheridan Families,

March 6-10 is Classified Employee Appreciation Week. During this week, we take the time to recognize our classified employees as the backbone of our education system. This unique group of employees work directly with students, teachers, parents, business partners, and community members, along with providing essential services to district operations.

As a very active support system with their diverse talents, they provide for the operation of the school office, safety and maintenance of our schools and district buildings, healthy nutrition, direct instruction, and behavior support for students.

Those working in the school office are essential as the front-line support for Sheridan School District, oftentimes responding to parent concerns and addressing challenging student behaviors, all with an attitude of service. Our cooks, custodians, instructional assistants, and student managers are also essential for student success in the classroom and the safe operation of the school. They have a unique relationship with students, offering encouragement and support and holding students accountable for their behavior. We depend on our classified employees to keep everything up and running!

As I walk the schools, I observe caring and thoughtful interactions with students, individuals full of positive energy, compassion, and dedication. Our classified employees nurture students throughout their school year.

Thank you, Classified Employees, for your willingness to serve our students, the District, and the Sheridan community. You are the foundation of our District, supporting the education of our children. Your dedication, professionalism, and the joy you bring to the workplace is greatly appreciated. Sheridan community, please join me in recognizing the hard work and dedication of these individuals.

Dorie Vickery Ed. D,
Superintendent

Sheridan School District

School District Office: 971-261-6959

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Fendall Hall to Host Gun Safety Class

The Fendall Hall Schoolhouse will hold a gun safety and maintenance class at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, at 37515 Tindle Creek Road in Willamina.

Luncheon to Benefit West Valley Campus

The ladies' group of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church will host a St. Patty's Day luncheon at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, at the church, in the meeting room downstairs.

This luncheon will benefit the West Valley Community Campus.

Everyone is welcome. However, reservations are required by March 3. Call either 503-560-9931 or 503-435-8522.

The event will feature a raffle, silent auction, food, and friendly people. Donations will be accepted.

Opioid Disorder Help Available Weekdays

Great Circle Recovery offers support for opioid use disorder from 9-11 a.m., Monday-Friday, at the upper Health and Wellness parking lot, 9615 Grand Ronde Road in Grand Ronde.

The local mobile medication unit offers support for opioid use, resources, and information for all. For more information, call Great Circle Recovery at 503-983-9900.

Churches United for WV Sets Dessert Auction

The Churches United for the West Valley has set their annual free Irish Stew Lunch and Dessert Auction for noon on Sunday, March 12, at Trinity Lutheran Church located at 311 SW Schley Street, Sheridan, in the fellowship hall.

Those attending may bring a dessert for the auction, but it is not necessary. All proceeds from the event go towards helping the West Valley communities.

Spring Into Gardening Workshop Set March 18

Yamhill County Master Gardeners Association and Yamhill County OHSU Extension Service will host, "Spring into Gardening" workshop from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, at Church on the Hill in McMinnville. Registration is available at YCMGA.org.

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Red Cross Blood Drives Planned March 6 and 21

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 6, at the Willamina Middle School campus, located at 1100 Oaken Hills Drive, in Willamina.

Willamina's VFW will host a second blood drive for the American Red Cross from 12:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, at the VFW Hall, located at 771 E. Main St, in Willamina.

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"The essence of community, its heart and soul, is the non-monetary exchange of value; things we do and share because we care for others, and for the good of the place."

~Dee Hock

City Manager's Office:

We are excited to announce that we had approximately 20 applicants for the four open positions we posted previously. All applicants who fulfilled the completed application packets were allowed to interview. Each person was eager to share their unique talents and expertise, making the selection process extremely challenging, and we wish we had the budget to hire all applicants. However, the community expects that we manage the funds in a very fiscally responsible manner. Therefore, we utilized interview scoring sheets to assist us with objectively selecting the four finalists. We continue to ask for the community's patience as our team transitions and trains in our new roles.

Willamina City Council:

Before the regular city council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14, a work session was held at 5 p.m., in which Keller Associates gave a presentation and updates on current and future infrastructure projects.

Many interested community members and community partners attended, including four county commissioners invited to hear the updates on previous projects and learn about future needs. Thank you to everyone that attended, and extra thanks to Yamhill County Commissioners Mary Starrett, Lindsey Berschauer, Kit Johnston, and Polk County Commissioner Craig Pope.

Listed below is a summarized version of the updates that Shannon, senior project engineer for Keller Associates, provided:

Wastewater Facilities Planning Study (Master Plan): Currently sampling and testing wastewater influent to determine its characteristics for planning.

Next steps: Evaluate the collected data in late spring/early summer.

Lift Station Capacity Improvements: The city was invited to apply for funding to improve the city's sanitary lift stations.

Next steps: Complete the application for funding.

Water intake relocation and water system improvements: Sealed bids were opened on Feb. 9, 2023, and the apparent low bidder was selected for both projects.

Next steps: Award bids and begin construction in mid-spring 2023.

Bank erosion at Huddleston Park at Hampton Pond: The project was on hold.

Next steps: Conduct a geotechnical investigation and develop long-term concepts to protect the fish pond and bank.

Oaken Hill Park/Pump Track: Dedicated Public Works Director Jeff Brown is at the beginning of the project and will be much of the labor behind this exciting improvement. We are currently working with city legal to navigate the next steps for the project.

Transportation System Plan: The ordinance was adopted on Aug. 9, 2022.

Next Steps: The projects will be designed and built as funding is available.

We would like to extend extra special thanks to Mayor Ila Skyberg, who provided a delicious Valentine's Day buffet for everyone in attendance.

The next regular city council meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 14.

Willamina Public Library:

Our amazing Library Director, Sarah Frost, worked with community partners to complete the Point in Time Count, highlighted in last month's Bulletin article.

Sarah continues to lead in working with community partners to identify services and resources needed in our community, primarily being highly engaged with our community partners to find creative solutions to address public camping case law homelessness.

Story Time with MS. Pam and Ms. Meredith is held from noon to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Tina Miller Youth Center. It is open to all ages.

The South Yamhill River Astronomy club will meet again starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, at the library.

For more information, contact Sarah Frost, library director, at frosts@ci.willamina.or.us or 503-876-6182.



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Sheridan City Council Approves Proposals Including New Water Meters

A special council meeting was held on Monday, Feb. 6, where four proposals were on the agenda for the council to review. The first was an insurance change for city workers. The city received quotes from existing insurance CIS, the general market, and the union. The union came in with the best price for the coverage expected. This change saves the city about \$21,500. One benefit of this insurance plan is to make the city a more attractive employer by offering better, more cost-effective coverages.

The proposal to change insurance passed unanimously. City Manager Heidi Bell will start the next steps to make the switch.

The second proposal was to award the bid to replace the city water meters. The city had budgeted for this fiscal year \$750,000 to replace the existing system. Some of the current water meters in the town are well over 40 years old. The state of Oregon Standards mandates that water meters have low flow and acoustic leak detection.

There were three bids. The bid that met all requirements, including the total acoustic, was \$853,892.

The city of Sheridan negotiates with the state of Oregon on water rights. The state can dictate how the water is used. The current requirement from the state is to have less than 20 percent water detection loss, which is moving to 15 percent; eventually, the plan is to be at 10 percent. Director of Public Works Kie Cottam said, "This will be required within the next 10 to 15 years, so this isn't just the meter system, for now, it's the meter system for 20 years from now."

The new meters, internal workings, and battery will have a 20-year warranty.

The council approved the bid unanimously with an up to five percent allowance for the overage. If a change order exceeds

five percent, it must go before the council for approval.

A start date has not been set for installing the new meters; however, the company awarded the bid has the quickest turnaround time for installation. Once the project starts, it takes between 60 and 90 days to complete. The company does this regularly and has a method for approaching a city's meter replacements.

Broken and malfunctioning meters need to be reported to public works at 503-843-2660. Breaks and malfunctions are noticed monthly while meter readings happen, and the public works staff works to replace them as quickly as possible.

Sheridan residents will not see an increase in their water bills from this project. However, if a customer has an old meter, it may be under-reading their usage. The new meters are the most accurate on the market (of the respondents), and because water bills are based only on consumption, there may be a change in the amount paid because they are becoming more accurate. In addition, Oregon has regulations for water suppliers to encourage customers to consume less water. Ultimately, the city will be able to have a more accurate report of how much water we, the customers, are using because of these meters. Meters will be changed out for all of the customers: residential, commercial, and industrial, except for FCI Sheridan, as it already has an appropriate meter. On Feb. 13, the council approved the city to add H2O analytics to the new water meter system.

Heidi Bell stated, "This can be a money-saver for customers because they will be able to identify leaks sooner. In addition, water customers will be able to have an app on their phones to see their water usage live and monitor it themselves. The city will also be able to send out voicemails, text messages, and

emails to the customers about any City events, from large events to neighborhood water leak information. This is a huge technological advancement for the community. The water fund was able to afford this work without an increase to customers."

In moving down the agenda, the city discussed a membership to the Sheridan Museum of History. The museum is free to the community. Membership fees are essentially a donation to cover operating costs.

Councilor Lucy Hebert said, "I think it's time that the City of Sheridan stands behind the museum, which shows the factual history of Sheridan." Mayor Marianne Thomson said, "The museum keeps a very close eye on any money they spend because they are very respectful of the donations they are given." The council approved membership for \$500 unanimously.

The fourth proposal allowed Heidi to apply for a grant to enable PGE to put a solar microgrid at the water plant. This would allow the water plant and possibly the people in city limits to have power in case of an outage. The city would provide maintenance for the solar panels, and PGE would provide maintenance for the large batteries collecting energy from the grid. The grant is for \$500,000, and PGE had stated that if the grant funding did not cover the project's entire cost, they would absorb the extra cost. If the grant is approved, the city and PGE will draw up a contract to this effect.

The council voted to allow Heidi to submit the grant application unanimously. Heidi Bell has since submitted the application.

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Horoscopes Feb. 22-28

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Opportunity awaits you, Aries. You just need to know where to look to get the best deal. Start chasing after your heart's desire because you could just get it this week.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

A financial windfall could be just over the horizon, Taurus. Stay the course over the next several days and wait and see what falls into your lap. You may be very surprised.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

People in your life want the best for you, Gemini. Accept their support and good wishes and use each as a guiding light when challenges arise.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

The stars are all but shouting that you need some self-care right now, Cancer. Put aside all of the tasks you think you need to do and turn attention to tending to your own needs.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, your love interest seems like he or she is keeping something from you, but avoid drawing any conclusions. A surprise may be in store for you.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, take it slow may be the advice that is coming your way, but that might be hard right now. Your time is in demand and many people are seeking your expertise. Take a breath.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

You don't have to travel too far to find happiness this week, Libra. It's in all the small things around you. No extraordinary gestures are needed to make you smile.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, a potential love match could be on the horizon. Approach this with caution, but don't be afraid to share your thoughts and dreams with someone special.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Be careful when sharing your deepest desires and secrets, Sagittarius. There are many people you can trust, so make an effort to identify them before opening up.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, your dreams can take you far, but smarts and action need to factor into the equation as well. Start fleshing out your plan and get moving.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Your friends can be a great help when you need some relationship advice this week, Aquarius. Seek their input and factor it into any decision you make.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, if a friend or family member causes drama for you, don't let it get in your way. Offer to help but be ready for this person to seek their own path.



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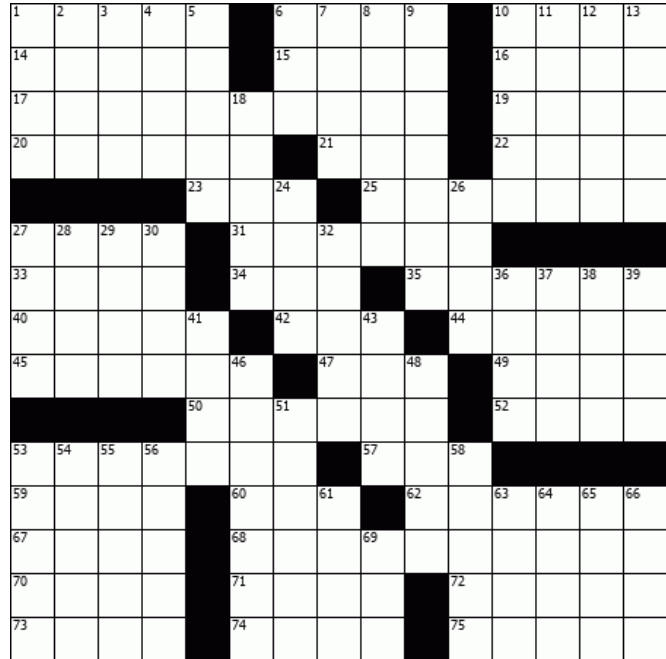
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63. Work
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65. Salary
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JFK Ends Bulldog Season in 58-33 Loss

Herb Swett

Kennedy's boys pounded Willamina 58-33 Tuesday, Feb. 14, in a playoff game that ended the Bulldogs' season.

Playing in their home court in Mount Angel, Kennedy's Trojans scored the first 11 points of the game. Seven were scored by Brett Boen, who was to lead all scorers with 19 points. Austin Carasco scored Willamina's first points with a layin. Teammate Cohen Haller then stole the ball for a possession that gave the Bulldogs their next two points with an outside shot from Kaleb Cruickshank.

The Trojan defense was tough throughout the game, but late in the first quarter, after a layin by Haller, Cruickshank stole the ball, which teammate Jacob Hadley put through the basket. The period ended with Kennedy on top 14-8.

Following a Willamina timeout early in the second quarter, the Trojans widened their lead until Haller sank an inside shot. He then added two points from the foul line and at the end of the quarter made a layin. Kennedy, however, stayed hot with Boen

scoring most of the points, and at halftime the score was 31-14. The Bulldogs had a brief run early in the third quarter, with a Haller layin, an outside shot by Carasco and a successful free throw from Haller. Then Boen and William Schaecher scored a few points for Kennedy before Willamina's Kiakanim Mercier made a layin. Next came a three-point shot from teammate Dylan Graham. However, Boen stayed hot, and at the end of the period, the Trojans led 45-26.

Kennedy scored the first six points of the fourth quarter before Haller sank one free throw. Haller made another successful shot from the line between more points from Kennedy, and teammate Adam Atherton made a three, the only other one of the game. The last score of the game was a layin by Carasco. Haller was the second highest scorer of the game with 15 points. Schaecher was the Trojans' No. 2 scorer with 11.

"We knew they had a lot of size," Bulldog coach Cliff Toney said, "so we had to make long shots. They were the better team."

WHS Girls Fall to Vikings 46-33

Herb Swett

The Willamina girls ended their season with a 46-33 playoff loss to Colton there Monday, Feb. 13.

Playing a Viking team that went 10-4 in the regular season, the Bulldogs drew praise from coach Tom Anderson for their hard play.

Willamina had a promising start, controlling the tipoff and scoring the first points of the game on a layin by Zoie Sickles. A layin by Colton's Taylor tied the score, but Brianna Buswell put the Bulldogs on top again with a three-point shot. Then a triple by the Vikings' Izzy English started a run that led to a 15-8 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Shooting went cold in the second quarter, especially for Willamina, although Alexis Wertz sank three shots from the foul line. Then Colton's Izzy English and Kori Roberts each shot a trey, and the Bulldogs fell farther behind. At halftime, the score was 24-13.

In the third quarter, Avery Reiland led the way to widening the

Viking lead and was helped by triples from Izzy English and Addison English. The Bulldogs had continued trouble penetrating Colton's defense, and the period ended with the host team ahead 35-21.

The Bulldogs outscored the Vikings 12-11 in the fourth quarter. Wertz started the scoring for the period with a three and made another one for the last bucket of the game.

"They shot well from the outside," Anderson said of his players." They played hard all the way."

Wertz led Willamina scorers with 11 points, and Buswell was second with 10.

Jefferson Downs Spartan Boys

Herb Swett

A 49-41 loss to Jefferson ended boys basketball season for Sheridan on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

It was a home playoff game for the Spartans, who led several times but had a fourth quarter that was full of problems.

The visiting Lions scored the first five points, with a three-point shot by Drew Withee followed by a steal and layin by Trevor Withee. Sheridan's Cesar Casillas made a layin followed by another Drew Withee trey. Casillas made several more buckets including two three-pointers before the first quarter ended with the Spartans ahead 14-13.

Jefferson's Giovanni Lopez stole the ball and made a layin to start the second quarter. Casillas did nearly all the scoring in the period, including a triple. At halftime, the score was tied at 25.

The third quarter started with missed shots on both sides. Then Casillas and teammates Alex Martison and Nicky Sanchez went to work, putting the Spartans ahead by six at one point. The Lions snapped back, taking advantage of a technical foul called on Sheridan. Jefferson's Osbaldo Vasquez sank two free throws, and then came triples from the Lions' Trevor Withee, Drew Withee and Coleman Case. The period ended with Jefferson ahead 38-33.

In the fourth quarter, shooting was cold on both sides at first. Then Jefferson got hot, but except for Casillas, most of the Spartans' shots missed.

"We were up six in the third quarter," Sheridan coach Steven Grauer noted, "and then we made a bunch of mistakes." The Spartans will lose four players to graduation next year, including Casillas, and Grauer expressed hope for the young and experienced team he will have.

Casillas led all scorers by far with 23 points. Martison was second for Sheridan with seven. Jefferson's points were more evenly distributed; Drew Withee and Vasquez led with nine each.

Lady Spartans Fall to Taft

Herb Swett

Sheridan's girls ended their basketball season Thursday, Feb. 16, with a 41-35 loss to Taft in Lincoln City.

Both sides fought hard all the way despite missing most of their shots. The Spartans led a few times, but the host Tigers pulled away toward the end.

Taft did most of the early scoring in the first quarter, including a three-point shot by Sienna Lillebo. Two-thirds of Sheridan's first-quarter points came from the foul line, two points each by Taylor Givens and Haley Ayala. When the period ended, Taft was ahead 9-6.

In the second quarter, Givens started the scoring with a triple. Lillebo then made her second three-pointer, and teammate Nat Gates shot a three. The last score of the period was a three from Haley Ayala, and the half-time score was 18 for Taft and 15 for Sheridan.

The Spartans' Chloe Ayala started the third-quarter scoring with a trey to make the score 18-18. After an exchange of steals, the Tigers were called for traveling, and Haley Ayala shot a three. She made another one toward the end of the third, which wound up with the teams tied at 29.

In the fourth quarter, another Haley Ayala trey started the scoring and was followed by one from Givens. Then Taft made better shots, including a three from Hailey Weaver.

"It just wasn't our night shooting-wise," Sheridan coach Jeremy Brown said. "We never gave up all the way to the end."

Haley Ayala, however, was the top scorer of the game with 20. Lillebo's 14 led the Tigers.

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