



# West Valley Bulletin Board

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## Sheridan Revitalization Names August Yard of the Month

The Sheridan Revitalization Movement has named Liz Hodgins the winner of Yard of the Month (YOTM) for August. Liz did not consider gardening as a hobby before the purchase of her house 17 years ago, but if she was to maintain the wonderment of the yard she inherited from the previous owner, who happened to be a master gardener, she had to dive hands-first into the hobby that surrounded her home. Over the past several years, she has made some changes to the original garden. "I'm not a big fan of rhododendrons, so I tore

out all those that were in front of the house except for one, and planted hydrangeas in their place. I love hydrangeas because the fresh bouquets are so beautiful, and when you dry them, they keep their color," Liz stated. The largest among those hydrangeas, even cut back, is one that was gifted to her by her daughter. Other plants around the property that assisted Liz in winning the honor are out front: a bed of daisies, Lucifer crocosmia, various colors of roses, and a bed of Zinnia, dahlias, lupine, African daisies, and sweet william.

"Hummingbirds love the crocosmia, so of course Arlo, my fat cat, likes sleeping underneath them, dreaming of hummingbird pie." She joked. In her backyard, dwarfing the vegetable garden, Rose of Sharon and Rose Mallow, among

other tall standing plants, some tickling the eaves of the house, can be seen peaking over the fence that surrounds her property. Know someone with a great yard? Nominate them at [www.revitalizesh Sheridan.com/yard](http://www.revitalizesh Sheridan.com/yard)



Liz is not the only one who enjoys the flowers that won her YOTM, as Arlo, Liz's cat, also sniffs around among the flora.



Rose of Sharon and Rose Mallow grow tall in the backyard of Liz Hodgins, winner of August's Yard of the Month.

**End of Summer Bash**  
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## Employment

### CITY OF SHERIDAN JOB ANNOUNCEMENT Assistant City Manager/ Finance Director

The City of Sheridan is offering a career opportunity for a proven staff leader who aspires to be a city manager. This Full-Time position title is Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, who brings leadership to a team of experienced professionals with priority in exceptional public service. The Assistant City Manager/Finance Director may serve as Acting City Manager with the expectation to succeed the current Sheridan City Manager in 2028. Under the general supervision of the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager/Finance Director performs highly responsible and complex administrative duties and undertakes a variety of special projects; assists the City Manager with the direction and coordination of the activities of all City departments; directly supervises Finance personnel and all accounting functions, and other program areas as assigned. The Assistant City Manager/Finance Director serves as coach and mentor to the City Hall staff and oversees all the City's professional accounting operations to maintain and ensure the integrity of the City's financial reporting. Starting salary is \$120,00 plus excellent fringe benefits. First review of applications will be September 22, 2025 and the new hire is expected to start no later than October 31, 2025. A full Position Description is available on the City's website [www.cityofsheridanor.com](http://www.cityofsheridanor.com).

### CITY OF SHERIDAN JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Volunteer (Non-Paid) Park Host

The City of Sheridan has an exciting opportunity for a Volunteer (non-paid) Park Host at South Side Park. The park host will provide daily assistance to the Public Works staff by assisting park visitors, maintaining park grounds, opening and closing the park and ensuring the park is free of litter and debris. The Park Host Agreement, general responsibilities, and application process are available on the City's website [www.cityofsheridanor.com](http://www.cityofsheridanor.com).

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# Warm Fuzzies

Thanks to the kind person who removed weeds from the sidewalk on Main St., in front of the defunct restaurant.

~ Community Member



**SATURDAY NIGHT BINGO**  
Doors Open: 5:30pm  
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## Swan Hall and Oddfellows to Host DTW

At 7 p.m. Saturday, September 13, Swan Hall in Willamina is ending the summer with the largest performance of artists that have ever played at the music venue.

Holding concerts approximately once per month that usually include two small musical groups, this performance will feature a dozen musical talents from the Pacific Northwest-base Jazz/Funk group DTW, featuring Ronni Kay, returning from Florida to take the lead on vocals.

Joining Ronni on vocals for some numbers will be fellow DTW musicians Jobe Woosely and Fredy "Alpha-Ready" Perez.

The show is free of charge and open to all ages, but the organizers of the event are hoping that those attending, if able, that a

\$15 donation be given to support the musicians for traveling to and volunteering their time to play.

Coley Smith, one of the organizers, stated, "This is, to me, about supporting truly talented and dedicated musicians who inspire and give back to communities across Oregon.

DTW is stacked with top notch musicians, several of them teach band at high schools, many give lessons, and they do lots of pro bono gigs for good causes, including Funk in the Forrest, an event that Justin "Shep" Schepage, the founder of DTW, came up with. They always have a blast when they all come together for a show like this. The show will be a high-energy mix of funk, jazz, and rock."

## Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour 2025 Call to Artists Now Extended

The 32nd annual Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour "Call to Artists" deadline has been extended to September 20. All professional artisans, artists, and crafters from the West Valley area are invited to participate in the Art Tour.

The Art Tour is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, November 7 and 8, 2025.

All art must be the original work of the artist and be for sale. Entry fees vary depending on individual or group participation. Details and guidelines are in the Application and Prospectus, which will be available at the Willamina City Hall, Sheridan City Hall, and both the Willamina and Sheridan Public Libraries. You may also contact Cris Darr (503-876-3843 home) or (503-550-1582 cell), (crisdarr06@gmail.com) or Ginny Wymore (503-435-9180) (ginnywymore@gmail.com).

## Blood Drive to be Held September 23, At VFW

The drive will be held at 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 23, at Willamina VFW, 771 East Main St.

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: WillaminaSheridan to schedule an appointment.

## Post your FREE Garage Sale Ad

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## A Great Start to the School Year so far!

We are thrilled to report an excellent beginning to our academic year, marked by increased on-campus enrollment! Many of our students who were previously online have returned to join us in person, adding wonderful energy to our campus.

### Focus on Student Engagement

This year, our staff is dedicated to ensuring students are actively engaged with the content throughout each class period. This "bell-to-bell" approach has been highly effective in keeping students involved in their learning and has the added benefit of keeping distractions like cell phones at bay. As we walk through the classrooms, we are proud to see students embracing this bell-to-bell rule with compliance and respect.

### School Spirit and Athletics

The excitement is building as our first athletic competitions are already underway! We have been delighted to see our school spirit flowing through the halls, cheering on our hard-working teams.

### Campus Enhancements

Thanks to a generous grant from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR), we recently completed a small but significant upgrade to our playground. We will continue to seek opportunities to make further improvements to our campus. Save the Date for Upcoming Events!

#### • Bulldog Bash: Thursday, October 2nd

Join us for our annual Bulldog Bash! It's a fantastic opportunity for families and community members to meet our dedicated staff, visit classrooms, and see our school community in full force. And have dinner on us!

#### • Homecoming: Friday, October 3rd

Get ready for some noise! Our Homecoming celebration will be held the very next night. Keep your eyes peeled for the parade—we wouldn't be surprised to see a special float from our alumni this year!

Proud to Wear the Orange and Black!

Mike Gass, Superintendent

Willamina Elementary School 503.876.2374

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## NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

The Planning Commission is appointed by the City Council of the City of Willamina to three year terms. If the vacancy is caused by anything but the expiration of term, the appointee shall serve the remainder of the expired term. The role of the Planning Commission is to administer the subdivision and zoning ordinances and make recommendations to the City Council concerning land use issues.

Applicants for this position must be available to attend at least one regular meeting generally scheduled in the evening.

At the discretion of City Council, appointees to the Commission may reside outside the city limits, but must own a business or property within city limits, or have demonstrated through other means, such as civic or volunteer activity, that they have a sincere interest in the future of the City. At no time shall a quorum of the Commission reside outside city limits. Other restrictions may apply based upon occupation and family relationships.

To apply, complete a Government Office Application which can be found on the City of Willamina website willaminaoregon.gov or at City Hall. Applicants can submit the applications via email to stvensk@ci.willamina.or.us or submit the application at City Hall.

Please call Krystal Stevens, Deputy City Recorder, at 503-876-2242 with any questions. You may also email Krystal at the email address above with questions.



## Obituary



**Marion Rose Mercier**  
July 6, 1954 - August 31, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Marion Rose Mercier shares this announcement. Marion passed away in her home on the night of August 31. She was surrounded in love. Her children, Candi & Anthony Henry, and grandchildren, Josh Henry & Ava Fagundes (these two were her pride and joy), would like to thank family and friends for all the love shown to their mom/gram and to them. Marion was a native of this area and spent most of her life here. She was known and loved by so many. Born in McMinnville to Rose Reznicek and Marion Mercier on July 6, 1954. She grew up in Grand Ronde and always considered it home.

She is survived by her two children, two grandchildren, and seven siblings: David Mercier, Joann Mercier, Bruce Mercier, Chris Payne, Terr Wright, Joan Payne, and Kim Payne. Both parents preceded her in death.

She was commonly known as "Marion the Librarian." She worked in the CTGR Education Program for many years, and during that time, she worked diligently on funding for a tribal library. After the library was built, she became the Librarian and was there until her retirement in 2019.

She had a passion for books and reading, and many family and community members found so much joy visiting the library because of her. After retiring, she enjoyed vending at the local sales, going on the tribal elder field trips, and having her annual garage sales.

In earlier years, she enjoyed working in the local schools and in the woods.

As a family, they spent a lot of time in the woods, whether it was picking moss during the summer breaks or taking drives. Driving in the woods was always a favorite pastime for her and for her family, and will continue to be. Marion loved her family and friends and left a legacy of love and beautiful memories that they will cherish always.

## Sheridan Museum "Name That Building" Contest Until Nov. 1

Entries must be submitted by 3 p.m. on Nov. 1 at the Sheridan Museum of History, 142 S. Bridge Street.

It's simple to participate. Just pick up your official entry form at the Sheridan Museum on any Saturday between Sept. 6 and Nov. 1. (Groups will need only one entry form.) Find and identify the pictured items on the entry form. Note the name of the corresponding business

or building and submit your completed form at the Sheridan Museum of History between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturdays between Sept. 6 and Nov. 1.

The individual or team with the highest number of correct answers will be declared the winner. In case of a tie, the winner will be drawn from the winning entries at the event's conclusion.

## An Optimist's Guide to Alzheimer's, Sept. 21

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of McMinnville invites the public to a special service on "An Optimist's Guide to Alzheimer's" on Sunday, September 21, at 10 a.m., at the McMinnville Grange, 1700 SW Old Sheridan Road, McMinnville. Speaker Christy Scattarella will present and lead a discussion on Alzheimer's disease.

Christy says "There is a path to a meaningful life after Alzheimer's diagnosis, but none of us should walk that path alone." Diagnosed over a year ago, Yamhill County resident Christy Scattarella will share some unexpected strategies that led her to a fuller and more joyful life. As she put it, "I found a way to have Alzheimer's without Alzheimer's having me."

Christy offers three "guideposts" for those who have been diagnosed, and three for everyone else. Right now about seven million people in the U.S. are living with Alzheimer's. By 2050, that number is expected to be nearly twice as high.

Her guideposts could not be more timely. Four months ago, the FDA approved the first blood test for Alzheimer's, which has the potential to revolutionize early detection and treatment. Christy believes this is a pivotal moment to transform our culture around Alzheimer's, ending the stigma that can reduce quality of life and longevity.

A nationally award-winning journalist and children's book author, Christy Scattarella has been honored statewide and nationally for founding and leading a nonprofit that changes the lives of children with learning challenges. She enjoys trips to the beach, making dinner for her husband, and mowing the lawn. This winter, she is looking forward to skiing with her snowboarding son. For further information visit: [uufmac.org](http://uufmac.org).

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## Spartan Volleyball Split Opening Week Matches

The Lady Spartans' volleyball squad made their way to the Warrenton tournament on August 30, taking on Knappa and Neah-kah-nie in their first week of action on the court. Sheridan lost it's first match of the tournament, falling 2-1 to Neah-Kah-Nie. The Lady Spartans redeemed themselves later that day, picking up a 2-1 win against the Knappa Loggers, ending the week with a 1-1 record.

# Bulldogs Kennel Spartans in Football Opener

Sheridan Spartans hosted their home opener against the Willamina Bulldogs last Friday. Sheridan, coming off a 22-20 win at Oakridge in their first week of play, hoped to keep the momentum going as the Bulldogs had other plans for their first game of the season. It did not take long for Willamina to set what would be the pace for the game. On the Bulldogs first play, Willamina quarterback Shane Mathers dumped a line of

scrimmage pass to wide receiver Max Jones that turned into a 47 yard reception, but the play was called back on a penalty. Willamina would push down the Spartans 3 yard line before more penalties, one negating a touchdown, pushed the Bulldogs back, allowing Sheridan to stop Willamina on it's opening drive. It would take the Bulldogs into their first drive of the second quarter to get that momentum back with a 28-yard touchdown reception by Easten Kimsey, followed by a 6-yard touchdown

run by Bulldogs' Skyler Bennett. Willamina recovered an onside kick and capitalized on the next play with a 45 yard touchdown run by Landon Risseeuw. Willamina would score one more time on a 5 yard quarterback keeper by Shane Mathers, to put the Bulldogs up 28-0 by halftime. Bulldogs' Jacob Bazy found holes in the Spartans defense to score with a 43 and 35 yard runs to put Willamina up 41-0, where the game would finish, Bulldogs defeating Sheridan.



## NATIONAL VIDEO GAMES DAY SEPT. 12

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Spartans' Travis Lugo attempted to keep Sheridan in the contest, but could not break through the swarm of Bulldog defenders in their loss to Willamina.



Bulldogs' Jacob Bazy blasted past the Sheridan defense for two rushing touchdowns of 35 and 43 yards in Willamina's win over the Spartans.

### Last issue's crossword solution

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## Horoscopes Sept. 10-17

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

You might be anxious to say what's on your mind this week, Aries. Words are on the tip of your tongue and you aren't afraid of letting them fly. Expect some feed-back from others.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Make sure you are taking care of yourself as well as you are taking care of others, Taurus. Handle any tasks that require a lot of brain power first, then move on to something fun.

### GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Do your thing this week and don't worry about how others feel about it, Gemini. Take control of an issue when you see that something needs to get done.

### CANCER - June 22/July 22

You are thinking clearly this week, Cancer. Do your best with the tools you are given right now. You might need to direct others, but generally let them do their own thing.

### LEO - July 23/Aug 23

You do not need an invitation to speak your mind, Leo. Express yourself how you see fit and give others plenty of opportunity to have their say as well. The conversation will flow.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, there is a great deal of power behind your thoughts, so use it wisely. Take this energy to work and see if you can channel it to your professional benefit.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you are not going to meet new people if you stay indoors all of the time. Get out there and try something new. You can bond with others over an activity or a hobby.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, don't waste your time this week by tiptoeing around. Throw caution to the wind and engage in activities that will provide solid opportunities for growth.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

A powerful force is guiding your actions this week, Sagittarius. Utilize this as motivation to complete an important task.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Be confident in your thoughts and actions, Capricorn. If you don't believe in what you are saying, how can you convince others to back your efforts?

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, someone is bound to say something meaningful to you if you keep an open ear to all conversation around you. Speak less and listen more for the time being.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, ideas and influences from others can transform your thinking. That can help propel you out of the pattern of actions that may be holding you back.



## NOTICE OF COUNCIL VACANCY

On July 8, 2025 the Willamina City Council declared a vacancy on the City Council. This vacancy is due to the elected Councilor's resignation.

To be eligible for the open position, applicants must be:

1. A Registered Voter;
2. A Resident of the City of Willamina (i.e. live within the City limits); and
3. Have resided within the city during the twelve months immediately preceding appointment.

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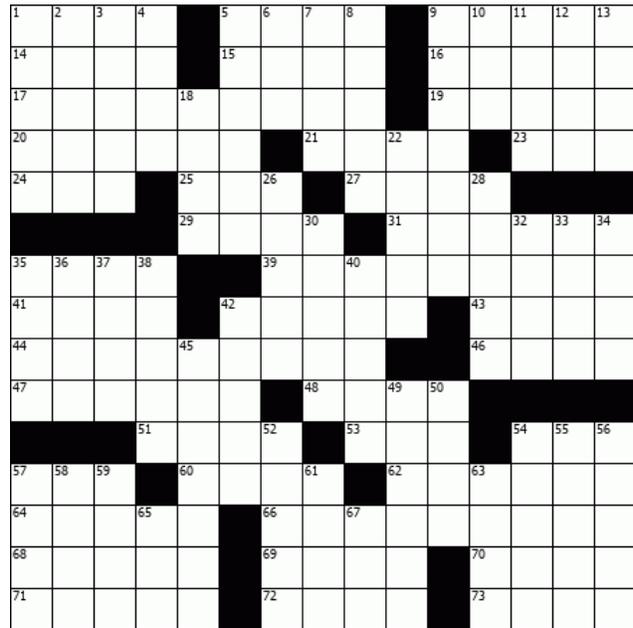
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### Across

1. Scottish group
5. Rind
9. Olympic award
14. Not common
15. Decorate again
16. Ridiculous
17. Shocking revelation (2 wds.)
19. Mails
20. Wimbledon game
21. Clears as profit
23. Boston time zone (abbr.)
24. Distinctive period
25. \_\_\_ bag
27. Astronaut \_\_\_ Armstrong
29. On
31. Excuses
35. Swiss peaks
39. Symbolize
41. Ice pellets
42. Wander off
43. Horse's gait
44. Play host
46. Cinch
47. Shooting star
48. Arm or leg
51. Work hard
53. Station wagon
54. TKO caller
57. Eminem's milieu
60. Argument
62. Largest desert
64. Travel \_\_\_
66. Useful
68. Blender setting
69. Farm structure
70. Famous loch
71. Less wild
72. Radiate
73. Family diagram



### Down

1. Greek island
2. Tier
3. Ring
4. City light
5. Adjusted beforehand
6. Yet, poetically
7. Eve's garden
8. Sophia \_\_\_
9. Projectile
10. Opposite of WSW
11. Copenhagen native
12. Ampersands
13. For fear that
18. Mideast bread
22. Visibly upset
26. Heart artery
28. Speech problems
30. Hazard
32. Chili ingredient
33. Ancient Peruvian
34. Stair part
35. Throat-clearing sound
36. Path
37. Heartthrob Brad \_\_\_
38. Frozen raindrops
40. Sudden fright
42. Undress
45. Male chicken
49. Team pet
50. Impudent child
52. Expire
54. Professional speedster
55. Clear the blackboard
56. Quiz choice
57. Entranced
58. Water (Sp.)
59. Salon treatment, for short
61. Clip neatly
63. Helpful suggestion
65. Born
67. Frazier's rival

# West Valley Churches Provide Family Fun Over the Weekend

Whether your taste in watching the kids drag race on power wheels or bounce around in inflatable houses, listening to live music, playing a game of pickleball or cornhole, attentively waiting for the drawing of a raffle, or sitting and socializing with fellow residents of the West Valley, three local Churches had the community covered this last weekend.

The Grand Ronde Church of the Nazarene got things kicked off at 11 a.m. Saturday, with a family fun day at their church. The event featured power

wheel racing courtesy of Total Destruction Racing Team, two bouncy houses, games, and hot dogs galore.

One hour later, Calvary Chapel was revving up their Party at the Park (Sheridan City Park), where they featured live music, raffle drawings, face painting, games,

and plenty of hot dogs to ensure everyone had a full belly.

Sunday evening brought in the Free Community Game Night, hosted by the Sheridan Mennonite Church. This event, held at "The Big White Church on the Hill," served up a different meal of street tacos, chips and

salsa, and dessert for those there to participate in cornhole, pickleball, board games, or delve into craft projects provided by the organization.



Dakota (left), Choe (middle), and Iza (right) enjoyed some time bouncing around together at the Grand Ronde Church of the Nazarene Family Fun Day held on Saturday.



Little Brody worked on his cornhole game at the Calvary Chapel's Party at the Park event.

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On the left, kids try out Power Wheels for the next heat of the drag race as the young man on the right is confident he picked a winner.



Attendees of the Party at the Park line up to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win televisions, kids' bikes, and other prizes.

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### Dragons Hoard Wins in Opening Week Games

The Delphian Dragons started the fall sports season strong, racking up four victories in their opening week of action on the court and in the field.

The ladies got started September 2, clawing their way to a 3-2 win over the Gaston Greyhounds in Gaston.

Later in the week, they were back at it again, successfully defending their home court in a double header matchup, taming the Clatskanie Tigers with a 3-2 win, then downing the Dragons of Monroe High School with a 3-0 landslide.

The Lady Dragons end their first week with a 3-0 record and an 8th position in the OSAA 2A rankings.

As the ladies dominated the volleyball net, the boys' soccer team found their way into their own net twice, coming back from a 0-1 deficit.

The Delphians' first goal came in the second quarter off the rebound of a goalie block, and the other, courtesy of a long kick from a dropped ball making its way past the fingertips of the goaltender, giving the Dragons a 2-1 win over Portland Christian.

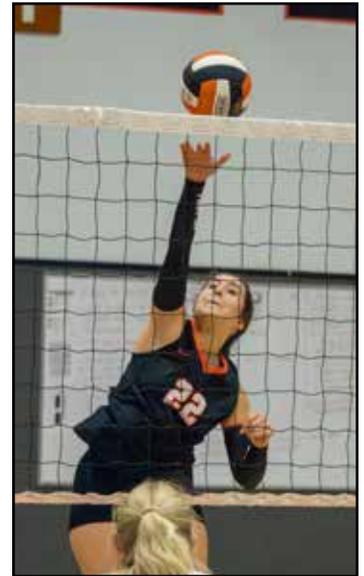
### Wins Elude Bulldogs' Volleyball Squad

The first week for the Willamina Bulldogs volleyball team was a rough one.

In Willamina's home opener, September 2 against the Santiam Christian Eagles, the first set looked like it was going to be a close matchup, with the Eagles pulling out a 25-22 win over the Bulldogs to take the match lead.

Despite the very close first set, the Lady Dawgs couldn't ground the high-flying Eagles, dropping the final two sets 17-25 and 22-25, losing the match 0-3 against Santiam Christian.

The rest of the week did not fare much better for the Bulldog netters, ending the week with a double-header loss, losing 2-3 against the Kennedy Trojans before falling 1-3 against the Mannahouse Christian Academy Lions.



Violeta Gonzalez goes for a spike during the Dawgs' 0-3 loss against Santiam Christian.



Bulldogs celebrate a point in their match against Santiam Christian. Willamina lacked enough of these moments as they fell 0-3 to the Eagles in their season opener on September 2.

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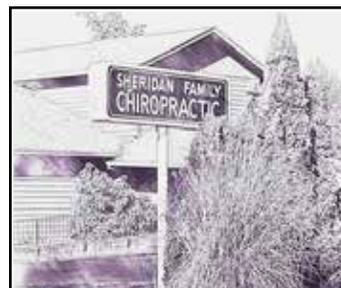
Last weeks answers

Transport, Captain, Planet, Vulcan, Alien, Phaser, Enterprise

What do you call a bald porcupine?

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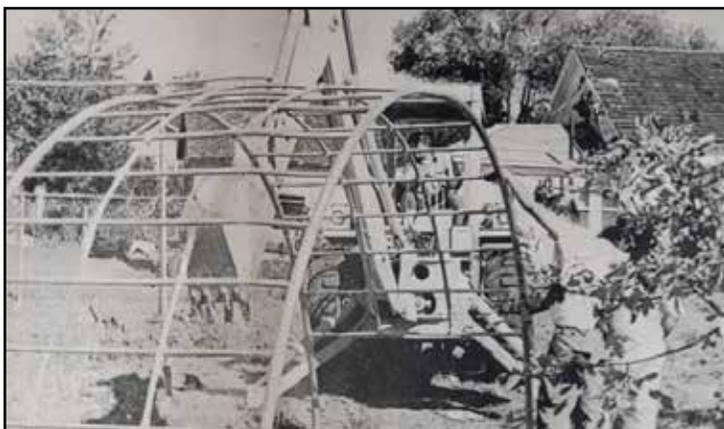
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Willamina	Volleyball	Tue	9/9	6:30 PM	vs	Amity	Home		
Delphian	Girls-CC	Wed	9/10	3:30 PM	vs	Silver Falls Oktoberfest Inv.	Away		
Sheridan	Girls-CC	Wed	9/10	3:30 PM	vs	Silver Falls Oktoberfest Inv.	Away		
Delphian	B-Soccer	Thu	9/11	4:15 PM	vs	Oregon Episcopal	Away		
Delphian	Volleyball	Thu	9/11	6:00 PM	vs	Crosshill Christian	Away		
Sheridan	Volleyball	Thu	9/11	6:00 PM	vs	Damascus Christian	Away		
Willamina	Volleyball	Thu	9/11	5:30 PM	vs	Tri-Match @ Taft	Away		
Sheridan	Football	Fri	9/12	7:00 PM	vs	Harrisburg (Eaglemania)	Away		
Willamina	Football	Fri	9/12	7:00 PM	vs	Rainier	Away		
Sheridan	Volleyball	Sat	9/13	1:00AM	vs	Sheridan Varsity Tourney	Home		
Sheridan	Girls-CC	Sat	9/13	TBD	vs	Stayton XC Invitational	Away		
Delphian	B-Soccer	Tue	9/16	4:15 PM	vs	Sisters	Home		
Delphian	Volleyball	Tue	9/16	6:00 PM	vs	Gervais	Away		
Sheridan	Volleyball	Tue	9/16	6:00 PM	vs	Santiam	Away		
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Breaking ground Saturday morning for the Tina Miller Memorial Children's Park were councilman Leo Godsey and the Willamina Police Reserve. Police Chief Bill Hale said that they hoped to have the park completed and open to children in about ten days to a week. The will of Tina Miller stipulated the creation of such a park and called for the erection of a plaque in her memory. Hale said that the plaque will be in place as soon as a suitable design is settled on. The memorial park includes slides, swings, and a climbing apparatus. Above, councilman Godsey digs out holes in which the new equipment will be installed and anchored in cement.

## Kids Register for 1973-74 School Year

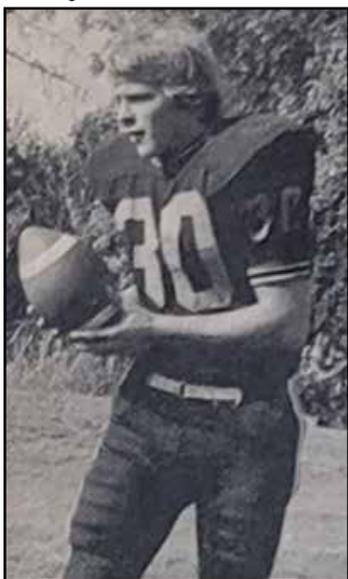


Children register in Sheridan for kindergarten. Sheridan enrollment figures show a slight drop from last year. However, so many first-graders registered that a new teacher, Mrs. Ollie Herd of Grand Ronde, was hired to help with the extra load.



Kary Holstad holds tight to her mother at Willamina Grade School registration. She's not so sure she likes this school idea.

## Player of the Week: Dennis Blackwell



Dennis Blackwell, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blackwell, S.W. Hill Drive, Willamina, was this season's first choice as player of the week.

A junior this year, Dennis, who plays safety on defense and motion back on offense, said that a little more practice by both teams should make the Bulldogs a rough team to beat this year. Coach Reeser says Dennis played a great defensive game against Coquille, carrying the ball six or seven times on offense to gain about 50 yards. He was the only man to play the whole game.

Besides football, Dennis is active in basketball and baseball. When he graduates in 1975, he plans to go on to college.

## Restaurant Under New Ownership

Hal and Thelma's Cafe, formerly known as Danny's, is under new ownership and will soon have a new name.

Vic and Lucille Branson, from Bakersfield, Calif., have bought the restaurant, which will be called "Vic's."

The Bransons operated a restaurant near Bakersfield called the "Farmer's Club" before heading up this way. When asked how they happened to choose Willamina to locate, they both replied that they came here because of the "beautiful country."

They plan to gradually remodel

the restaurant and tavern, and add live country and western entertainment on weekends. They cater to banquets, parties, and meetings as well as running the restaurant and tavern.

Vic and Lucille Branson have four children: Tonja, Angie, Victor Jr., and Brian -- all of grade school age.

Like all newcomers to Willamina, they are having trouble finding a place to live, but hope to be settled when school starts.

"We really like all the people we've met so far," Vic added.

"They really make a person feel right at home."



Vic and Lucille Branson, formerly of Bakersfield, Calif., are the new owners of what used to be Hal and Thelma's Cafe. Renaming it "Vic's," they plan remodeling and other improvements. Hoping to settle in the Willamina area, the Bransons owned and operated a restaurant near Bakersfield before coming up here.

## Night Games to be Continued This Year

Due to the power shortage and Dale Parnell's directive for schools to save on electricity whenever possible, the principals and athletic directors of the Yawama League schools met to decide on the fate of Friday night football games.

They agreed to hold the varsity games on Friday nights because gate receipts are needed to keep the athletic programs going. None of the schools have enough money budgeted for athletics, but perhaps this could be changed in future years.

They left it up with the individual schools involved to attempt to reschedule freshmen games to daytime whenever possible. Sheridan High School principal Rich Correa said they were conserving electricity in the school. Lights in the hallways,

student lounge, and lobby have been cut in half. On particularly bright days, all hallway lights have been turned off.

## Youth Police Reserves Get Trip to Lake

A fishing trip to Detroit Lake was enjoyed by Police Chief Hale and five members of the Youth Police Reserve during Labor Day weekend. Those making the trip with Chief Hale were Mark Bond, Rickey Ryan, Roger Pearson, Mike McCurry, and Butch Willis.

The group stayed in a cabin owned by Philip Willis and had the use of Butch Willis' boat. Hale showed hidden talents by being chief cook. He said he was worn out but had a great time with a bunch of great kids.



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