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West Valley Bulletin Board's community calendar will be published in next week's issue on March 29. Send your events for March to bulletinwestvalley@gmail.com by Friday, March 24 to include them.

The Tony Coleman Band Concludes Wet Season; Largest Turn Out Ever

A crowd of more than 270 people turned out for this year's final Wet Season Music concert. A WVCC music subcommittee put together this year's line-up; committee volunteers are Recca Maze, Charlyn Pranger, Katie Vinson, and Eric Lucas. Wet Season Music started in October 2022 with The New Iberians Zydeco Blues Band playing. Johnny Wheels and the Swamp Donkeys followed in November. The campus hosted the 99W Jazz Band in December, and the new year kicked off with Robert Saizin in January. In February, local favorites Joe and Janet played, and Tony Coleman and the 3 Kings closed the season last Saturday night. Non-profit organizations were

given the opportunity to fund-raise at each concert by providing dinner for guests. Ski and Ride for a Cure, Sheridan Rotary Club, and the Willamina 4th of July Committee all took advantage of the offer and served dinners. Willamina's 4th of July Committee offered a choice of grilled chicken or tri-tip with sides. Amanda Widemark, executive director of the West Valley Community Campus, said that while she doesn't have all of the records, she is confident this season was the most well-attended so far and expects it to be even better next year. The music subcommittee is already working on the line-up. This Wet Season Music series



The Tony Coleman Band playing the final Wet Season Music Night.



Amanda Widemark, WVCC E.D.



Staci Coker, volunteer

raised \$6,160 for the campus. \$2,500 was from a grant awarded to the campus from the Yamhill County Cultural Coalition. The other \$3,660 was from sales and donations. In addition, the campus offers a bar of beer and wine at each show. Last Saturday's beer and wine sales totaled \$1,021, with \$306 in cash donations from patrons. Volunteers Chris Daar and Staci Coker hosted the bar during the show. The Tony Coleman band kept the crowd cheering and the dance floor packed. Families brought their children, and many kids

took to the dance floor, showing off their moves to the spunky style of the band. Earlier in the day was the monthly volunteer workday at WVCC. Volunteers came to clean up the sidewalks, work on the floors, and set up the auditorium in preparation for the concert later that evening. Amanda said, "I want to give a big thank you to every person who supported the campus and Wet Season Music and throughout the year. None of this would be possible if it weren't for all of you."



A packed house at the West Valley Community Campus "TC" concert.



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Help Wanted

City of Sheridan City Hall Clerk

The City of Sheridan is excited to present an excellent opportunity for a motivated, customer-service oriented person to support the operations of City Hall and the Municipal Court. Under the general supervision of the City Manager, the City Hall Clerk performs a variety of administrative and clerical tasks in support of the City Manager and City Hall to include, but not limited to activities such as answering telephones, responding to inquiries from the public, general data entry, payment posting, typing correspondence, creating social media posts, community outreach and communications tasks, researching for special projects, and assisting with records management. The City Hall Clerk serves as clerk to the Municipal Court, provides excellent customer service and community outreach, and assists in the daily operations of City Hall. A full position description is available on the City's website www.cityofsheridanor.com.

Minimum Qualifications:

High School diploma or equivalent and two years of administrative experience involving a high level of customer service. This experience can be demonstrated through past work as a clerk, administrative assistant, or receptionist for a professional office setting, government entity, non-profit organization; one year of administrative work may be substituted for one year of experience in public outreach, using social media

and website development; or any satisfactory combination of experience and training which demonstrates the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the above duties.

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Salary & Benefits:

The monthly salary range for this position starts at \$19.25 per hour to \$22.29 per hour depending on experience. This is a full-time, non-exempt, union represented position with a traditional 8-hour, 5-day per week schedule. This position is not eligible for remote work. The City provides excellent health benefits and vacation, holiday, sick and personal leave days. The City Hall Clerk is a union-represented employee after a six-month probationary period. 100% employer paid retirement plan, Oregon Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

To Apply:

Applications are available at Sheridan City Hall, 120 SW Mill Street, Sheridan, or can be downloaded from the City's website www.cityofsheridanor.com. For consideration, all applicants must submit a resume and a completed City of Sheridan employment application to Sheridan City Hall, 120 SW Mill Street. The City will not accept emailed or faxed applications.

City of Sheridan Public Works Maintenance Worker I

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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 stevensK@ci.willamina.or.us or drop the application off at City Hall.

Applications must be submitted by end of day on April 3, 2023.

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Obituaries



Carl E. Lambert

July 17, 1928 - March 13, 2023

Carl E. Lambert, age 94, a resident of Grand Ronde, passed away on Monday, March 13, 2023, in the comfort of his home. Carl was born on July 17, 1928, in Salem and was the son of David and Mable (Harold) Lambert.

Carl was an Air Force retiree. During his 20-year career, he served as security police, earning numerous marksman awards and trophies.

After leaving the service, Carl became involved in local military organizations. He was a lifetime member of the VFW in Willamina, the American Legion, and a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Honor Guard. In addition, Carl was the AMVETS state commander at one time and founded the AMVETS Post 2000 in the year 2000. Carl is preceded in death by his loving wife of 62 years, Betty Smith Lambert, and daughter Norma Crites.

Carl is survived by his four children, Gary Lambert, Suzanne Epling, Duane Lambert, and Marcia Lambert.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, at the Grand Ronde Church of the Nazarene, 8775 Grand Ronde Road in Grand Ronde. A reception will follow. Carl will be laid to rest at Grand Ronde Cemetery. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center has cared for the family.



Doris Ilene Holloway

Sept. 6, 1929 - March 11, 2023

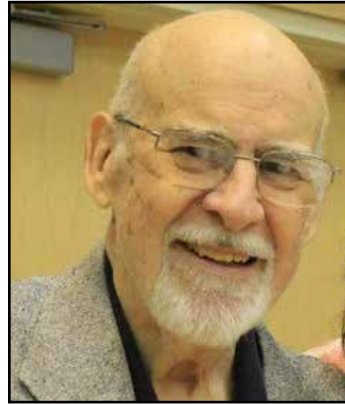
Doris "Ilene" Taylor, aka Gma 'lene, was born on Sept. 6, 1929, in Davidson, Okla., to parents Leslie and Maude Taylor.

Doris was the middle child of five girls; Fran, deceased; Ima and Lois, both of California; and Bobbi, deceased.

She married L.W. Gray on Feb. 3, 1948. They had two children, Sharon Sarno, Nev., and John Gray, Texas.

Doris later married her sea captain, Edward Holloway, on Nov. 24, 1962, and they had one more child, Lisa Hargitt-Cain of Oregon.

She leaves behind her three children; ten grandchildren, Melissa, Monica, John F., Laura, Sharon, Christopher, Shannon, Alisha, Niki, and Sherri Lee (deceased); 21 great-grandchildren, multiple nieces and nephews and many other loved ones near and far, but so close to her huge and kind heart.



Raymond Walter Meliza

Aug. 21, 1939 - March 18, 2023

Raymond Walter Meliza was born in Gridley, Calif., on Aug. 21, 1939, to parents Alfred Perry Meliza and Martha Louise Hoyt. Ray spent most of his growing-up years in Northern California. Later spending time in Reno, Provo, and the East Coast and eventually ended up in Salem, Ore.

He had many jobs that ranged from bus driver, janitor, teacher of many subjects (one of his favorites), graphic designer, insurance, business owner, accident investigator, to trainer and consultant.

Ray spent his retirement years taking care of his late wife, Bobbie Meliza, who passed three years ago. His final years were spent at Southern Hills Assisted Living in Salem, where he was president of the resident coun-

cil. He also lived at Brookstone Memory Care in Salem, where he passed away peacefully on Sat., March 18, 2023.

Ray is preceded in death by his late wife, Barbara Meliza, and sons Raymond Nephi Meliza and Baron Meliza.

He is survived by his children Launi Miller (Rick), Glenda Rae Lowery (Chris), Delight Johnson (Alan), Chris Meliza (Anna), Nathan Meliza (Natalie), and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Sat., March 25, 2023, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1850 Brush College road NW, Salem, Funeral arrangements were handled by Macy and Sons in McMinnville.



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A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

Sheridan Families,

Our spring sports programs have hit the ground running - track & field, baseball, and softball for the high school, and track & field for middle school. Here is some information about Spartan and Titan spring sports, including our two new head coaches at SHS: This season, we have a new head coach for high school track & field. Coach Dave Johnson is a 1992 Barcelona Olympian earning the bronze medal in the decathlon. Anyone remember the Reebok Dave and Dan competition leading up to the Barcelona Olympics? The assistant track coaches are Leighanne Michaelson and Barbie Justin, as well as several other volunteers. This season we have 26 athletes out for track and field. Our new softball coach is George Blacketer. This will be his first year as a softball coach. George will have a staff of three assistant coaches Sabrina Blacketer, Rae Webb, and Tim Swift. George has two daughters on the team and has been active with little league softball. Their family moved to Sheridan four years ago from Otis. While living in Otis, George was a volunteer firefighter/Lieutenant. He hopes to return to firefighting after the softball season ends. Welcome Coach Blacketer!

Spartan baseball is benefiting from a completed senior project from Jacob Giddings, who was able to fundraise and purchase a new scoreboard for \$7,680! Thank you, Jacob, and all of those who contributed to this special project. I want to recognize Sheridan Rotary for their assistance in removing the old scoreboard and installing the new scoreboard. Stuck Electric also donated to the project, including the installation. This was a Sheridan community effort - thank you!

Our middle school students, grades 6-8, have the opportunity to participate in track & field. This season we have 45 athletes out for track & field. Our coaches, Krysia Wakefield, Tim Hart, Jeremy Brown, and Taylor Huffman (SHS alumni), work with the students to learn the basics and begin competition in multiple track & field events. Our first and only home middle school track & field meet is Monday, May 8, and that will be 6th-grade Districts. Our first away meet is Wednesday, April 5, at Taft High School. This meet includes Taft, Sheridan, and Dayton. You can find all of our spring sports scheduled events on the District website and school calendars.

Please join us in cheering on our Titans and Spartans! Other important events coming up this spring include Parent-Teacher Conferences on April 12-13, Middle School Band Festival on April 14, Kindergarten Registration on April 28, and 5-12 Band and Choir Concert on May 11.

Thank you for supporting Sheridan students!

Dorie Vickery Ed. D,
Superintendent

Sheridan School District

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Spring Cleaning Season Has Arrived

Spring is a season of renewal. When the flowers are blooming and the trees are budding and the weather is pleasantly warm, people often feel inspired to make changes around their homes. Work may begin with culling belongings and organizing essentials.

There is debate regarding where the practice of "spring cleaning" originated. Some researchers link it to certain religious groups. It has long been an ancient Jewish custom to thoroughly clean a house in preparation for the springtime feast of Passover. The house is scoured to remove any yeast bread, or chametz, from the home. Similarly, members of the Greek Orthodox church celebrate "Clean Week," which is a week of cleaning before Lent. In Iranian culture, families spend days cleaning prior to the Persian New Year, which begins on the spring equinox.

Spring cleaning also has some secular roots. For instance, in the 1800s, Londoners routinely cleared their homes of grime and soot that accumulated over the winter.

Spring cleaning is still a ritual for many today. As people embark on their plans to tidy up, these tips can help them along.

Tackle one big task a day

Who hasn't started one project

only to be distracted into moving along to another room? This often occurs when people discover something out of place in one space and then move that item where it belongs, only to find a new cleaning task at hand in that space. Inefficiency can make you give up on spring cleaning prematurely. Agree to address one room/task a day. Keep a basket or box handy to store errant items until you move on to the next room.

Stock up on supplies

Prepare all of the cleaning supplies in advance. Put together a tool kit of sorts with the equipment you need, including mops, brooms, rags, cleansers, and the like. Organization can keep you on course.

Harness your strengths and weaknesses

Some people clean because they are stressed or angry, others do so to avoid other tasks. Keep personality in mind when establishing a cleaning schedule. For example, clean at night if you're a night owl, or wait until you are feeling antsy before embarking on a "calm down cleaning."

Tackle seasonal chores first

Some tasks need to get done to prepare for the spring and summer season. These may include cleaning the grill and sorting through outdoor furniture and decor. Spring cleaning may involve readying the pool for another year of use, or cleaning out rain gutters to prepare for spring storms. Tackle time-dependent tasks first and then move on to others that are less time-sensitive.

Spread out the work

Some people like to devote full weekends to spring cleaning, but that can be overwhelming for others. Breaking down cleaning tasks into 15- to 30-minute intervals each day can make the job more tolerable.

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Volunteer Isaac, 13, measured and cut carpet for a new ramp inside.



Chris Daar (left) and Amanda Widemark (right) cleaning up.

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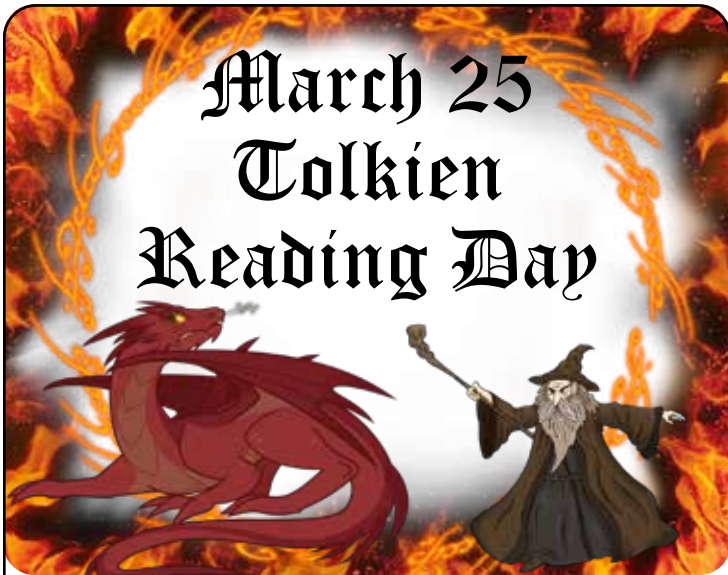
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Juliette's House and Homeward Bound Present to Willamina's Council March 14

April Carothers

Willamina's March 14 council meeting started with Jack Scott, representing Willamina's Fourth of July Committee, requesting a location for downhill derby, an event locals have enjoyed in the past. Kids will be able to build their carts with donated lumber.

Homeward Bound Pest requested a donation from the City. The council needed to figure out what funds were available for a set donation but mentioned helping with fundraisers that would benefit the organization.

Homeward Bound is Oregon's first no-kill shelter and has served animals in the area for 45 years. With a no-kill shelter, they have a limited number of animals they can accept, so the more donations received, the more animals they can help. In addition, they provide services to help people find lost pets and offer low-cost spaying and neutering and other medical services for animals. Community members who wish to help can call City Hall.

Juliette's House representatives, Carole Joa and Katie Bowman were on hand to explain what the City can do to help raise awareness about child abuse. First, as in years past, the City can display pinwheels with signs, posters, ribbons, and social media content. Last year, there was a lighted pinwheel garden outside City Hall. One council member asked whether these ac-

tions help prevent abuse; the answer is yes, according to Carole. Juliette's House provides intervention and medical treatment to victims. It also works to raise awareness and train as many people as possible to recognize the signs of abuse and to know how to help a child: physical signs of abuse may be present, or the child may display certain behaviors that indicate abuse.

Anyone who suspects abuse can call the Oregon Child Abuse Hotline at 1-855-503-SAFE (7233). Callers may remain anonymous.

The state has passed laws to help protect children and reduce the thousands of cases of abuse each year, including children younger than five. Mandatory reporters are private or public individuals who are legally required to report suspected child abuse. Mandatory reporters may face jail time for failure to report suspected abuse. Mandatory reporters include teachers, athletic coaches, daycare workers, law enforcement or other first responders, medical personnel, and the clergy.

All state and local elected officials, including council members, are mandatory reporters, meaning they must attend training to recognize signs of abuse and how to report abuse. City leaders are already planning their training for the year.

According to Childhelp.org, five children are lost to abuse and neglect daily. In 2019, state agencies found more than 656,000 children suffering from maltreatment. The more people are aware of the problem, the more likely people will speak up when they see a child being abused. Programs to raise awareness help to motivate people to learn what they can do to help. Saying something when you see something will reduce the number of suffering children and infants. To learn more, go to the website Oregon DHS "Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse." The site has lots of resources.

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by mary jane

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The sounds are the ones of lawnmowers and weed whackers. I don't listen to the swearing when things don't go right the first time out for those folks using them. But you'll hear kids laughing and hollering fun stuff soon.

As for sights...those beautiful yellow daffodils are starting to bloom everywhere. Some have already opened, and some are holding back a bit. The other yellow that's showing itself is dandelions. They come up when and where they want. I know, they're weeds, but they sure add color to the yard for now.

Watching spring arrive is "What's Up in Willamina."



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WILLAMINA CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

FROM THE DESK OF
**WILLAMINA CITY MANAGER
BRIDGET MENELEY**



City Manager News:

Contract engineers from Keller Associates, community partners, and City staff worked with Senator Merkley's assistant, Betsy, to apply for Fiscal Year 2024 Congressional Directed Spending funds. If funds are received, they will be used for the following projects. (Keller Associates Senior Lead Shannon Williams provided descriptions of the project.)

•**Huddleston Park Bank Erosion:** Huddleston Park is a five-acre park in downtown Willamina. Located at the confluence of Willamina Creek and the South Yamhill River, the pond draws folks from all over Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties for winter fishing. It is a man-made pond with a constructed earthen berm/levee around its perimeter. The bank is eroding and is in danger of failing. The City has already closed a portion of the parking area to access. Further bank erosion and a landslide could drain the pond, release potentially contaminated media from former log pond operations to Willamina Creek and SF Yamhill River and contaminate downstream potable water sources. It could endanger the City's WWTP lagoons opposite the park due to channel migration from sedimentation. Extensive public improvements at the park could be damaged, including parking lots, electrical / lighting, docks, pathways, and the pond itself, resulting in extensive and expensive, unplanned repairs for the City. The use of the pond and surrounding park facilities would be temporarily disrupted or become so damaged that portions of the park may need to be permanently closed, depriving this low-to-moderate-income community of recreational and tourism opportunities. Emergency vehicles will have difficulty reaching park users if it's closed.

The City is in the beginning phases of grant applications and concept design. The City is asking for \$765K for environmental permitting and engineering, \$40K for legal and grant admin., and \$3.48M for construction. Success will be measured by eliminated erosion.

•**Sewer Lift Stations:** The City has two sanitary sewer lift stations. Evaluations during a master plan update revealed that both lift stations are out of compliance with Oregon DEQ's capacity requirements and the City's NPDES permit. In the past, both lift stations have overflowed raw sewage to Willamina Creek near its confluence with the South Yamhill River, a drinking water source for downstream communities, violating the City's NPDES permit and the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). If the existing lift stations are not replaced, or if a pump fails in either lift station, a significant overflow could result, and the City would again be out of compliance with its NPDES permit and the CWA. Existing electrical, emergency power and controls are also past their useful life and require modernization to meet current federal requirements. The project will address critical improvements to both lift stations to reduce or eliminate future sewer overflows or permit violations. It will allow the City to meet future growth and enable it to continue developing low- and moderate-income affordable housing units within the City. It will also meet federal cyber security requirements through electrical and control upgrades. The project is in the initial stages of design. \$25K will be used for environmental clearances, \$375K for design, \$40K for legal / grant admin, and \$2.56M for construction. The City will evaluate whether this project has achieved its objectives by reducing reported sewer overflows.

Code Enforcement & Community Support:

We live in a lovely city and our code enforcement team will enforce ordinances to keep our City beautiful. Now is an excellent time to familiarize yourself with city ordinances as spring cleaning begins.

The City does not accept anonymous code enforcement complaints. Be prepared to provide City Hall with your name and contact number if you call with a complaint; this allows our enforcement team to contact you for additional information.

•**Debris on Private Property:** All accumulations of debris, rubbish, manure, and other refuse located on privately owned real property or sidewalks abutting that property, which is not removed within 24 hours of either a verbal or written warning given by a City representative, may result in a fine of up to \$300 for each day the property is in violation. WOO 93.06(B)(2)

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•**Vehicle Permits:** It is unlawful to occupy any recreational vehicle (RV) used for sleeping or living purposes on private property within the City without first obtaining a permit. Violation of this code could result in a fine of \$150 for the first violation and \$300 for the second or further violations. WOO 96.02(A)



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Sheridan Library Offers Activities for All Ages

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The library offers adult-focused activities like writing, DIY crafts, book clubs, crochet and knitting, among other activities.

For children, story-time, kid's crafts, and more are offered every week. Sheridan's Public Library is open 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and offers many resources for little to no cost to all members of the community. For information on all the library provides, call 503-843-3240.

Horoscopes March 22-28

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Spending time alone could be good for you this week, Aries. While working toward your goals, you also are enjoying some much-needed peace and quiet.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Your friends may be pushing you to move forward since you seem to be stuck in the past, Taurus. Don't stay stagnant for too long or you may lose motivation for change.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

A collaboration with someone close to you yields surprising results, Gemini. You may have been looking for inspiration for some time and finally found it.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, a longing for adventure points you in all sorts of different directions over the next few days. You have to try on a few different hats to find the right fit.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, a fantastic investment opportunity comes your way but there is a lot of red tape that could get in the way if you let it. Work through all angles to make things happen.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, idolizing someone can have its pluses and minuses. You may have a picture of a person that is impossible to live up to. Temper your expectations.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, a rigid schedule may work for some, but not everyone. Incorporate a little flexibility into your life and others may be flocking to your laid-back style.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Talk to someone about a creative idea that you have had, Scorpio. This person may offer valuable feedback that can guide you as you try to flesh out your idea into something tangible.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you may be interested in having a lot of fun, but someone keeps throwing a wet blanket on your ideas. Don't let it derail your plans.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

It's easy to give opinions and pick sides, but don't get pinned down to a particular position until you've tried several different options, Capricorn. Then you'll have a good idea.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Others may not understand the way you manage money, Aquarius. But you have a clear understanding of your particular brand of logic.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, friends are a strong presence in your life right now and you are very grateful for all that they provide you. Let them know.

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Sheridan School District Submits Measure 36-223 for Mays Ballot

It's official Measure 36-223 will be on the May ballot. The bond was set on the November ballot and fell short by 104 votes.

Sheridan School District serves students in southern Yamhill and northern Polk counties. Faulconer-Chapman (FCS) and Sheridan High School (SHS) are the two schools currently served by SSD that will benefit by the proposed bond measure if approved by voters.

The focus is to create safe and welcoming school facilities for children, improved music, choir, and science teaching space, and increase the use of the two gymnasiums.

Improvements are necessary at both schools. The filing for the bond describes the projects included.

Faulconer-Chapman (K-8):

- Remodel the entire "old gym."
- Renovate band and choir rooms, equip the band room with storage for instruments.
- Remodel gym space for multi-use, including the ability to use it as a community emergency shelter.
- Renovate locker rooms and restrooms that are in the old gym building.

Sheridan High School:

- Upgrade the wood shop and welding classroom.
- Install new fire alarm, bell, and intercom systems.
- Remodel the original gymnasium to create a multi-use space for students and public use.
- Renovate the old locker room for students, and create multi-use ability.
- Additional restrooms and improve existing ones.
- Remodel student sick room, main office, and add a meeting room.
- Improve and expand parking, including paving the field south of the main gym off of Jefferson Street.

Both School Projects:

- Remodel both science classrooms.
- Exterior and interior security upgrades.
- Improve and expand exterior lighting for safety.
- Create secure entrances for both schools.

In addition, Sheridan High School's Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, such as welding, will be improved if the bond passes.

These CTE programs are separate from the Barbara Roberts Career Tech Education Center (CTEC). Therefore, no bond funds would be put toward Roberts CTEC. The CTE programs at the high school have been a part of the school's program for many years and are separate from the new CTEC.

Through these projects, the district expects to increase school security, improve the learning spaces for our students and provide our students and community with updated gymnasiums.


Bond funds can only be used for voter-approved projects.

The principal amount would not exceed \$16 million, and bonds would mature in 25 years or less from the date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series.

In addition, the district would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for the purposes indicated.

Sheridan School District has been awarded a \$4 million state matching grant, contingent on the approval of this bond measure.

The annual tax rate is estimated at \$2.52 per \$1,000 taxable assessed value. However, actual levy rates may differ due to final interest rates and changes in taxable assessed value.



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National Poison Prevention Week March 19-25; Home Prevention Tips

The average home is full of potentially poisonous items. From cleaning products to medications to foods and beverages, a host of items around the house can make a person sick or prove fatal.

In 2020, 55 poison control centers in the United States provided telephone guidance for more than 2.1 million human poison exposures. That equates to one poison exposure reported to the centers every 15 seconds. In 2021, poison control centers across Canada experienced an uptick in calls regarding individuals taking veterinary grade ivermectin in order to treat and prevent COVID-19, according to CTV-News.

WebMD indicates almost all poison exposures occur in homes, and 80 percent of all poisonings

affect children between ages of one and four. Accidental poisonings are scary, but largely preventable. These tips can help prevent injury or fatalities.

- **Lock up:** Install locks and child-proof latches on cabinets and other places where dangerous substances are kept, including cleaning products and medications.

- **Original containers:** Keep all substances in their original containers, including medicines. Individuals can accidentally ingest the wrong medication if products are moved into other containers.

- **Install alarms:** Maintain carbon monoxide detectors throughout the house, including near bedrooms and close to furnaces.

- **Discard old food:** Check expiration dates and examine canned or boxed foods for spoilage. Eating food that has spoiled or is not cooked to the right temperature can result in food poisoning.

- **Don't mix chemicals:** Never mix chemical products, which can produce fumes or dangerous reactions.

- **Recognize poisonous plants:** Research which plants may be poisonous if touched or ingested. Philodendrons, dieffenbachia, oleander, and golden pothos are some of the indoor plants that can be dangerous to children and pets.

- **Avoid sprayed areas:** Stay away from lawns and gardens that have recently been sprayed with pesticides or fertilizers.

- **Safely dispose of certain products:** Make sure to properly dispose of chemical products like paints, cleansers, stains, and the like. Check with municipal recycling centers about how to safely discard items.

- **Poisonous animals:** Know which poisonous animals and plants reside nearby. Mushrooms, snakes and insects can be dangerous. Accidental poisonings can be prevented with due diligence.



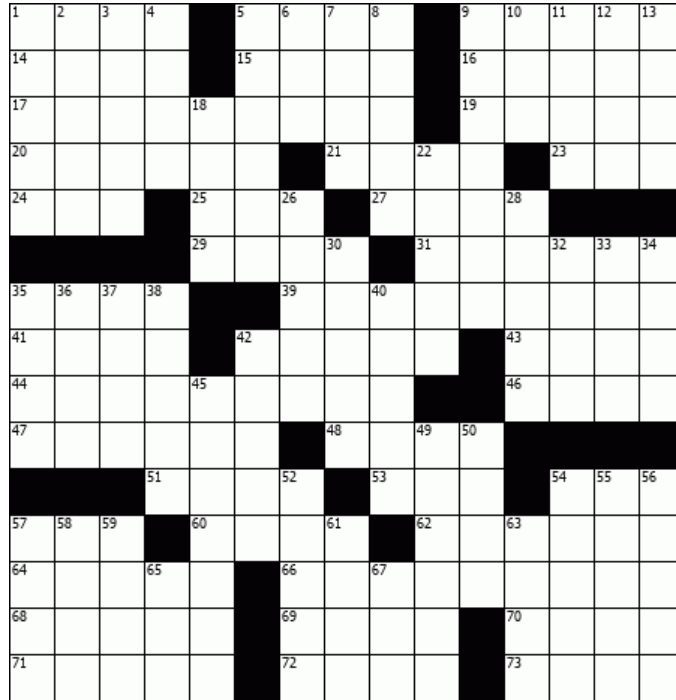
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Bulldogs Take the Win Against Neah-Kah-Nie

Willamina started softball season with a bang, whipping Neah-Kah-Nie 8-2 in Rockaway Beach on Tuesday, March 14, and Sheridan 8-2 at home three days later.

Laney DeLoe was the star of both games, going the distance in the pitcher's circle and swinging a big bat. She had 16 strikeouts against Neah-Kah-Nie and 15 against the Spartans. She went 4 for 4 in the Neah-Kah-Nie game.

The Bulldogs played at Dayton on Tuesday after the West Valley Bulletin Board went to press.



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Gaston Takes Spartans

Sheridan had a rough start in softball, losing to Gaston 9-7 at home Thursday, March 6, and to Willamina there 8-0 the next day. The Spartans played Rainier at home Monday, March 20, but the outcome of the game was not known at this writing. Today at 4:30 p.m., Sheridan will play a combined Faith Bible and Life Christian team at home.

Madison Blacketer was the starting and losing pitcher against Gaston's Greyhounds, but she had six strikeouts.

Coach George Blacketer noted some improvement in his young team as the game progressed.

"They finally got the rhythm going," he said.



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Local Athletes Shine at First Meet

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Delphian, Sheridan and Willamina athletes made it big Thursday, March 16, at their first meet of the season, the Nestucca Ice-Breaker.

Hallee Hughes of Willamina, who threw the javelin 138 feet and one inch, is leading girls at all levels in the state in that event.

Bulldogs in the 2A top 10 statewide are the boys and girls 4 x 100 teams, the boys top 4 x 400 team, Zoie Sickles and Eliza West in the girls shot put, Sickles in the girls discus, Kaikanim Mercier in the boys javelin and Cohen Haller in the boys high jump.

Delphian boys as a team placed first and Sheridan boys second at the meet, which included Neah-Kah-Nie and Tillamook as well as Nestucca. Willamina trailed the others, but the Lady Bulldogs came in third, followed in order by Delphian and Sheridan.

Nestucca girls finished first as a team.

Following are individual results for West End athletes finishing first through the middle for each event.

Boys

100-meter run

1. Zahar Rotman, D, 11.5
2. (tie) Jayden O'Reilly, S, 11.8
2. (tie) Asher Maxwell, S, 11.8
5. Memo Cervantes, D, 11.9
6. Greyson McLean, D, 12.0
7. Dylan Graham, W, 12.1
8. (tie) Juan Navarro, S, 12.3
8. (tie) Jose Cruz, W, 12.3
10. (tie). Austin Carrasco, W, 12.4
12. (tie). Michael Navarro, 12.6

400-meter run

1. Lucas Curry, D, 56.7
3. Jayden O'Reilly, S, 58.7
5. Michael Amiotte, W, 1:06.5

800-meter run

2. London Whitworth, 2:20.0
3. Ethan Sabin, W, 2:28.0

1500-meter run

2. London Whitworth, D, 4:48.0
3. Samuel Cloutier, D, 5:14.0
4. Seth Barnes, S, 5:36.0

3000-meter run

1. Jose Cruz, W, 9:58.0
2. Samuel Cloutier, D, 11:19.0
3. Jim Cao, D, 11:28.0

110-meter hurdles

2. Seth Barnes, S, 21.8

300-meter hurdles

1. Lucas Curry, D, 43.6

4 x 100 relay

1. D (Memo Cervantes, Neal Chinodakufa, Greyson McLean, Zahar Rotman), 46.7.
2. W (Austin Carrasco, Kaleb Cruickshank, Dylan Graham, Cohen Haller), 50.6

4 x 400 relay

1. D (Memo Cervantes, Neal Chinodakufa, Greyson McLean, Zahar Rotman), 4:12.0

Shot put

4. Kaikanim Mercier W, 31-0.
6. (tie). Brady Wofford, S, 29-11
10. Hayden Nally, S, 29-4
11. Sean Jones, S, 28-10
13. Cyrus Rust, W, 28-8
16. Joseph Trammell, S, 27-11

Discus

5. Hayden Nalley, S, 80-8.75
6. Brady Wofford, S, 76.2
7. Sean Jones, S, 66-4.75

Javelin

1. Kaikanim Mercier, W, 122-9
2. London Witworth, D, 120-5
3. Kaleb Cruickshank, W, 110-9
4. Memo Cervantes, D, 108-5
5. Brady Wofford, S, 102-6
6. Austin Lyons, W, 99-2
7. David Gebo, S, 94-9

High jump

1. (tie) Memo Cervantes, D, 5-6
1. (tie) Cohen Haller, W, 5-6
4. Dylan Graham, W, 5-2

Long jump

4. Colin Haller, W, 19-8
5. Kaleb Cruickshank, W, 16-8
6. Jayden O'Reilly, S, 15-10

Girls

100-meter run

1. Portia Binford, D, 12.8
2. Chloe Ayala, S, 13.1
3. Allahta Parsons, D, 13.4
4. Dakota Mincey, D, 13.7
5. Avery Ott, D, 14.0
6. Coco Rose-Coats, D, 14.7
8. (tie) Kalena Clark, W, 14.9
10. Ava Raphael, D, 15.0
11. (tie) Maddie Saphire, D, 15.1
11. (tie) Aaliyah Persons, D, 15.1

4 x 100 relay

1. D (Dakota Mincey, Ava Raphael, Allahta Parsons, Portia Binford), 54.0

Shot put

2. Zoie Sickles, W, 29'8"
3. Eliza West, W, 25-7
4. Sylvie Berry, W, 22-2
5. Emily Dryer, S, 19'6"

Discus

2. Zoie Sickles, W, 79-8
3. Sylvie Berry, 59-2
4. Bee Chansuk, D, 5'10"
5. Eliza West, W, 49-0

Javelin

1. Hallee Hughes, W, 138-1
2. Siona Paden, D, 85-9
3. Alexis Wertz, W, 84-0
4. Bee Chansuk, W, 70-9
5. Lauren Klaers, W, 68-9
6. Zoie Sickles, W, 64-1.
7. Sylvie Berry, W, 62-0
8. Coco Rose-Coats, D, 54-8
9. Eliza West, W, 51-5

Long jump

2. Liv Curry, D, 13-8
3. Alexis Wertz, W, 13-4
4. Chloe Ayala, S, 12-8.5

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Corky and Bubbles Tied the Knot; Honeymooned in Hawaii



Some of you may have noticed Corky did not appear in the March 15 issue. After Corky and Bubbles reconnected during their reunion, they kept up a long-distance relationship. The more they talked over their favorite social media app, "Clowning Around," the more confident they both became that they belonged together. On Thursday, March 9, Corky decided he couldn't wait any longer and rushed out the door headed to Boring, Ore.

Bubble's family has lived in Boring for quite some time. Bubble's parents always said they moved there when they heard the city's name because they felt "that's where their family was needed most."

Bubble's father, Jingles, is an old-school gagster, so Corky wanted

to ask his permission first. Jingles was happy to allow this. Of course, he warned Corky that "He always kept his flower loaded" but smiled while he said it to let him know it was in jest.

Bubbles mother Duckie walked in just in time to hear her say that magic word, yes. Duckie squeaked in delight and said, "I know the perfect place in Zigzag, Ore." It was an adorable Inn where Jingles and Duckie got married. However, she warned that there could not be more than 30 guests as there was only room for three cars to park.

They set to work on inviting the rest of the family. Corky's parents Augustus and Dazzle live in Drain, Ore., so they were the next stop. His parents were overjoyed at their announcement, and the

whole family was happy to attend, even his three siblings: Blinky, Bo-Bo, and the black sheep of the family, Tom, a tax attorney.

The ceremony went off without a hitch, even though they worried Uncle Buckles might get into the seltzer. It was a magical reception with the ceremonial nose honking and five-flower salute. Their first dance as a married couple was to "The Show Must Go On" by Three Dog Night, a family favorite. They were both so happy that no relative made a "fool" of themselves, and none of the pictures would be embarrassing until Corky's mother, Dazzle, asked him, "Do I get to hear the flippity flop of little feet soon?" His cheeks turned almost the same shade as his nose as he said, "It's a little early to talk about that mom," he saw the cam-

era flash and thought, "Oh well, there's always at least one awkward photo."

After the reception, they set off for their honeymoon in Haiku, Hawaii. They were both disappointed when nothing rhythmed there. The scenery was beautiful. They enjoyed time on the beach once Corky found SPF 500, and both loved snorkeling. Corky swears a fish that looked like Nemo winked at him.

Once they returned, they moved Bubbles into Corky's spacious one-bedroom apartment in Sheridan. She was excited to start her new job at the West Valley Bulletin Board. Beginning this issue and all from now on, they will both appear. One will be more challenging than the other. Can you find them both?



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access to healthy foods in the area. The NOC works on the premise the opportunity for health begins in the family, neighborhoods, schools, and the workplace. The local group is working to increase access to healthy, affordable food throughout the

county. They are interested in developing a mobile food pantry that would visit the West Valley and would like the community's input.

An online survey in English and Spanish is available to participate in and share ideas and needs from the community member's perspective. To take the survey, scan the QR code provided here. The survey can also be completed at https://yamhillcountyp.h.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WPYx-0JgEJZ68tg?Q_CHL=qr. Participants in the survey can choose to enter a raffle for a gift of cooking tools.

For more information, email Olivia Williams at reiersgaard@co.yamhill.or.us.



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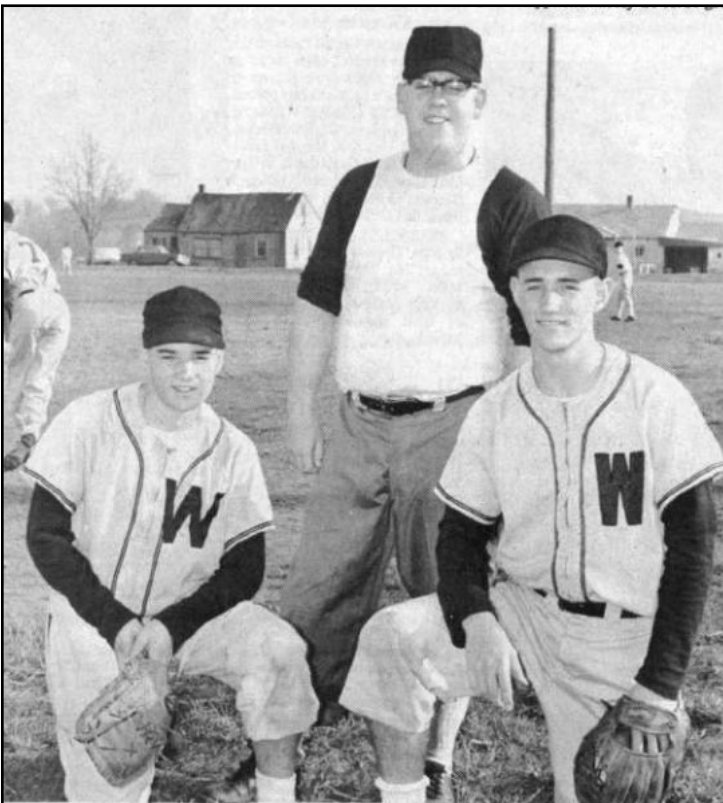
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Several lettermen improve outlook for Willamina's 1966 baseball season. Among those working out nightly are (left to right) Ted Kilgore, sophomore infielder; Mike Larsen, senior first baseman; Russ Ford, junior outfielder; and Alton Butler, sophomore shortstop.



Two prize transfers who will be aiding the Willamina Bulldog baseball fortunes this spring shown with coach Bill Buffum, are brothers Vern (left) and Al Halverson from Los Angeles. Vern is a freshman infielder, while his brother is a junior who catches and pitches.

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