

Tips to Carve the Perfect Halloween Jack-O'-Lantern

Jack-o'-lanterns are one of many indelible symbols of Halloween. It's hard to pinpoint the precise origins of jack-o'-lanterns, but many historians trace the tradition to 19th century Ireland. In fact, this instantly recognizable staple of Halloween decor actually gets its name from an Irish folktale character named "Stingy Jack."

Jack-o'-lanterns are ubiquitous in October, but a refresher course on carving one can help those who haven't dusted off their carving skills since last fall.

• Don't carve too early. Though it can be tempting and fun to carve a jack-o'-lantern once the calendar turns to October, it's unlikely the finished product will make it all the way to October 31. Horticulturists indicate that jack-o'-lanterns have a shelf life of roughly five to 10 days, though an especially cold October could shorten that life expectancy even further. If you want your jack-o'lantern to greet trick-or-treaters on Halloween, wait to carve it until a few days before the big day.

• Use a dry-erase marker to outline the design. It's easy to make mistakes when carving a jack-o'lantern, especially if this is your first time using a carving knife since last year. Use a dry-erase marker to trace the design onto the pumpkin before you make a cut.

• Avoid severing the stem. When many people envision jack-o'-lanterns, the image in their minds is one in which the top of the pumpkin is removed so candles or lights can be effortlessly placed inside. However, the custom pumpkin carving experts at New York-based Maniac Pumpkin Carvers note that removing the top cuts off the vine, which supplies the pumpkin with nutrients and moisture, even after it's been cut. A whole in the back of the pumpkin can provide easy access when placing candles or lights inside, and cutting here won't cut off the nutrient and moisture supply a pumpkin needs to avoid drying out.

• Scoop everything out. The interior of a pumpkin will be loaded with seeds, which can be removed and later roasted to make a savory snack. In addition to re-



moving the seeds, be sure to get all of the pulp out. Pulp left in the pumpkin will soon get moldy and that can shorten the lifespan of the jack-o'-lantern. In addition, when removing the interior, try scraping the front inner wall of the pumpkin thin, which may make it easier to carve.

• Avoid candles when lighting the interior of the jack-o'-lantern. Candles might seem like the most authentic and even spooky way to light the interior of the pumpkin, but the heat produced by a burning candle can shorten the life expectancy of the jack-o'-lantern. An LED light won't give off much heat and will provide ample illumination.

A few simple tips can help Halloween celebrants ensure their jack-o'-lanterns make it all the way to the big day at the end of October.





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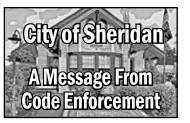
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Moving sale: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 19-22. 451 NE D Street, Willamina. Collectibles, trucks, cars, movies, music, DVDs, books, dishes, quilts, misc. tools, 20 gal. fish tank, with fish, plants, dolls, patterns, material, electric heaters, small chest freezer, and more.



The leaves are falling off the trees and all over our streets! The City has a street sweeper, and there are a few things we ask all community members to keep in mind.

Please keep your vehicles off the street and into your driveway if possible. This is so the street sweeper can adequately and effectively clean your street. We also ask everybody to please remove their basketball hoops from the street and the sidewalks. This is an obstruction for the street sweeper as well.

The basketball hoops must be moved back into your driveway once you have finished using them for the day. When the basketball hoops stay down on the sidewalk or the streets, it obstructs passageways. SMC 12.12.070- It is made a duty of every property owner to remove any obstacle or obstruction to any sidewalk abutting or located on such property owner's property and to maintain and afford continuous unobstructed access to such sidewalk to the public.

I understand that sometimes, keeping the sidewalks and streets in front of your property clear from obstruction may be difficult. Still, I appreciate this community's cooperation and enthusiasm in obliging with the City of Sheridan Code. If you have any questions, you may reach Deycia at City Hall (503) 843-2347 or contact me via email at dgibby@cityofsheridanor.com.

You may utilize our website's online report of concern form or stop by City Hall to complete a paper form. Thank you to all Sheridan community members; I appreciate your hard work and commitment to this town.





Submitted by Commander Martin Attebery

We will be holding a Bingo fundraiser for the Grand Sheramina Food Bank; doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Main packs will be \$10 and special games \$1.

The food bank will hold a bake sale and auction during the half-time break.

The kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m. and will server hot dogs, nachos, sodas, coffees and more.

We invite registered non-profits organizations wish to hold a fundraiser bingo night to send your requests to: American Legion, Post 75, PO Box 566, Sheridan, OR 97378.

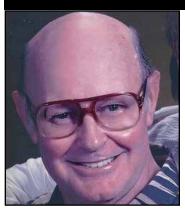
Vendor Sign-up Open For VFW Christmas Bazaar

Willamina's VFW will host its annual Christmas Bazaar from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023 at the VFW Hall, 771 NE Main Street, in Willamina.

Vendors wanting to participate should contact Vickie Rober at 503-843-7444.



Obituary



Wilbert Manon McDaniel Oct. 18, 1943 - Oct. 14, 2023

Wilbert Manon McDaniel was born Oct. 18, 1943, in Laurel, Md., to Wilbert Melvin and Sarah Madeline McDaniel.

He passed just four days before his 80th birthday. Non moved many times and lived in Maryland, Virginia, Florida, Oklahoma, and California before his family moved to Prineville, Ore., where he graduated in 1962.

On March 21, 1964, he married Judith Ann Barber of Willamina, and in 1966, Non got hired at Boeing, so they moved to Seattle, where our son, Ray Monon, was born on July 29, 1966. In 1970, he and his wife returned to Prineville. He had several jobs, which included the forest service and Coin Millwork, both in Prineville.

We moved to McMinnville in 1979, where he first worked for Skyline. In 1980, he started at Climax Portable Machine Tools in Newberg and retired in 2014, mainly in the maintenance department.

His true talent was looking at a problem and seeing the solution; if something was broken, he could find a way to fix it. He was amazing. Non loved the Lord, enjoyed doing things for others, and helped everyone who asked. He had a generous and giving heart and had an unusual sense of humor. He could make almost anything fun.

Non was also a very talented artist in various mediums. He could draw anything. He carved multiple items and designs from flat metal, made yard art and valuable items from rebar, and used horseshoes to make phone holders and wind chimes. He made more than 300 items with rebar and welding rods, most of which were given as gifts or donated to the church for mission sales.

Non was preceded in death by his parents, son Ray Manon, two brothers, and a sister. He is survived by his wife. Judi: his sister, Susan; his grandson, Mike McDaniel; his granddaughters, Sara McDaniel and Bettina (Jose) Pierce; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at Valley Baptist Church in McMinnville.

Sheridian Museum Will Host Speaker on Oct. 28

The Sheridan Museum of History will host speaker Dennis Werth from 1:30-3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the museum, 142 S. Bridge Street in Sheridan.

Speaker Dennis Werth, of Grand Ronde, will start the Project History, including folk lore and tidbits of the West Valley. The speaker event is open to the public.



Tribal Veterans Services Plans to Celebrate Vets

The Tribal Veterans Service Office will host a Veterans Day celebration for all Veterans from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at the Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde.

Honored Veterans are invited to bring a guest. There will be a photo booth for mementos, prizes awarded for best dressed, and best branch of service representation. Food will also be served and door prizes will be awarded.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

We are quickly approaching the end of the first quarter and the end of our fall sports season. The varsity volleyball team will be playing in the first round of district playoffs with a match against Kennedy October 17 at 5:30 pm at Regis high school. The winner will play Regis at 7:00 pm that same evening. The cross country team has one more competition before the district meet at Neahkahnie October 18 followed by the district meet in Lebanon October 26. Our football team has two more home games left to play; October 20 with Regis and October 27 with Sheridan. Pending the outcome of the next two games, our football team is likely to see post season play as well.

The Willamina School District just completed the Division 22 assurances for the Oregon Department of Education. The Division 22 assurances represent the state standards set by the Oregon Legislature to ensure every student receives baseline educational services. These assurances can be found on our website under documents as the "Annual Report".

In addition to the Division 22 assurances the District Report Card was presented to our school board. The district report card reflects key performance indicators measured by the Oregon Department of Education for the purpose of accountability. Data measured includes; attendance, thirdgrade reading state assessment scores, eighth grade math state assessment scores, ninth grade on track to graduation rate, four-year cohort graduation rate, and five-year graduation completion rate. This information is used by the district to revise the district continuous improvement plan. Each year we take a deep look at our data to inform our improvement plans and instructional strategies. This year improving attendance, k-12, will be a top priority along with increasing family engagement opportunities.

District report cards can be found on the Oregon Department of Education website https://www.oregon.gov/ode/ schools-and-districts/reportcards/reportcards/pages/default.aspx.

With great Bulldog pride, Carrie Zimbrick, Superintendent

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I hate repeating myself, but this is important, especially this time of year. It stays dark later in the morning and gets dark earlier in the evening.

What am I going to say? If you guessed "Turn on your headlights when driving," you get the award!

It doesn't cost a whole lot and doesn't take but a split second to do. It can save our life and the life of someone else, too, Driving from Willamina to Sheridan, you go through areas of shadow where you can't see anything that isn't lit up. It doesn't matter the color of your car or truck. It doesn't matter how big or small it is. Whether it's someone behind you or someone coming at you, it just doesn't matter. About 75% of the time, you can only be seen if your headlights are on. Being a safer driver is "What's Up in Willamina."

River Park Senior Living To Host Trick or Treaters

The River Park Senior Living Center will host a Halloween event from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023, at 1350 W. Main Street in Sheridan.

Hot cocoa, hot apple cider and candy will be served. The event is open to all trick-or-treaters to come visit residents and show off costumes.

Sheridan Museum Hosts Holiday Bazaar Saturdays

The Sheridan Museum of History, open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. every Saturday is now hosting the annual holiday bazaar in the museum.

Hand made crafts from various vendors can be found throughout the museum for purchase.

They offer table runners, pot holders, pillow cases, and more. The Sheridan Museum of History is located at 142 S. Bridge Street in Sheridan and is open to all. For more information on the museum during business hours.

New Meeting Location for WV Fiber Enthusiasts

The West Valley Fiber Enthusiasts have changed the meeting location to now be at the Willamina Library, located at 382 NE C Street.

The group is open to all and meets from 2-5 p.m. the second Monday of every month.



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Tree of Giving to Host A Fundraiser on Oct. 28

Sheridan's Tree of Giving is set to hold a Halloween costume contest, bingo and a baked-goods auction fundraiser at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Odd Fellows Lodge, 143 SW Monroe Street in Sheridan.

The doors and kitchen will open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:30. Bingo packets are \$10, they contain ten games and are available on pre-sale. Additional bingo games will be available for purchase at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the West Valley Bulletin Board, 136 E. Main Street in Sheridan, or call Rubi at 971-237-9376.

Adults, teens, and children are invited to come dressed up for the Halloween costume contest. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best costume; \$50 for adults, \$30 for teen, and \$20 for children.

A live auction baked-good sale will offer an assortment of fresh, homemade breads, desserts, and more.

The Odd Fellows Lodge requests no outside food or drink brought in. Email sheridantreeofgiving@ gmail.com, for more information.

Estate Planning for Woodland Owners

The Yamhill County Chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association invites the public to a free presentation, "Estate Planning for Woodland Property Owners" by Taylor KIttell, attorney/owner of Breakwater Law 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023 at the OSU Extension Auditorium located at 2050 Lafayette Ave. in McMinnville. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m. and the keynote speaker at 7 p.m.





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Time to Tap the Reservoir

Since Sheridan completed its multi-million-dollar Stoney Mountain Reservoir project in 2009, it has never been used for its intended purpose. The reservoir holds 60 million gallons of unused water. Building the required treatment plant was discussed in 2010 and at several other points over the following years. Eventually, the subject was dropped, and the treatment facility has yet to materialize.

The City of Sheridan's water comes from the South Yamhill River and Stoney Mountain Springs, not the reservoir.

Sheridan is exceptionally fortunate to have the rights to such a tremendous asset with its 60 million gallons of high-quality unused water in Stoney Mountain Reservoir. Lack of water is a critical issue in many other cities in Yamhill County.

To use this water, Sheridan would need to build the required treatment facility to make Stoney Mountain Reservoir water usable for both residential and future commercial ventures in Sheridan.

Considering possible industrial chemical spills into the South Yamhill, the all-time low river levels over this summer and early fall, and a mechanical failure with one of the City's pumps used to process river water, it becomes imperative that Sheridan move forward with a plan to establish the use of this reliable and abundant source of water.

Stoney Mountain Springs (not the reservoir) is a water source for Sheridan. Our City forefathers envisioned using these springs in the early 1900s when they constructed the original wood stave pipe transmission line. The pipeline has been upgraded a couple of times over the years but is again in dire need of reconstruction.

The force of gravity moves the water from the six developed springs flowing through the nine miles of pipe to the treatment facility on Rock Creek Road. Since this water comes directly from underground springs and never sees the light of day until it reaches the customer's tap, it requires only minimal treatment.

The water from the reservoir is considered surface water, requiring a higher treatment standard. If these two water sources become mixed, both would need a higher level of treatment.

A cost estimate published in 2003 (20 years ago) put the cost of building the treatment facility at \$4.8 million. The cost in today's dollars is yet to be determined.

At its recent goal-setting workshop, the Sheridan City Council unanimously placed this project at the top of its list. As a first step to support this goal, the council directed the city manager to move forward in her grant-funding research.

For more information regarding the history of this project, I invite you to read this week's Archive page, initially published in 1980.

As residents of Sheridan, you should always be able to reach out to your elected officials and ask questions about what is happening in Sheridan. Having open communication is important to me. Thank you for reading, and please remember you can contact me via email at mthomson@cityofsheridanor.com.

Free Community Baby Shower Hosted By Yamhill Community Care ELH Oct 19

The Yamhill Community Care Early Learning Hub (ELH) is hosting a free Community Baby Shower for new and expecting parents; partners and siblings are welcome, from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19 at the McMinnville Community Center, 600 NE Evants Street, McMinnville.

ELH has chosen to provide resources to parents related to pregnancy, childbirth, and infancy. The event will provide a community resource fair connecting families with community partners on-site, baby shower raffle prizes, free goodie bags, food, and non-alcoholic beverages.

The Yamhill Early Learning Hub brings together the early childhood, K-12 education, health, human and social service, community, business, government, and philanthropic sectors to improve outcomes for young children and align services into one efficient and effective county-wide early learning system.

"We understand that the journey into parenthood can be both exciting and challenging. Our Community Baby Shower aims to provide parent-to-be and guardians with the support, resources, and connections they need to navigate this special time in their life," said Jenn Richter, Early Learning Hub Director. "The Early Learning team and community partners really enjoy the change to celebrate this special time with parents. This event is for the whole family. Partners and children are encouraged to attend and participate in the festivities.

Yamhill Community Care (YCCO) is a Coordinated Care Organization that serves Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members in Yamhill County and parts of Washington and Polk County. YCCO's more than 50 employees are dedicated to improving members' quality of life by coordinating family support services and effective, integrated, patient-centered health care.

YCCO stands out as the only CCO that is also an Early Learning Hub. Learn more at www.yamhillcco.org, follow YCCO on Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube.







Each month, the Sheridan Rotary Club raises money for a local cause voted on by the members. In September, Kay Buckles suggested raising money for Friends of the Sheridan Parks to use towards the community garden. It started with Kay purchasing the "fine can," which is the fun way they raise the donations. The purchaser has the right to "fine" people by saying things like, "If you are wearing shorts, spin the wheel for your fine." Through the Fine can for September, \$376 was raised. This donation will go for supplies for the new Sheridan Community Garden on Sheridan Road. (Pictured above) The lead for Friends of Sheridan Parks and Recreation, Paul Pena, is accepting the check from Rotary member Kay Buckles. They will have the Community Garden ready for the spring 2024 growing season.





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WEST VALLEY **COMMUNITY** CAMPUS Oct. 21 Wet Season Concert Postponed

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Due to scheduling conflicts, the October 21st Wet Season concert with the Tony Coleman Band has been rescheduled to April 20, 2024.

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1878- Edison makes electricity available for household use **1889-** First all-NYC "World Championship" Baseball Series; New York Giants (NL) play Brooklyn Bridegrooms (AA); Giants go on to win series, 6-3

1892- The first commercial long-distance phone line opens (Chicago-NY)

1919- Belvin Maynard wins the first transcontinental air race in round trip of nine days, four hours, 25 minutes and 12 seconds, race costs nine lives with 54 crashes or forced landings

1921- Charles Strite granted US patent #1,394,450 for his invention, the automatic pop-up toaster

1929- Women are considered "Persons" under Canadian law

1931- American gangster Al Capone convicted of tax evasion

1952- Date of the first Mad Magazine issue

1953- Willie Thrower becomes 1st black NFL quarterback in modern times

1954- Texas Instruments Inc. announces the first transistor radio

1957- "The Frank Sinatra Show" television variety/drama anthology series debuts on ABC; the singer-actor is given almost complete control of the program

1962- James Watson (US), Francis Crick (UK) and Maurice Wilkins (UK) win the Nobel Prize for Medicine for their work in determining the structure of DNA

1967- Walt Disney's animated musical adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book" film is released; cast features voices of Phil Harris, Louis Prima, Sterling Holloway, and Sebastian Cabot

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Willamina's Bulldog's Volleyball 2 Wins-1 Loss

Herb Swett

Willamina had two road volleyball wins Oct. 10 before barely losing to Western Christian at home Oct. 12.

The Bulldogs beat Kennedy and then Regis Oct. 10 with both matches at Regis. Playing Western Christian two days later, they took one set and lost a lead in another set.

Nichole Goodwin had 26 assists for WHS in the Kennedy match, which the Bulldogs won 25-15, 21-25, 25-15, 23-15, 15-2. Madison Oelhafen had three serve aces and 13 kills. Zoe Sickles made three serve aces, seven kills and three blocks. Hadley Hughes contributed five serve aces, 15 kills and four assists.

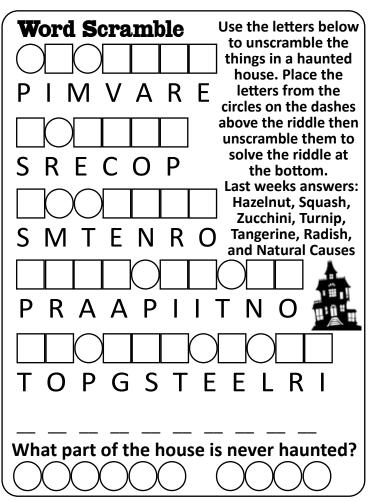
Willamina beat Regis 25-12, 25-18, 25-17. Goodwin had 15 assists and two serve aces, Oelhafen six serve aces and six kills, Sickles nine kills and one serve ace, and Hughes four serve aces, 10 kills and seven assists.

Playing the Pioneers, the Bulldogs lost 14-25, 23-25, 25-22, 14-24. In the second set, WHS was up 20-15 before Western Christian made its comeback. Coach Heather Hughes called Willamina's performance a "great effort to challenge the No. 1 team in the state at 2A." Sylvie Berry had four serve aces and nine digs; Hughes eight kills, seven digs, and two serve aces; Oelhafen 12 kills, two blocks and six digs; Sickles eight kills and two blocks; and Goodwin 10 assists, two serve aces and two kills.

The No. 5 Bulldogs played the Tri-River Conference tournament Tuesday after the Bulletin Board went to press. Western Christian and Salem Academy, which are tied for No. 1 in the league, will play the championship match Saturday.

Willamina Bulldogs 5-2 In Football This Year Herb Swett

Willamina's football record is now 5-2 this season. The Bulldogs' next game is at home against Regis at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20. The regular season will end with a home game against Sheridan at 7 p.m. Oct. 27.



Spartans Await First Football Win of Season Herb Swett

Sheridan is 0-7 in football this season.

The Spartans' best effort so far is an 8-6 loss at Vernonia/Jewell Sept. 29.

Two games are left. The Spartans will play at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20 in Nestuca, and at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, in Willamina.









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Horoscopes Oct. 18-24

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, this week you may invite a friend over who shares all of his or her good energy with you. It's just the boost you need right now to have a positive few days.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

You may have an urgent need to get physically active, Taurus. That can propel you to get a gym membership or to organize a walking club with some local friends.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

You are brimming with energy right now, Gemini. It's only a matter of figuring out what to do with it. A painting or other home renovation project could be the perfect fit.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

You are in the process of widening your field of opportunities, Cancer. This may translate into taking a trip overseas or even across the country for a little bit.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Your typically amicable personality could be nowhere in sight this week, Leo. Perhaps you are feeling disrespected and bullied and want to advocate for yourself. VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

There are moments when everyone gets strong feelings of where they should be heading in life, Vir-

go. Sometime this week you could receive an epiphany moment. LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Take a few moments this week to go over spending, as you may determine that you have to reel in your budget a little more than you had expected, Libra.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, this week you could be inspired by someone who comes across as a natural leader. Learn from this individual about how you can become more assertive. SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 Sagittarius, your help is urgently needed, so there is no time to waste. When the alarm clock goes off, it is time to spring into action each day.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 Capricorn, put all of your cards on the table this week, especially with those close to you. They deserve to see the bigger picture if they are involved with you.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 The week ahead may be trying for you, Aquarius. You may have to prove yourself to loved ones by offering a speech or other actions. It could be emotionally draining.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 Pisces, you can look forward to your busy week ahead because the time is going to fly by. Do not schedule anything extra, as you will not be able to fit it in for the time being.

The 31st Coastal Hills Art Tour Set for November 10-11

The 31st annual Coastal Hills Art Tour is returning to Willamina this November 10 and 11. Artists will be located throughout the Willamina area, displaying and selling artwork.

The Coastal Hills Quilters will put on their annual guilt show and sale in the West Valley Community Campus auditorium as part of the Art Tour.

There are over 30 artists, including painters, woodworkers, photographers, pottery, fiber arts, authors, and other media situated in the West Valley Community Campus, the Free Methodist Church, Barb Hofenbredl Realty, the Willamina City Library, the Willamina Christian Church and the Willamina Mercantile.

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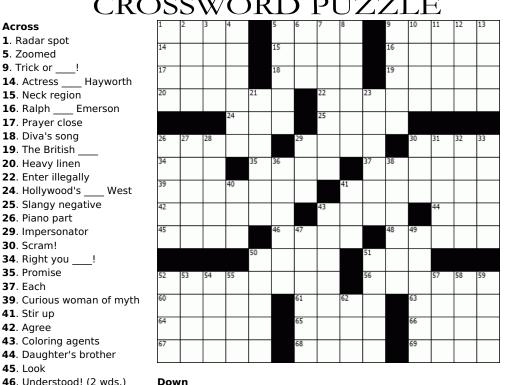
Again this year, the Willamina

Museum of History will offer a Tea Room with unique pastries for sale for all to enjoy.

The City Library will hold a bake sale and have a gorgeous gift basket for the raffle.

For more information, email Cris Darr at crisdarr06@gmail. com or call 503-876-3843. Additional information can be found at the West Valley Community Campus website at westvalleycommunitycampus.org.





- 46. Understood! (2 wds.)
- 48. Cake layers
- 50. Tibet's continent
- 51. Pro's opposite
- 52. Took into custody

- 67. Frozen raindrops 68. Diarist ____ Frank
- **69**. "Star ___

Fitzgerald

13. Fling 21. Cowboy bar

1. Actor

capital

3. Thing

8. Honey

10. File

- 23. Infuriate 26. Daddies
- 2. South American

27. Obliterate

- 28. Compact **29**. loss (2 wds.)
- **30**. Occupy a chair

31. Stop

- 32. Movie star
- 33. Young people
- 36. Monet, e.g.
- 38. Engine part
- 41. Shipboard yes
- 43. Without expression

- 47. Midday nap
- 49. Unbroken
- 50. Item of value
- **51**. A la
- **52**. Picnic intruders
- 53. Banister
- **54**. Ceremonial act
- 55. Model
- Macpherson
- 57. Fibber
- 58. Slight advantage
- 59. Smell
- 62. Coffee vessel

- 4. Canal country 5. Rattler, e.g. 6. Golf norm 7. Tombstone inscription 9. "Oliver _ 11. Singer _
- 12. Citrus drinks

Pitt

- 40. Carter's party
 - (abbr.)

43. Coloring agents 44. Daughter's brother

- 45. Look

1. Radar spot

5. Zoomed

9. Trick or

14. Actress

15. Neck region

17. Prayer close

18. Diva's song

19. The British

20. Heavy linen

22. Enter illegally

24. Hollywood's

29. Impersonator

34. Right you ____!

26. Piano part

30. Scram!

35. Promise

37. Each

41. Stir up

42. Aaree

25. Slangy negative

16. Ralph Emerson

Hayworth

West

- 56. Moose's horn
- 60. Metal fasteners
- 61. Goad
- 63. Staff member
- 64. Owner's proof
- 65. Small pastry
- 66. Enclosure

Purchase of Alaska Complete and Transferred on Oct. 18, 1867



The purchase of Alaska in 1867 marked the end of Russian efforts to expand trade and settlements to the Pacific coast of North America and became an important step in the United States rise as a great power in the Asia-Pacific region. Beginning in 1725, when Russian Czar Peter the Great dispatched Vitus Bering to explore the Alaskan coast, Russia had a keen interest in this region, which was rich in natural resources and lightly inhabited. As the United States expanded westward in the early 1800s, Americans soon found themselves in competition with Russian explorers and traders. St. Petersburg,

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Russia offered to sell Alaska to the United States in 1859, believing the United States would



off-set the designs of Russia's greatest rival in the Pacific, Great Britain. The looming U.S. Civil War delayed the sale, but after the war, Secretary of State William Seward quickly took up a renewed Russian offer and on March 30, 1867, agreed to a proposal from Russian Minister in Washington, Edouard de Stoeckl, to purchase Alaska for \$7.2 million. The Senate approved the treaty of purchase on April 9; President Andrew Johnson signed the treaty on May 28, and Alaska was formally transferred to the United States on October 18, 1867. This purchase ended Russia's presence in North America and ensured U.S. access to the Pacific northern rim.

For three decades after its purchase the United States paid little attention to Alaska, which was governed under military, naval, or Treasury rule or, at times, no visible rule at all. Seeking a way to impose U.S. mining laws, the United States constituted a civil government in 1884. Skeptics had dubbed the purchase of Alaska "Seward's Folly," but the former Secretary of State was vindicated when a major gold deposit was discovered in the Yukon in 1896, and Alaska became the gateway to the Klondike gold fields. The strategic importance of Alaska was finally recognized in World War II. Alaska became a state on January 3, 1959.

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Get Your Pet Prepped for Halloween



Dressing up for Halloween is one of the more enjoyable ways to celebrate the spooky season. It's not uncommon for people to be planning their costumes well ahead of Halloween, and seeing as the pop-up retailer Spirit Halloween starts taking over vacant properties beginning the middle of August, it's never too early to begin thinking about the thrills, chills and candy to come.

Pet owners often choose to include their companion animals in Halloween festivities. Data from a 2022 PetSmart national survey unveiled that more than 75 percent of pet parents planned to dress their pets up for Halloween and other fall occasions. Some city-dwelling individuals even planned to match their pet's fall attire to their own. In 2019, the National Retail Federation estimated Americans would spend \$490 million on pet costumes in 2020, which was more than double the figure spent around a decade prior.

Rubies, the largest manufacturer of pet costumes in the U.S. and Europe, shared these statistics in 2022, many of which will stay consistent this year.

• Vermont, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Utah, and Maine are the states most likely to have dress up their pets.

• A pumpkin, hot dog and bat are the three most popular pet costumes. Star Wars-themed costumes also are favorites year after year.

There are plenty of costumes and pet clothing designed for pets, but not all of them are recommended by humane organizations or vets. Those who choose to include pets in Halloween festivities should keep these tips in mind when selecting costumes.

• Can the pet move properly? Check to see if the clothing item is sized appropriately so that it is not restrictive. Make sure the pet can walk properly, jump, groom, and relieve itself. Do not leave pets in costumes for too long, as they may affect the animal's ability to control body temperature.

• Is your pet stressed? Look for behaviors that may indicate the pet is stressed by wearing the costume. Pets feeling anxious may groom excessively or make more noise than usual. Dogs may pant a lot or yawn. If a pet is pawing or pulling at the costume, it might be making the animal uncomfortable. Dogs tend to be more tolerant of costumes than cats, though each pet is unique.

• Can body language be relayed? Pets use body language to communicate with other animals. Costumes could interfere with that ability. If the pet will be wearing the costume indoors and not in proximity to other animals, it may be fine. Pets who will be walking outdoors and come into contact with other companion animals might act differently and other animals may act aggressively when faced with a pet in a costume.

• Is it safe? Choose costumes that do not impede the pet's vision or its ability to walk. Select materials that are fire-retardant and nontoxic.

Pet costumes are quite popular on Halloween, and pet parents can have fun celebrating while also keeping pets' comfort and safety in mind.



Sheridan's Search for Water • 1939-1980

Sheridan Mayor Ralph J. Matlack offered the following information as a letter to the editor on Oct. 23, 1980.

His letter provides a bit of the history leading to Sheridan's 60-million-gallon water reservoir located on Stoney Mountain. Construction of the Stoney Mountain Reservoir was completed in 2009. Sheridan residents have yet to use one drop of water from this reservoir as of 2023.

Sheridan's water sources are the Stoney Mountain Springs (located near the reservoir) and the South Yamhill River.

Mayor Provides Water History (1980) Mayor Ralph J. Matlack

I think it might be of interest to some of your readers if I gave a brief history of Sheridan's search for water. Much misinformation has been circulating in the city and needs clarifying.

It began in 1939 when R.W. Jones, a consulting engineer from Mc-Minnville, filed for water rights on the Yamhill River in the vicinity of the railroad west of town.

During much of the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, R.T. Waggoner, another consulting engineer from McMinnville, was employed by the city to develop a source for water. He recommended building a 30 million-gallon dam up on Stoney Mountain, close to the source of East Baltimore Creek.

In November 1959, Clark and Graff, engineers from Salem, erected an intake on East and West Baltimore creeks. This act began a series of events that later would necessitate water treatment of surface water. The dam approach was still preferred in July of 1968 when Sheridan asked Cornell, Howland, Hayes, and Merrifield engineers to upgrade the cost estimates.

The next significant event was an engineering study by Westech from Salem, who recommended going to the river with the water treatment plant. After developing the plan, the city went to the voters in September 1973. The \$388,000 bonded indebtedness measure was defeated 233 to 85.

In September 1974, negotiations began with M.G. Boatwright Engineering to include Sheridan in the water resource plans being developed by the Grand Ronde Water District and later with the Perrydale District.

In the former, we were told "no," and in the latter, we were given an initial proposal to develop our own wells at Lincoln alongside the Willamette River. We then could participate along with the Perrydale District in an enlarged pipeline with an estimated cost to Sheridan at \$190,000. The council decided against this approach because of undesirable minerals present in the wells and also due to doubt of the quantity of water available.

In October 1975, R.C. Newcomb, groundwater hydrologist with Shannon and Wilson, determined that well drilling in the proximity of any area within a practical distance from Sheridan was not a viable choice to pursue.

December 1975 was the moment when the federal Environmental Protection Agency announced that in June of 1977 the "Safe Drinking Water Act" would go into effect. This legislation was viewed by some as untested and possibly unenforceable.

In the fall of 1978, Andy Klein was retained to develop a direction for the city. He was instructed not to pursue the South Yamhill alternative because of the negative success of the recent vote, which the council felt was a mandate from the people to look elsewhere.

Klein completed his preliminary report in April of 1977. He recommended following the original concept of Waggoner and develop a dam high on East Baltimore Creek and to include a new transmission line and water treatment plant. He warned the city that EPA might have the muscle to enforce surface water treatment and that all water rights on the entire Yamhill River basin were subject to cutback. He understood that our only safe water rights were La Toutena Mary Springs and the South Yamhill River. The project cost was \$748,000. In June 1977, the editor of the Sheridan Sun attacked the proposal, stating that it was too costly and that he felt secure with information gathered from Sheridan Public Works people that developing springs and streams in the immediate area of Stoney Mountain was all the city needed. The plan was quickly endorsed by the president of the council, and \$520,000 was presented as a logical and practical amount to go to the people for. Their plan included a 750,000-gallon storage tank in town. The water treatment plant and new transmis-



Construction of the Stoney Mountain Reservoir, located about nine miles north of Sheridan, was completed in 2009.

sion line were cut from the projects.

The next year, we went to the polls and approved a \$520,000 bond issue, and the completed plans were ready to augment. We began our long and arduous negotiations with the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) to accept and buy the bonds at 5% interest.

In July 1978, FmHA entered into an agreement with EPA not to approve loans to applicants who were not in compliance with the "Safe Drinking Water Act."

Later, in March 1979, they notified Sheridan of this contingency.

The council tried to salvage the project and decided to try another alternative - put a pump station on East Creek and place a water treatment plant above the site at O.C. Yokom's pipe crossing on Rock Creek Road.

Catastrophe hit in May 1979 when the pipe broke at the East Creek crossing. The town reservoir tanks went dry, and a new worry plagued City Hall.

Hydraulic stresses on an old pipeline could bring far more serious outages. The cost of \$120,000 was added on top of an already overladen budget for a second transmission line.

All of us involved prayed that the recession and lagging construction activity would bring our bids in low enough to somehow put it together. It was not to be. The death blow came when the water master informed us that East Creek, a tributary of Willamina Creek, would, in all probability, be cut off during peak summer dry spells. The council had only one alternative left. Go to the river! It then rehired Mr. Klein to proceed with that effort, salvaging as much of his previous work as possible.

To summarize Councilman Maurice Adamson and my part in this frustrating epilogue, may I conclude:

1. Maurice Adamson has only served on the water committee for one year. The die was cast long before he became involved.

2. I have followed only those goals that people have demonstrated they wanted.

3. Those persons who allogate the council and Mr. Klein have been sitting on their duffs have simply not done their homework.

4. I am guilty of compromising my best judgment in 1977 in endorsing a reduced package. If I and the other water committee members had stuck to our guns, challenging two well-intentioned community leaders and going on to a victory in securing the people's support of the \$748,000 package, we would be enjoying an abundance of water today.

5. Obtaining enough water to carry us through the next 20 years is within our grasp. But don't ask Mr. Adamson, Mr. Klein, Mr. Haynes, or Mr. Matlack to guarantee we'll have more water next year. Only God can do that.

6. Those discontented people who want someone else to produce water, better start coming to council meetings and put their genuine and constructive involvement to work.

