



# West Valley Bulletin Board

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## Repurpose Store "The Rusty Elephant" Opens in West Valley

The Ivory Elephant, which operated in Willamina for two years before 2020, has gained a little patina over the years since its closure and reopened last month as The Rusty Elephant, located just west of Sheridan.

This isn't your local thrift shop or second-hand store. This is the repurposed passion of owner Suzi Ouimette, who moved to the West Valley area

from Portland in 2000.

The knick-knacks that fill her little store from floor to ceiling range from present to passé, vintage to Victorian, doors to decor, and much more.

Suzi's passion, though, is "Boho" (bohemian), re-purposing items to socially unconventional works of art, such as a horned animal skull now adorned with jewelry, a door decked in blues, browns, and

keys galore, and other repurposed items.

"My family, my mom, and my aunt dealt in antiques my whole life, so I kind of took it on," She stated, in between greeting incoming customers. "I repurpose a lot of stuff, (pointing around the shop) I take stuff like that (pointing at a wooden box that she had put legs on), and I do stuff like that (pointing at a small doll chair with a seat that looks like a bird's nest). I redo furniture and repurpose things," she added.

Almost every nook and cranny of the store is filled. She

apologized for the mess as she worked to reorganize and clean up, jokingly stating she wished she could add her storage unit just down the building to her space for more room.

Despite the cramped conditions, individuals around town have given positive reviews on the amount, variety, and visual quality of items Suzi has for sale.

Those interested in visiting The Rusty Elephant, the store is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, at 1360 W Main St., Sheridan, right next to River Park Senior Living.

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**NEW LISTINGS WANTED!**



Farmhouse decor fills the backroom of The Rusty Elephant, which opened in September on Business Hwy 18, just west of Sheridan.

**60TH CLASS REUNION**  
  
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**Attention: All 1965 Classmates of WHS 60th Class Reunion will be held Wed., October 29th, at Forthill Restaurant from 10-1 with the Bulldog All-Class Reunion Luncheon.**



A doll-sized chair made from sticks, one of owner Suzi's creations, sits outside her store.

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## Employment

### CITY OF SHERIDAN JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Code Compliance Officer/ Community Services Coordinator

The City of Sheridan is recruiting for a full-time Code Compliance Officer/Community Services Coordinator. Under the general supervision of the City Manager, the Code Compliance Officer/Community Services Coordinator is the primary contact for the City's local code enforcement program to ensure compliance with the Sheridan Municipal Code. In their capacity as the Code Compliance Officer, they lead the City in pro-active code compliance and perform a variety of administrative, technical, and field duties. As Community Services Coordinator, they coordinate, organize, and promote community services, City events, and public outreach. A full position description is available on the City's website: [www.cityofsheridanor.com](http://www.cityofsheridanor.com).

Salary range for this position starts at \$23.49/hr. plus excellent fringe benefits. Application materials are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday October 20, 2025. A full Position Description is available on the City's website [www.cityofsheridanor.com](http://www.cityofsheridanor.com).

**River Park Senior Living** is now hiring caregivers, housekeepers, and a maintenance worker. Wage DOE. Come in to apply or email your resume to [patty.angus@agingways.com](mailto:patty.angus@agingways.com). (C)

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The City of Sheridan has an exciting opportunity for a motivated individual who is looking for opportunities to use and improve their skill sets as part of a Public Works team that takes pride in each job accomplishment, big and small. The Public Works Maintenance Worker I performs a variety of manual labor associated with the operation, maintenance, and repair on city land, buildings, and infrastructure, including parks, streets, and utilities. \$19.32/hr. to \$28.54/hr. plus excellent fringe benefits. All application materials are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025. A full Position Description is available on the City's website [www.cityofsheridanor.com](http://www.cityofsheridanor.com).

## For Sale

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**Firewood** - Cords of seasoned fir, \$220 per cord, pickup Goose-neck Rd. Sheridan. Call/Text 971-312-5832.

## Wanted

**Three hay bails**, for kids Halloween pics at Willamina IGA. Need drop-off and pick-up. Will reimburse time and gas. Call/text 575-740-6407 Dave.

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## Obituaries



**Jean Delores Taylor**

**Jan. 4, 1937 - Sept. 30, 2025**

Jean was born in her family home in Amity, Oregon. Having three children early, her life was a testament to her unwavering dedication to her family. She and her husband, Keith, built a successful commercial property business in Sherwood, Oregon which became a lasting legacy. After Keith's passing in 2002, Jean continued to manage the property with her children until her retirement in 2019. Jean's remarkable life was characterized by her selflessness, compassion and unwavering commitment to others. Her passing leaves a profound void, and she will be deeply missed by those who knew her.

She is survived by her children: Steve Taylor (Janice) of Bend Oregon; Linda Taylor Becher (Al) of Sisters, Oregon; and Mike Taylor (Kim) of Sheridan. Her brother Jim Robertson (Debbie) resides in Oregon City, Oregon.

Her family includes 7 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren -- each one, her favorite!

Funeral services will be held at Macy's and Sons in McMinnville on Saturday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m.



**Roy Lee Denson, JR.**

**March 6, 1945 - Sept. 20, 2025**

Roy Denson, a longtime resident of Ballston, Oregon passed away at home on September 20, 2025.

He was born in Norfolk, Virginia to Roy Denson, Sr. and Dorthy Dimple Galtress. Roy spent time as an engineer and a truck driver.

He is survived by 2 daughters. Krista Denson and Jennifer Denson and a grandson Damian Kai. There will be no services held.

## Warm Fuzzies

community.

The museum extends its gratitude to the officers for taking time out of their busy schedules to answer questions and listen to community members concerns. Everyone appreciated the delicious assortment of snacks and coffee the officers provided! Thank you for your commitment to promoting safety and understanding in Yamhill County. Your efforts are genuinely appreciated.

A special shout-out to County Commissioner Kit Johnston for joining us and, once again, demonstrating his unwavering support for the Sheridan community. We thank Kit for his continuous help in Sheridan's efforts to build a stronger, more connected community.

We also extend our appreciation to Sheridan City Councilor Denny McElroy for attending. We appreciate his commitment and service to Sheridan.



**Yamhill County Sheriff's Officers, Lieutenant Stackpole, Sergeant McMahon, and Captain Whitlow.**



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Championing Success: A Look at Test Scores and What's Next

The state's academic test scores were released this week, providing us with important data that reflects both our strengths and the areas where we can improve.

While our overall district performance generally aligns with the state average for older students, we need to address a specific challenge: student participation. Our goal is to have all eligible students participate, and we continue to miss that mark in several areas.

We've observed a trend where a decline in participation often means some of our most capable students are not testing. This isn't just a missed opportunity for them to "show what they know" and potentially open doors for advanced studies; it also impacts our district's ability to accurately assess student needs and expand course offerings.

As a school community, we can—and we will—do better. We are championing a "show what we know" attitude across all our classrooms and encourage every student to embrace these opportunities.

### Construction Update: Addition Design Reaching Final Stages

We have exciting news on the facilities front! The design for our new addition is reaching its final specifications. We plan to put the project out to bid right around the holiday season. Here is the anticipated timeline for construction:

- Summer Start: The project will begin as soon as the current school year ends.
- Interior First: All modifications to the existing interior of the building will be completed over the summer break.
- Addition Continues: The construction of the new addition will continue throughout the following school year.

We are thrilled to be moving forward on this project, which will ultimately enhance our learning environment for every Bulldog!

### Celebrating Community: Homecoming and Bulldog Bash

The start of fall is always welcome, and so are our fantastic community events!

Homecoming was a great success for our High School students. If you didn't see it hopefully you heard the infamous Willamina Noise Parade—an annual Willamina activity that is truly like no other! We encourage all families and community members to come out and cheer on our students in all our activities.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Bulldog Bash! It was a great community event, and we appreciate all our vendors and community participants for making it a success. Every year it gets better and is a great showcase of our programs and what students are doing to start the year.

Respectfully,

Mike Gass, Superintendent

Willamina Elementary School 503.876.2374

Willamina Middle/High School 503.876.2545

School District Office 503.876.1500

## Don't Miss Out On The West Valley Culture Fest

October 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Bridge Learning Community, 430 SW Monroe St. Sheridan.

Featuring the new Art Alcove and the work of Jesse Anderson, Toni Tyree, and Joanne Lacardo, plus new panels for better display of artwork. The Inauguration of Art Kits for Kids - Simple take home art, opportunities for kids from ages 3 to 10, donations are suggested. Grab a couple homemade cookies. Early sign up for Fall adult art classes offered by AC at TBLC. Stay tuned for details.

### Diana Anderson Fabric Art Workshop

You can sign up on Oct. 11 for Diana Anderson's Fabric Art Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 25, at The Bridge Learning Community. It will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a break for lunch at noon. Tuition is \$40 plus \$10 materials fee payable directly to the instructor on Oct. 25. It will be an exciting opportunity to learn to print and stitch on fabric. All materials will be provided. This workshop is being brought to you by The Art Conspiracy in collaboration with The Bridge learning Community.



Example of a project for Diana Anderson's workshop

## Obituary

Mary Lee Johnstone  
1946 - 2025

Mary Lee Johnstone, of Willamina, Oregon, was born in 1946. She passed away October 4, 2025.

She was a wonderful companion and friend to her beloved husband of 19 years, Ken Johnstone. Her graveside service will be held at noon, Friday, October 10, 2025, at Buck Hollow Cemetery in Willamina.

### Wednesday Pinochle at The American Legion

A Pinochle group meets at 1 p.m. every Wednesday, at the American Legion Post 75 Hall located at 125 N. Bridge Street in Sheridan. The group is open to all interested in playing Pinochle. The cost is \$3.25 each which covers the winning pot as well as the building rental fee.

Those interested in joining are invited to head to the American Legion on Wednesdays.

### Winner Announced In 2025 Churches United Chili Cook-Off

Trinity Lutheran took first place again this year raising \$874.53. Coming in Second and third were: Sheridan Nazarene \$573.31, and Sheridan United Methodist \$357.07. Emmanuel Lutheran and New Hope also cooked up some fun. Raising a grand total of \$2078.45 for the event.

Of course the real winners of the chili cook off are the people of the West Valley, the funds raised are used for backpacks, school supplies, community dinners, Hope's Closet and the shower ministry.

Churches United For the West want to send many thanks to all that participated, and a special thank you to Sheridan Church of the Nazarene for hosting the event.

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Purchase products with a safety certification mark from a nationally recognized testing lab, such as UL, to ensure they meet safety standards.

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### Recycle:

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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](http://willaminaoregon.gov) or at City Hall. Applicants can submit the applications via email to [stevensk@ci.willamina.or.us](mailto:stevensk@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.



## Willamina Museum Has New Hours, Some Fun Bits of History Inside

Alyssa Green

The Willamina Museum is pleased to announce that they will be opening again every Sunday from 1-4 pm starting October 4. Previously, the Museum's summer hours were every Saturday from 1-4 pm. They invite the public to come enjoy a cup of coffee, cookies and visit the many displays depicting the history of Willamina and surrounding community.

The building in which the museum occupies was built in 1887 and served as the only church in Willamina until 1909. In 1922 it became a 7th Day Adventist school then in 1933 the Willamina Gospel Mission bought the land and building for \$100. The Primrose Rebekah Lodge purchased the building in 1937. In 1992, April Wooden along with others, wanting Willamina to have a museum, started looking at the Rebekah Lodge building. After a year of hard work and discussions the Rebekah's deeded the building to the city in 1993 and the idea of having a museum was born. The Museum opened in the early 2000's with the help and hard work of many volunteers.

Willamina has a strong logging history and many tools of the trade including early pictures taken of loggers, mills and logging camps are featured. Many of our local loggers can be found in pictures of their early years out in the woods or running heavy equipment.

The museum proudly features many dioramas made by our local dentist, Dr. Gary Brooks. He has researched the history of the brick mill, plywood plant, downtown Willamina in the 1920's, the old mill and pond and schools of the area. These three-dimensional miniatures depict buildings, railroad tracks, ponds, cars and even that famous cow by the brick plant. You'll have to come in for the rest of the story.

The Museum offers an extensive research area and includes obituaries, historic photos of Willamina, story of the plywood plant, marriage records dating back to 1844, and our own famous Rocky Stone whose boat racing career began in 1930's. He was a member of the American Power Boat Association, winning most awards in all divisions over the years.

Some of the other interesting items to see include the Willamina Clay Products plant which

operated from 1907-1974, a cider press, old farm equipment and Yamhill County Fair Banners from 1960-1993. A most impressive display is an original wagon donated by Augie & Betty Frownfelter. You can also find books on who and what was brought out west in the Wagon Train Lists from 1839-1855, a most interesting read.

Other displays of note include a depiction of an old fashion kitchen featuring a Wedgewood wood burning stove, the Willamina General Store, a Parlour complete with pump organ and a bedroom showcasing antique dolls, dressing gowns and the beautiful Willamina quilt made in 1901. There is also a medical display with many items donated from local doctors and a pharmacist. These include old pill bottles, first aid kits, and other items important to a Doctor making home visits. Yes, they used to do that! They also have a military section sporting uniforms loaned to the museum from local men who served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam complete with their pictures attached to many of the uniforms. Included in the military section are service records books from WWII that are definitely worth checking out.

You can find advertisements from local restaurants and businesses of days gone by. We even have the original movie theatre seats! The theatre was first called the Willamina Theatre then Hi-Way Theatre and finally Gay-Way Theatre. You'll have to come in for a visit to find out where that theatre was located and see what movies were playing at that time. The newest and greatest addition to the Museum is the new computer with the Willamina Times digitalized. You can look up news articles from when the paper started in 1909 till it closed November 1972. It is easy to access whatever you may be looking for and has a printer for those documents you find.

They look forward to seeing you and visiting our wonderful museum, it definitely is a treasure and one that you will find most interesting.





## VFW to Host Rattle Your Bones Fundraiser

The Willamina Post No. 4211 will host a "Rattle-Your-Bones" concert fundraiser from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, at 771 NE Main St, Willamina.

The evening will feature jazz music from The Little Big Band, a 50-50 jackpot drawing, and a silent auction.

Advance ticket sales are available: \$25 for couples, \$15 for singles, \$7.50 for students. Children 12 and under are free.

Ticket prices at the door will be \$30 for couples, \$20 for singles, and \$10 for students.

Contact Ken Rober at 971-403-6923 for more information or to purchase tickets.

## All Church Community Sing-Along Planned Oct. 12

An all-church community sing-along will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Grand Ronde Seventh-day adventist Church 27660 Salmon River Hwy, Grand Ronde.

The sing-along is open to all churches and community members who enjoy singing. The all-church sing-along began back in 1968.

For more information call Maxine at 971-241-2408.



## WHAT'S UP IN WILLAMINA

by mary jane

Have you ever been to the VFW's Saturday breakfast? It's the "all you can eat" type and they mean it. I once saw a gentleman eat 3 full plates of food before wiping his chin and leaving. It's a great deal. Just \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The food is good and plentiful, to say the least. Lots of nice folks show up to join in the food and the gossip that usually goes with it. I know it's pancakes and eggs, plus coffee and juice. There's probably ham in there too. All the proceeds go to a good cause. See you there on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Then after that you can go to the "Blue Market" and satisfy your sweet tooth at the bake sale for the 4th of July fireworks. Oh, boy. There are going to be a lot of happy tummies in Willamina this weekend. Happy tummies and happy folks are "What's Up in Willamina."

## Sheridan Church Of The Nazarene to Host Halloween Hall-O-Treat

The event is from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Sheridan Nazarene Church, 917 S Bridge St. Sheridan.

The theme is time flies with different months being represented. Fun for kids of all ages. Free treats, crafts and refreshments

## Last issue's crossword solution

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## Word Scramble

Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to Fall. Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.

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## 100 Years Ago This Month: Historical Events From October 1925

The month of October has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in October 1925.

- The Lerma River in Guanajuato, Mexico, floods on October 1, leaving thousands of people homeless as a result.
- Three workers are burned alive when the Church Hill Tunnel in Richmond, Virginia, collapses on October 2. The tragedy is partly responsible for the emergence of an urban legend known as the "Richmond Vampire" more than 80 years after the tunnel's collapse.
- The Soviet Union removes all restrictions on the alcohol content of beverages on October 4. Alcohol had been prohibited on a limited basis for 11 years prior to the removal of the limitation.
- Legendary baseball pitcher Christy Mathewson dies of tuberculosis on October 7. Mathewson, who notched 373 wins and five National League ERA titles during his career, developed tuberculosis after being exposed to chemical weapons during World War One.
- On October 9, the Italian state prosecutor absolves 24 officials of any responsibility for the June 1924 murder of Giacomo Matteotti. Matteotti was an Italian socialist politician who accused the fascists of fraud shortly before he was kidnapped and killed by police affiliated with fascist leader Benito Mussolini.
- The Palace Museum is opened to the public in Beijing on October 10. More than 1.1 million pieces of artwork were housed at the museum when it first opened.
- Federal Bureau of Investigation agent Edwin C. Shanahan is killed on October 11. Shanahan is the first FBI agent to be killed in the line of duty.
- Six hundred American troops enter Panama on October 12. The troops enter at the request of Panamanian President Rodolfo Chiari, who was hoping to put down a renter's strike.
- Margaret Hilda Roberts is born in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England on October 13. Roberts would come to be known as Margaret Thatcher and serve as the Prime Minister of England from 1979 to 1990.
- The Pittsburgh Pirates win the World Series on October 15. The Pirates defeat the Washington Senators 9-7 in the decisive seventh game of the series. The

Senators had opened the series winning three of the first four games.

- Rebels invade Damascus during the Great Syrian Revolt on October 17. The rebels set several colonial French buildings on fire and take control of Azm Palace during the revolt.
- Hungarian-American explorer and amateur archaeologist Byron Khun de Prorok begins excavating the Tin Hinan Tomb in the Sahara Desert in French Algeria on October 18. Prorok begins the excavation despite objections from the local Tuareg Berber community.
- "The War of the Stray Dog" between Bulgaria and Greece begins on October 19. The killing of a Greek captain and a sentry by Bulgarian soldiers was one reason given for the start of the conflict.
- John William Carson is born in Corning, Iowa, on October 23. Carson would grow up and host "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson" for three decades, ultimately earning the nickname "The King of Late Night."
- Seven of 23 U.S. Navy Curtiss CS-1 seaplanes are destroyed by wind gusts on October 25. The planes had been brought to Maryland to compete in the Schneider Cup.
- Nicaragua President Carlos José Solórzano acquiesces to former president Emiliano Chamorro Vargas's day-old demand to make him Minister of War on October 26, effectively ceding control of the country.
- American inventor Fred Waller receives a patent for the water ski on October 27.
- The remains of Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamun are found on October 28. English Egyptologist Howard Carter had discovered Tutankhamun's tomb nearly three years before discovering the remains, which had been covered by a death mask made of gold.
- An armored truck is hijacked and robbed of \$93,000 in cash in Buffalo, New York, on October 29. The money is never recovered and Richard Reese Whitmore, who was indicted for the holdup, was never convicted of the crime after a jury could not agree that he was guilty.
- The Persian Parliament formally deposes the exiled Shah of Persia on October 31. The deposition officially ends the Qajar dynasty, which began in 1789.



# ODHS Announces Federal Changes To Snap, Thousands May Be Impacted

## News Release from Oregon Dept. of Human Services

Oregon Department of Human Services announces federal changes to SNAP so that thousands of Oregonians who may be impacted can prepare

(Salem, Ore.) The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is announcing federally required changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in Oregon. These changes are required under House Resolution (H.R. 1), a federal law passed on July 4, 2025. More than 740,000 people in Oregon currently receive SNAP benefits, and ODHS expects more than 313,000 people enrolled in SNAP may be impacted by the H.R. 1 changes.

"We are announcing these changes today so that families can prepare for the impact we expect many Oregonians who depend on this resource will feel," said Dana Hittle, who is co-leading ODHS' federal response team. "Oregon families enrolled in SNAP receive an average of \$300 a month, and any reduction makes it harder for families to put food on the table. Oregon has no choice but to follow federal law that will result in increased hardship across our communities, but we remain committed to helping families adjust and prepare."

ODHS will begin notifying affected households in mid-October. The people who will be most affected by the new federal law include older adults, immigrants and people living in rural communities with limited access to transportation.

The changes won't happen to everyone at once — they will roll out over the next year.

- For people who already get SNAP: The changes will affect those who applied or recertified between July 4 and Oct. 1, 2025. Notices will be sent around Oct. 15, 2025 to this first group of people who are impacted. The first group will have SNAP benefit reductions or closures on Nov. 1, 2025. For people approved for SNAP before July 4, 2025, the changes will happen over time throughout the next year and a notice will be sent.

- For people who apply or reapply for SNAP after Oct. 1, 2025: The new rules will apply right away.

Key changes affecting people in Oregon

These changes will affect three main groups of SNAP recipients: households receiving utility as-

sistance, able-bodied adults ages 18 through 64 with no child under age 14 in their SNAP group, and certain lawfully present immigrants.

Utility assistance and SNAP benefits

- Households previously eligible for the Heating and Cooling Full Utility Allowance (FUA) through energy assistance programs like Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or "Heat and Eat" will see changes.

- Only households with at least one member who is age 60 or older or a member with a disability will automatically qualify for FUA.

- Approximately 29,000 households will lose this allowance, reducing their SNAP benefits by an average of \$58 per month.

- About 9,600 households who applied or renewed between July 4 and Oct. 1, 2025 will get notices around Oct. 15, 2025. Their SNAP will be reduced Nov. 1, 2025.

- Another 20,000 households will see benefits go down when their SNAP is reviewed.

Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

- Beginning Oct 1, 2025, people with ABAWD status in 6 counties (Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, Benton, and Hood River) will be reviewed at application or renewal for required work rules.

- People who don't meet work rules may lose SNAP benefits after 3 months.

- The work rules will apply to adults ages 18–64 without a disability or without children under age 14 in their SNAP household. Previously the work rules applied to adults ages 18 to 54 without a child under 18 in their SNAP household.

- People with ABAWD status must work or participate in a qualifying activity for at least 80 hours per month.

- Veterans, people experiencing homelessness and young adults aging out of foster care are no longer exempt from the work rules.

- Tribal Members and people who meet the federal definition of "Indian, Urban Indian, or California Indian" are newly exempt from the work rules.

- In January 2026 these ABAWD requirements will be implemented statewide.

- It's estimated that 310,000 adults will have to be newly evaluated to see if they have to meet the work rules.

Refugees, Asylees and certain

other lawfully present immigrants

- Refugees, asylees, trafficking survivors and other conditionally allowed non-citizens who were eligible for SNAP as of July 3, 2025, will lose eligibility under H.R. 1.

- In Oregon, it's estimated that at least 3,000 individuals will no longer qualify for benefits.

- About 1,000 people who applied or renewed their SNAP between July 4 and Oct. 1, 2025 will get notices around Oct. 15, 2025. Their SNAP will end on Oct. 31, 2025.

- Another 2,000 people will lose SNAP when their SNAP is reviewed.

### Notifications to households

Around Oct. 15, 2025, ODHS will mail notices to:

- Roughly 9,600 households receiving energy assistance to notify them that their SNAP benefits will be reduced starting November 1, 2025.

- Approximately 1,000 refugees, asylees and other lawfully present immigrants whose SNAP cases will close on Oct. 31, 2025.

- Affected households do not need to take any action. ODHS will adjust benefits automatically.

### Preparing for changes

- If you think you may be in one of the impacted groups, go to [www.oregon.gov/odhs](http://www.oregon.gov/odhs) to learn more.

- Watch your mail for notices

from ODHS and open them right away. The first wave of notices will be sent on Oct. 15, 2025.

- If you think the ABAWD work requirements may apply to you, don't wait to start planning how to meet them. Call the ODHS ABAWD team directly at 833-947-1694 or [SNAP.ABAWD-Team@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:SNAP.ABAWD-Team@odhsoha.oregon.gov).

- Know what other food resources are in your community.

- o The ODHS Food Resources website can help.

- Older adults and people with disabilities can connect with Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Oregon to learn about government programs and community resources at 1-855-673-2372 or [www.adrcoforegon.org](http://www.adrcoforegon.org).

- Reach out to 211info by dialing 2-1-1, texting your zip code to 898-211 or visiting [www.211info.org](http://www.211info.org)

### Contact ODHS

If you have questions or need help understanding these changes, contact ODHS:

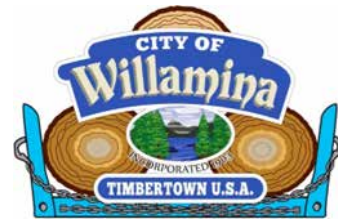
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Philatelists, also known as stamp collectors, enjoy the hobby of studying and collecting postage stamps, among other items related to the postal world. Philatelists may be on the hunt for items that are very rare and thus highly valuable. The most expensive stamp ever sold is the 1856 British Guiana 1c "Black on Magenta," which sold for \$9.48 million. It is considered to be the world's rarest and most expensive stamp. Only one copy of the stamp is known to exist, and it was an emergency issue of a stamp in British Guiana, now Guyana.

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## Boo-tiful Halloween Craft Ideas

Halloween is a highlight of fall, as children and even adults anxiously await October 31. Similar to the holiday season, people often decorate their homes for Halloween, and even do so well in advance of late October to maximize the amount of time they get to enjoy the trinkets and other items.

Many people enjoy getting hands-on for Halloween. It's possible to craft decorations, personalized treats and festive costumes. Consider these ideas for Halloween craft projects.

### 3D Pumpkins

Carving pumpkins is a popular Halloween tradition. But there are many people who feel the job is too messy. Instead, a fun way to add personality to pumpkins comes by way of some hot glue and paint. Use a hot glue gun to create a pattern on the outside of the pumpkin. It can be designs, a jack-o'-lantern face or just about anything. Once dry and hardened, use craft paint to go over the entire pumpkin. The raised design will be evident and add dimension.

### Spooktacular Wreath

Adorn the front door with something creative. It can be utterly frightening or something more festive. Start with a pre-made spring greenery wreath or a wreath frame that you cover with your own greenery. Purchase a round, unfinished wooden sign panel, and paint with black chalkboard paint. Add your own message with chalk or chalk paint. "Keep Away" or "Enter at Your Own Risk" are great Halloween phrases to consider. Attach the sign in the middle of the wreath. You also can add some embellishments to the wreath, including black moss and floral stems and leaves. A glittery black and green



ribbon or bow is the finishing touch before hanging.

### Boo Treasure Box

Purchase a wooden treasure chest or box from the hobby store. Paint it all black or your favorite Halloween colors. Then add additional designs like spider webs, bats or pumpkins. Fill the box with treats or small toys. Kids can have fun picking out their treasures.

### Halloween Gnomes

Gnomes have been popular for years, and they keep turning up in different iterations. You can craft your own gnomes for Halloween with a few supplies. Start with a 9-inch-tall foam cone. Cut the bottom off the toe part of a solid colored ankle sock just past the heel, and pull it up so it covers the lower few inches of the cone. Add some hot glue to secure, draw a beard shape on the back of the faux fur and cut it out. Attach the beard to the lower part of the cone over the sock. Use a crew length patterned sock to create a hat for the gnome, and glue to the top part of the cone. Glue on a large wood bead for the nose. Decorate the gnome any way you'd like, such as adding felt patches to the sock hat.

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## Spartan Girls Volleyball Slides in League Games

Sheridan Spartans did have one thing to celebrate during their week of on-court action last week, and that was the raising of over \$1,000 to support a community member in a contest of their own against the ever-formidable opponent, cancer.

During the Spartans' matchup against the Delphian Dragons, the Sheridan team doffed their normal blue and gold for something a lot brighter, pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which kicked off on October 1.

On the court, though, the Spartans had not much to celebrate, losing three games 0-3 to league opponents Western Christian, Delphian, and Santiam, dropping the Lady Sparts to a 3-10 overall record and 2-6 in league play.



Delphians' Liv Curry (2) spikes the ball as Sheridan's Hayden Gram (10) attempts to block. Dragons went on to win the contest 3-0 against Sheridan.

## Bulldogs Blasted in Homecoming Week

The Willamina Bulldogs had a spirited week, but that did not translate to wins in football or volleyball during their homecoming week.

The Lady Dawgs faced off against league opponent Santiam Christian on Tuesday and non-league team Warrenton on Thursday, losing both bouts 0-3, falling to 2-10 on the season.

Homecoming night saw the gridiron boys mauled 20-49 by the Yamhill-Carlton Tigers.



Willamina's 2025 Homecoming King and Queen are Kisor Savage (right) and Paige Baker (left). Photo courtesy of Willamina wrestling.

## Girls Soccer Drops Two

The combined Sheridan, Willamina, and Delphian girls soccer program dropped two more in their second week of action on the field, losing 0-4 to Gervais and 0-8 to Blanchet Catholic. The Sher-Wil-Del joint team falls to 0-4 on the season.

## Delphian Grabs Six Victories in Eight Matches

The Delphian Dragons' Athletic Program continued to add tally marks to the win column. The Lady Dragons improved to 13-3 on the season and stayed atop the league leaderboard at 8-0 after defeating league opponents Colton, Sheridan, and Gervais last week, all matches ended in 3-0 victories for the Delphian netters. The only loss of the week came from a 0-2 beating by the 3A first-ranked Westside Christian during a tournament

held at Santiam Christian. The Delphian squad won its other match at the tournament, beating Catlin Gabel 2-1. Delphian soccer split matches this week, beating out Gervais 8-0 in league play before losing 2-3 to Blanchet Catholic. The boys' soccer team added one more win during a special non-ranked contest to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary, beating the Alumni team 6-4 on Saturday to end the week.



Sheridan volleyball members Pinked-Out in the game against the Delphian Dragons, in a special breast cancer support awareness night. Spartans Madison Blacketer (17), Alondra Casillas (left), and not pictured Ivy Mirabito handed out flowers for those who had or those who had a family member battle breast cancer. Proceeds and special cupcakes for sale at the concession stand went to help support a community member currently battling the disease.



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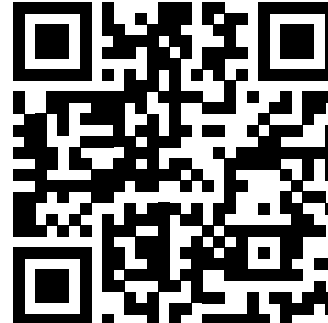
## West Valley Esports and Gaming Expo Returning to Sheridan Nov. 8

The doors will open at 11 a.m., Saturday Nov. 8, at the Sheridan High School for the event. Cash prizes for competitors, chance of winning it all and get-

ting a trophy, potential of winning a switch 2, and vendors galore, there will be plenty for the community to come and engage with



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## Horoscopes Oct. 8-14

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

This week is all about fresh starts, Aries. The stars are aligning to give you the green light on a new project or personal goal. Don't hesitate to jump on the first step.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Focus on building a solid foundation this week, Taurus. Whether it's in your career or personal life, your hard work and persistence will pay off in a big way.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Your social calendar is buzzing, Gemini. This week you could be a magnet for interesting conversations and new ideas. Don't be afraid to network and share your thoughts.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Expect a breakthrough in your personal life, Cancer. You'll gain a new sense of clarity and emotional understanding, allowing you to move forward with confidence.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Your leadership skills are on full display, Leo. This week you'll be called upon to inspire and guide others. Don't be shy about stepping into the spotlight at work or in a group setting.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

This is a week for practical improvements, Virgo. Take a look at your daily routines and find small ways that you can be more efficient. Organize your space or adopt a new health habit.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Harmony in your relationships is a prominent theme this week, Libra. Your diplomatic nature will help you resolve any lingering conflicts and form deeper connections.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

A powerful transformation might be underway, Scorpio. You might feel an urge to dig deeper and uncover hidden truths, both in yourself and in your life. Embrace the process of growth.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Expand your horizons this week, Sagittarius. You'll feel a strong pull to learn something new, whether it is a skill or a different language. Your optimistic outlook is contagious.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Your hard work is about to pay off, Capricorn. This week you may see progress on a long-term professional goal. Some well-deserved recognition may be on the horizon.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

This week you could find joy and inspiration by connecting with like-minded people, Aquarius. A collaborative project or a group event will be particularly successful.

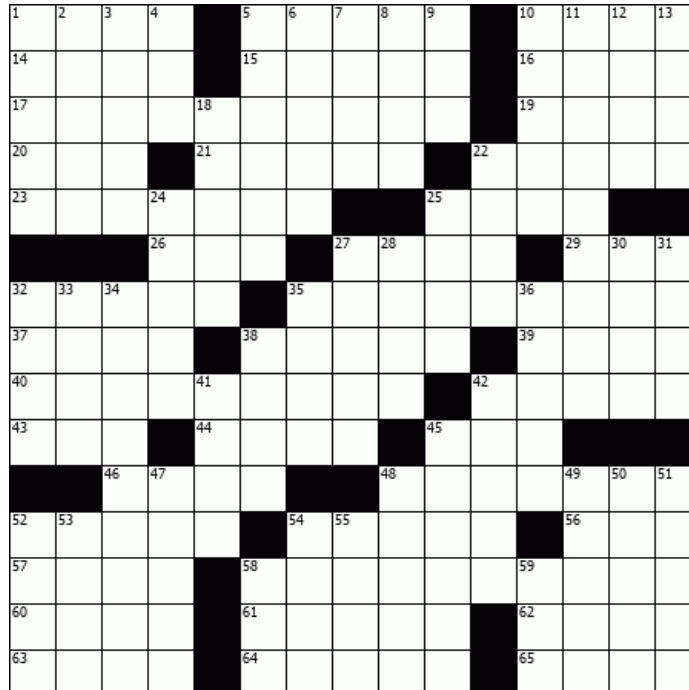
### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, dedicate some time this week to new pursuits. You may be itching to try something new and this is the time to sign up for a class or get out and meet new people.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### Across

1. Valise
5. Continues
10. Passed effortlessly
14. Met solo
15. Beginning part
16. Stage drama
17. Rule
19. Undercooked
20. Dancer \_\_\_\_ Miller
21. Reviewer Roger \_\_\_\_
22. Speech defects
23. Cap ornaments
25. Guys' dates
26. Native mineral
27. Ownership paper
29. Chest bone
32. Pain
35. Interchange
37. Hot, molten rock
38. Get up
39. Cavity
40. Functional
42. Tailed celestial body
43. Always, in poems
44. Easy gait
45. Actor \_\_\_\_ McKellen
46. Street sign
48. Detailed (hyph.)
52. Group of eight
54. Thick
56. Keats' "before"
57. Blueprint
58. \_\_\_\_ damage
60. Passenger vehicle
61. Actress \_\_\_\_ Burstyn
62. Agreeable
63. Sly glance
64. Delight
65. Secluded valley



### Down

1. Gem weight
2. Sports stadium
3. Omens
4. \_\_\_\_ de toilette
5. Legally responsible
6. Poker stakes
7. Mix
8. Jog
9. Male child
10. Spring month
11. Where a student learns
12. Wyatt \_\_\_\_
13. Stains
18. Cautious
22. Chaps
24. Sub finder
25. Actor \_\_\_\_ Hackman
27. Golf stroke
28. Soothe
30. \_\_\_\_ of Man
31. Borscht ingredient
32. Lily species
33. Gawky
34. Exaggerate
35. Journey
36. Call up
38. Upon
41. Much (2 wds.)
42. Military student
45. Crazy
47. Choir voice
48. Narrow channel
49. Hazard
50. Track down
51. Actress \_\_\_\_ Hunt
52. October's stone
53. Hint for Holmes
54. Ken, e.g.
55. She, in Valencia
58. Third letter
59. London's country (abbr.)



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# Sheridan Fire Recharges Community With Pancake Feed

The Sheridan Volunteers Association (SVFA) held its annual pancake feed on Sunday, Sept. 28. This year the volunteers served around 400 people raising approximately \$4,500 for the organization. Those funds will be used to support the training cost of four volunteers taking EMT courses to help with staffing and response coverage for Sheridan Fire District (SFD.)

The pancake feed took place just before National Fire Prevention Week (NFPW), Oct. 5-11, 2025. NFPW is observed

during the week of October 8 to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire that started on Oct. 8, 1871. It caused devastating damage that burned more than 2,000 acres of land, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, killed more than 250 people, and left around 100,000 people homeless.

SFD, working together with the volunteers, used the event to provide useful fire prevention information and resources to the public. One of the services available, FireMed, is a mem-

bership program that protects against the cost of emergency transportation. People living within Sheridan Fire District are eligible to join. Residents can sign up for membership year around, not just during an open enrollment period, as it was for many years.

Another service provided by the fire district is the loaning out of chimney brushes.

The main focus of information on the information table this year was the National Fire Prevention Association's (NFPA) theme for this year's NFPW - "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home."

Lithium-Ion (LI) batteries, which have become more nu-

merous over the past few years with the ever-growing list of rechargeable electrical and electronic devices, have created a significant hazard both in the home and at landfills, Reuters reporting an expected 600% increase in LI-battery fires between 2023 and 2030.

NFPA stresses how important it is to buy, charge, and recycle safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries.

Buy only lithium-ion batteries and chargers that have certification marks such as UL, ETL, or CSA, which are regulated to meet important safety standards. Batteries that do not meet these standards can be appealing due to their lower cost; however, what you save on the price of a rechargeable battery may cost you more in fire damage from thermal runaway.

Charge devices on a hard surface, using cords from the manufacturer, and unplug or remove the battery when it is fully charged. Hard surfaces allow heat to dissipate during charging, minimizing the chance of thermal runaway.

When the battery or item is no longer needed, do not throw it away or toss it in the recycle bin. Discarded LI-batteries are not always discovered at landfill and recycling center acceptance locations, and damage from heavy equipment like tractors or trash compactors can cause the batteries to ignite, causing surrounding flammable material to catch fire as well. Instead, take them to a local safe battery recycling location such as Lowe's or Staples (found on [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org)) or call Western Oregon Recology for information on how to properly recycle LI-batteries.



Eagle Scout Daniel Carr (left) and Life Scout Ocean Cabee-Hamilton set up plates for the community members attending the breakfast.



Sheridan Fire Department Administrative Assistant Marguerite Alexander was available for questions and information about fire prevention and services during the pancake feed.

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## Local Scouts Start Work on Building

Troop 254, Willamina Boy Scouts, held their weekly meeting Monday night at the Christian church basement and made plans for their new building to be located on city park property in the Yocom addition. The troop has been made up into teams with a boy in each group whose family has a telephone, to initiate quick mobilization.

J. A. Jensen, Jr., Scoutmaster, reports that many people and firms have already contacted the Scout leaders with their pans for donations. He said, "We who are close to the Scouting movement and have seen these boys plan their meeting place know that a contribution towards this project is not a donation, but an investment into our boys, our town, and our country.

He continued, "If you would like to spend a Sunday afternoon working with these boys, would you contact J. A. Jensen Jr. at the Willamina Machine Shop (or phone 2128 in the evening) or call Jack Shetterly at the Garrabrant Lumber Mills office."

## Kiwanians Invited to Sheridan Dinner

Ray Morrison was acting president at the Kiwanis luncheon Tuesday in the absence of President Newby and Vice-President Parrett. Otto Heider extended an invitation to Kiwanians and their wives to a dinner to be held in Sheridan on October 26. Tom Scroggin, Sheridan banker, and Heider will furnish the entertainment and the dinner to the Kiwanians and their wives on that evening. Sergeant Hoxey of the State police was a guest at the luncheon.

## Grand Ronde Senior in Linfield Choir

Roy Lindsay of Grand Ronde, senior at Linfield College, McMinnville, has been selected as a member of the a capella choir there, according to H. Johann Eschbach, director and professor of music. The choir, famous in the northwest, has a membership of 39 this year. It will begin activities soon with a schedule which anticipates trips to Vancouver, B.C., Tacoma, Everett, Seattle, and Bellingham, Wash.

## Huge Hollyhock

Henry J. Buswell of McMinnville reports that he has a hollyhock almost 18 feet high growing at the edge of his vegetable garden. Photographers from the McMinnville newspapers photographed it some time ago, when it was "only" about 15 feet high. He has since braced it with a 16-foot board, which it now has outgrown. He says it still has several buds which have not opened up.

Mr. Buswell is really an old-time subscriber to the Times, having first subscribed to it a few weeks after it was established. He lived here for 34 years and still has property here. He spent some time in Sandy after leaving here about five years ago, and for the past 8 1/2 years has made his home in McMinnville.

## Grand Ronde Grade School News

Grand Ronde Grad School has 163 pupils this year.

The school has new playground equipment. The lower grades have new swings, slides, and bars.

The Grand Ronde student body has elected the following class officers: president, Billy Gill; vice pres., Sharon McGrew; sec. Jeanette Singleton; treas., Shirley McGaha; Sgt. at arms, Gary Brandon.

Friday, Sept. 24, the seventh and eighth grades had a box social at which everyone had a good time. Two eighth-grade girls, Shirley McGaha and Jeanette Singleton, are selling candy for the McDonald Candy Co. The money made will go into the student body fund.

## Local Women Attend Meeting

Mrs. Mary Hendrickson and Mrs. Beulah Parrett attended the meeting of the board of directors of the Yamhill County Health Association held at Ramsey Hall in McMinnville, last Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 28. Mrs. Roy Freeman, who is president, presided.

Fourteen were present at the meeting, at which time they saw the new Christmas seals, which will go on sale soon, and plans were made for the sale. Mrs. Myrl Johnson is head of the Christmas Seal Committee in Willamina.

## Grand Ronde Saddle Club to Have Show

Weather permitting, the Grand Ronde Saddles club will sponsor a show Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Grand Ronde arena. The grand entry will be at 1:30. There will be no admission charge.

Neighboring saddle clubs and the general public are invited to attend, and the committee in charge promises fun for all. There will be girls' races, kids' races, a bed race, an obstacle race, wild cow milking, roping, and exhibition riding.

Elwyn Littlejohn is chairman of the committee; other members are Lewis Galliger, Harian Hantze, and Ward Wilmarth. In case of rain, the show will be canceled or postponed.

A news picture in the Oregonian Tuesday showed Larry Sorenson of Goldendale, son of Mrs. Bernice Johnson of Willamina, and the champion steer he was showing at the Pacific International Livestock show. He won the animal in the calf scramble at the stock show last year.

Stevie Yoast has a severe case of the measles.

Festivities last Saturday, Oct. 1, marked the first annual Willamina Day to be held here. The Willamina Commercial Club and the Willamina Retail Merchants' Association, as well as the general committees for the program, were well pleased with the results of the day and acclaimed it a great success. It was stated that one of the largest crowds ever to assemble in Willamina was present during the afternoon.

Another hunting accident occurred in this community Saturday afternoon when word came that Lloyd Shenk of Gooseneck has been wounded. Shenk, together with a group of friends, had been hunting near the Doran lookout station. According to reports, Shenk slipped, and as he fell, he threw his gun to one side. The gun struck a rock and was discharged, the bullet glancing off his ankle and entering his leg between the knee and hip, and finally lodging in the abdomen. Reports Wednesday stated that Shenk was recovering in the Dallas hospital.

## On Duty in Libya

Pfc. Dan N. Ham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bounty B. Ham of Willamina, arrived at Wheelus Field, Tripoli, Libya, on the 15th of September, 1948.

He is assigned to the 175th Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron at that base, where he will serve as a Control Tower Operator.

This organization is one of the worldwide Airways and Air Communications service units, which is charged with the operation and maintenance of Air Force navigational aides and communication facilities; and as a Control Tower Operator, Pfc. Ham is responsible for the safety of all aircraft operating in the vicinity. He was trained for these duties at Scott Field, Illinois.

After graduating from Willamina High School in 1947, Pfc. Ham was employed at the Gayway Theater until he entered the service in the early part of 1948.

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Kauble entertained at dinner Wednesday evening, honoring her mother, Mrs. C. A. Morgan, who was celebrating her birthday, and both her parents, who were celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith were also guests at the dinner.

Mrs. Louise Lamson of Tillamook and Jerry Lamson of Coquille left last week after visiting with relatives here.

A. W. Atkey was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland a week ago Monday. He will undergo an operation this Friday.

Mrs. Florence Barkley left Wednesday for California.

Monday evening, a birthday party honoring Mrs. Beverly Preston, who was 19, and Lloyd Neelson, who was 25. The honorees are sister and brother. About 15 were present to help them celebrate.

Mrs. Eldon Breeden visited Tuesday with Mrs. Gordon Mendenhall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dowell of Willamian are the parents of a new baby boy, born at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, and weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eckerson of Grand Ronde are the parents of a son, born at 11:45 Sunday night at the Osteopathic Hospital in Portland. He weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz.



#### Old Friends Revisited

This purple 1972 Dodge Demon has been owned by Chuck and Lynn (Morris) Houswerth since 1990. Lynn was a former student of mine when I was a teacher at Sheridan High School. Lynn and her brother Randy were great students; due I'm sure, in part to having excellent parents, (Richard and Helen Morris of Sheridan. It is always refreshing to see former students doing so well. Back to their car, it has a 470 big block stroker engine, followed by a 727-torque flight automatic transmission, and Mickey Thompson a-f tires on center line wheels. Picture and story by Gary Meyer.

## Willamina Alum Elected House Republican Leader

Willamina High School Graduate, Lucetta Elmer, elected to the House of Representatives for the 24th District in 2022, was recently elected to House Republican Leader by the House Republican Caucus on Wednesday, October 3.

Rep. Elmer, who now leads the House Republicans, where the Democratic Party has the Super-Majority, replaced Rep. Christine Drazan, who stepped down from her position to seek a move over to the Senate.

This change follows in the wake of last month's Senate leadership shakeup, when Sen. Bruce Starr, representative of Polk and Yamhill Counties, was elected by Senate Republicans after the resignation of Sen. Daniel Bonham.



Rep. Elmer during a town hall she held in Willamina in April.

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