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Tribal Grant Gives a Non-Profit the Opportunity to Hit the Road

Based in Dallas, Bambinos is a non-profit ministry that provides Polk County families with young children or expectant mothers who are at least 34 weeks along, with items and support that can help relieve the stress that caring and providing for a young child can have on a family's budget. Part of their mission is to remove the anxiety of seeking assistance by stepping away from an industrial mindset of getting the product to the person and then moving on to the next. When someone steps into their office, they are welcomed with a sitting room reminiscent of a living room with a couple of couches, a recliner, coffee and end tables, and home decor. The children have a custom play area designed, built, and donated by a local construction company to romp around as the adults chat. The sitting room serves as a welcoming area where staff can casually conduct client intake, which is minimal due to their no proof of income policy. Still, the room often holds other events such as support groups, Bible studies, and small gatherings that families might need. Recently, Bambinos received a \$7,500 grant from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's Spirit Mountain Community

Fund. Glenda Dunaway, executive director of Bambino's, is utilizing the grant to take the mindset of their office on the road. This grant will allow Bambinos to purchase a bus that the organization will outfit, as much as possible, with the same feeling as their home office, providing a couch, hot drinks or water, and a friendly atmosphere as the organization works on meeting the needs of that family. Glenda understands that there is a barrier for some to reach their office in Dallas. "Even though we say we're open to you, are we really open to you if you can't get to us?" she asked.

"Once the bus is up and operational," Glenda stated, "God willing, by March of 2025," she wants to set a schedule, preferably when a local food bank is open, so that families can one-stop shop for their food and child's necessities, knowing that families with small children seeking assistance from a food bank are likely to need supplies from Bambinos as well. This bus will also open up their organization to reach beyond the boundaries of Polk County. "I've got locations in Yamhill, Marion, and Linn-Benton (counties) that will allow us to park our bus there," said Glenda.

Bambinos provide more than just diapers, wipes, and formula. They offer new clothing for children, standard over-the-counter medication, and refurbished and thoroughly cleaned baby items such as cribs, changing tables, and baby loungers. They also have new car seats available for a \$30 co-pay if you live outside of Polk County and a \$15 co-pay if you reside within county lines. Their assistance continues beyond young children, as they also provide scholarships for K-8 students so that kids can get involved with school or community activities.

They also have a team of certified car seat technicians who will go over proper installation, how to move the seat from one

car to another properly, and how to adjust the seat as your child grows when you purchase a car seat. They even provide workshops in the extended area where you can drive up and have one of the car techs to ensure your child's seat is as safe as possible.

This support, of course, does come at a cost, and Bambinos can give only as much as it receives. Donations of money, baby items in relatively good shape, new car seats and baby clothes, office supplies, or even just taking the time to volunteer can make a difference. Visit www.bambinosoregon.org/ support to learn how to assist or call Glenda at 503-999-6679 to discuss other possibilities.



Bambinos Grant Writer Karen Shuster gives a stroller a thorough cleaning and safety inspection before it is ready for a new family.

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Public Notice

Storage Auction - Kennor Storage, 1231 W Main St., Sheridan, Or, 97378. Space #14A, Dyretha Shelbourn. Auction at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024 at the physical site of the unit.

Wanted

Classic Auto Parts - Looking for a horn and right door glass for a 1931 Model A Coupe and a rear bumper and manual top frame for a 1969 Firebird. Call 971-237-5775. (12/25)

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For Rent

Apartment - One bedroom single story in Garden Court. One of 12, includes water, sewer, garbage, and heat pump. Excellent non-smoker references required. \$800 per month. Text 971-237-7745. (c)

Lost/Found

Set of keys - Found during city wide cleanup. Stop by the West Valley Bulletin Board at 136 E. Main St. or call 503-687-3000 to claim. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. (f)

Employment

River Park Senior Living is now hiring caregivers, housekeepers, and a maintenance worker. Wage DOE. Come in to apply or email your resume to bailey.west@agingways.com. (c)

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Board Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR CITY OF SHERIDAN Parks and Recreation Committee Assistance (non-voting)

The Parks and Recreation Committee is looking for an enthusiastic individual ready to assist the committee with improvements on parks and other recreational programs. This is an advisory non-voting volunteer position, with a term limit of one year, but with no limit on reapplication. If you are interested, you just need a general knowledge and interest in the City's parks and other recreational programs. If you have questions, please contact the City Manager or Deputy City Recorder prior to submitting a Parks & Recreation Committee application by calling 503-843-2347. Position is open until filled. Applications may be returned by email to orodela@cityofsheridanor.com, faxed to 503-843-3661, or delivered to City Hall in person.

Board Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR CITY OF SHERIDAN Parks and Recreation Committee Assistance

The Parks and Recreation Committee and the City of Sheridan is recruiting for an individual with general knowledge and interest in the City's parks and other recreational programs. This is a three-year voting volunteer position that makes recommendations to the City Council on improvements and other matters to increase the enjoyment and recreation opportunities for the people of the city. If you have questions, please contact the City Manager or Deputy City Recorder prior to submitting a Parks & Recreation Committee application by calling 503-843-2347. Position is open until filled. Applications may be returned by email to orodela@cityofsheridanor.com, faxed to 503-843-3661, or delivered to City Hall in person.

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Obituaries



Douglas (Doug) Duane Eisele
Nov. 22, 1955 - Oct. 19, 2024

Douglas (Doug) Duane Eisele, born Nov. 22, 1955, passed away peacefully on Oct. 19, 2024, at OHSU Medical Center after a courageous battle with cancer. He fought with determination and resilience, surrounded by the love and support of his family. Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Shirley Eisele, his brother, Kenny Eisele, and brother-in-law Scot Breeden.

He is survived by a devoted family, including his brother Larry (Julie) Eisele; brother Mike (Joyce) Eisele; sister Janice (Bill) Stapleton; sister Beverly (Vaughn) Forbes; sister-in-law Debbie Eisele; sister Mary (Marty) Ransier and sister Judy Breeden. Doug also leaves behind three stepchildren and four grandchildren. His extended family of 16 nieces and nephews and 24 great-nieces and nephews was immensely important to him, and he shared a close bond with each of them. Doug was born in Dallas, Ore., and graduated from Sheridan High School in 1974. He spent several years living in the Colton and Molalla areas and returning during the work week to his roots in Sheridan. Doug grew up working on the E&E Orchards family farm in Sheridan, famous

for their delicious apples and cider.

Doug dedicated his career to driving log truck. In the 1980s he drove for both Rosenbalm and Grimm Logging and in the 1990s for companies around Molalla before joining Breeden Log Co. in Sheridan in 2002 where he worked until his retirement in March 2022. Doug had a lasting impact on everyone he worked with and was respected throughout his community.

Doug's second home was his brother Mike and Joyce's place in Buell, Ore., affectionately known as the "park ranger" of the family's cherished gathering spot. It was here he shared countless memories with loved ones during campouts, picnics, birthdays, weddings, and the annual Memorial Day park clean-up and Labor Day family reunion.

In May of this year, the family held a celebration of life for Doug at the Eisele family park. Doug had a passion for Corvettes and was proud to own both a 1969 and 2005 model. He arrived at his celebration in his beloved 2005 black Corvette, a perfect symbol of his love for life. The park was decorated in his favorite Dallas Cowboys theme, with rock 'n' roll music filling the air. The event was filled with laughter, memories, and a toast in his honor with his favorite Crown Royal. It was a joyful day that brought together family and friends from far and wide to honor Doug, a remarkable man who was truly happy in the presence of his loved ones.

Doug will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Known for his kindness, gentle spirit, and a wicked sense of humor, Doug had a knack for making people laugh with his quick wit and playful jokes. "His memory will remain in our hearts forever, as we carry forward the love and laughter he brought into our lives," his family said.



Patricia Jolene Hurley (ne'e) Tietjen
Nov. 19 1958 - Nov. 13 2024

Patricia Jolene Hurley (ne'e) Tietjen passed away peacefully on Nov. 13, 2024, at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House in Albany, just six days before her 66th birthday after one year of battling terminal stage four lung cancer.

She was born Nov. 19, 1958, in Bremerton, Wash., to Ervin Scott Tietjen (1936-1991), who was a police chief for Willamina, and Patricia Jeanne Davenport Frederick Hyde (1937-2018), who was a nurse at Salem Hospital.

Patricia was baptized as a Catholic. After graduating from high school in 1977, she met Steven Johnson and got married on April 9, 1980. Their first child was born, a daughter, Jalene Kristina Jalene, in Fort Gordon, Ga. Two years later, on Oct. 14, 1982, their second child was born, a son, Daniel Thomas, in Bremerton, Wash., on Aug. 27, 1991, Patricia gave birth to her third child, a son, Eric Ole Gilbertson, Jr., named after his father, at Saint Vincent's hospital in Portland.

In 1992, Patricia met David Allen Darrh, Sr., originally from upstate New York, and while they were living in Redmond, Ore., on Oct. 21, 1994, their son David Allen Darrh, Jr., known as D.J. for short, was born, and on Apr. 21, 1996, William Ervin Darrh, known as Tre, was also born in Redmond, Ore.

Patricia was married five times, including to Steven Johnson and Eric Ole Gilbertson, Sr.

In the summer of 2004, she and her children moved to Sheridan. In 2017, Patricia moved to Polk County, Ore., first living in Independence, and nearby Monmouth, before settling in Dallas.

At that time, she was engaged to Scott Morford until his untimely death in 2020. In Dallas, her friend, Chris Diecks, helped to take care of her.

Patricia's hobbies included sewing, crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, cross-stitch, quilting, quilling (which is a paper craft), stenciling, scrapbooking, gardening, nursing, card making, playing cards, going to the beach, aquarium, museums, lighthouses, gym, swimming, listening to country music, singing, karaoke at the bar, watching tv shows and movies (mostly westerns), seeing her favorite football team, the Seattle Seahawks, win the game, and baking cakes for her, and her children's birthdays. Her favorite was angel food cake, and she also loved cherry cheesecake.

Her family and friends will always remember Patricia as loving, kind, wise, and always there to help those in need. At the same time, she was strong in her convictions and taught her five children to do the right things in life and to learn from her mistakes. She may not have been a perfect person, but she loved her five children until the end, her family said.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, grandmother Bernice, Great Aunt Dorothy Harris, Aunts Kathy and Mary Wright, Stepfather Benjamin Hair, and fiancé Scott Morford. Patricia is survived by her daughter Krissy and her husband Chad McClellan of Lynden, Wash., her sons, Danny, his wife Melissa Maguire, and their sons Oliver and Logan of Jacksonville, Fla., Eric Gilbertson of Princeton, Texas, D.J. Darrh, his girlfriend, Alexandria Tovar, and Tre Darrh of Sheridan, and cousins Kenneth Smart of Sheridan and Shawn Wright, his son Derek, his wife Cassie, and their children Isabel, Madison, and Phoenix.

There are no plans for a funeral service for Patricia, but those who knew her, are asked to raise a toast to remember her by.



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A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

Dear Sheridan Families,

The Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center is now moving into the demolition phase. This is an exciting time as we look forward to seeing progress at the Jefferson property. Here are some highlights of the project so far:

- The project has raised \$6.1 million in donations, grants, and state funding to date.
- There are four pathways: Manufacturing, Firefighting/EMT Training, Agribusiness, and Diesel Tech with Truck Driving.
- The demolition of the former CEC building saves \$1.5 million due to the floodplain requirement to have the structure three feet above ground level.
- The firetower, purchased by a state grant, will be shipped February 2025. The tower will be placed on the property, near the shared fence with Forest River.
- The District will apply for a \$1 million solar implementation grant. The solar panels will be placed on the south facing roof.
- We believe that Sheridan HS is the first high school in the state to have truck driving simulators.
- The District has not used the general operating funds to support the Roberts CTEC, other than the time of a few employees to keep the project moving forward.
- This is a regional Career Tech Center. Students from Willamina, Amity, Perrydale, Dayton, and Yamhill-Carlton will have the opportunity to attend the half-day career pathway program.
- Each career pathway has an industry advisory. The project uses the advisory to make decisions about the equipment to purchase and how to design instruction.
- Students will learn on current industry equipment. This is critical to having students ready to enter the industry after high school. If you would like more information about the project or would like to try one of the truck driving simulators, please contact me.

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

Donated Firewood Aims to Keep Folks Warm

Stella Jones and Dan Kessler have made a generous donation of firewood to the Grand Sheramina FoodBank. This act of kindness is aimed at ensuring that everyone in the community can stay warm throughout the chilly winter months.

In response to this generous donation, the Foodbank will begin distributing firewood to the community. The firewood will be available at no cost or by donation. For more details, contact the Grand Sheramina FoodBank directly at 503-843-3133. Those unable to physically load or unload the firewood, can find help from the Rural Sheridan Fire District who have graciously offered their assistance with the distribution of firewood. Their support ensures that everyone can access the resources they need.

For those who are able to purchase and pick up their wood, Dan Kessler is offering cords of wood at a discounted price. This option provides an affordable solution for those who can manage their own transportation and handling. For more information, Call Dan directly at 541-921-3979.

WHAT'S UP IN WILLAMINA

by mary jane

Oh, brrrrr. What great weather to start the holiday season. It's cold and wet. Brrrrrr. It's nice to have a fireplace to sit near and some hot cocoa in hand. Yes, that's the way to do it.

The holiday bazaars sponsored through town were also a great start. So many talented people showed their wares. If they weren't showing their wares, they knew where to find some lovely gift suggestions. That's something we can all use: suggestions for what to get the in-laws and neighbors (who care for your pets when you're traveling). The prices weren't out of reach, and everyone was pleasant. You can't beat that group at all.

There were also baked goods at a couple of the locations. They sure were tasty. There was a variety of everything. The decorations were great.

If you didn't get there this year, please be sure to make it next year. It's well worth putting it on your calendar.

Enjoying the coming of the holiday season "What's up in Willamina."

Sheridan Public Library

Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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CHILDREN'S STORY
TIME 10:30 A.M.

Friday, Nov. 22

PRE-TEEN DAY

Wednesday,
Nov. 20 @4-5 p.m.



ACTIVITIES

1,2,3 Learn with me Nov. 21 10 -11:30 am

SPECIAL EVENTS!

TEEN MOVIE DAY

November 23, 12 p.m.

Movie: New Moon (Pg-13) Popcorn while supplies last

HOME DELIVERY AVAILABLE

Saturdays 3:30-6 pm

Any in city patron can give us a call to set it up!

The Library is closed Sundays and Mondays
and will be closed on Thanksgiving

Check out our WiFi Hotspots!

Obituary



Judy Vinson

May 17, 1959 — Nov. 3, 2024

Judy Vinson, born on May 17, 1959, in Eureka, Calif., to Wallace and Jean (Durham) Evans, lived a life filled with love, care, and dedication to her family. Judy married James Vinson on Oct. 6, 1978, in Sheridan. Their marriage was a testament to their enduring love and partnership. Throughout her life, Judy was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, always putting her family first.

She found joy in sewing and needlework, creating beautiful pieces that were cherished by her loved ones. Her creativity and skill were evident in every project she undertook.

Judy is survived by her husband, James; their children, Tonya Julian and Toni Nelson; and her grandchildren, Max Ulery, Austin Ulery, Colt Nelson, Emma Nelson, and John Nelson. Her family was the center of her world, and she loved them deeply.

She will be missed by her siblings, Karen Sanderson, Wally Evans, and Susan Girnder, who shared countless memories and moments with her. Judy was preceded in death by her parents, her son Jade, and her brothers, Mike Evans and Jeff Evans.

Judy Vinson's life was a beautiful tapestry of love, family, and creativity. Her memory will be cherished by all who knew and loved her.

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Judy Vinson, please visit theflower store online. <https://www.weddle-funeral.com/obituaries/Judy-Vinson?obid=33622700>.



River Park to Host Community Bingo

River Park Senior Living invites everyone to join their Community Bingo Night on Tuesday, Nov. 26, from 6-7:30 p.m. at River Park, located at 1350 W. Main Street in Sheridan.

Participants will enjoy various Bingo games, including Four Corners, Outside Edge, One Line, and Blackout.

The hosts at River Park are planning an evening filled with prizes, refreshments, and fun.

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SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Some students inspire others in every classroom through their actions, words, and character. Today, we are thrilled to highlight McKenzie Titchener, a student whose kindness, positivity, and leadership make our classroom—and our school—a better place for everyone.

McKenzie's kindness shines through in everything she does. She treats everyone with respect and empathy, always ready to lend a helping hand to her teacher and classmates. Her generosity and willingness to support others are remarkable, and she makes everyone around her feel valued and included.

One of McKenzie's favorite sayings, "Violence isn't the key, kindness will open the door," reflects how she lives her life. She believes in the power of kindness to create a better, more compassionate world and demonstrates this belief through her everyday actions. By leading with kindness, she sets a powerful example for her peers.

McKenzie leads by example, not only with her words but also with her actions. She maintains a positive attitude, even when things get tough, and encourages others to stay hopeful and keep going. Her resilience and optimism are contagious; she reminds us of the importance of perseverance and a joyful approach to learning.

Her love of learning is evident in her enthusiastic participation in class. McKenzie's excitement about new challenges and her curiosity about the world around her inspires her classmates to approach their work with the same dedication and joy. She creates an atmosphere of support and collaboration, making the classroom a welcoming place for everyone.

McKenzie is more than just an outstanding student—she is a role model for kindness, leadership, and positivity. Her ability to balance hard work with a love for learning, her respect for others, and her ever-present smile make her an integral part of our classroom community.

We are incredibly fortunate to have McKenzie in our class. Her presence lifts us all; we are better for having her with us. Thank you, McKenzie, for being a beacon of kindness and positivity—you inspire us all!



We're thrilled to recognize Oriana Garibay for her outstanding qualities and contributions this month. Her exemplary character shines through in her interactions with others. She treats all of her teachers and peers with remarkable respect and displays a genuine appreciation for the contributions of those around her. Her humility, sensitivity, and caring nature create an atmosphere of warmth and inclusivity within our school community.

Known for her kindness, she's always ready to lend a helping hand and brighten everyone's day with her smile and acknowledgment of others in the hallway. Her friends and teachers appreciate her positive energy, and she's a true friend who can make any situation better.

Oriana is a top student and a talented musician who brings her passion for music to Falconer Chapman's music department. Beyond her academic achievements, Thank you, Oriana, for being such a wonderful part of our school community. You inspire us all!

These students are awarded a \$25 Amazon gift card from: The Way to Happiness, thank you for sponsoring these two outstanding students!



City of Sheridan

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Notification -- Utility Payments Your Account Number Has Changed

The City of Sheridan provides water, stormwater collection, and sewer utilities. We have a new software billing company. The conversion process is going on now and you will notice a difference. You will get a new utility bill at the end of November 2024, and it will include your new account number. With that, you can go online and register your new account number. This gives you access to all the new features. It is optional to register online.

Making Future Payments:

- Pay online
 - o Before November 25, 2024, you need to contact City Hall to get your new account number.
 - o You will then be able to go online to register online with your new account number.
 - o Online go to: cityofsheridanor.com, click the "payments" icon.
 - o If you register for paperless billing, before the November bill, you will not receive a bill in the mail. Otherwise, a paper bill will come in the US mail.
- Drop box at City Hall, for checks only
 - o Please include your full name, address, and phone number on the remittance slip or on the envelope.
- Pay by phone
 - o Call City Hall to get your new account number.
 - o Please call 1-833-675-9153 and follow the instructions.
 - o Be notified that City Hall staff can no longer take credit card payments over the phone.

- In-person
 - o No changes But we can get your new account number or you.

We hope that this process is smooth for our customers, and we are very grateful for your patience. Please contact us, if you need assistance; we are here to help. We hope that you enjoy the new features and access to your accounts. There will be no late fees or delinquent fees until January 2025.

Some of the new changes:

- 24/7 access to your account.
- See your daily water consumption, helping you to understand if there is a potential leak.
- A link to connect you to the monthly City Newsletter.
- For texts or phone calls directly from the City (including emergency notifications), please be sure your phone number is current with the City. Phone numbers must be updated by City Staff.



City of Sheridan



14th Annual YCHS Holiday Bazaar Handmade Showcase Set for Dec. 7-8

Join the Yamhill County Historical Society for the 14th Annual Handmade Holidays Bazaar, a vibrant community gathering hosted by the Yamhill County Historical Society. On Dec. 7 and 8, visitors will be treated to a showcase more than 60 talented local craftsmen and vendors offering a diverse array of unique, handcrafted products. This year's bazaar promises not only an opportunity for exceptional shopping but also tasty treats, live music, and an exciting silent auction.

"Our Handmade Holidays Bazaar is a wonderful way to highlight the creativity and skill of our local artists while bringing the community together," says Events and Education Manager Moira Cleary. "We're also proud to give back through our food drive for YCAP, ensuring that those in need can access vital resources during the holiday season."

Admission to the bazaar is free with a donation of a non-perishable food item, making it a perfect occasion for holiday shopping while supporting a worthy cause. Don't miss out on this chance to celebrate local talent, enjoy delicious food, and partake in a fun-filled weekend with family and friends.

The Yamhill County Historical Society began in 1957. Its mission is to protect, preserve, and share the history and heritage of Yamhill County. The Society houses the vast museum collection, research library, changing exhibits, store, and administrative offices. YCHS is open Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is free with donations gladly accepted. For more information, visit yamhillcountyhistory.org or contact YCHS media contact Julie Christie: office@yamhillcountyhistory.org or call 503-472-2842.



DILLON'S BAR AND GRILL

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Please join us for a meal of ham, cheesy scalloped potatoes, dinner rolls, green beans, and pumpkin pie!

📍 Sheridan United Methodist Church
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🕒 Friday, November 22nd
5:00pm to 7:00 pm

Everyone is welcome!



Willamina Christmas Parade Registration Open

The Willamina Christmas Parade will begin at 6 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 7. Staging for the Willamina Christmas Parade will be at the corner of Washington St. and SE Adams St. Turn on SE Lamson St. to Washington St. Turn left on Washington go to Adams. Line up will begin at the corner of Adams and go down Washington St.

Parade spectators will be invited to the fire station to meet Santa, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, and see the lighting of the Christmas tree.

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The food pantry will distribute food boxes from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 25, at the Willamina High School Campus, 1100 Oaken Hills Drive.

This will be a drive through event, so the pantry has asked that all attending follow posted direction signs and traffic control volunteers.

The pantry is also gratefully accepting financial donations to support this event. A contribution of \$35 supports one Thanksgiving box for a local family. Those who wish to assist in helping a family fill their belly for Thanksgiving this year can send contributions to P.O. Box 53, Willamina, Or, 97396, or via Venmo to @willaminacivicclub.

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Willamina City Council Meeting Held Nov. 12: Christmas

Willamina City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Nov. 12, 2024, public input: Ginny Wymore, planning commissioner, discussed the up-and-coming Willamina Christmas Light Parade. She informed the council that Bob Burr, the director of the annual light parade, has retired after many years of service and that John Glenski has been brought in as co-chair of the parade.

John informed the council that this year's parade will run in reverse compared to previous years. This was due to Hampton Lumber building a new mill, and the previous starting point of the parade, the old plywood mill lot, was being utilized as a staging area for construction materials. So, this year, the parade will start at the City's maintenance yard at the end of SE Adams St. and continue to the bottom of Oaken Hills Dr.

John also informed the council that after the parade, the West Valley Fire District will host an event with Santa and musical performances by the Willamina Middle and High School bands. He is currently working on get-

ting carolers to perform, too. He also stated that hot chocolate will be available for those attending.

This year, he will also request pre-registration for those participating in the parade to inform him of the number of participants so that the staging area's planning will run smoothly. There will also be a waiver to sign, but he said that signing the waiver was not a requirement for participating in the parade.

Presentations:

Eric Skidmore from Nine Peaks Solutions discussed continuing communication with the City of Willamina, which started back in May 2019. Their organization wants to provide the City with a digital document and records management system. A software solution that utilizes Laserfiche software to store city documents for historical and compliance purposes, as well as streamline document storage and retrieval by having the ability to search through digital media instead of physical storage boxes. The software would also provide online forms that the City can use.

Finance/HR Manager Marissa Matias announced that the current process of sending unpaid utility bills to collections is not in line with the City's charter. The charter states that the City is to place a lien on the property after a utility bill is 30 days past due. She discussed using a third party, which is searchable by title companies, to upload the unpaid utility bill. If or when the home is purchased, the title company can send a payment for the unpaid utility bill to the City to clear the lien. The City is looking at all parameters to determine when an unpaid utility bill will be

placed through this process.

She also stated that the City has made progress in clearing out space in a large storage unit so that more files from their smaller storage unit can be relocated. Their goal is to clear out the small storage unit by the end of November and eventually consolidate to one small storage unit for the library and one larger storage unit for the City. The City is paying \$5,148 annually for its four storage units. Downsizing to two will eliminate \$2,064 annually. Marissa also thanked the Public Works department for assisting with the storage units. Marissa informed the Council that the City has just received and finished setting up a postage meter for its front office to lower mail costs. The rental of this unit is \$88.09 per month or \$1,057.08 annually. The closing of the extra storage units and the cost savings from the lowered mail rates will more than offset the cost of renting the postage meter. Marissa also brought for the council, as discussed in the October meeting, a statement of water usage for each location owned by the City and provided the check register and financial statements for the information of the City Council.

Bridget noted that the City is also seeking legal advice on the proper process for the City Council to approve checks. During this discussion and digging through other processes, the City has discovered that other processes could be outdated, so they are working with legal on developing standard operating procedures (S.O.P.s) to ensure that processes are up to date, in alignment with laws, and easier to maintain for future changes.

Marissa and Bridget informed the council that a USDA representative notified the City that the water loan the City has through the USDA must be backed by a reserve account. The minimum amount required by the USDA for the City to have in reserve for the loan is \$52,813. Bridget mentioned that First Federal would be the bank most likely used for this reserve account and that a package would be presented for the council's approval at the next meeting. The money will be moved from the water fund to the reserve account and will not be touched, requiring two signatures to remove any funds.

Consent Agenda:

Interim Mayor Vickie Hernandez brought to the council's atten-

tion during the vote on the minutes from the October meeting that a change in public meeting laws now requires individual votes from members. In the future, when voting on a matter is brought to the council, Krystal Stevens, the deputy city recorder, will now call each council member individually to record their votes. Council President Rita Baller replied, "I appreciate that you guys keep informing us if we are doing it right... when the rules change, it's nice to be kept informed."

Regular Agenda:

Nine Peak Solutions Proposal— The City Council authorizes the city manager and staff to engage Nine Peak Solutions as a service provider for the Laserfiche cloud system for electronic records storage and retention for the City of Willamina.

Bridget stated that "this records retention tool aligns with the council goal of codifying the code, which is outdated. In order for us to move forward with this hefty task, we need some assistance. The City will help balance the cost by utilizing staff time to help scan and get the documents where they need to be. This tool will substantially lower the labor included in the records management process for city staff." The initial setup fee will be \$7,060, with lower annual costs associated with maintaining the account. The vote would be for the City to work with Nine Peak Solutions to draw up a contract for the service. The council voted to allow the City and staff to engage in talks with Nine Peak Solutions.

During the discussion of the Nine Peaks proposal, the idea of following other cities' regularly scheduled closures so that staff could focus on projects such as scanning documents for new digital storage, among other projects that would benefit from such closures.

Rita Baller asked Krystal if she had found anything interesting during their records scrub of the storage unit. Krystal stated that she discovered a book of ordinances and city council meeting minutes from 1905.

Council applicant reviews were discussed, and the City received one application after advertising in the West Valley Bulletin Board for one month. The applicant was Council President Rita Baller. If approved, Rita would be appointed to fulfill Vickie Hernandez's council term at the beginning of January. The Council

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Light Parade, Park Upgrades, and City Cost Cutting Work

(Rita abstained from voting for conflict of interest) confirmed approval of Rita Baller to fulfill Vickie's vacant city council seat. The City Manager's annual review and salary increase, per her hiring contract of Dec. 14, 2022, were brought before the council. The council would review the City Manager's performance, and if the review is favorable, the council can then approve a salary increase for the City Manager as they deem appropriate to the performance evaluation, not to exceed \$5,000.

Bridget requested that the council also include input from city staff, who work with her daily, to allow them to voice their opinions or concerns and consider their feedback during her evaluation. The council affirmed that Interim Mayor Vickie Hernandez should coordinate with each council member to conduct the City Manager's annual performance review. The goal is to have all packets delivered in a sealed envelope to City Hall no later than Dec. 2.

Informational Reports:

Bridget stated that the chamber's big topic for the past few weeks was the light parade and who would provide insurance for it, with the City providing secondary insurance. They were able to complete that task so the permits for the parade could be submitted.

Yamhill County Transit Authority (YCTA) Board Member Councilor Craig Johnson discussed a petition signed by about 200 people to institute a Dial-a-Ride in the Sheridan and Willamina area. Before, there was no room in the budget, but with the petition garnering this number of signatures, it will now go before the board of commissioners, and they can forward this agenda to the committee.

Craig also said that fares could go up in January. Ten city managers want to continue the free fare for their communities. If the fare is raised, the City may work with the YCTA board to see how to offset the cost for its community members.

Interim Mayor Vickie Hernandez presented her mayor's report. She said that she and Bridget met and will continue to meet with the City of Sheridan's mayor and city manager to discuss happenings within each City and learn from each other's processes and ideas to see how the two sister cities can benefit from each other. She discussed Sheridan

Mayor Cale George's open-door Friday policy. She wanted the council's input on whether that's something they would like to see her do for the community of Willamina. The council agreed that aligns with their ideals of being open to the public. Discussion was held about having that open door day and possibly having an open forum "coffee chat" during the evening at a business in the City to allow individuals to come and talk about the City, ongoing work, issues, and ideas. Vickie and Bridget are working together to get more face time with the community of Willamina and hope to have a better idea of how to do that towards the end of the year.

Vickie also stated that she and Bridget met with Superintendent Mike Gass, who gave them a school tour. Vickie said that she had not been up there in a long time and was able to view all the new buildings and classrooms since her last visit. She discussed with Mike how the City can partner with the school and assist them with different events.

She also discussed the City's participation in the light parade, stating that they will have a float once again and encouraging all the council members to join in the festivities and help with or be part of the float.

She ended her report with the up-and-coming swearing in of the new council members, stating that she wants to do something a little more, nothing huge, for them and their families than just a quick swearing-in of office. This stemmed from her kids wanting to travel from Portland and bringing her grandkids to witness her swearing-in. Vickie stated, "You're giving up your time at home with your families to serve the community. I think you all deserve the honor and recognition, an opportunity to share this moment with your family. You deserve to have the

people who care about you to share this moment."

Bridget then spoke of networking with neighboring cities with the connection that had occurred with former Mayors Marianne Thomson and Ila Skyberg and City Managers Heidi Bell and herself, highlighting the importance of reconnecting and maintaining those lines of communication. She then thanked Sheridan Councilman Ian Houston for attending to make a connection with the Willamina City Council. Bridget then stated that their next goal was to reestablish a connection with the council for the Tribe.

With talk of the Tribe, Bridget brought up the CERT training to be held at the West Valley Fire District station in Willamina, saying that "Considering recent events in North Carolina and Cascadia, we have an emergency plan for the city, however, we would like to see the 25 seats of the CERT training filled so that other members of the community are aware in case of disaster." Election essentials training will also start in November, with the closest for Willamina being held in February in Salem. The City would cover the costs for councilmembers, new or old, to attend the training.

Bridget also announced that the City will have two Christmas trees this year instead of one. One tree will be located at its usual location, by Rusty at Garden Spot Park, and the other at the West Valley Fire District Station.

Krystal reported the city visioning meeting held on Nov. 7. The meeting took suggestions from the previous meeting and ranked them on feasibility and impact before the attendees placed stickers, four for each person, on items they would more likely participate in. There were also talks about forming committees to take the lead on some of the tasks that come from these city visioning meetings.

Public Works Director Jeff Brown told the council that the water project was inching along. Electrical and plumbing are being installed, and the final work on the intake is being done. Christmas lights will start to be installed and will be up before the light parade. He also talked about improvements to Oaken Hills Park thanks to a grant, to fund a 10'x12' covered area, new walkways for ease of access, moving the basketball court to a new concrete slab, and a volleyball court. Possible future improvements could include a pickleball court and a couple of cornhole lanes.

Bridget said that improving the parks was one of the items brought up at the visioning meetings. RDI will condense information from those meetings, and she will share it with the council. Talk moved to the Huddleston Pond Erosion project, when Bridget stated that Keller Associates was still gathering information. Jeff informed the council that the pump loaned to Amity from the pond was returned to the City of Willamina.

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Willamina High School Holds Fall Sports Honor Awards

Willamina High School announced its fall sports honors with the following individuals receiving awards:

Volleyball: Junior Varsity 2: Most Valuable Player (MVP) - Micheali Mercier, Most Inspirational - June McCracken, Most Improved - Clover Zito, Defensive Player - Naveen Presely, and Offensive Player - Micheali Mercier.

Junior Varsity: MVP - Paige Baker, Most inspirational - Rebecca Neese, Most improved - Cicily Mkenna, Best Offensive - Emma Brunner, and Best Defensive - Kiley Maaranen.

Varsity: Coaches Award - Sylvie Berry, MVP - Paetton Risseeuw, Most Inspirational - Grace Terbush, Most improved - Lilyanne Crowe, Best Offense - Sadie Risseeuw, Best Defense - Evelyn Anderson, Big Ace - Rylee Bishop, Coming in Clutch - Bayleigh Leno, Team Leader - Zoie Sickles, and Biggest Fan - Nichole Goodwin.

All-League Honors: Honorable Mention - Paetton Risseeuw and Sylvie Berry.

Cross Country: Most Outstanding - Adonijah Stanton, Most Inspirational - Shaun Jones, and Most Improved - Aleena Leno.

Football: Offensive Player of Year - Jacob Hadley, Defensive Player of Year - Hondo Arenas

and Landon Risseeuw, Outstanding Special Forces Player - Orrin Reid, Outstanding Line-man - Hondo Arenas, Most Improved - Keith Gonzalez, and Bulldog Award - Marcus Sickles, Ben Moore, and Devon Wright. All-League Honors: 1st Team - Running Back - Jacob Hadley, Punter - Orrin Reid. 2nd Team - Defensive Lineman - Hondo Arenas and Linebacker - Jacob Hadley. Honorable Mentions - Wide Receiver - Ben Moore, Defensive Lineman - Landon Risseeuw, and Linebacker - Orrin Reid.



Bulldog's Cross Country Award-ee Shaun Jones. Not pictured - Aleena Leno and Adonijah Stanton.



Bulldog's Volleyball Varsity Awardees: Back row, left to right - Zoie Sickles, Bayleigh Leno, Lilyanne Crowe, Sylvie Berry, and Rylee Bishop. Front row, left to right - Grace Terbush, Paetton Risseeuw, Evelyn Anderson, and Nichole Goodwin. Not pictured - Sadie Risseeuw.



Bulldog's Football Awardees: Kaikanim Mercier (back left) Ben Moore (back center), Landon Risseeuw (back right), Orrin Reid (front left) and Devon Wright (front right). Not pictured - Jacob Hadley, Hondo Arenas, Keith Gonzalez, and Marcus Sickles.



Bulldogs Volleyball Junior Varsity 2 Awardees: June McCracken (left), Micheali Mercier (center), and Naveen Presely (right). Not pictured - Clover Zito.



Bulldog's Volleyball Junior Varsity Awardees: Cicily Mkenna (left), Paige Baker (center), and Naveen Presely (right). Not pictured - Emma Brunner and Kiley Maaranen.

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Volleyball: Junior Varsity 2: Most Valuable Player (MVP) - Hope Ulery, Defensive Player of the Year - Aireona Scott, and Offensive Player of the Year - Norah Petersen.

Junior Varsity: MVP - Brileigh Davidson, Defensive Player of the Year - Cheyenne Haller, and Offensive Player of the Year - Lillian Sproull.

Varsity: Most Valuable Player - Logen Watkins, Defensive Player of the Year - Chloe Ayala, Offensive Player of the Year: Taylor Givens.

All League Honors: 2nd Team - Logen Watkins, Honorable Mention - Taylor Givens and Nahliya Santos.

Soccer: Most Valuable Player - Tasha Trujillo (Sheridan), Defensive Player of the Year - Autym Weeks (Willamina), Offensive Player of the Year - Coreana Knuth (Sheridan).

All League Honors: Honorable Mention - Tasha Trujillo, Kalena Clark, and Autym Weeks.

Team Award: Runny up for League Sportsmanship Award.

Football: Coaches Award - Alex Martison, Most Inspirational - Tristan Sayer, Most Improved - Deagan Spencer, Booster Club Award - Branden Diehl.



Spartan's Football Awardees: Left to right - Deagan Spencer, Alex Martison, Tristin Sayer, and Branden Diehl.



Spartan's Volleyball Varsity Awardees: Chloe Ayala (left), Taylor Givens (middle), and Logen Watkins (right).



Spartan's Volleyball Awardees: Junior Varsity back row left to right - Brileigh Davidson, Lillian Sproull, and Cheyenne Haller. Junior Varsity 2 front row left to right - Hope Ulery, Nora Petersen, and Aireona Scott.



Sheramina Soccer Awardees: Tasha Trujillo (left) and Coreana Knuth (right). Not pictured - Autym Weeks.

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"We're excited to continue this tradition and offer everyone the opportunity to get outside and explore," said Lisa Sumption, director of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

Parking is free year-round at almost all of Oregon's approximately 250 state parks; the waiver applies to the parks that charge for parking. The current \$5 daily fee is going up to \$10 starting Jan. 2, 2025, but the prices for 12-month and 24-month permits are staying the same at \$30 and \$50, respectively. Learn more about the increasing fees on their website.

The parks that charge parking fees include popular destinations such as Fort Stevens, Cape Lookout, Silver Falls, Champoege, L.L. Stub Stewart, Smith Rock and Milo McIver. A complete list of the 25 parks that require day-use parking permits is available online.

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Free to the public, the holiday concert will invite financial support for classroom music, band and choir at Faulconer Chapman School led by Jon Sherwood and Derek Evers as well as music instruction and programs at Sheridan High School directed by Derek Tripp. This annual choral event celebrates the lives of longtime Sheridan music supporters and residents Barbara and Ken Knutson.

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In the Heart of Sheridan, You'll Find Kenny: A First-Rate Public Works Employee

Marianne Thomson

In a world where it can sometimes be easy to overlook those who serve behind the scenes, Kenny Peterson, our kind and smiling public works guy who's been on the job for 14 years, helps remind everyone that kindness, community, and a positive attitude can truly make a difference.

Kenny, the City of Sheridan Public Works maintenance supervisor, and his crew spend their days fixing potholes, repairing broken pipes, tending to the town's aging sewer lines, replacing signs and signposts, and so much more. Kenny knows that with each pothole they fill, they improve the road and lift the spirits of the townsfolk who've had to navigate those rough roads.

Kenny and his wife Celeste have five adult children, three boys and two girls. While Kenny and Celeste live in Dallas, Kenny's family dates back to the late 1800s in Sheridan, when his great-great-grandparents, who migrated here from Colorado, lived in a tent on Balm Street while building their Balm Street home. Kenny said the house still stands and was recently remodeled. In fact, Kenny noted that the guys working on the remodel



Public Works Maintenance Supervisor Kenny Peterson

told him about old newspapers from the late 1800s that they found stuffed into the walls.

"My mom and dad lived across the street from one another on Sheridan Road when they were kids. They were boyfriend and girlfriend growing up. My dad's mom, my grandma, had crippling arthritis, so she lived in the nursing home on Sheridan Road for 27 years. Long story short, my

mom and dad were together forever.

"My grandparents, great grandparents, all my aunts and uncles up to great-great aunts and uncles, and other "great-great" people all lived in Sheridan. I wasn't raised in Sheridan, but my family visited Sheridan a lot for family reunions, Christmas and Easter and all kinds of other family gatherings.

Kenny happily remembers family trips to Sheridan as a kid. He said Sheridan was an awesome little town, clean and friendly, with ice cream parlors, a movie house, and visits from Santa Claus. He said he and his brothers and sisters talked about Sheridan all the time.

Kenny's parents moved away from Sheridan for a while, but as they got older, they asked Kenny to help them move back to Sheridan so they could spend more time with Phylis and DeArmond, Aunt Sarah and Uncle Kenny, and other friends and family. Kenny was happy to help make that happen for them.

When Kenny's dad died here, he said his mom was devastated. Kenny's dad was the only boyfriend or husband she'd ever had. His mom stayed in Sheridan and visited his dad's grave every day for a year. Kenny said no one could stop her. He also noted that his family had been members of the Sheridan Lutheran Church since its beginning in Sheridan. Kenny's love of Sheridan makes him a great representative for the City. He makes it a point to chat with residents whenever he's on the job, always willing to listen to them about their concerns that need the City's attention.

Kenny's crew, Dave Shenk, Jake Thompson, Jeff Cabalos, and Jared Gage, respect and appreciate him because he is not afraid to roll up his sleeves and work side-by-side with them to ensure that troublesome issues for Sheridan residents get fixed as quickly as possible.

Kenny's cheerful demeanor never wavers, even during the most challenging days. He often expresses his appreciation to his crew and encourages them to stay positive and grateful for the community we all share.

Kenny's genuine joy in serving the people of Sheridan makes him a local hero in the eyes of many residents. Kenny said that the most rewarding part of his job is delivering his best possible customer service.

He is known for offering calm and patient explanations for residents who don't understand, for example, what a back-flow device is or what it does, among many other Public Works issues that affect their daily lives. Kenny said his reward is the smile he gets from the people he helps. He feels he's gotten to know just about everybody in town over his 14 years with Public Works. With 30 years of logging experience under his hard hat, Kenny said one of the public works jobs he enjoys the most is tree trimming because he likes to make Sheridan look nice and he likes to keep the storm drains clean.

Kenny believes that every small act of kindness could have a larger impact, and he encourages his crew to pitch in whenever possible. Though their work often involves dirt, grime, and worse, Kenny reminds his crew that their hard work leads to positive changes.

Kenny, a jack-of-all-trades, has held many other Public Works positions over his 14 years, but he makes it clear that he is perfectly happy in his current position as the maintenance supervisor and has absolutely no ambitions to climb the job ladder any further.

While he is known all around town for his kind spirit and infectious smile, he has a unique ability to connect with everyone he meets, whether it's the elderly woman on the corner who needed help with her drain ditch, or the old logger who's tired of hitting the same old pothole. But what truly sets him apart is his unwavering commitment to his job, his crew, and the people of Sheridan.

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who stepped up to run for council and
all Sheridan voters for the great turnout!*

Councilor Dennis McElroy

Horoscopes Nov. 20-26

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, put aside any errant musings and give important tasks your utmost attention this week. Energy is better spent on others, so keep this in mind when you get busy.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, your coworkers are all excited and fussing over a new development. Maintain an even keel as you assess the situation. You can be curious, but be guarded as well.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, your love life is in a really good place this week, which enables you to spend some quality time with your special someone. A romantic dinner sounds like a good plan.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Your partner is the most important person in your life right now, Cancer. So much so that this week every bit of your attention will be focused his or her way.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, money could be burning a hole in your pocket, so you might want to go on a spending spree. Keep in mind that there are a few big-ticket purchases waiting in the wings.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

You don't always have to be decisive, Virgo. Sometimes you can kick back and let someone else make decisions for a change. This is a great way to rest and recharge.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

A few jobs need to get done, Libra. But afterwards you should have plenty of time for some social interaction, whether that be attending a party or simply enjoying a night out.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, think about the things you want instead of what other people want. It's alright to be a little selfish once in a while and put yourself first for a change.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you could have fun this week and so may all the other people around you simply for being in your presence. This situation will continue in the days ahead.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, the next challenge on your list could be a big one. But if there is anyone who can handle the pressure, it is you. Don't be afraid to call on friends if you need them.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, go out into the world and try a few new things. Your social energy and curiosity might peak this week, and you'll need new experiences to feel satisfied.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Your finances might need an overhaul, Pisces. This could mean taking a new job or expanding what you're doing to earn more. Start putting out feelers to gain information.

Word Scramble

Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to National Espresso Day (Nov. 23) Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.

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Last weeks answers

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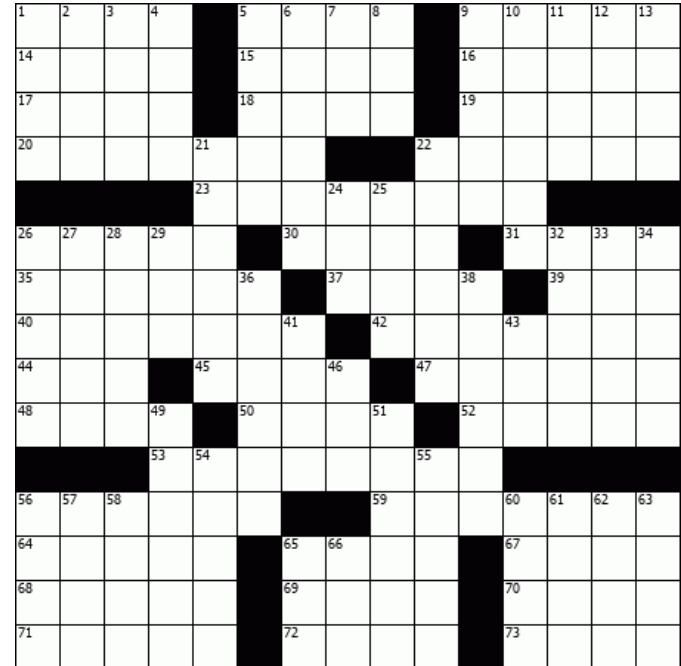
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The fruit seed that is most widely used in espressos.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1. Milky gem
5. Pen
9. Striking success
14. Space agency (abbr.)
15. Baking need
16. Green sauce
17. Scottish family
18. Mediocre grades
19. Locales
20. Monarch
22. Chicken serving
23. Diners
26. Remove suds
30. Perceives
31. Big quiz
35. Baltimore athlete
37. Pied Piper followers
39. Through
40. Nelson ____ of South Africa
42. Gift
44. Lunched
45. Be bold
47. Juice fruit
48. Robin's home
50. Stack
52. Door sign
53. Lee Harvey Oswald, e.g.
56. Decide
59. Gave medical aid to
64. Ham it up
65. Plumbing problem
67. Shoe fastener
68. Owner's proof
69. Opening bet
70. Farm measure
71. Sharply sloped
72. Ownership paper
73. Minestrone, e.g.



Down

1. One time only
2. Hand part
3. Urgent abbr.
4. Country road
5. Hot chocolate
6. Wards off
7. Golly!
8. Naval officer (abbr.)
9. Bowling term
10. Most insignificant
11. Between ports
12. Terminals (abbr.)
13. Emcee
21. Staggered
22. Small restaurant
24. Browning's "always"
25. Cut grain
26. Caesar, e.g.
27. Furious
28. Baseball teams
29. Lawn starter
32. Happening
33. Burn slightly
34. Starchy veggie (sl.)
36. Pass, as time
38. Unruffled
41. Diva's forte
43. ____ Francisco
46. Chicago trains
49. Squeal
51. Real ____
54. Snooze
55. Irritated
56. Groups
57. Radiate
58. Shopping bag
60. Cry of sorrow
61. Mexican treat
62. Unbleached color
63. Not shallow
65. Boy
66. Compass reading (abbr.)

Sheridan's Annual Litter Pick-up a Success Despite Nasty Weather



Delphian staff members Nikki (left) and Beth (right) proudly display the SOLVE bags used in the Sheridan Litter Pick-up. SOLVE provided the bags and grabber/reacher tools used in the clean up.



Delphian students from (left to right) Andrea, Suki, Leona, Lucia, Sofie, and Naomi put on warm smiles despite the cold as they assist in cleaning up the streets of Sheridan last Saturday.

Willamina School District Student Spotlight

WES STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Randon Cook

Fourth grader Randon Cook is beaming with pride after being named Student of the Month at Willamina Elementary School. Known for his unwavering work ethic, passion for learning, and attentive nature, Randon is a shining example of a dedicated student. His passion for education is evident in his enthusiasm for class discussions and his creative projects. Randon's caring spirit and willingness to help others make him a beloved member of the classroom community. Congratulations, Randon!



WHS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Gracie Mercier

Gracie, a bright and compassionate senior at Willamina High School, is being honored as Student of the Month. Known for her helpful nature, kind heart, and positive attitude, Gracie is a beloved member of the school community. Always willing to lend a hand, she truly deserves this honor and is someone who epitomizes what it means to be a bulldog. Her infectious optimism and ability to lift others' spirits make her a true inspiration. Congratulations, Gracie, on this well-deserved recognition!



Sheridan Chiropractic sponsored \$25 gift cards for each student.
KEEP IT UP SUPERSTARS!



Willamina City Manager Bridget Meneley chats with Yamhill County Sheriff's Deputy Dominguez while assisting in Sheridan's Litter Pick-up on Saturday.



Billy (left) and his son River, holding a bag half-full of trash that was cleared from Sheridan's streets during the pick-up.

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Orphan Kitten Rescue of Oregon, a Local Resource

Liz Hodgins

It is no secret that Sheridan has a large feral and stray cat population. Have you washed your car lately? There's a colony living in the parking lot. Fortunately, for Sheridan, Orphan Kitten Rescue of Oregon has selected Sheridan to concentrate their Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) services as well as rescue efforts.

Orphan Kitten Rescue has been a 501c3 nonprofit for six years, and their first priority is Yamhill County. According to Shannon Shafer, Director of OKR, "So far in 2024, we TNR'd 63 cats, most of which were female, all from Sheridan. I don't have the final numbers for all of Yamhill County yet, but I'm sure we will be over 200 for the year."

Shafer went on to say Facebook is an excellent source for identifying areas of greatest need, and this year, it highlighted Sheridan. Likewise, all 63 cats TNR'd in Sheridan were spayed, neutered, and vaccinated at no cost to the city.

"Angela Ault, the City of Sheridan's Code Enforcement Officer, reached out to us about how to get assistance with feral cats. What began as one site in Sheridan has now expanded to four or five locations where we are providing Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) services." The main reason for TNR services is population control. However, the health of kittens and cats is paramount, too. Without medical intervention, cats will continue to have sick babies that will suffer and then die. When disease hits a colony it will destroy it within a year or two. Sometimes, a disease, such as Panlukopenia, will stay in the ground for years, and future cats may become sick, too.

According to Angela Ault, the statistics for cat population

growth are staggering: "A cat can have up to four litters or kittens a year. That could have been 104 cats per year just from the 26 females that were trapped here." Another reason for TNR services is because there is overcrowding at shelters and rescues. If there is room, some friendly kittens and cats are taken to shelters or rescues, but more often than not, there is a waiting list.

So, what should you do if you find a stray kitten or a litter of feral kittens? Shafer says, "If you come across a feral kitten, it is best to leave it where you found it and contact a local rescue organization to assess the situation. The mother cat is likely out hunting or in the process of relocating her kittens. However, if you find a stray kitten, it's a good idea to bring it inside and

ask neighbors if they are missing it, post on Facebook, or reach out to a local shelter or rescue." Resources to reach out to about feral colonies and strays are: okroforegon@gmail.com

Orphan Kitten Rescue of Oregon/Facebook or 503-720-4339.

Orphan Kitten Rescue of Oregon is funded 100% from tax-deductible donations and grants. Every dollar raised goes to the cats. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. They have helped Sheridan a lot. There are several ways to donate:

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Some of the rescued cats, images provided by Orphan Kitten Rescue.

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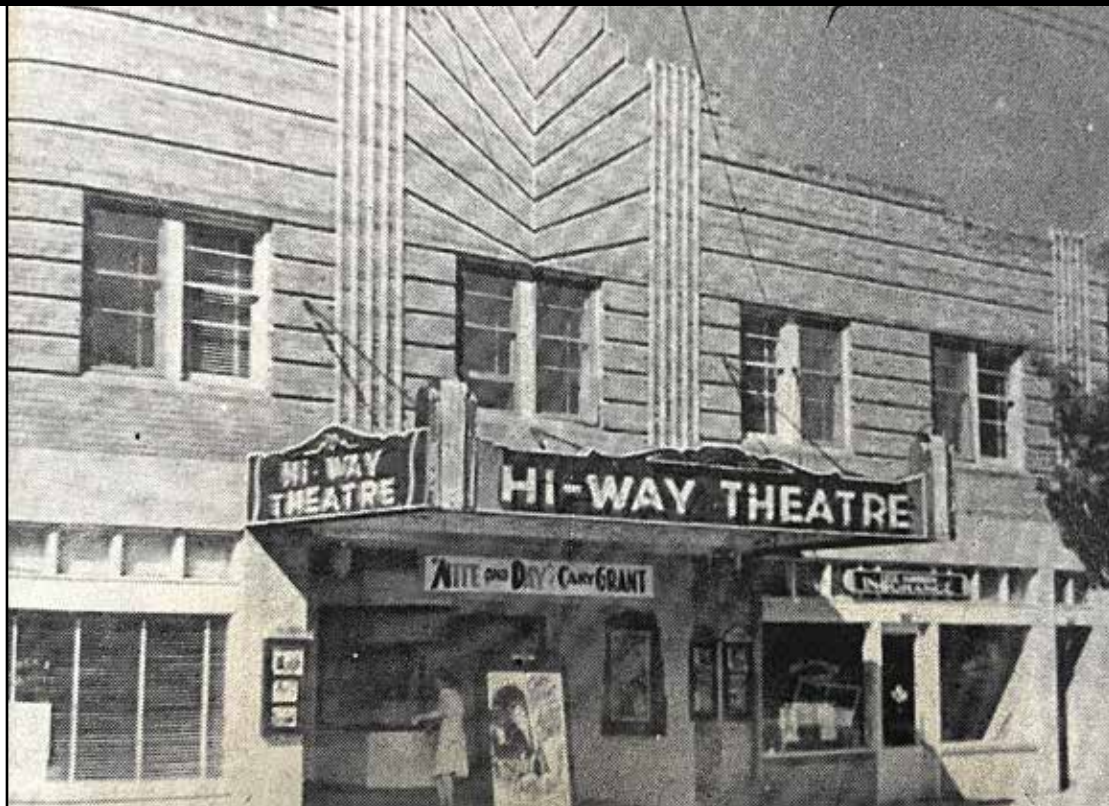
Hi-Way Theater Re-Opens Wednesday

A welcome reopening for Sheridan next Wednesday will be that of the Hi-Way Theater, located on East Main. Idle for over a year, and then open but briefly, the theater will be operated by Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Talbot, longtime theater managers. The couple comes from Bend where Talbot had managed a theater for years before retirement. "Just wanted something to keep busy," he confided when he was in Sheridan a few weeks back considering the purchase of the local property from the Bill Hibberts, who now reside on the coast.

Talbot, who has been in the cinema showing business since 1920, believes that there still is a theater growing crowd and that Sheridan is a likely spot "for a bit of a movie revival."

He promises regular showings of "wholesome films for the family" on a basis of Friday night through Sunday showings.

He will be open for holidays and other special events and his grand opening duo bill next Wednesday evening is "True Grit" and "Norwood," the former one of the most talked

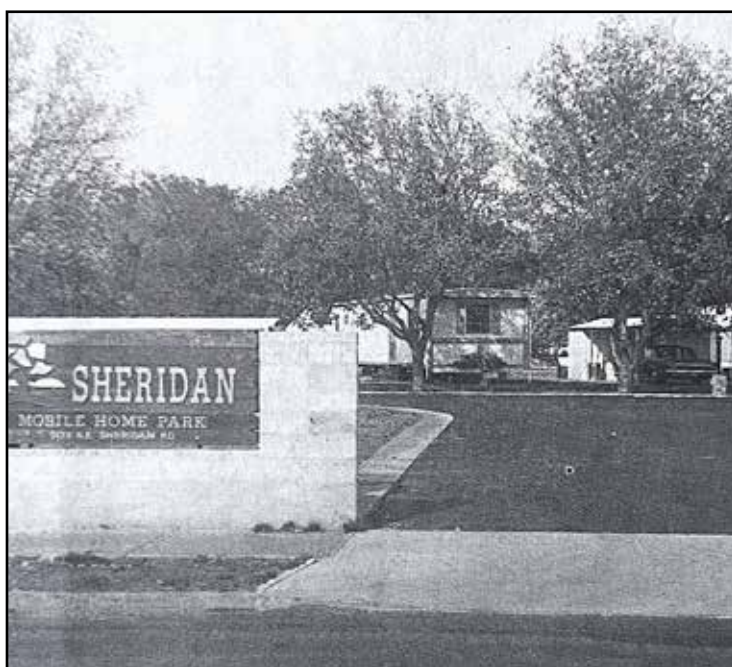


The Hi-Way Theater in Sheridan will reopen next week under the ownership of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Talbot, longtime movie theater operators who are purchasing both the theater facilities and the two-story brick building. Shows will be on a Friday through Sunday basis normally. However, a Thanksgiving opening is due next Wednesday.

about films of 1970. The movie house will be open continuously from 2 p.m. on next Thursday, Thanksgiving.

A follow up attraction will be the outstanding film, "Swiss Family Robinson," which will begin a three day stand on Friday.

The Talbots are purchasing not only the theater itself but the two-story brick building with three rentals.



Pictures of the Sheridan Mobile Home Park, similar to above, will be used in a display by the City of Sheridan at the League of Oregon Cities convention in Portland this November. The display will highlight an exposition of the City of Sheridan's ordinance on mobile homes which has acquired national attention. The ordinance is being used now as a guide for smaller cities by those seeking FHA financing for mobile courts.

Sheridan will Boast of its Ordinance

A city ordinance from Sheridan will attract attention at the coming convention of the League of Oregon Cities in Portland.

The ordinance, which pertains to mobile home courts, will be featured in a display at a sectional meeting at the convention. Bob Wells, Sheridan city administrator, is preparing the display, which also features the Sheridan Youth Police Reserve.

The ordinance is to be given special attention, says Wells, because it is being used now as a guide for cities under 5,000 population which wish to pass ordinances on mobile home courts.

Wells says that the Sheridan ordinance, which was used by developer Clyde Brummel last year to obtain FHA insured financing for his mobile court here, was credited as being the first of its type approved through FHA. Heretofore, FHA would approve financing only for courts of 50 or more units in towns with populations of more than 5,000.

Wells said that the City of

Sheridan set up its own ordinance "with some help from the League of Oregon Cities" in August of 1967.

Wells credited Don Stuck, then a councilman, with the work involved in setting up the ordinance.

The ordinance specifies the City's requirements of a mobile court developer, such as width of streets, off-street parking other than in the street, carports, playground area and space requirements.

Sheridan City government has been receiving requests from similar cities of under 5,000 population for data on its ordinance and information on its mobile court program.

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"Almost Twin" Re-United

The other half of this garage mate was the subject of "Almost a Twin" (published in Vol 10 Oct. 9, 2024) of The West Valley Bulletin Board) and is also owned by Steve Aaron. A Lincoln HO-five-liter engine also powers this Rangoon Red 1965 Mustang, backed up with a five-speed transmission and a Shelby rear end filled with 456 gears. The engine sports a Holly four-barrel carburetor and breathes through a one-of-a-kind \$2,000 custom header exhaust system. The inside is complete with new custom upholstery, carpet, and weather stripping. It rolls on 17-inch American Racing wheels and Michelin tires. Steve will install a Bluetooth stereo in the future. What a great pair of 1965 Mustangs! Photo and story courtesy of Gary Meyers.



Dillon's Provides Nightcap for Willamina

Last Friday, the same night that Mike Tyson and Jake Paul were set to battle it out on prime-time television, another battle was being waged between the bar and the stage at Dillon's in Willamina. Patrons of the establishment had to decide between keeping their eyes on the television screen or their ears on the couple that sang tune after tune on the other side of the bar. That couple would be Chad and Tara of Nightcap, a 2000s cover band from Salem. Chad and Tara aren't your average duo on stage; they have been married for eight years and, up until recently, have only performed in the comfort of their home or for

friends and family before they picked up their first-ever gig at Dillon's.

Though the audience was divided between the concert and the match, that did not phase the couple as Tara sang as if the bar was packed and all eyes were on her while her husband Chad skillfully strummed on his guitar. This may not be the last time we see them step foot in front of a crowd in Willamina, once the couple learned of the open mic night at Wildwood that happens every Sunday, they showed enthusiasm in making their way out here again for another chance to get in front of an audience.



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NEW LISTING!



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2 bedroom, 2 bath home on 7 acres surrounded by marketable timber and semi secluded. 2 car garage, 24x32 shop with electric and cements floors. This is a fixer upper. Well water, standard septic. Beautiful property with lots of wild life. Grand Ronde.

Calling all nature lovers and entrepreneurs! This captivating 1860 historic farmhouse offers 6 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, and 2368 sq ft. with wrap-around porch, exuding original charm. Has various stages of marketable timber on property. Owners have been logging off 20 loads a year and replanting. There are various stages of timber, 142 acres under farm deferral, 60 of them with water rights, and ample space for a garden, hobbies or recreation. A total of 259.61 acres.



NEW LISTING!

3.5 acres of beautiful property, fenced low maintenance yard. Triple-wide manufactured home with three bed, primary with walk-in closet, walk-in shower, double vanity and soaking tub. Two full bathrooms, wood burning fireplace and stove. Extra tall ceilings, one-car garage, shop with 4 bays, RV space, 220 amp, new roof, painted inside and out in the last year. Fenced pasture for animals. Hot tub less than a year old.



NEW LISTING!

6.10 AC very private cabin (A Frame) tucked away with river frontage one bedroom it is a loft. Kitchen/Dining room with vaulted ceilings, fireplace with wood stove insert. Livingroom has big windows over looking the river. Some Vinyl windows not all of them. 2 car garage 1/2 has been converted into work shop with washer and dryer in it. 2 chicken coops, a lot of storage. Grand Ronde \$525,000

NEW LISTINGS WANTED!

City of Willamina
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PARADE
Saturday, December 7
This year's theme: Gingerbread

**5:00PM - LINE UP ON WASHINGTON ST
AT THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL**
6:00PM - PARADE BEGINS
**PREREGISTRATION AT CITY HALL
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE
LINE UP AT 5:00PM AND HAVE YOU
OR YOUR RIG LIT UP.**

**The parade will end at
Oaken Hills Dr. & Fire Hall**

**Visit
Santa at
the fire hall
after the
parade.**

**Free
cider, cookies,
& candy canes
for the kids!**

**City Tree
Lighting at
the fire hall
after the
parade.**

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