

Post 75 Legion Officers Sworn in at Ceremony on April 10

March Traffic Collision **On Highway 18 Notice**

Many are aware of the severe traffic collision that occurred on March 23 in Sheridan.

An official press release on the incident has not been released due to the ongoing investigation. Many people have noticed a "shrine" erected at the site of the accident.

At this time the West Valley Bulletin can report for certain, that as of April 11, no fatalities from this accident have been reported.

Editors note: If a press release comes at a later date, we will publish it at that time. The West Valley Bulletin takes what we publish very seriously and we will not publish information of this type without official notice. We make every effort to ensure information in the WVBB is factual. We appreciate your understand-



Renee Ohler, Martin Atterbury and Zeek Linn tak- Current Post Commander Dave Hamilton with ing the oath for their 2024 positions for Post 75.

Last Monday night at the American Legion Post 75 meeting, elections for the 2024 year were held. The nomination was made for Martin Atterbury to be the new post commander by Zeek Linn, the current second vice commander. Martin accepted, and it was uncontested. This will be the fourth time Martin will be Post 75 commander.

Ken Robler nominated Zeek Linn for the first commander. Howev-



Second Vice and Sgt. at Arms Zeek Linn.

er, Zeek chose not to accept the nomination at this time. Instead, Zeek nominated Renee Ohler; it was accepted and not contested. The final nomination was for the second vice commander, Zeek Linn, which was accepted and uncontested.

Following the nominations, it was announced the new commander would appoint his own board for his term. Martin then made the announcement that he would

like to continue with the board currently in place.

District 2 Commander Betty Fish-Ferguson took to the podium for the installation and swearing-in of the new officers. Retiring Post 75 Commander Dave Hamilton was brought to the podium to be thanked for his time and service.

The newly sworn-in officers will officially take office on July 1, 2023.

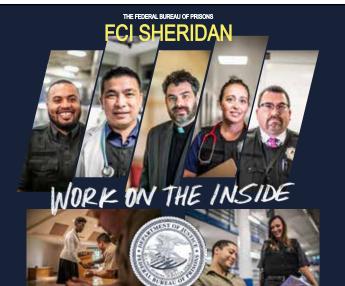
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The City of Sheridan Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Sheridan, Oregon, is considering the sale of certain surplus real property located within and outside of the City, as outlined in the attached Exhibit A.

The properties will be sold as-is with no representations or warranties.

The City Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on April 17, 2023, at the Sheridan City Hall, 120 SW Mill Street, Sheridan, Oregon.

This meeting can be attended in-person or virtually. The link and number are on the city website at www.cityofsheridanor.com/

The purpose of this hearing is for the City Council to obtain citizen views relating to the sale of real property owned by the City.

More information, including maps, on the proposed sales can be found on the City's website. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by 7:00 pm on April 17, 2023, at Sheridan City Hall, 120 SW Mill Street, Sheridan, Oregon.

The City Council will consider both oral and written comments in deciding whether to apply.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Please contact Heidi Bell at 503-843-2347 if you will need any special accommodation to attend or participate in the meeting.

Exhibit	"A"
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Property	Zoning
Tax Lot R5626DD 00101	R-2
Tax Lot R5626DD 00200	R-1
Tax Lot R5635BA 09500; 142 NW Yamhill Street	Commercial
Tax Lot R5635BD 04600; 120 SW Mill Street	Public
Tax Lot R5635BD 02301; 127 SW Mill Street	Commercial
Tax Lot R5635BD 02400; 135 SW Mill Street	Commercial
Tax Lot R5635BD 02500; 245 SW Morgan Street	Commercial
Tax Lot R5635BD 02600; 235 SW Morgan Street	Commercial
Tax Lot R5635BB 10200	R-3



NOTICE OF PARK ADVISORY BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

Yamhill County is currently seeking to fill two positions on the Parks Advisory Board. Applications can be found on the county website:

www.co.yamhill.or.us.



The Planning Commission has a vacant seat, and the City of Sheridan is recruiting for an individual with a general knowledge of the City and the services it provides. This is a four-year term volunteer position, and the duties of a commissioner are to plan and regulate the development of land inside City limits. The Planning recommends Commission ordinances requiring that all land development undertaken in the City must comply with City ordinances and follow the terms of the City's Development Code, Comprehensive Plan, and Public Works Design Standards. The Planning Commission hears a wide range of applications including urban growth boundary expansions, annexations, property partitions, major variances, subdivisions, zone changes, etc. If you have questions, please contact the City Manager or Deputy City Recorder prior to submitting a Planning Commission application by calling 503-843-2347. Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on May 3, 2023. They may be returned by email to orodela@cityofsheridanor.com, faxed to 503-843-3661, or dropped off at City Hall in person.



Now that Easter has passed, all the eggs have been dyed, hidden, and found, the community will be going on to other fun things. Many of them are lined up on the calendar. Here are a few.

The next one I see on the calendar is the Willamina Chamber of Commerce bark dust sale on April 21 and 22 in Coyote Joe's parking lot. You can pre-order if you wish or show up. There will be folks there to help you load your car, truck, trailer, or wheelbarrow.

Then there's graduation. That's fun because there's usually a "noise parade" about a week before, so get your ear plugs ready. After the graduation ceremony, there may be a parade through town. There has been for the past couple of years. It's a very fun happening.

Then comes the mud drags and the Old-Fashioned 4th of July. We'll all need a bit of rest after that.

Having spring/summer fun is "What's Up in Willamina."

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Sheridan Litter Pick-Up Day Set April 22

The Sheridan Revitalization Movement and Sheridan Rotary Club has scheduled the spring clean-up from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 22, at Sheridan High School's parking lot.

This year's clean-up falls on Earth Day. All ages can participate in the clean-up. Supplies, including trash bags, grabbers, and gloves, will be provided. Volunteers will check in at the tables in front of the high school. Each group will be assigned an area of town to clean. Sheridan's Rotary Club will provide hot food and drinks for volunteers.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The proposed 2023-24 budget has been developed with an emphasis on improving student academic growth and achievement, addressing learning loss due to the pandemic, and implementing the goal's identified in our Continuous Improvement Plan, Student Investment Account Plan, High School Success Plan, and Long Range Facility Plan. This includes dedicated dollars to professional learning, new curriculum, expanding well-rounded learning experiences k-12, enhancing our Career Technical Education programs 6-12, expanding and improving our facilities, and maintaining class size below the state average.

However, we continue to build our budget using conservative parameters as we have in the past. The 23-25 biennium budget is projected to be under the needed amount to sustain current service levels. Currently \$9.9 billion dollars is slated for education in the governor's budget. The Oregon Association of School Business Officials predicts schools will need \$10.3 billion dollars to maintain current service levels. Prioritizing funding to align with our district goals is essential and crucial to moving the district toward improved student outcomes.

The proposed budget will sustain the District's goals and vision for our schools, it also provides for future stability. We are encouraged that the state budget includes increased funding for the High School Success program, summer school funds, and increased funding for the Student Investment Account, which is dedicated to improving mental health initiatives, increased learning time, and well-rounded education k-12.

The 2023-24 plan will include:

•Committed time for professional learning and training for all staff members

- •A guaranteed viable curriculum aligned to state standards
- Safe transportation services for students

•High quality nutrition program with free breakfast and lunch for all students

•Specialized programs to serve students experiencing disabilities

•Well-rounded learning experiences in applied and fine arts, technology, and local history

•An array of electives and extracurricular activities

Willamina School District is committed to working on behalf of all students and ensuring they are equipped for the future. We appreciate the support of the school board, budget committee and community. As cuperintendent, I am pleased to offer this 2023-24 proposed budget.

With great Bulldog pride, Carrie Zimbrick, Superintendent

Willamina Elementary School 503.876.2374 Willamina Middle/High School 503.876.2545 School District Office 503.876.1500

Art Conspiracy Sets Summer Art Dates

The Art Conspiracy has announced that Summer Arts '23 will be held at Sheridan High School June 20-30, with the final performances and exhibits on the evening of June 30. It will be the 22nd year of the program. A full slate of teachers has been lined up. The class list with instructors the students will have to choose from will soon be made public.

The catalog with more information and registration forms will be available the first week in May.

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.



I want to give a shout-out to my daughters, Katie Vinson and Meredith Kendall.

Katie and many others volunteer weekly to haul and distribute food for the Civic Club Food Pantry in Willamina.

Meredith volunteers three days weekly to keep the local thrift store open and stocked with many useful donations.

Some of the funds from the nonprofit thrift store keep the bills paid at the Tina Miller Youth Center so it can be opened and enjoyed by all.

Meredith also hosts story time weekly at the youth center. Way to go, girls!

~ Margery Kendall





American Legion Sheridan Post 75 **ONLINE AUCTION**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thursday, April 13 -Monday, April 17

The Sheridan Post 75 Legion Family is hosting an online auction to raise money for our local youth programs and other Legion youth support

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For information, call Robert Earhart – 503-779-9473

Obituaries

Kirk Olson

Nov. 10, 1954 – April 4, 2023 Kirk Olson passed away on April 4, 2023, at age 68.

Kirk was born on Nov. 10, 1954, to Aaron and Clementine Olson of Grand Ronde.

He grew up and lived in Grand Ronde, where he worked in the mountains logging until he retired.

Kirk met Kathy of McMinnville, and they spent several years dating before finally tying the knot on March 23, 1991. Together they had one daughter.

When Kirk was not busy working, he liked to spend his free time going on his yearly hunting trips, fishing, and traveling. He loved watching golf, NASCAR, and football and watching them in person when he could.

After Kirk retired, he spent more time traveling and visiting friends and family out of state. When he was home, he enjoyed working on projects around the house and spending time with his grandchildren.

Kirk is survived by his sisters, Judy Bosch and Kellee Olson, daughter Kassy Selby (Adam), and three grandchildren, Layla, Lexi, and Luke Selby. He was preceded in death by both parents, Aaron and Clementine Olson, wife Kathy Olson, brothers Craig, Barry, and Duke Olson, and sister Pat Marcan.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, at the West Valley Community Campus, 266 SE Washington Street, in Willamina. A potluck reception will follow.



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Donald Eldon Pickar Feb. 25, 1951 - April 5, 2023

Donald Eldon Pickar, known to his friends and family as "Butch," passed away peacefully on April 5, 2023, at age 72. He was born on Feb. 25, 1951, to Goldie Mendenhall and Harry Pickar in Hebo, Ore., where he spent most of his childhood.

His brothers Robert Hulett, Fred Hulett, and Duane Hulett, and his sisters Bev and Terry preceded him in death.

Butch attended Nestucca High School, where he worked at the Tillamook Cheese Factory. He also worked at Champion Plywood, (Maben) Walsh Trucking, and as a timber faller. He loved the outdoors and spent much of his free time fishing, hunting, and camping.

He was always willing to lend a helping hand to his neighbors and greatly loved people.

In 2005, Butch married Mary Lou Borck. Together their blended family consisted of Butch and Mary Lou, Angela, Kari, Adam, Misty, James, and Tracy.

He was blessed with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who brought him much joy and happiness.

Butch's best friends since childhood were Dan Britton and his brother-in-law Bob Murrow. He was a beloved community member and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Butch retired and spent his final years surrounded by his family and friends. His memory will live on in the hearts of his loved ones forever.



Sheridan High School Plant Sale!



April 21: 12:30pm - 6pm April 22: 10am - 3pm April 28: 12:30pm - 6pm April 29: 10am - 3pm



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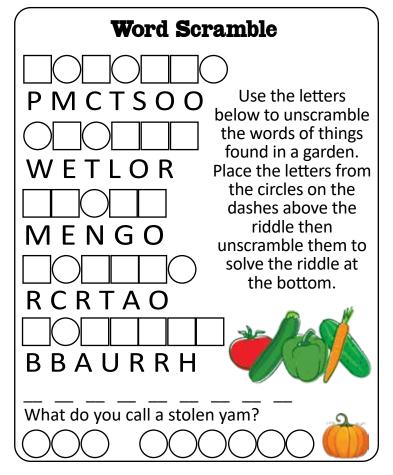
Location: Sheridan High School Greenhouse 433 S. Bridge St, Sheridan, OR 97378 Behind the School, follow the signs!





Willamina Chamber of Commerce hosted the April 7 Sheridan Chamber of Commerce breakfast at Coyote Joe's. More than 25 were in attendance. Coyote Joe's prepared biscuits and gravy with fresh fruit. Attendees were allowed to discuss their businesses and other West Valley events. These breakfast meetings are open to anyone interested in joining the Sheridan Chamber. For more information, contact Staci Coker at 971-237-7083, or email sheridanchamberofcommerce.com.





Recognizing Autism Awareness Month

Autism has become a household word because of the vast number of lives impacted by this highly scrutinized and often confusing series of conditions. In 2018, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention determined that 1 in 59 children currently has autism spectrum disorder in the United States.

ASD can affect the entire body, but it is typically marked by repetitive patterns of behavior, interests or activities. Difficulties with communication, intellectual disabilities and impaired social interactions also are noted. The autism awareness organization Autism Speaks estimates that one-third of people with ASD are nonverbal as well.

Research implicates genetics as the cause of ASD in the vast majority of cases. Generally speaking, children born to older parents are at a higher risk for having autism than those born to younger parents. Despite controversy, there is no definitive link between ASD and immunizations.

Each April is Autism Awareness Month. April also hosts World Autism Day (April 2). The Autism Society, one of the leading autism organizations, established the observance month to "promote autism awareness, inclusion and self-determination for all, and to assure that each person with ASD is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life." There are many steps people can take to help the group achieve that





goal, both in April and throughout the year.

1. Wear blue. One of the significant markers of autism support and awareness is the displaying of the color blue. Many organizations sell blue t-shirts and other promotional items that help raise awareness and money for the cause.

2. Attend an event. There are many marches or fundraisers for ASD in April. Participating in such events shows those with ASD that people care about them.

3. Go to a sensory friendly event. Venues like movie theaters and amusement parks offer "sensory-friendly" days for individuals with ASD and their families.

4. Embrace the ribbon. The puzzle piece ribbon represents the complexity and diversity of those with ASD. Pin a ribbon to clothing or attach ribbon magnets to cars.

5. Learn more. Dr. Temple Grandin is an autism expert who is on the spectrum herself. Through her own words, Grandin shares unprecedented insights into what the autistic brain experiences. This education can be used in one's own life or in the classroom. There are other educators with ASD who also offer their expertise online.

6. Donate when possible. Although there is no cure for autism, researchers continue to work to learn more about it and any potential treatments that can improve the lives of those with ASD.





Ginny and Gensey show off baked goods at the Willamina 4th of July Committee's Easter bake sale this last Saturday. The committee raised more than \$1,700 in sales and donations, which will help fund Willamina's fireworks show on July 4.



Volunteers of the Willamina 4th of July Committee sold a variety of home baked desserts.



Easter bunny cake made for the committee's bake sale sold for \$25.



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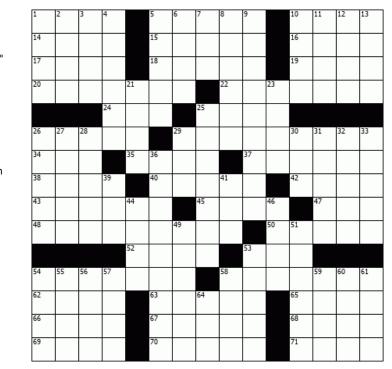


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- 59. Yule song
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Wheels and Pinwheels Set for Saturday, April 22

This year's Wheels and Pinwheels third annual Ride for Kids will begin at Saturday, April 22, in the parking lot at Juliette's House, 1075 SW Cedarwood Ave., in McMinnville.

Sign-ins will begin at 11:30 a.m., with kickstands up at 1 p.m. The bikes will make their way through Yamhill County.

A BBQ Tri-Tip dinner will be held at 5 p.m. at American Legion Post 21, 126 NE Atlantic in Mc-Minnville. All proceeds from dinner will benefit Juliette's House.



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Rural Leaders Meet With Congresswoman and Undersecretary

Marianne Thomson

USDA Undersecretary for Rural Development Xochitl Torres Small and Congresswoman Andrea Salinas listened intently as mayors, city managers, and city councilors representing 18 rural communities in Yamhill, Polk, and Marion counties expressed their concerns and discussed the challenges of applying for much-needed rural development funds for essential infrastructure projects.

Xochitl Torres Small heads the Rural Development Mission Area and assists rural communities across the United States. In particular, this assistance comes in three areas: business, utilities, and housing. In addition, the undersecretary oversees loans, grants, and technical assistance to rural residents, communities, and businesses.

Congresswoman Salinas introduced Xochitl Torres Small, noting that she is a former congresswoman and native Oregonian who grew up in New Mexico.

Common concerns expressed to the undersecretary by community leaders included the often overwhelming and intimidating complexity of the paperwork required to apply for funds. The undersecretary said she is committed to addressing these statutory and regulatory burdens. She also talked about providing technical assistance to those needing support through the application process.

One city manager said that, even if they find a way to navigate through the application process, it takes about two years to receive the funds leaving them hoping their infrastructure doesn't fail while they wait.

Willamina Mayor IIa Skyberg, Sheridan Mayor Marianne Thomson, and Sheridan City Councilor Dennis McElroy attended the meeting to learn more about these rural development grants and low-interest loans and how they may further



Congresswoman Andrea Salinas, left, and USDA Undersecretary for Rural Development Xochitl Torres Small hosted a round-table discussion with approximately 50 community leaders from 18 rural communities in Yamhill, Polk, and Marion Counties last Thursday in the Donald fire station.

benefit the West Valley.

Former Willamina City Manager Kenna West, now the city manager for Independence, talked about the funding process she initiated while still working on behalf of the City of Willamina. Kenna said that the water project's cost was initially \$2.1 million. However, she said the project cost now exceeds \$11 million.

She also noted that it had taken grant funding from seven different sources to finance this critical water project for Willamina. Congresswoman Selinas seeking confirmation that the sequencing of this funding process delays projects and increases the cost was met with, "It absolutely does," from Kenna.

Willamina is one of several small cities on tight budgets struggling to provide a safe and adequate water supply without being forced to raise water rates beyond what is affordable for their community's water customers. Some cities represented said they need help to match some of the requirements for these federal grants.

Like Kenna, almost all city officials said their project costs dramatically increased while working through the grant and loan application processes and while waiting to receive the actual funding.

One mayor suggested that every city, especially small cities, receive \$500,000-\$1 million yearly for ten years for infrastructure needs only. He added that these cities could decide to save the funds for larger projects or use them for immediate needs.

Addressing the many questions, concerns, ideas, and conversations covered in the 95-minute meeting, the undersecretary said with a smile, "This has gotten really in the weeds, and I can't tell you how grateful I am." The response was a roomful of laughter and an invitation for her quick return.

Congresswoman Salinas agreed, saying, "I, too, like to dive into

the weeds. This may not be the "sexy" stuff, but it's the stuff that matters."

John McArdle, Oregon's longest-term mayor with 25 years on the job, added, "I just want you to know that all of these mayors here today are all volunteers. None of these people are getting paid. When you talked about folks caring... there you go."







Gary Brooks addressed a full house last Saturday at the Sheridan Museum of History. His love of history and attention to detail is evident in his many skillfully constructed sawmills, small town scenes, and more.



Horoscopes April 5-11 ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

A message from a romantic partner or business associate could come this week, Aries. Keep a watchful eye on your email inbox or the regular mail.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, this week you can expect to have an interesting conversation with someone about a topic you're fond of discussing. It could spark a new friendship.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

You likely will have a lot of physical and mental energy this week, Gemini. Figure out a project you can stand behind and put that energy to good use.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Keep an eye on the front door, Cancer. A delivery may be coming your way in the next few days. It's not something you ordered, but could be a gift.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you could use a diversion this week. When a friend seeks your company, this can be the perfect way to direct your mind somewhere else.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, financial paperwork could take up some of your time in the days to come. It's a necessary evil to keep things on track. Seek help from someone else if you get frustrated.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Speaking with someone else on a fascinating subject triggers your curious side, Libra. You may want to take a class or pursue this subject in another way.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Your emotions might get the better of you this week, Scorpio. Try to focus attention onto something that doesn't trigger negative feelings. Distraction could be the key. SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Stimulating social occasions are what you need right now, Sagittarius. Such get-togethers will introduce you to new people and new ideas that can inspire.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, this week you have an opportunity to impress others and get them talking, likely changing their opinions of you. Make every effort to win others over.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

It's important to keep in touch with friends even if they have moved away, Aquarius. Phone calls, texts and video chats can bridge the gap created by physical distance.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, tally up your investments because they could be worth more than you think, especially if you are invested in real estate.

National Gardening Day is Friday, April 14

On average, the West Valley's last spring frost occurs around April 25. This makes April a great time to start that outdoor garden you've dreamed of. April is an excellent time to plant arugula, beets, carrots, and potatoes. Wait till after the last frost for things like corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, and zucchini. Below are some tips for the firsttime gardener.

Pick the right location. Most vegetables need at least six hours of sun a day. Some crops, such as lettuce, spinach, and other greens, will grow well in your partially sunny spots, but sun-loving plants like tomatoes and peppers need as much light as possible.

Keep it close to home. A location near your house will make it easier to tend your plot regularly and make it convenient to run out and pick what you need for a meal.

Only grow things your family likes to eat. There is no sense in spending all your time, energy, and money growing stuff you won't enjoy or that will go to waste.

Water needs to be readily available. Nothing burns out a beginning gardener faster than lugging water to thirsty plants during a heat wave. Consider investing in a quality hose with a sprayer attachment or, even better, a drip irrigation system.

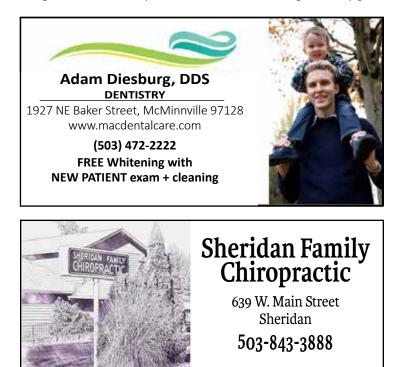
Good soil is the key to a successful garden. Plants depend on the soil for nutrients, stability, and drainage. To grow your best garden, start with well-drained, sandy loam and add as much organic matter as possible.

Amend your soil. Compost, leaf mold, or well-aged manure will increase your soil's ability to drain well and hold moisture, the sponge factor. However, never use fresh manure. It can harbor dangerous pathogens and will burn tender plant roots. Instead, compost it for at least 6 to 12 months.

Seeds or plants? Most garden vegetables can be directly seeded where they are to grow, lettuce, beans, carrots, beets, chard, spinach, peas, cucumbers, and squash. Things that take longer to produce an edible fruit do better with a head start. Purchase transplants for tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, and melons, or start your own indoors six to eight weeks before planting them outside.

Keep your garden productive by staggering plantings of fast-maturing veggies such as beans and lettuce and replanting other areas as they are harvested. Don't plant all at once.

Use raised garden beds or containers if you need more space to work with. If you have impossibly rocky soil or solid clay, consider building some raised beds that you can fill with good soil. Growing vegetables in containers is another option. If you want an instant garden, try grow



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Pecans are tasty offerings that are ideal in both savory dishes and desserts. Like fruits of other members of the hickory genus of trees, pecans are not truly nuts, but drupes. A drupe is a fruit with a single stone or pit surrounded by a husk. With pecans, the outer husk dries out and splits open, exposing the "nuts" inside.

Georgia, New Mexico and Texas are the leading domestic producers of pecans, but Mexico grows nearly half of the world's pecans. Pecans are hearthealthy and rich in antioxidants, several vitamins and minerals, and a good source of healthy fat. In addition, one ounce of pecans provides 10 percent of the recommended daily fiber intake.

Cookies may never be considered "health food," but there are ways to make them more nutritious. The addition of beneficial ingredients like pecans can do just that. This recipe for "Cowboy Cookies" from "Live Well, Bake Cookies" (Rock Point) by Danielle Rye includes oats, pecans and coconut in the mixture, adding flavor and nutritional appeal.

Cowboy Cookies

Makes 50 to 52 cookies 2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon salt

2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened

1 cup packed light brown sugar 2/3 cup granulated sugar

2 large eggs, at room temperature

2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract 1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

3/4 cup sweetened shredded coconut

1 cup chopped pecans (see baking tip)

1. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, ground cinnamon, and salt until well combined. Stir in the old-fashioned rolled oats and set aside.

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2. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment or in a large mixing bowl using a handheld mixer, beat the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar together for 1 to 2 minutes, or until well combined. 3. Mix in the eggs, one at a time, then mix in the vanilla extract until fully combined, making sure to stop and scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed. 4. Mix in the dry ingredients until just combined, then mix in the chocolate chips, shredded coconut and chopped pecans on low speed until fully incorporated.

5. Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

6. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside.

7. Using a 11/2-tablespoon cookie scoop, scoop the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets, making sure to leave a little room between each one. Gently press each ball of cookie dough down to slightly flatten it. 8. Bake for 10 to 13 minutes, or until the tops of the cookies are set and the edges are lightly browned. Remove from the oven, and allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheets for 5 to 10 minutes, then carefully transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.

9. Store the cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to one week.

Baking tip: For even more flavor, try toasting the pecans. Just cool them completely before adding them to the cookie dough.



Willamina Residents Launched Neighborhood Watch on April 3

A neighborhood watch meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3. Twenty-two people were in attendance at the Willamina VFW hall located on Main Street.

Community residents share the hope of making Willamina Oregon's safest logging town.

The Yamhill County Sheriff runs the program. Mr. Darrell Flood of the Yamhill County Police Department was the primary speaker. He provided insight into the effectiveness of communities pulling together.

The neighborhood watch program began in the 1970s and has proven to combat crime in communities effectively.

Mr. Flood spent nearly an hour discussing starting a new program.

"We need half of the homes to participate. That's how we get the official Neighborhood Watch signs posted," said Willamina resident Corinne D. Sullivan. Corinne began the initiative in April, just a week before the meeting. She contacted Captain Sam Elliott, who put her in touch with Mr. Flood.

Louis Rober, the command post chief of the Willamina VFW, made the VFW available for free. He and members of the VFW set up the microphone and supplied refreshments.

Long-time Willamina resident Ben George suggested that the first initiative of the neighborhood watch be a citywide cleanup, and it was unanimously agreed upon. A command team was comprised to supervise the group's undertakings.

The neighborhood watch group will meet again at 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 1, at the Willamina VFW on Main Street. The meeting is open to the public.



Yamhill County Sheriff's Office Darrell Flood and Willamina Mayor Ila Skyberg at the Neighborhood Watch meeting on April 3.



Corinne D. Sullivan and VFW Commander Louis Rober



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Earth Day Party and Sidewalk Parade April 22 at First Presbyterian McMinnville

The First Presbyterian Church, 390 NE Second Street, McMinnville. Invites all to join at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 22. Activities include Mac Women's Choir, speakers, videos, music, info tables, book store, giveaways, and more. The Sidewalk Parade will start at 12:30 p.m. at the Civic Hall Plaza, Second and Baker St. Make your sign at the McMinnville Library Carnegie room at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 15. Materials will be provided. In the afternoon, do something

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Dragons, Bulldogs Each Get 7 Firsts at Meet

Willamina and Delphian each placed first in seven events Thursday, April 6, at the 3A-2A Special District 3 track and field meet

It was the first track and field meet in Willamina in more than 20 years. Two other schools, Salem Academy and Nestucca, competed.

Neither Delphian's Dragons nor Willamina's Bulldogs finished high as teams despite having plenty of athletes who took first places.

For Willamina, Hallee Hughes won three first places (shot put, discus and javelin). For Delphian, Zahar Rotman won two (100-meter and 200-meter runs).

Event results for first-place Bulldogs and Dragons through the middle places follow.

Bovs -

100-meter run 1. Zahar Rotman. D. 12.03 2. Emiliano Chaparro, D, 12.65 3. Memo Cervantes, D, 12.77 4. Greyson McLean, D, 12.90 200-meter run 1. Zahar Rotman, D, 25.18 3. (tie) Austin Carrasco, W, 26.24 400-meter run 1. Sage Daniells, D, 58.11 2. Memo Cervantes, D, 58.30 3. Austin Carrasco, W, 1:03.86 800-meter run 1. London Whitworth, D, 2:20.40 2. Samuel Cloutier, D, 2:28.16 3. Ethan Sabin, W, 2:36.95 1500-meter run 1. (tie) Jose Cruz, W, 4:39.81 4. London Whitworth, D, 4:53.39 4x100 relav 2. Delphian (Greyson McLean, Lucan Curry, Memo Cervantes, Zahar Rotman), 48.09 Shot put

4. Spencer Onstot, W, 32-0 5. Cyrus Rust, W, 27-1

Discus 6. Spencer Onstot, W, 86-0

Javelin

1. Kaleb Cruickshank, 115-8 2. Austin Lyons, W, 104-0

3. Rowan Bennett, D, 96-4 **High jump** 1. Dylan Graham, W, 5-4 2. Adam Atherton, W, 5-2 Long iump 13. Kaleb Cruickshank, W, 16-10 7. (tie) Adam Atherton, W, and Landon Shrabel, W, 14-9 Girls 100-meter run 1. Portia Binford, D, 13.59 2. Allahta Parsons, D, 14.08 3. Nichole Goodwin, W, 14.76 4.Averv Ott. D. 1:09.00 200-meter run 1. Avery Ott, D, 1:09.00 2. Evelyn Anderson, W, 31:31 400-meter run 4. Avery Ott, D, 1:09.00 100-meter hurdles 2. Maddie Saphire, D, 21.12 4x100 relay

1. Delphian (Avery Ott, Ava Raphael, Allahta Parsons, Portia Binford), 54.30 Shot put 1. Hallee Hughes, W, 32-6.5

2. Zoie Sickles, W, 79-11 3. Bee Chansuk, D, 24-10 Discus 1. Hallee Hughes, W, 123-4 2. Mae Townsend, W, 73-4 3. (tie) Bee Chansuk, D, and Alexis Wertz, D, 72-0 5. Lauren Klaers, W, 67-0 6. Zoie Sickles, W, 62-0 7. Scarlet Dowswell, D, 60-11 8. Paeton Risseeuw, W, 56-8 Long jump 5. Hope Stanton, W, 12-10 Triple jump 1. Nichole Goodwin, W, 30-0 2. Evelyn Anderson, W, 28-3

SHS Looks for Second Baseball Win

Rain kept Sheridan's baseball Spartans from trying for their second victory of the season. They were to play Amity there. Now 1-7, the Spartans were scheduled to play Amity at home Monday, April 10. Next on the schedule was a home game with Yamhill-Carlton on Tuesday, after the Bulletin Board went to press.



Three Spartans Place **First in Oregon City**

Sheridan's Juan Navarro, David Gebo and Brooke Cortana Thompson-Sale won first places in the Central Catholic at Oregon City Icebreaker on March 22. Results, still incomplete, show that Navarro took first in Heat 1 of the boys 400-meter run, Gebo in Flight 1 of the boys javelin throw and Cortana Thompson-Sale in Heat 1 of the girls 100-meter run. Following are Sheridan results from first place through the middle in each event.

Boys -100 meters: Heat 1: 2. Jayden O'Reilly, 12.04 Heat 2: 4. Juan Navarro, 12.54 200 meters: Heat 1: 1. Juan Navarro, 26.24 400 meters: Heat 1:3, Jayden O'Reilly, 58.84 Shot put: Flight 1: 4. Hayden Nailey, 29-04.00 5. Brady Wofford, 29-11.00 Discus: Flight 1: 4. Brady Wofford, 76-02-00 Javelin: Flight 1: 1. David Gebo, 94-09.00

Long jump:

Flight 1: 3. Pedro Anthony Nambo, distance not shown Girls -

100 meters: Heat 1: 4. Chloe Ayala, 13.34. Heat 2: 1. Brooke Cortana Thompson-Sale, time not shown 3. Katie Kyllo, 15.94 Javelin: Flight 1: 2, Savannah Michaelson, distance not shown

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Lady Spartans Drop To .500 Record

Following three cancellations, Sheridan's softball team lost two road games, running their season record to 4-4.

The Lady Spartans lost to perennial powerhouse Dayton 18-8 on April 4 and fell to Yamhill-Carlton 17-0 Thursday.

An April 10 game at Amity was canceled. Next on Sheridan's schedule is a Thursday game at lefferson.

Willamina Lady Bulldogs Have 7-1 Record

Willamina's softball team, after the cancellation of a few games, won two more games on the road for a 7-1 season record so far.

The Lady Bulldogs clobbered Waldport 19-0 March 29 and St. Paul 12-3 April 5. Both games were on the road.

They were scheduled to play Knappa at home Monday, April 10. It was a rainy day, and it was not known at this writing whether they were able to play.

Baseball Bulldogs Struggle

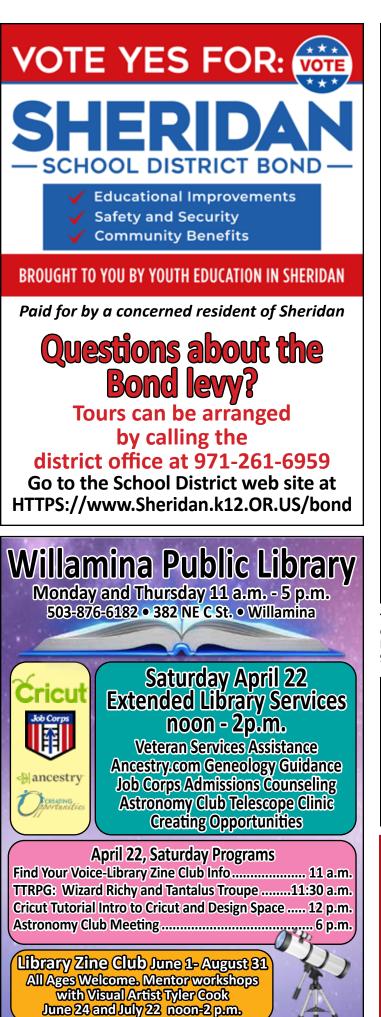
After winning their first game of the season March 29, downing Waldport 25-13 there, the Bulldogs lost to Scio 11-1 there April 4. They have lost eight gam could be played.

They were scheduled to play a combined Country Christian and North Clackamas Christian team at home Monday, April 10, but it rained all day and it is not known at this writing whether a game could be played.





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Sheridan High School Band and Chorus Recieve High Ratings

Robert Belieu of Sheridan served as general chairman of the annual Yawama league music contest, in which hundreds of musicians from over a dozen Willamette Valley schools took part. The contest was held at Linfield College, Thursday, April 11.

Band and chorus from the participating schools performed before a panel of judges, and were rated superior, excellent, or good on the basis of their performances. Judging was conducted in three classifications, grade school: class B schools (over 250 students) and class C schools, (under 250 students). In the grade school band classification Willamina and Sheridan were given superior ratings: Dayton, Yamhill, and Carlton: excellent: and Philomath junior high, good.

Class C band ratings were:

Sheridan, superior; Sherwood, superior; Salem Academy, superior; Banks, excellent.

Class B band ratings were: Yamhill, Carlton, good, Willamina, good: Philomath, excellent.

Class B chorus ratings were: Philomath, excellent; Willamina, excellent.

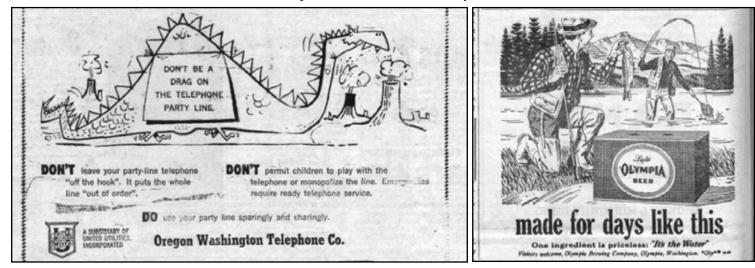
Grade school chorus ratings were: Yamhill, superior: Dayton, excellent: Willamina, good. Class C chorus ratings were: Sherwood, superior; Salem Academy, superior; Sheridan, excellent; Dayton, good.

Ted Mesang, band Director at Oregon, State University, and Lamar Bell, Tigard high school band Director, judged the band events.

Mrs. Clifford Elliot, Linfield College; and Gordon Tjernlund, McMinnville high school, judged the choral events.



Back row, left to right: William Nisly, Val Adamson, Richard Berkey, Linda Holmes, Lorraine Belieu, Billy stuck, Pat Markee, Richard Sloan, Dennis Haddon, Charles Moore, Ronald, McMahill, Randy Whitehorn, Curtis Chamberlin. Second row, left to right: Wanda Nisly, Edgar Ash, Mary Lou Britt, Jeanie Wiris, Jodi Helinger, Dennis Marcequx, Jerry Jackson, Link Spooner, Skip Plummer, Elaine Hutton, Marilyn Bride, Richard Smith, Betty Manary, first row, left to right: Sandee Langley, Margie Crump, Kae Billington, Patty Thompson, Nancy McKibben, Verne Lochner, Charlotte Gast, Donna Sloan, Merle Sharer, Denise Cook, Kae Kelsou, Lorene Stutzman, Robert Belieu, Director. Majorettes: Dolores Belieu, Patty Cook.





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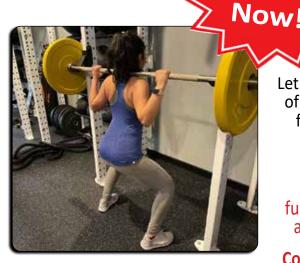






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