




# West Valley Bulletin Board

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**WILLAMINA CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 200 BAKER STREET - WILLAMINA, OR 97396  
 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9AM ~ SERVICE 10AM  
 CANDLE LIGHT AND COMMUNION SERVICE  
 6 P.M. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24  
 ALL ARE WELCOME!

**WILLAMINA Holiday LIGHT CONTEST**  
 PRIZES FOR THE BEST "DRESSED" HOMES & BUSINESSES!

To register send your name, address, and phone number to ctalley@ci.willamina.or.us by **DECEMBER 15th**.  
 Home/Business must be within City limits.

**LIGHTS NEED TO BE ON FOR VOTING**  
 Dec. 18th THROUGH Dec. 22nd.

**PRIZES**

	1ST - \$100
	2ND - \$50
	3RD - \$25

**VOTING**  
 A list of entries will be available at City Hall starting Dec. 18th. to pick your favorite.  
 Drop off your ballot by Dec. 22nd.

**SPONSORED BY**  
 THE WILLAMINA ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

**We would LOVE to share Joy with you Especially at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve**

**Sunday, December 24**

- 10:30 a.m.....Advent Service
- 12 p.m.....Free Holiday Lunch
- 12:30 p.m.....Carol Sing
- 1 p.m.....Candlelight Service

*A small church with a BIG heart*

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

**315 S. Main St. Willamina**  
 Leave a message at 503-876-6844 to access ZOOM worship

The West Valley Bulletin Board will publish next week's New Year's issue 12/27/23 issue . The office will be closed Dec. 26 - Jan. 4, returning Jan. 5, for our semi-annual week off.

# BULLETIN BOARD CLASSIFIEDS

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## Employment

### CITY OF SHERIDAN JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Water Treatment Plant Operator

The City of Sheridan is seeking a qualified individual to serve as a Full Time Water Treatment Plant Operator. The Water Treatment Plant Operator performs technical duties associated with the operation and maintenance of the City's Level II water treatment plant and related facilities and assists with ensuring the compliance of the treatment plant with regulatory agency requirements and water quality standards. For details and a complete Position Description, visit the City's website [www.cityofsheridanor.com](http://www.cityofsheridanor.com). Open until filled.

**River Park Senior Living** is now hiring for caregivers, med-techs, and a housekeeper. Wage DOE, come in to apply, or email your resume to [bailey.west@agingways.com](mailto:bailey.west@agingways.com). (c)

**Pacific Fir Lumber** has several great mill jobs for people who will come to work every day, on time, and put in a solid day. Great work environment. Apply in person at 355 SW Mill St, Sheridan. (c)

## Services

**Flawless Pressure Washing.** Revitalize your home's appearance with our driveway cleaning and exterior house washing services. Say goodbye to stubborn mold and dirt, and hello to a fresh clean appearance. Contact us today at 503-779-5030. (c)

## For Sale

**For sale:** Mobile home axles/wheels from new house. 2 axles, 1 with brakes, tires and tongue \$300. 3 axles \$400. Sheridan 971-237-7745. (c)

**Whirlpool washer** \$25. Aprox. 7 years old. Works great. You haul. Call 503-338-8289 or 503-883-1780 (c)

## FOUND ITEMS

**Found tire and wheel on Rock Creek Road, Sheridan.** Call 503-930-2353 to claim.

Classified Ads in the West Valley Bulletin Board are only 20¢ per word per week.  
503-687-3000  
136 E. Main St. • Sheridan

# WHAT'S UP IN WILLAMINA

by mary jane

Christmas is getting very close. Have you finished all of your shopping and wrapping? If you haven't, here are some suggestions for gifts that don't require shopping or wrapping!

You could offer to wash their car and clean the inside of it; offer to clean their stove and oven.

My mother-in-law- use to hire a lady to come in one day to do those things for me. I loved it!

How about offering to do a load of laundry, some ironing and mending?

You can always offer to cook a full dinner and clean up after everyone is finished enjoying the good food. Another great and helpful idea would be to deep clean the kitchen, scrubbing the sink and counters.

Know people with children? Offer to take the kiddos for an afternoon to the park, giving the kids and parents, a nice day.

Yard work is another great thing to offer. Pulling weeds, trim the hedges and sweep the sidewalks.

The list can go on and on. These are inexpensive, and some are even free, but would be very appreciated.

Making someone happy for the holiday is "What's Up in Willamina."

## Sheridan Museum's Holiday Craft Bazaar Ends This Saturday

This Saturday, December 23, is the last chance to shop the Sheridan Museum of History's 2023 annual Holiday Bazaar, filled with handmade blankets, towels, cloths, decorations and so much more.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, and is located at 142 S. Bridge Street in Sheridan.

Stop in and browse the variety of sale items from local crafters, perfect for your last minute shopping needs.



**The WV Bulletin Board will be closed for our annual winter week off from Dec. 26 through Jan. 4, 2024**



# HIRING NOW!

## Pacific Fir Lumber

**\*Signing Bonus\* Attendance Bonus\* Benefits\***

**Millwright:** Do you have a passion for maintaining and repairing machinery? If you are experienced in diagnosing and fixing mechanical issues, we invite you to apply.

**Mill Production:** Seeking dedicated mill employees to join our dynamic team. If you are eager to contribute to the lumber production process, we want to hear from you. No experience necessary - we provide training.

## Sheridan Building Materials

**\*Attendance Bonus\* Benefits\***

Are you passionate about home improvement and construction projects? Seeking dedicated individuals who thrive in a customer-focused environment and are excited to assist customers in finding the perfect materials for their projects.



The Sheridan Museum of History's

**2024 Calendar**

a Tribute to

**Phil Sheridan Days**

featuring photos from the **Frances Bradley Collection** is now available for purchase.

Available at the museum  
10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays  
142 S. Bridge Street  
or

The West Valley Bulletin Board  
136 E. Main Street • Sheridan  
10am-5 p.m. Mon.-Thur.

**10am-4pm on Friday**  
Non-Members: \$15 each

(3 or more \$12 each)  
Members \$12 each  
(3 or more \$10 each)

# Merry Christmas

Thank you, West Valley community,  
for your gracious support and friendship  
throughout 2023.

We hope the holidays find you surrounded by  
family, friends, and all you hold dear.

## Best Stop Market

313 E Main Street · Willamina  
503-876-9091

## Hofenbredi Realty

322 Main Street · Willamina  
503-876-9004

## American Market

129 W Main · Sheridan  
503-879-2857

## West Valley Funeral Home

1108 NW Lincoln Street  
Sheridan · 503-843-2525

## Skyberg's Lumber & Hardware

121 E Main Street  
Willamina · 503-876-3092

## City of Sheridan

120 SW Mill Street · Sheridan  
503-843-2347

## Techtonics Tuning

21801 SW Rock Creek Road  
Sheridan · 503-843-2700

## Grand Ronde Water Association

26690 Hwy 18 · Grand Ronde  
503-879-5624

## Sheridan Pharmacy

142 Yamhill Street · Sheridan  
503-843-2422

## G & M Insurance

Dennis Ulrich, Owner  
451 NE Main Street  
Willamina · 503-876-4222

## Hurricane Coffee

201 E Main Street · Sheridan  
971-241-2564

## Stuck Electric

147 W. Main Street · Sheridan  
503-843-2322

## Sheridan Museum of History

142 S Bridge Street · Sheridan  
Open Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

## City of Willamina

411 C Street · Willamina  
503-876-2242

## Davison Auto Parts

317 S Bridge Street · Sheridan  
503-843-2211

1717 NE Baker Street  
McMinnville · 503-472-6114

## Sheridan Chamber of Commerce

Sheridanchamberof  
commerce@gmail.com

## Green Crest Memorial Park

office@greencrest  
memorialpark.net  
503-843-3420

## Angel Bookkeeping

421 Main Street · Willamina  
971-237-1230

## Sheridan Family Chiropractic

639 W Main Street · Sheridan  
503-843-3888

## West Valley Fire District

825 NE Main Street  
Willamina · 503-876-2004

## West Valley Veterinary Hospital

711 W Main Street · Sheridan  
503-843-4011

## Sheridan Fire District

230 SE Mill Street · Sheridan  
503-843-2467

## IGA Markets

136 S Bridge Street · Sheridan  
503-843-3374

112 NW Main Street

Willamina · 503-876-9082

## Edward Jones

Katina Mayrose, Financial Advisor  
503-474-3180

## Sheridan Christmas Committee

971-237-7083

## Hampton Lumber Mills Willamina Division

## Willamina Coastal Hills Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 411 · Willamina

## Delphian School

20950 Rock Creek Road · Sheridan  
503-843-3521

## Ruff Life Rescue

29795 Salmon River Hwy  
Grand Ronde · 503-879-5003

## Sheridan Building Materials

345 S. Bridge Street · Sheridan  
503-843-7150

## West Valley Mercantile

342 S. Bridge Street · Sheridan  
503-843-9088

## Rotary

P.O. Box 322 · Sheridan  
sheridanrotary1@gmail.com

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**BINGO**

**SATURDAY NIGHT BINGO**  
Doors Open: 5:30pm  
Bingo: 6:30pm  
**EVERY SATURDAY**  
Odd Fellows Lodge  
143 SW Monroe St.

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**DOORS OPEN: 5:30PM**  
**BINGO: 6:30PM**

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
**VFW**

**771 NE MAIN • WILLAMINA**



## Willamina Man Sentenced to More Than Seven Years In Prison for Christmas Shooting

News Release from Polk Co.  
Dist. Att. Office

Stephen Darrell Price, 36, has been sentenced to serve 90 months (seven and a half years) in prison for shooting a man in Grand Ronde on December 25, 2022 after a verbal altercation on the victim's property. Price, of Willamina, was found guilty following a jury trial last week in Polk County Circuit Court of Assault in the First Degree, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Reckless Endangering, and Menacing. Judge Monte S. Campbell sentenced Price on

Monday according to Oregon's Measure 11 minimum mandatory sentencing law. He will not be eligible for any form of early release or sentence reduction. He will also be required to serve a three year term of Post-Prison Supervision upon his release. The case was investigated by the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, Oregon State Police, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, and Hillsboro Police Department. The case was prosecuted by District Attorney Aaron Felton.

## A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

Dear Sheridan Families,


This is a great time of year to recognize the generosity of our community, addressing the needs of students and families, supporting SHS athletics, and spreading some holiday cheer! We appreciate the following for their ongoing support:

- FCS Parent-Teacher Organization
- Churches United for West Valley
- Hampton Lumber
- Sheridan Rotary
- Tree of Giving
- Sheridan FCI
- Yamhill County Sheriff's Office
- Aaron Bowldy Toy Drive
- United Steel Workers

Currently, Grandsheramina Food Bank, Churches United for the West Valley, and the City of Sheridan are collaborating to provide our students "Good Stuff" food bags on Fridays. And this month, the City of Sheridan provided SHS with about 20 food boxes. SHS athletics are supported through several companies providing monetary donations. These include Figaro's Pizza, Hampton Lumber, Macy and Sons Funeral, Express Personnel Services, Essential Services, and Franz Bakery to name a few!

The impact of this level of community generosity cannot be underestimated. While we work to improve our schools, the Sheridan community steps up to support our students and families in a variety of ways, all year long! Thank you for helping to make our district a great place to learn and grow!

**Dorie Vickery Ed. D,**  
Superintendent  
Sheridan School District  
School District Office: 971-261-6959  
Sheridan High School: 971-261-6970  
Faulconer Chapman School: 971-261-6960




**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN**  
315 S Main St - Willamina  
**Virtual and in person Worship**  
**Service at 10:30 a.m.**  
Please leave message at  
503-876-6844 to access Zoom worship.



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**WEST VALLEY COMMUNITY CAMPUS**  
Help Raise (for) the Roof! Donate \$5 Today

**\$200,000**  
TOTAL ROOF REPAIR

**ROOF FUNDRAISER!**

**THANKS TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT WE COMPLETED THE FIRST PART OF OUR ROOF IN 2022. WE HAVE RECEIVED GRANT FUNDS FOR THE NEXT SECTION THANKS TO FORD FAMILY FOUNDATION, BUT WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP! CAN YOU MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TODAY TO HELP WITH OUR NEW ROOF?**

**\$75,000**  
NEXT SECTION OF ROOF!

**\$25,000**  
REACHED IN 2021!

PO BOX 491, WILLAMINA OR 97396  
WESTVALLEYCOMMUNITYCAMPUS.ORG/DONATE  
LOCATED AT 266 SE WASHINGTON STREET | WILLAMINA  
(503) 929 - 4037 | WESTVALLEYCOMMUNITYCAMPUS.ORG

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# Christmas Caroling, Wet Season Style



Kathryn "KJ" Jane (left), Recca Maze (center), and Dr. Solveig Holmquist (right) lead Wet Season Caroling Concert on Saturday, Dec. 16.

The Wet Season Concert Series ended the year with a chorus of around 100 people caroling the two-hour event away. Recca Maze and her daughter Kathryn "KJ" Jane, assisted by Dr. Holmquist on piano, were joined by the community to give everyone a starring role for Christmas. The West Valley Community Campus provided beverages for adults and Santa-seeking kids. At the same time, Sally Shenk kept everyone's bellies warm and full as she represented the Hope on a Slope charity organization, providing food for all. Even Santa took a quick break to watch the caroling.



Sally Shenk representing Hope on a Slope.



Santa stopping by to listen to the carolers.

## CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

SATURDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 23RD AT 7:00 PM

**WILLAMINA FREE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**253 NE D STREET**  
**WILLAMINA, OR**

**CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
**206-641-5345**

**SNACKS AFTER SERVICE**



### MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR

**MARIANNE THOMSON**

Do you have questions or comments?  
 Email [mthomson@cityofsheridanor.com](mailto:mthomson@cityofsheridanor.com)  
 or mail correspondence to  
 City of Sheridan, 120 SW Mill Street  
 Sheridan, OR 97378



### WISHING YOU TIME TO RELAX AND ENJOY YOUR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Sheridan offers many excellent opportunities to celebrate the season with our community, family, and friends thanks to many thoughtful and generous community-minded folks who give of their time and resources to benefit others. Our hats are off to our Hometown Christmas Committee for planning and coordinating events representing several community groups, churches, and individuals - such as our beautiful Christmas Lights Parade, "Deck the House" decorating contest, the business decorating contest, Letters to Santa, and the new Sheridan Christmas Bazaar at the high school.

Rotary members also deserve a round of applause for Sheridan's new live Christmas tree planted at the high school that will grow with our community for years to come. Rotary also connects local kids to Santa via phone calls to the North Pole.

Thanks to the Tree of Giving Committee, who do their best to ensure all kids can find a gift to open on Christmas morning.

Thanks to Stuck Electric for lighting up our bridge and the beautiful snowflakes that adorn our streets.

Thanks to Grand Sheramina Food Bank for all your work of offering special holiday food boxes for those who may otherwise go without. Thank you, Churches United, for ensuring students and their families have enough food to tide them over on days school is not in session. Thank you, American Legion, for providing lunches for those experiencing homelessness. Thank you, Sheridan United Methodist, for offering your warm hearts and a free Christmas dinner.

Thank you to Sheridan Chamber, Sheridan Museum of History, Sheridan Fire District, Yamhill County Sheriff's, and the City of Sheridan (especially public works for helping with the Christmas tree, lights, and wreaths, at the Hebert Plaza, and the library for a wonderful assortment of holiday activities for all ages) and to all City employees for continuously offering a helping hand with smiles on your faces.

Thank you to every single person in Sheridan who gives of themselves to make the holiday season a little merrier and brighter for others.



# WILLAMINA CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

FROM THE DESK OF  
WILLAMINA CITY MANAGER  
BRIDGET MENELEY

City officials have many responsibilities. At times it can be confusing what is the responsibility of City Council and what is the responsibility of City Administration. Below are some brief descriptions of the typical roles municipal officials have.

### City Council

Elected by citizens, City Council has the authority to pass or adopt policy such as an ordinance, comprehensive plan, or budget. Council develops policies by identifying needs and priorities, establishing goals, and implementing programs. City Council also "exercises significant control over administration" via resolutions, motions, special investigations, etc.

### Mayor

Also elected by citizens, the mayor is generally considered the "civic leader". They preside over council meetings and engage in discussion. They may make recommendations to the rest of City Council regarding proposed actions, however the Mayor may only vote on policy in the event of a tie.

### Administration

City Administration includes the City Manager, City Recorder, Directors, and other staff members. It is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the city. While Administration may be involved in the policy-making process, the ultimate decision is made by Council. Administration is responsible for implementing policies adopted by Council.

### City Manager

The City Manager supervises the day-to-day operations of the city and serves at the pleasure of the Council. They carry out the policy enacted by City Council.

### City Employees

City employees perform the day-to-day tasks to maintain operations. Most employees are responsible to their immediate supervisor and cannot take orders from an individual councilor.

### Creating Positive Change

Cities succeed when everyone works together for positive change. Those who run for office or choose employment as a public servant desire to make a difference in their community. Citizens have the ability to enact change by running for public office, electing city officials, and participating in public meetings. It can be discouraging when change appears to happen slowly. There are local and state laws which regulate how policy change occurs and these laws must be followed by local governments. Some change can only occur at a larger level. City Officials act as a liaison at the County, State and National level.

Find information on public office and meetings at [willaminaoregon.gov](http://willaminaoregon.gov). Or call 503-876-2242.



## CITY OF WILLAMINA

411 NE C STREET • WILLAMINA  
(503) 876-2242  
HOURS: 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. • MONDAY-FRIDAY

### Last weeks crossword solution

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Last Minute

# Book Lover's

# SALE



**50%** off  
your purchase of  
used books, audio  
books and DVDs.

(Trade/Credit may NOT be used with this special.)

**Thurs., Dec. 21 - Sat., Dec. 23**

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

## Main Street Books Revisited

142 E Main, Sheridan • 971-901-1341

Thank you for supporting THIS small business.



# Christmas Services in the West Valley

## *Sheridan United Methodist*

234 North Bridge Street  
Sheridan, OR 97378  
503-843-2776

<http://sheridanoregonumc.org>  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
Christmas Eve Service 3 p.m.  
Free Christmas Dinner 1 p.m.

## *Sheridan Church of the Nazarene*

917 S Bridge Street  
Sheridan, OR 97378

Sunday, December 24  
Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Candle Light 4 p.m.  
Cookies and cocoa following

## *Good Shepherd Catholic Church*

127 NE Hill Street  
Sheridan, OR 97378  
Regular Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Christmas Day (12/25) 10:00 a.m.

## *St. Michael's Catholic Church*

48520 Hebo Road  
Grand Ronde, Or  
Regular Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.  
Christmas Eve Mass (12/24) 8:00 p.m.  
New Years Day (1/1) 10:00 a.m.

## *Willamina Free Methodist Church*

253 NE D Street  
Willamina, OR 97396  
206-641-5345

Special Kids Christmas Presentation  
Sunday, December 17 at 10 a.m.  
Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service  
Saturday, December 23, at 6 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Service  
Sunday, December 24 at 10 a.m.

## *Trinity Lutheran Church*

311 SE Schley St.  
Sheridan, OR 97378  
503-843-4747 • <https://www.sheridantlc.org>  
Regular Service: Sunday School 9:10 a.m.  
(no Sunday School 12/24 or 12/31)  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday, December 24:  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 p.m.

## *New Hope Church*

919 SW 2nd St  
Sheridan, OR 97378  
Regular Service Time: Sunday 10 a.m.

## *Emmanuel Lutheran Church*

315 S Main St  
Willamina, OR 97396  
503-876-6844 to access zoom service  
Sunday, December 24  
Advent Service 10:30 a.m.  
Free Holiday Lunch at Noon  
Carol Sing 12:30 p.m.  
Candlelight Service 1 p.m.



*Listings of the Christmas Services in  
the West Valley is compliments of  
Churches United for West Valley.*

# DECK THE HOUSE 2023





# CONTESTANTS





**MERRY CHRISTMAS WISHES  
FROM THE  
SHERIDAN FIRE DISTRICT**

The Sheridan Fire District would like to thank the community for supporting us this past year.  
Your kindness makes our jobs easier and more fulfilling.



*I'd like to thank the community for their support this year.  
I want to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season.*

**Angel Bookkeeping**

Karen Case, Tax Consultant & Enrolled Agent  
421 Main Street, Willamina  
971-237-1230

**Wishing You a Fun Filled Christmas & Happy New Year**



We are grateful for your support throughout the year.  
Many Thanks.

**Willamina School District**



*Wishing You a Warm and Cheerful Merry Christmas!*

Many thanks for your support of our students and staff.

**Sheridan School District**

**A Very Merry Christmas to You!**

Our heartfelt thanks for your input and involvement over the past year.

**City of Willamina**

Mayor, City Council & Staff



We recommend a daily dose of **GOOD CHEER**  
(to be taken with milk and cookies)

**Western Yamhill Medical Center**  
James P. Molloy III, MD, FAAFP  
(503) 843-4071- 149 NW FIRST STREET - WILLAMINA

*It's people like you who make this season so magical.  
Have a wonderful Christmas!*

**Greencrest Memorial Park**

# SEASON'S GREETINGS

May peace,  
joy, and love  
find their way  
under your  
Christmas tree.

## SKYBERG'S

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# Happy Holidays from us to you!



~West Valley Mercantile~

## Best wishes for the Holidays

We wish you health & happiness throughout the coming year.

Thank you for your support over this past year.

We look forward to serving your pharmacy, gift, and variety store needs in 2024.

# Sheridan Pharmacy



The Sheridan Chamber of Commerce would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season.

Special thanks for shopping with local businesses who support our communities all year long.



## Happy Holidays from your friends at Hofenbredl Realty

We want to thank everyone who listed and purchased homes with us in 2023.

We are grateful for the opportunity to work with you.

Thinking of selling or buying?  
Stop by the office and say hi!  
We look forward to serving our community in 2024.

**Barbara Hofenbredl  
Broker/Owner  
Hofenbredl Realty LLC**

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Willamina, OR 97396  
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Cell: 503-910-9261

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## Merry Christmas!

Our sincere thanks for your continued business. We appreciate having you as a valued customer and look forward to serving you again. Happy Holidays!

### Jon's Complete Automotive Repair

1235 W Main Street • Sheridan  
503-843-4712



## Peace • Love • Laughter • Joy



Best holiday wishes from your friends at the

### Delphian School

20950 SW Rock Creek Road • Sheridan • 503-843-3521



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### The Willamina Coastal Hills Chamber of Commerce

sends warm wishes to your and your family for the best Christmas ever.

**We add our thanks for supporting Willamina's local businesses.**

# When the magic of Christmas fills the air, we hope you find it everywhere.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

# West Valley Funeral Home

108 NW Lincoln St. Sheridan 503-843-2525



# After Twenty Years of Ho Ho Ho's, Williams' Say it's Time To Go, Go, Go

Sitting up in the hills of Willamina, this last Saturday, the Tina Miller Teen Center hosted the 26th Willamina Tree of Giving coordinated by Christi and Rick Williams. As Rick, all decked out in his Santa costume, invited kids to take pictures with him and dig through a bag filled with toys, Christi rolled around with help from friends and family to ensure everything ran smoothly. Looking around the large basketball court inside the teen center, a conga line of bags filled to the drawstrings with toys awaited distribution to families or next up on the chopping block to be plundered by a small army of tiny hands there to see Santa.

Christi was a Girl Scout leader 26 years ago and had worked closely with the school's parent organization. When the parent organization decided it was time for them to hand off the reigns to the Tree of Giving, Christi, who has always been one of those "I'll do it" type of people, found herself donning the coordinator crown, which has generally looked a lot like a reindeer themed headband.

"I really didn't know how involved it all was until I finally took it over," said Christi. Luckily, she had assistance from the old coordinator to show her the ropes and help her get her feet pointed in the right direction. "My husband, of course, always got roped into..." she started saying as her husband Rick heartily laughed, and she continued going through an ex-

tensive list of things he'd helped her with in the past.

When they first took over, they were wrapping everything that came through the door. Trading reindeer power for horsepower, three Santas covered Willamina, while two more flew out to the Grand Ronde area to deliver toys from the tree to every single family. Through the years, as their Santas needed less beard dye to make them fit the role and time became more of the gift they needed to complete the Tree of Giving, they started streamlining the process. They began wrapping gifts on request only and providing wrapping paper for those who wanted to cover it themselves. The past few years, that became a bit much for the couple, so two years ago, they decided to bag the toys and provide wrapping paper to those who wanted to wrap the gifts and hold the event at a central location to have the families come to them. We've always enjoyed seeing the smiles on the faces of the kids through the years. "It's almost funner now to have the Santa party, to get to see the kids," Christi says as she explains how this way opens the event up for all, not just those on the Tree of Giving, another possibility to see Santa or get your first ever picture with him.

All good things, though, end, so after 26 years of running the show, the Williams' are looking to pass the torch to a much younger couple.



Christi and Rick Williams throw one last Santa party for Willamina's Tree of Giving.

When asked for an example of the type of person it would take to coordinate the Tree of Giving, she listed a short but necessary list of qualifications and requirements. First off, they've got to have help, and they've got to have room. Our house has been an organized mess each year. We had to put up our dining table, find alternative sleeping solutions due to the bed being

under a hill of boxes and bags, and wait until after to put up our Christmas tree. Of course, there is the love and care to do stuff for the community mindset. Christi says that though she is stepping away from coordinating the event, she will be available to work with, guide, and share her experience with the person or couple that take over the Tree of Giving.



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## Horoscopes Dec. 20-26

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

People may not be available this week to get together, and that is perfectly fine by you, Aries. Solitude is just what you can use right now after a busy stretch.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, expect a delay or two this week as those who you are expecting simply keep you waiting and it's very frustrating. This will be a lesson in patience for now.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, you may envision a plan in your mind, but now it is up to you to move it from your thoughts and into the reality of coming to fruition. It will take a little time.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, give yourself some time to have fun and play around. The inner child in you needs the opportunity to explore and try new things. You'll have plenty of chances.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

This week may bring many different feelings to the surface, Leo. You may not be ready to explore all of your deep emotions just yet, but you can start by being honest with others.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, empathy may inundate you this week, as you are in tune with the feelings of many different people. Others will appreciate your thoughtfulness in the days to come.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

You have many chores on your list but things keep pulling you in different directions, Libra. If you can't focus on something difficult, try a creative pursuit.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you may find if you look ahead that there are really no pressing matters on your calendar. This gives you the perfect opportunity to have an outing and enjoy yourself.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Past memories could put you in a funk, Sagittarius. Rather than dwell on what may have happened, think about the future in your control.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Focus your energy on ideas this week, Capricorn. You might not be changing the world, but each innovation you think up will have a positive impact.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, do not let moments of self-doubt derail you. Now more than ever, you need to believe in yourself. Think of this as a test that you can ace.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, if you do not like what you are or where you are going right now, you have an opportunity to make any changes you want. This may be the ultimate resolution.



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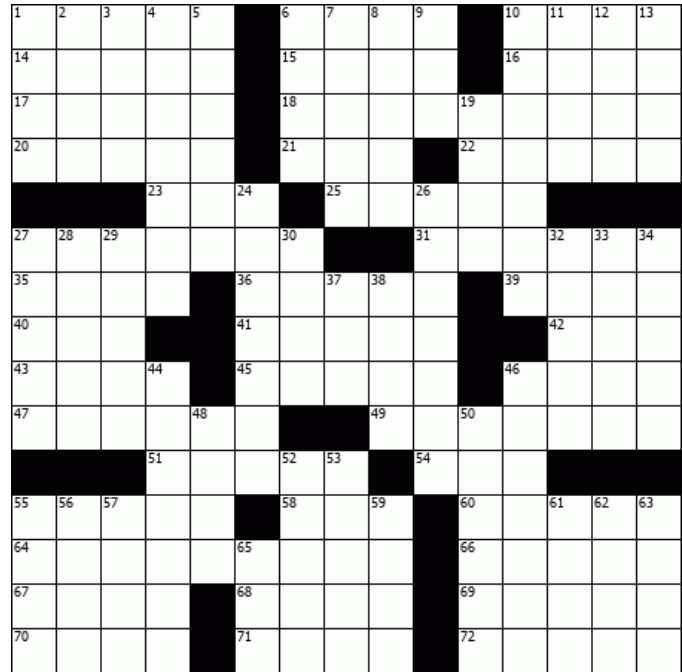
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### Across

1. Not dull
6. Window glass
10. Hawaiian island
14. Peeler
15. Perjurer
16. Epochs
17. Stand up
18. Escapade
20. Thrones
21. Favorable vote
22. Stockpile
23. Poet's above
25. Skiing hill
27. Appetizer
31. Tidier
35. Yarn
36. Distributed cards
39. Volcanic rock
40. Boxer Muhammad \_\_\_\_
41. Excessive excitement
42. Mr. Franklin
43. Mongolian desert
45. Senior
46. Ditty
47. Mystery
49. \_\_\_\_ of (throw out)
51. Jotted down
54. Out \_\_\_\_ limb (2 wds.)
55. Extinct birds
58. Baseball stat
60. Scallion
64. Musical preludes
66. Blue \_\_\_\_ Mountains
67. Domesticated
68. Venture
69. Narrates
70. Coasted
71. Famous loch
72. Ice pellets



### Down

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Health clubs</li> <li>2. Rabbitlike animal</li> <li>3. Opera highlight</li> <li>4. Renovate</li> <li>5. Adjusted beforehand</li> <li>6. Stage drama</li> <li>7. Assistants</li> <li>8. Marine</li> <li>9. Byron's "before"</li> <li>10. Hot cereal</li> <li>11. Water (Sp.)</li> <li>12. Towel pronoun</li> <li>13. Consumes</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19. Neck region</li> <li>24. Beef, e.g. (2 wds.)</li> <li>26. A Great Lake</li> <li>27. Theater platform</li> <li>28. Vulture's claw</li> <li>29. Excuse</li> <li>30. Actual</li> <li>32. Prohibition</li> <li>33. Levels</li> <li>34. Scope</li> <li>37. Common conjunction</li> <li>38. Told untruths</li> <li>44. Disregarded</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>46. Kind of dog</li> <li>48. Greatest quantity</li> <li>50. Nasal sounds</li> <li>52. Supernatural</li> <li>53. Garb</li> <li>55. Specks</li> <li>56. Face shape</li> <li>57. ____ Moore of "Indecent Proposal"</li> <li>59. Queries</li> <li>61. Motionless</li> <li>62. Eye suggestively</li> <li>63. Bird's abode</li> <li>65. Coffee vessel</li> </ol> |
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# Measure 110 Unveils New Phone Access Line Providing More

People seeking Measure 110 services and supports can now access a newly invigorated helpline to connect individuals more efficiently with treatment, housing, and overdose prevention providers within the statewide behavioral health resource networks (BHRNs). Oregon Health Authority (OHA) announced that Health Resources in Action (HRiA), a non-profit organization based in Boston, was selected as the new contractor for the helpline, replacing Lines for Life. The firm has extensive experience working with federal and state government agencies such as the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the federal Department of Health

and Human Services. HRiA operates helplines in three other states: Massachusetts, Illinois, and Vermont. The 18-month contract totals more than \$2.8 million. The firm is planning to undertake extensive statewide outreach and add new functionalities to the hotline such as texting. This helpline will continue to be a statewide public resource for substance use screening and service referrals as well as a resource for those seeking to waive Class E citations. Under its proposal, HRiA will operate the phone and text helpline, develop a comprehensive website to support the helpline, offer follow-up calls to support service access, and

promote the hotline. The new helpline number is 1-833-975-0505. The previous helpline phone numbers, 503-575-3769 and 541-575-3769, will continue to operate and will feed into the new 833 number. Since 2021, 577 people called the helpline. Nearly half of them had citations. "We're excited to partner with HRiA to refresh the Measure 110 helpline," said OHA Behavioral Health Director Ebony Clarke. "We know the helpline has been vastly underutilized and we're optimistic that HRiA's trauma-informed and compassionate approach to supporting individuals in need of help will make it easier for Oregonians to access Measure 110's life-saving services and supports." Measure 110 network providers reported continued increases in the number of clients served statewide in all seven network service areas, according to the latest quarterly program reports filed with OHA. Overdose prevention and peer support services accounted for the largest client gains in the

quarterly reporting and over all three quarters. Substance use treatment providers reported 41 percent more clients in quarterly gains and 104 percent over the first three quarters in operation. Background: In November 2020, Oregon voters passed Measure 110, the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act of 2020, which became effective Dec. 4, 2020, to better serve people actively using substances or diagnosed with a substance use disorder. In July 2021, the legislature passed SB 755, which amended the act and made it more feasible to implement. People who provide drug treatment and recovery services and advocates for criminal justice reform wrote Measure 110 in response to the high rate of drug addiction and overdoses in Oregon, and the disproportionate impact of those outcomes on Oregon's communities of color. Their goal was to establish a more equitable health-based and effective approach to substance use disorder.

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**NEW LISTING!**



Beautiful three bed, 2.5 bath home in a great neighborhood. SS appliances in kitchen, wood flooring throughout, granite countertops, pine cabinets, with soft close doors and pull outs, living room with gas fireplace, office/library with lots of shelves, both family room and living room have carpet, a few skylights to let the natural light in, big walk-in closet in MB. Home has forced gas furnace heat and AC last serviced Sept. 7th. Two car garage with garage openers, large back yard with deck and patio. Gresham \$625,000

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The Grand Sheramina food bank distributed Christmas boxes to 224 families on Saturday December 16. Sheridan Cheer, Sheridan FFA, and Delphian senior students all volunteered. Yamhill County Commissioners Mary Starrett and Lindsay Berschauer, along with Captain Sam Elliott of the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office worked with the food banks steady volunteers during the distribution. Pictured above Mary Starrett, Lindsay Berschauer, and Sam Elliott. Pictured right volunteer Diana Schmauder and Santa.

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# Yamhill County Sheriff's Office Issue Statement on Deputy Charged

## News Release from Yamhill Co. Sheriff's Office

On the morning of September 1, 2023, Yamhill County Sheriff's Office Command staff received a complaint from a community member expressing concern over online content they believed to depict an employee of the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, as well as insignia and uniforms of the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, and areas within county buildings not accessible to the public.

Using information provided by the reporting party, YCSO Command staff were able to confirm there were, in fact, publicly accessible images and content available online which could constitute both violations of internal policies of Yamhill County Sheriff's Office and general policies of Yamhill County. Taking the initial information obtained, a consultation was made with the Yamhill County District Attorney's Office. Based on a review of the limited information that was known that day, we determined the alleged conduct may also be a violation of Oregon Re-

vised Statute(s) and a criminal investigation was necessary.

On the afternoon of September 1, 2023, the same employee depicted in the content was placed on leave, pending an investigation. A request was made to an outside law enforcement agency, Washington County Sheriff's Office, to conduct the criminal investigation.

Due to the criminal investigation taking precedent, and the need to preserve any information obtained for purposes of any subsequent criminal prosecution, no internal affairs or human resources related investigation was initiated until the completion of the criminal investigation. The criminal investigation was completed in a relatively quick timeframe, given that search warrants had to be obtained and served to large digital content platforms headquartered outside Oregon.

Once the criminal investigation was completed, it was forward-

ed to the Yamhill County District Attorney on or about December 7, 2023. Yamhill County District Attorney's Office requested an outside review, given the fact that Yamhill County deputies work closely with the Yamhill County District Attorney's Office. The investigation was reviewed by the Benton County District Attorney's Office, and after review, charges were filed in Yamhill County Circuit Court on December 14, 2023.

Now that the criminal investigation is complete, the internal affairs investigation to determine

if any Sheriff's Office or County policies were violated will be completed expeditiously. While the filing of criminal charges is a very serious consideration for a law enforcement agency, we must be thorough and accurate in our response, follow the appropriate due process steps, and follow the applicable steps as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement.

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# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



- 337** - Earliest possible date that Christmas was celebrated on Dec 25th.
- 352** - First definite date Christmas was celebrated on Dec 25th.
- 1741** - Astronomer Anders Celsius introduces Centigrade temperature scale.
- 1776** - American Revolutionary War: George Washington crosses Delaware River into New Jersey, surprises and defeats 1,400 Hessians.
- 1783** - US General George Washington resigns his military commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Army to Congress.
- 1790** - 1st successful US cotton mill begins spinning yarn in Pawtucket, Rhode Island built by Samuel Slater based on Richard Arkwright's design.
- 1803** - French flag lowered in New Orleans to mark the formal transfer of the Louisiana Purchase from France to USA, purchased for \$15M.
- 1812** - "Grimm's Fairy Tales" or "Children's and Household Tales" by Jacob Grimm and Wilhelm Grimm is first published.
- 1818** - Christmas carol "Silent Night" composed by Franz Xaver Gruber is first sung at St Nicholas parish church in Oberndorf, Austria.
- 1831** - Louisiana & Arkansas are first states to observe Christmas as holiday.
- 1850** - Hawaiian post office established.
- 1877** - Thomas Edison files for a patent for the cylinder phonograph.
- 1879** - Thomas Edison privately demonstrated incandescent light at Menlo Park.
- 1882** - First string of Christmas tree lights created by Thomas Edison.
- 1891** - First game of basketball, based on rules created by James Naismith, played by 18 students in Springfield, Massachusetts.
- 1893** - Henry Ford completes his first useful petrol / gasoline fueled engine.
- 1909** - First junior high school established (Berkeley California).
- 1913** - First crossword puzzle (with 32 clues) printed in NY World.
- 1915** - 10.17" (25.83 cm) of rainfall, Glenora, Oregon (state record).
- 1933** - Fox Films signs Shirley Temple aged 5, to a studio contract.
- 1937** - "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", the first full-length animated feature film and the earliest in the Walt Disney Animated Classics series, premieres at the Carthay Circle Theatre, Los Angeles.
- 1957** - Elvis Presley receives his draft notice to join the US Army for national service.
- 1962** - 1,000,000th NBA point scored.
- 1963** - Walt Disney's "The Sword in the Stone" is released.
- 1969** - Vince Lombardi (Washington Redskins) coaches his last football game, a 20-10 loss to the Cowboys in Dallas, for a 7-5-2 season and 105-35-6 career.
- 1970** - Oregon v. Mitchell Supreme Court case was decided, lowering the minimum voting age in U.S. federal elections to 18. The voting age for state and local elections was left to states discretion.
- 1978** - Police in Des Plaines, Illinois, arrest John Wayne Gacy for murder.
- 1990** - The world's first website and server go live at CERN.
- 2012** - "Gangnam Style" by Psy becomes the first video to reach one billion views on YouTube.
- 2019** - United States Space Force founded, an armed forces branch dedicated to space warfare.

## Seven Ways to Organize and Store Decorations After the Holiday Season

Decorating a home for holidays is quite popular. A survey from the National Retail Federation found that 53 percent of respondents said they were planning to decorate their home or yard for Halloween in 2023. Lombardo Homes polled 1,000 Americans in 2021 and 94 percent said they celebrate Christmas in at least some way, and 84 percent said they decorate. According to Time2Play, which surveyed 1,000 Canadians about their holiday decorating habits, Manitoba puts up Christmas decor earlier than any other province, with these residents taking out decorations 4.3 weeks ahead of Christmas Day on average.

With so many avid holiday decorators, individuals will need to find ways to organize and store their seasonal items. Holiday decor comes in many different sizes - from the smallest tree ornaments to illuminated statues for the yard or inflatable items. Figuring out a storage plan can take a little effort. These seven tips can help.

1. Purchase clear, similarly sized storage bins and shelving racks, hanging them where you plan to keep the decorations. Most people prefer an out-of-the-way spot, such as in the garage, attic or basement. Label each bin by holiday and put the bins in chronological order to make finding items more convenient. Uniform bin sizes make it easier to stack and store.
2. Store smaller items inside larger decor items. Decorative baskets or wrapped boxes brought out for Christmas or Chanukah are ideal places to

keep smaller tchotchkes like ceramics, dreidels, candlestick holders, or mantel hooks. Delicate items can be tucked into Christmas stockings or wrapped and stored in a fluffy tree skirt. Egg cartons can be used to keep small items safe as well.

3. Label everything so you will not need to dig through boxes or bins to know what is inside. This might be a good year to ask for a label maker for the holidays!

4. Use overhead or wall storage for holiday decor. Overhead spaces in the garage or basement walls can be good spaces to keep holiday decorations. Always keep bins and boxes off the floor so they are not vulnerable to damage related to leaks or floods.

5. Garment bags can protect larger decorations, such as wreaths, artificial trees or signs. If you have a large number of mechanical, illuminated or inflatable lawn ornaments, consider investing in a small shed where these items can be safely kept. Wrap the extension cords and any bracing stakes or strings used with the decorations so it's easy to find.

6. Utilize pieces of cardboard as well as toilet paper or paper towel tubes to keep lights and wires tidy. Tuck cords into the toilet paper tubes, and wrap lights around the cardboard to avoid tangles.

7. Each year, take inventory of your decoration collection and toss out anything that is damaged or has seen better days. Storing holiday decorations will take some time, but once you establish a system, things will be simple year after year.

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# Step Back in Time with a Classic Christmas Goose

The holiday season is a sentimental time of year. Nostalgia for past holiday seasons and excitement about what's to come make this a particularly special time of year for millions of people across the globe.

It's not uncommon for Christmas celebrants to include a little history in their decorations and celebrations each year. Some families may read Charles Dickens' early Victorian novella *A Christmas Carol* together before watching one of the many film adaptations of the beloved story. Many popular Christmas carols also date back to the nineteenth century if not earlier, adding another degree of nostalgia to the season. Even food can add a touch of the sentimental to Christmas celebrations. This year, holiday hosts can create some nostalgia around the Christmas dinner table by serving this recipe for "Roasted Christmas Goose" courtesy of the Food Network and Mark Slawson of the The Wort Hotel in Jackson, Wyoming.

## Roasted Christmas Goose

Yields 6 to 8 servings  
 1 14- to 16-pound goose  
 1/4 cup sea salt  
 1 lemon, halved  
 1 apple, cut into chunks  
 1 potato, cut into chunks  
 1 orange, sliced  
 1 cup chopped celery  
 Basting Syrup (recipe follows)  
 Stuffing (recipe follows)  
 Cumberland Sauce (recipe follows)

### Basting Syrup

1/3 cup corn syrup  
 1/3 cup cane syrup  
 1/3 cup melted butter  
 1/4 cup light brown sugar  
 2 tablespoons brandy

### Stuffing

3 cups whole chestnuts, roasted and peeled  
 1 14-ounce bag stuffing mix  
 1 cup raisins



1/2 cup chopped celery  
 1/4 cup diced apple  
 1/4 cup diced onion  
 3/4 teaspoon salt  
 1/8 teaspoon pepper  
 3 cups chicken stock  
 3/4 cup melted butter  
 1/4 cup heavy cream

### Cumberland Sauce:

1 1/2 cups beef stock  
 3/4 cup port wine  
 3/4 cup red wine vinegar  
 3 shallots, peeled and chopped  
 1 tablespoon crushed black peppercorns  
 3 oranges, juiced

1. Place goose in a large pot. Add water to cover and stir in the sea salt. Refrigerate overnight.

2. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F.

3. Remove goose from water and drain well. Remove all innards and trim excess fat from the tail. Rub inside cavity with lemon juice. Place apple, pota-

to, orange and celery inside the body cavity. Truss the bird like a turkey.

4. Place the goose in the preheated 450 degree F oven. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F. Cook 20 to 25 minutes per pound. Baste the goose every half hour with the Basting Syrup.

5. Carve goose and serve with Stuffing and Cumberland sauce.

### Basting Syrup:

6. Mix all ingredients together in a small bowl.

### Stuffing:

7. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

8. Coarsely chop the chestnuts and put in a large bowl. Add the stuffing mix, raisins, celery, apple, onion and salt and pepper. Toss to combine. Pour in the chicken stock, butter and cream and mix until evenly moistened.

9. Transfer to a baking dish and bake until the top is browned and crisp, about 1 hour.

### Cumberland Sauce:

10. In a saucepan, combine the stock, port, vinegar, shallots, peppercorns and orange juice. Bring to a boil, cook until reduced by 2/3, about 25 minutes. Strain and refrigerate. Serve cold over roast goose.

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# Holiday Baking is Even Sweeter With Brownies

What would the holidays be without delicious foods to share with loved ones? In fact, crafting elaborate meals and baking goodies is par for the course once the weather begins to cool and decorations turn up on businesses and homes.

Many people have tried-and-true recipes they rely on each year, but there's always the possibility to give new tasty tidbits a try. There are so many tantalizing desserts to tickle the tongue, but this recipe for "Rocky Recchiuti Brownies" from "Chocolate Obsession" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang) by Michael Recchiuti and Fran Gage yields rich and chewy brownies that no holiday celebrant will be able to resist.

## Rocky Recchiuti Brownies

Makes 16 brownies

*5 1/2 ounces 100 percent unsweetened chocolate, coarsely chopped, divided*

*10 tablespoons (5 ounces) unsalted butter with 82 percent butterfat, cut into 1-inch slices.*

*2/3 cup (31/2 ounces) unbleached all-purpose flour*

*1/2 teaspoon kosher salt*

*3 extra-large eggs, at room temperature*

*1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract, preferably Madagascar Bourbon*

*1 1/3 cups granulated cane sugar*

*1/3 cup walnut halves, roasted and roughly chopped*

*6 Tahitian Vanilla Bean Marshmallows, each 1 1/2 inches square, cut into quarters (see recipe below)*

Preheat the oven to 325 F. Line the bottom of an 8-inch square baking pan with parchment paper and liberally coat the paper and the pan sides with flavorless vegetable oil.

Put 3 ounces of the chocolate and the butter in a medium stainless-steel bowl and set over a pot of simmering water. Heat, stirring occasionally, until the chocolate and butter melt and are fully combined and the mixture is smooth. Lift the bowl from the pot. Set aside.

Sift the flour and salt together into a bowl. In another bowl, combine the eggs and vanilla extract and whisk together by hand



until blended. Whisk in the sugar. Whisk the egg mixture into the chocolate. Add the flour and the remaining 2 1/2 ounces chocolate to the batter and, using a rubber spatula, mix well. Then mix in the walnuts.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Spread it evenly with a small offset spatula. Scatter the marshmallow pieces evenly over the surface and push them halfway into the batter. The tops should remain uncovered.

Bake on the middle shelf of the oven until the marshmallows are browned and a skewer inserted into the center of the brownie sheet comes out with some batter clinging to it, about 45 minutes. Let cool completely in the pan on a wire rack, then cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until cold.

Run a table knife around the edge of the pan to loosen the sides of the brownie, still on the paper, onto a work surface. Using a ruler to guide you and a sharp knife, cut into sixteen 2-inch squares. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

**Tahitian Vanilla Bean Marshmallows**  
About 40 marshmallows  
Flavorless vegetable oil for the pan

*3 3/4 teaspoons unflavored gelatin*

*3 tablespoons water*

*2 cups granulated cane sugar, divided into halves*

*1 1/2 cups light corn syrup*

*4 extra-large egg whites, at room temperature*

*1 Tahitian vanilla bean, split horizontally*

*About 3 cups powdered cane sugar for finishing*

Line the bottom of an 8-by-12-inch sheet pan with parchment paper and lightly coat the paper and the pan sides with flavorless vegetable oil. Put the gelatin in a small bowl. Add the water and stir. Set aside to soften.

Combine 1 cup of the sugar with the corn syrup in a large, heavy-bottomed pot. Use an unlined copper pot if you have one. Place over medium heat and cook, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon, until the sugar melts. Then continue to cook, without stirring, until the mixture reaches 230 F on a candy thermometer. If any crystals form on the sides of the pan and the mixture heats, wash them down with a wet pastry brush.

Meanwhile, put the egg whites in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whip attachment. Scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean into the bowl.

When the sugar syrup reaches 240 F, start to beat the egg whites on medium speed. When the whites form very soft peaks, add the remaining 1 cup sugar and continue beating.

When the sugar syrup reaches 250 F, remove it from the heat and stir in the softened gelatin. The syrup will foam up and triple in volume. Switch the mixer to high speed and slowly pour the syrup into the beaten egg whites, aiming for the side of the bowl. The whites will almost double in volume. Reduce the speed to medium-high and beat until the whites (not the outside of the bowl) are lukewarm to the touch, about 114 F, about 15 minutes.

Scrape the marshmallow mixture into the prepared pan and, using a small offset spatula, spread it evenly to the sides. Let cool completely at room temperature.

To cut the marshmallows, sift about 1/2 cup of the powdered sugar onto a work surface in a rectangle the size of a sheet pan. Sift another 2 cups powdered sugar into a large bowl. Run a thin-bladed knife around the edge of the pan to loosen the marshmallow. Invert the pan onto the sugared surface to unmold, then lift off the pan and peel off the parchment paper. Sift about 1/2 cup powdered sugar evenly over the top. Using a ruler to guide you and a lightly oiled sharp knife, cut the marshmallow sheet into 1 1/2-inch squares. It is easier if you use a pressing motion, rather than pull the knife. After cutting, toss the marshmallows, a few at a time, in the bowl of powdered sugar, coating them lightly.

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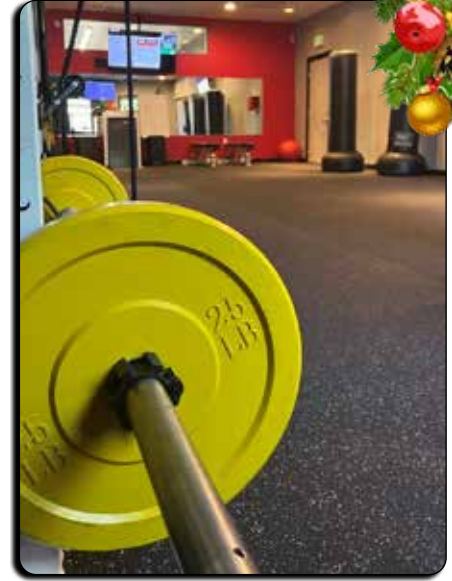
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