



# West Valley Bulletin Board

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## Fall All-League Honors Awarded to West Valley Athletes

With the fall 2025 season in the books, some West Valley area athletes made the cut for All-League honors.

In the 2A Tri-River Conference, topping the list was Dragons' Liv Curry, picking up Player of the Year for her dominating on-court performance for the Delphians' volleyball team. The Co-Coach of the Year award was given to Denise Dickey, heading the 4th-ranked Delphian Drag-

ons' volleyball team into the state playoff championship tournament. Despite not winning a match this year, the joint Sheridan, Willamina, and Delphian girls soccer program came out winners, being named the Girls' Sportsmanship award recipient for the Tri-River Conference.

Other honors for local West Valley players in the Tri-River Conference were:

**Volleyball 1st-team:** Liv Curry

(Delphian), Mila Vysotska (Delphian), and Amelia Peterson (Delphian). **2nd Team:** Alondra Casillas (Sheridan) and Liana Vannier (Delphian). **Honorable Mention:** Payton Pownall (Sheridan) and Amelie Rappoport (Delphian).

**Boys Soccer 1st-team:** Tai Jefford (Delphian) and Mark DeVries (Delphian). **2nd-team:** Cesar Ramirez Valdes (Delphian). **Honorable Mention:** Chenoa Lopez (Delphian), Jack-

son Paden (Delphian), Oli Beauregard (Delphian), Nathan Cloutier (Delphian), and Cole Sapphire (Delphian).

**Girls soccer 2nd-team:** NeVaeh Stewart (Sheridan). **Honorable Mention:** Rayauna Meneley (Sheridan) and Kalena Clark (Sheridan).

For the 3A PacWest Conference, the Bulldogs' Rylee Bishop and Violetta Gonzalez each landed on the league's honorable mention list for volleyball.



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Delphians' Denise Dickey (left) was named volleyball's Co-Coach of the Year for the 2A Tri-River Conference. Denise led the District Champion Dragons to a 20-6 overall record and a state playoff birth.

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## Writing Group

The first meeting of a new Sheridan based writing critique group took place last week and the 3 participants decided to meet weekly on Thursdays at 7:00 PM.

If you're a local writer or poet who'd like a friendly, supportive critique of your work, and have the desire to help others with the same, please email me and I'll send you the meeting location (my address). I look forward to hearing from you!  
Bob Zahniser, razahniser@gmail.com

## 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.

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# Obituaries



**Michele Shea Gullette**  
**April 16, 1955 - Oct. 30, 2025**

Submitted by her family

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Michele Shea Gullette. Michele was born in Dallas, Oregon, on April 16, 1955, the first daughter of Charles Franklin Johnson and Shirley Ann (Baker) Johnson. She left this earth far too soon, on October 30, 2025, at her home in Florence, Oregon, surrounded by her immediate family, listening to some of her favorite music.

Michele attended school in Willamina, Oregon, and shortly after graduation, married her high school sweetheart, Richard Mishler, in 1976. Together, they brought their son, Talon, into this world. Their marriage may not have lasted a lifetime, but their friendship continued until the end.

Michele married Gary Stephens in 1979, and with him had two children. Their daughter, Megan, was Michele's best friend from the moment she was born.

Michele then married the love of her life, Vince Gullette, in 1988. They were married at the Ponderosa Ranch on the set of Bonanza in Nevada, and the two of them then shared a lifetime of adventures, living in various states throughout the northwest. Michele suffered from dementia during the last couple of years of her life, and Vince, ever faithful, took incredible care of her up to the moment of her passing.

Michele enjoyed sewing and quilting, remodeling and deco-

rating homes, and all things Willamina. Her most treasured activity was spending time with her grandchildren. She loved to read to them, attend their various school functions and birthday parties, and never missed an opportunity to watch her older grandsons wrestle or play football or baseball.

She lived her life as the most amazing daughter, niece, sister, wife, mother, aunt, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, and we will forever miss her smile and her laughter.

She was preceded in death by her beloved father, a brother, Bill, and her son, Niel. She is survived by her husband Vince Gullette; her son, Talon Mishler (and Kerrina) of McMinnville, Oregon; her daughter, Megan Aldrich (and Dale) of Newport Oregon; her grandsons, Talon Mishler, Jr., Tyler Mishler, and Kye Aldrich; her great-granddaughter, Madelyn Mishler; her mother, Shirley Johnson, of Sheridan, Oregon; her brother, Kelly Johnson, of Sheridan, Oregon; her sister, Kim Curl (and Eugene) of Willamina, Oregon; many nieces and nephews and their children; many other extended family members; and countless lifetime friends that will forever be considered family.

Please join us in celebrating Michele's life on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at the Grand Ronde Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon. Please bring your favorite dish and your favorite memories for a potluck reception immediately following the service.

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**April 23, 1935, - Oct. 26, 2025**

Submitted by her family

Shirley Sue (Stroud) Wilson was born in Mounds, Oklahoma on April 23, 1935 to Robert Walton Stroud and Lola Estella (Cowles) Stroud. She was the eighth of nine children born; Gene, BJ, Ada, Velma, Billie, Wanda, Barbara, and Myrna.

When mom was six years old Granny (her mother) took the four youngest girls and moved to Fresno, California. Her older sister Velma had married and moved to Modesto and one summer when mom was babysitting, she met LB Allen Wilson. They were married in the fall of 1949 in Carson City, Nevada. In the next 11 years, six children would complete the family; Steve, Linda, Sharon, Keith, Barry, and Michael.

Since Dad worked construction, the family moved wherever his job took him including, California, Arizona, and Nevada. In 1965 we came to Oregon, first settling in Myrtle Creek and in 1966 to our final destination in Willamina. Mom worked at various jobs including Boise Cascade mill but her longest employment was with Coyote Joe's restaurant.

After dad retired from Valley Auto, Mom and Dad enjoyed a couple of years in Arizona before he died in 1998. Mom went back to work but retired

a second time at age 76. Family was the most important to mom and she was always available and willing to help. She was a care-giver for Steve, (her son) the last years of his life as he struggled with Parkinsons disease.

We had a 90th birthday party for her this past April and she was blessed by all the family and friends who came to wish her well. Five generations showed up to celebrate! She was the glue that held us together, now it's our turn. We love you mom and will miss you greatly!

Mom was predeceased by her parents, her siblings, her husband, son Steve, daughter Sharon, grandsons, Marcus Vollman and Joey Smith. She is survived by daughter, Linda Vollman (John), son Keith Wilson, son Barry Wilson (Brenda) son Michael Wilson (Judy) many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by West Valley Funeral Home, Sheridan, Oregon. A viewing was held on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at West Valley Funeral Home and a Celebration of life was held on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at the Willamina School Campus, Willamina, Oregon, with a luncheon following the burial. Interment was held at the Green Crest Memorial Park, Sheridan, Oregon.

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# A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

Dear Sheridan Community,

Thank you to the Parents and Caregivers who took time to complete our Fall feedback survey.

These surveys are a very important part of our goal-setting process each year and a valuable way for caregivers, students and staff to communicate their experiences with Sheridan Schools. While we are still reviewing and analyzing the data we received, I wanted to share some of the initial results and possible areas of focus for the 2025-26 school year.

Overall 94 parents/caregivers completed the Fall 2025 survey, which is an increase over Spring 2025 participation. District-wide, caregivers report they feel comfortable approaching the administration and teachers at their schools.

The most significant increases reported were in the belief that, "...my child's learning is a high priority at this school" and "I believe school rules are enforced consistently at this school." Both of these were priority areas in the past year, based on past caregiver feedback, and we are happy to see these numbers improving.

Our District Leadership Team is still reviewing data and drafting goals for the 2025-26, however based on initial conversations we know one area of focus for this year will involve continuing to improve positive communication to parents, caregivers and the community about things our students are doing well.

A "District Scorecard" outlining a full set of specific goals will be added to the District website in the next few days. Caregivers will receive notice via Parent Square when these goals are available. Please feel free to reach out to the District Office if you have any questions: (971) 261-6959

We appreciate you taking an active role in communication with Sheridan School District.

With Respect,  
Dorie Vickery Ed. D.  
Superintendent

Sheridan School District  
School District Office: 971-261-6959  
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## Free Meals Available at Wildwood if Needed

The Wildwood Hotel, Restaurant, and Lounge in W https://www.google.com/intl/en/about/products?tab=rh illamina announced on Facebook that they have plenty of free meal tickets available at their restaurant.

These meals, provided by the Wildwood and by generous donations of its customers, are available to those who could use a little help with a meal. "Just grab a ticket and hand it to one of our servers; they'll take care of you," the post stated. "We've got a variety of options, including kids' meals."

They later announced, after their original post, that they received an additional \$313 in donations, which allowed them to print more free meal tickets for those in need.

Wildwood does ask that individuals utilize only one ticket per person so they can help as many people as possible with these free meal options.

## Coyote Joe's to Close Restaurant for Holiday

Coyote Joe's has announced that it will close its doors on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, so that its employees can spend time with their families.

Pickup of pre-purchased Thanksgiving meals will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

While the restaurant will be closed for Thanksgiving, the Lounge will open with a limited menu at 11 a.m. and close at 8 p.m., or earlier, depending on business.

## VFW to Host Christmas Bazaar this Weekend

The Willamina VFW Hall will host a Christmas Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, November 14, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 15, at 771 NE Main St., Willamina.

Swing by to support your local artisans. Many vendors will be on hand with handmade and holiday gifts to get some Christmas shopping completed early.

## *In Honor of our Nations upcoming 250th anniversary Sheridan Museum Of History Presents American History Corner*

We celebrate our veterans during the month of November to honor the courage, sacrifices and dedication of all the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans Day, observed on November 11th, was originally known as Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I in 1918. Overtime, it evolved into a day to recognize and thank all Veterans – living and deceased – for their commitment to protecting our freedoms and preserving peace. By celebrating our veterans in November, we take time to reflect on their selfless service and express our gratitude for the security and liberty we enjoy as a nation.

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# Obituaries



A celebration of life and memorial service for Garrett Kilgore will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 22, at the Calvary Chapel West Valley Church, 121 NE Yamhill St., Sheridan. A reception will follow with refreshments and desserts.



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## John R. Gibson Obituary Oct. 18, 1932 - Nov. 5, 2025

John Richard Gibson II, age 93, passed away peacefully on November 5, 2025, after an extended illness.

John was born in Pasadena, California, on October 18, 1932, to John Richard Gibson and Gertrude (Russell) Gibson. As a young child, he developed a love for steam engines. He started building model trains one summer while staying with his grandfather. He spent his free time at the Santa Fe Railway Station near his home. His goal as a teenager was to become a railway engineer and to work for the Santa Fe Railway.

On Feb 2, 1950, John entered the Navy Reserve at age 17 at a height of 6 feet 3 inches and a weight of 136 pounds! He served with the Navy for eight years and was honorably dis-

charged on October 17, 1958. As an adult, he began his career of selling petroleum products for ARCO. Throughout his life, he held various other jobs, including delivering flowers for Poseyland Florist of McMinnville, Oregon. He also enjoyed his hobbies of model trains, stamp collecting, and rose gardening.

In 1975, John felt led by the Lord to pursue his love of southern gospel music. He sang bass in gospel groups and choirs, which led to producing his own gospel radio program for many years. He enjoyed narrating the program and picking out songs that were inspiring to his listeners. He continued to produce the program with various radio stations through December 2024. John was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Pat. He married Lois Neal in 2006. She survives, along with his sister Nancy Gantz; his sons John (Candy) Gibson, Paul (Cindy) Gibson, and Tom Gibson; his stepchildren, Leonard (the late Nancy) Neal, Rod (Carol) Neal, Ronda (Dennis) Stutzman, and Linda (Jim) Eicher, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who loved him. Please join us in celebrating

John's life on Saturday, Nov 22, at Sheridan Church of the Nazarene, 917 S. Bridge St., Sheridan, Oregon. A viewing will be held in the Sanctuary from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; a luncheon will be open to all in the Fellowship Room between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; and the service will be held at 1:00 p.m. A graveside committal will take place at the Mennonite Cemetery immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Samaritan's Purse in John's memory.



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# 100 Years Ago This Month: Historical Events from Nov. 1925

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

- The western comedy "Go West" opens on November 1. Silent film legend Buster Keaton stars as "Friendless" and Fatty Arbuckle appears in an uncredited role.

- Sixteen people lose their lives in a small village in Wales when a dam bursts on November 2. The burst comes after five days of heavy rains.

- The Victrola Talking Machine Company introduces its new electrically-recorded phonograph records on November 2. The records can be played on the Victor Orthophonic Victrola, which cost around \$95 in 1925, or the equivalent of nearly \$1,700 in 2025.

- The film "The Pleasure Garden" is released on November 3. The release marks the directorial debut of English filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock.

- Italian Socialist Tito Zaniboni is arrested in a room at the Dragoni Hotel on November 4. The hotel is located across the street from the Chigi Palace in Rome, and Zaniboni is accused of renting a room with the intent of shooting Italian Prime Minister Benito Mussolini, who was scheduled to deliver a speech from the palace balcony.



- The National Hockey League awards a franchise to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on November 7. The club is named the Pirates, which is also the name of the city's baseball team. The franchise moved to Philadelphia for the 1930-31 season before ceasing operations at the end of that campaign.

- The divorce trial of socialite Leonard "Kip" Rhinelander and Alice Jones begins in White Plains, New York, on November 9. At the urging of his family, Rhinelander sought an annulment of the marriage upon finding out that Jones was biracial. An annulment was never granted, but the marriage ultimately ended in divorce, and neither Rhinelander or Jones ever remarried.
- On November 10, the Archbishop of Canterbury appoints a 12-person committee of six doctors and six clergymen to investigate the veracity of faith healing.

- Louis Armstrong and His Hot Five record their first songs together on November 12. The

recordings are considered highly influential for the development of jazz music.

- Polish Prime Minister Wladyslaw Grabski and his cabinet ministers resign on November 13. The mass resignations occur over a difference of opinion with the Bank Polski SA regarding economic issues plaguing the country.

- The American Basketball League opens its inaugural season on November 15. The league is the first national professional basketball league in the United States.

- General Motors purchases British auto manufacturer Vauxhall Motors for \$2.5 million on November 16.

- The autopsy of Tutankhamun concludes on November 19. Limited forensic science available at the time, coupled with significant deterioration of the body, limits the findings of the autopsy.

- The luxury train the Orange Blossom Special begins operations on November 21. The train transports travelers from New York City to Miami, Florida.

- The "Hat Law" goes into effect in Turkey on November 25. The law forbids the wearing of non-western headgear, including the fez or the turban.

- A state funeral is held for Queen mother Alexandra at Westminster Abbey in London on November 27. The procession marching behind the casket includes the kings of England, Denmark, Norway, and Belgium.
- The Grand Ole Opry debuts as a radio show on November 28. Fiddler Uncle Jimmy Thompson is the first to perform on the show.

- The new Madison Square Garden on Eighth Avenue between 49th and 50th Streets in Manhattan hosts its first event on November 29. The event is a six-day bicycle race known as "Six Days of New York."

## Warm Fuzzies

Special Thanks to all who participated in the 32nd annual Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour! Much appreciation to the hosting downtown businesses:

VFW Hall Post #4211, Barbara Hofenbredl Realty, Katie Vinson's Swan Hall, Willamina City Library, Willamina Free Methodist Church, Willamina Museum of History (Tea Room), Willamina Christian Church, and R & N Gallery.

This event is made possible by the Willamina Economic Improvement District (EID), Willamina Coastal Hills Chamber of Commerce and WVCC, and amazing help from the West Valley Bulletin Board and City of Willamina!

-Art Tour Coordinators,  
Ginny Wymore, and Cris Dar

## Sheridan Revitalization Facade Grants Are Back

The Sheridan Revitalization Movement is continuing its efforts to brighten downtown with another round of Facade Improvement Grants for local businesses.

After awarding two \$1,000 grants earlier this year to West Valley Mercantile and Carol's Consignment, both projects are now complete — with a new sign at West Valley Mercantile (and flowers coming this spring) and a freshly painted facade at Carol's Consignment.

While Sheridan still faces challenges with vacant and aging buildings, these projects mark steady progress toward a more inviting town center.

Applications for the next round open Nov. 1 and close Nov. 30, 2025. Winners will be announced Dec. 8. Email revitalizesh Sheridan@gmail.com for any questions. Apply at <https://www.revitalizesh Sheridan.com/2025-facade>

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# Sheridan School District Talks Resources and Bond at Chamber Meeting

The Sheridan School District hosted the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce meeting on Friday, November 7, with Superintendent Dorie Vickery presenting on behalf of the district.

As with all hosts of chamber meetings, Dorie had 15 minutes of undivided attention from the chamber to talk about the organization and what it provides to the community.

Dorie kicked things off with a little history on herself. She got her start in the North Santiam School District, teaching elementary school. She then moved to the Salem-Keizer area to teach at Swegle Elementary, where she got her first introduction to bi-literacy and the work that education goes into for bilingual students.

After that, she taught at Highland Elementary, also in the Salem-Keizer School District, where she would step away from the classroom and into the role of a reading coach. At this time, she was approached by her boss, mentor, and best friend, who talked to her about getting into the administrative side of education.

"I got tired of the big district, having come from Philomath, my heart was really in the smaller districts," Dorie said. So she landed a job at the Central School District, covering the Monmouth and Independence areas. She stayed there for 13 years, doing a variety of things, including grant writing and running after-school programs. It was there that Drie learned a lot about expanded learning, working with a committee to create a second language learner plan for the district. Finally, she got her shot at administration, becoming the principal for Monmouth Elementary, which she held for five years.

Dorie stated, "The most challenging year was when the

district decided to close Henry Hill Elementary (2013). I ended up taking a school of about 320 elementary-aged kids, and adding 200 kids from Henry Hill, to six staff. It was a merger of very different cultures. Monmouth Elementary was pretty affluent, a lot of the parents were professors at Western Oregon (University), and there were multiple languages because of the international students. We also ran a life skills training, and that was really helpful. I got a lot of good experience with special education programs."

She moved up and did four years at the district office, getting into budgets and managing grants, when the opportunity came to apply for a superintendent position.

Six years later, she still finds it hard to believe. "The job's never boring, there are new challenges every single day," she stated, adding, "and probably one of the best decisions I made last year was to hire Elaine (Burke, Sheridan School District's Communications Manager). Communication is everything about the district, and this is what Elaine does."

Dorie then talked about her goal of connecting the Sheridan School District to more community resources. Reaching out to Yamhill Community Care, Oregon Health Plan, Provoking Hope, Lutheran Family Services, and Churches United, just to name a few. "All these organizations just come in here and we just start figuring out how we are going to better serve. We've submitted two barriers to YCCO: one is the lack of technology, and the second barrier is vision services. We can bring the Lions' (Club) to provide glasses, but students do not have a prescription, and we had close to 150 students that failed their vision screening last year. Last night (Nov. 6),

our district nurse texted me, saying she finally heard from an ophthalmologist who will bring their van to Sheridan and offer vision services. These are just a few of the cool things going on that we're pretty excited about," she reported.

More items of note are that the School District plans on keeping the current bond information listed on the website for future district administration and community members, as well as

all the Bond Oversight Committee agendas and minutes.

Finishing off her presentation, Dorie got to talking about the projects that the bond will cover, ending with the prospect of a \$500,000 federal grant tentatively awarded to the Sheridan School District that can help cover some of the projects listed in the bond. Details of this grant will be released once the official word is received and all paperwork is finalized.



Sheridan School District Superintendent Dorie Vickery discussed the district's website and information listed on it to the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce during their meeting last Friday.

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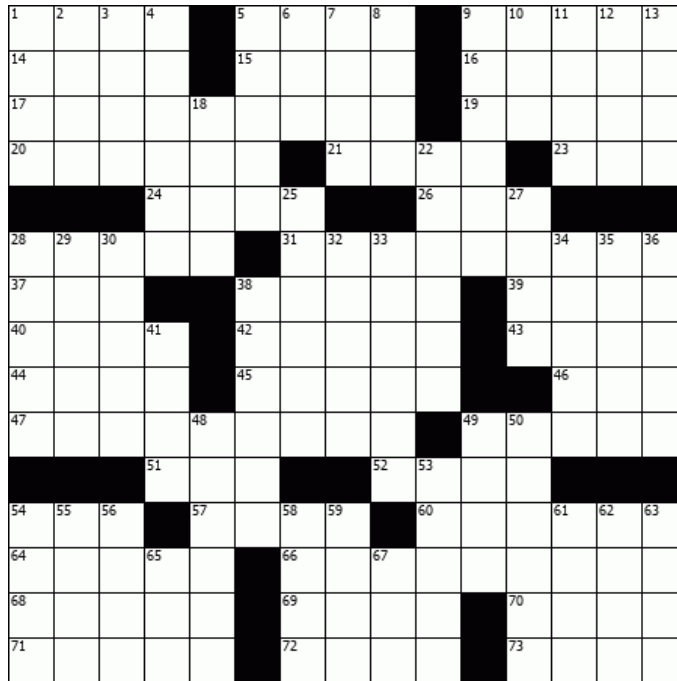
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### Across

1. Specks
5. \_\_\_ and found
9. Hidden supply
14. Kitchen hot spot
15. Choir member
16. Greased
17. Arctic predator (2 wds.)
19. Blinding light
20. Menu item
21. Lima or kidney
23. Farm enclosure
24. Jazz singer \_\_\_ Fitzgerald
26. Movers' vehicle
28. Sucker
31. Tardy arriver
37. Fire residue
38. Senior
39. Flatfish
40. Detail
42. Advertising lights
43. Greek mythology figure
44. Disney fish
45. Concur
46. Prone
47. Handling
49. \_\_\_ tax
51. Originally called
52. Tart
54. Possessed
57. "Heidi" setting
60. Discontinued
64. Sagas
66. Car evaluation (2 wds.)
68. Scary
69. Poker stake
70. Diva's song
71. Deep fear
72. Right away!
73. Narrate



### Down

1. Idiot
2. Shakespeare's river
3. Leather strap
4. Catches
5. Name tag
6. Madrid cheer
7. Pierce
8. Ripped
9. French brandy
10. Be sick
11. Thunder sound
12. At this location
13. First garden
18. Bank (on)
22. Reluctant
25. Assert
27. Facial feature
28. Watercolor, e.g.
29. Purple flower
30. Motif
32. Embellish
33. Principles
34. Fable's lesson
35. Wed secretly
36. Takes it easy
38. Tooth covering
41. Lament
48. Taunted
49. Took to court
50. Biblical mountain
53. Group of eight
54. Listen to
55. Copycat
56. Urgent
58. Sch. groups
59. Forwarded
61. King's title
62. Sinful
63. Transaction
65. Spy org.
67. Terminal (abbr.)

## Horoscopes Nov. 12-18

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Insecurity may be sparking some hesitation, Aries. The key to coping is figuring out why you are feeling this way. Is it a trust issue or lack of recognition?

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, creative pursuits may hold your interest this week. Even if you lean more towards the practical, an artistic streak flows through you as well.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Working with others may prove challenging this week, Gemini. You may be too focused on a singular task. If this is the case, keep to yourself if you can.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

The week's planetary influences could increase your sensitivity to everything right now, Cancer. You might feel a little more sentimental or even weepy.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, obsessive thinking may be something you need to consider this week. There's a fine line between determination and obsession, so consider your fixations and how to fix them.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 23

It can be easy to confuse impulsivity with spontaneity, Virgo. But one requires more thought than the other. Think through everything before acting if you want to play it safe.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

It might be time to take a more measured approach to solving a difficult problem, Libra. If you've made several attempts with no success, it could be time to dig in.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, tap into your creativity to unblock your emotions this week. This can be a powerful tool in your arsenal. Creativity is a big part of you.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You may get to focus on fun this week, Sagittarius. Look into your social calendar and seek ways to live things up a little.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Everyone can use some time alone every once in a while, Capricorn. But it's important to socialize as well. Look to Aquarius to help you find balance.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Certain situations require a little more focus than they otherwise might, Aquarius. Bear down and do your best to block out distractions.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Don't pick yourself to pieces this week, Pisces. Criticizing yourself will get you nowhere. You have a lot to offer and others recognize the value of your input.



# Amid Government Shutdown PGE Introduces Temporary Protections

To support customers affected by the ongoing U.S. federal government shut down and delays in federal assistance programs, Portland General Electric is temporarily expanding protections for customers enrolled in its Income-Qualified Bill Discount and medical certificate programs. Through the end of the year, PGE will suspend service disconnections for Income-Qualified Bill Discount recipients and medical certificate customers.

"PGE understands that some customers are facing difficult decisions," said Allison Rowden, PGE director of customer service. "We are here for our customers through bill assistance programs and options that can help with your specific situation. We're just a phone call away."

These temporary measures are in addition to PGE's regular winter protections, which prohibit disconnections for all residential customers during times of extreme weather. Together, these measures help ensure customers maintain access to safe, reliable service during this period of uncertainty. Approximately 19,000 households throughout PGE's service area have lost access to Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). PGE's Income-Qualified Bill Discount Program is not affected by the government shutdown,

and customers enrolled in the program will continue to receive their bill discounts. Residential customers not currently enrolled with a household income at or below 60% of Oregon's median family income may be eligible to enroll in the program. The exact size of the discount percentage will vary based on household size and income level.

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The Income Qualified Discount Program is just one way that PGE works closely with customers who are struggling to pay their bills. PGE can also help by setting up a payment plan, extending payment due dates, or helping connect customers with community resources. Visit Oregon Energy Assistance Programs, LIHEAP & More | PGE for more information.

**Can You Find Corky, Bubbles and Ronzo Hidden in the WV Bulletin Board?**

## Last issue's crossword solution

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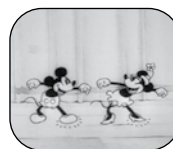
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# West Valley Sports

## Bulldogs Upper Class Win Powder Puff Match

The Bulldogs, finished with their season on the gridiron, gave the ladies their time in Friday night lights and rain in the annual powder-puff game.

With some of the high school football players turned coaches, would the squad of juniors and seniors put the underclassmen in their place, or would the combined effort of the freshmen and sophomores come out victorious over their elders?

It turned out closer than anyone expected. Defense ruling the field on both sides of the ball, the game ended in regulation with a 0-0 tie between the two teams.

The win came down to overtime, where each squad picked two of their best arms in a passing contest through the field goal. Tossing the ball from the 5-yard line would give the team 2 points, from the 15, 4 points, and launching a bomb from the 25-yard line resulted in 6 points. The two squads traded points for points until an errant throw gave the underclassmen the lead.

Upperclassmen down by two, senior Paige Baker stepped back to the 15-yard line, and with only a couple of inches to spare, gave the upperclassmen the win in the annual postseason football game.

All the ladies remained in high spirits after the match, many of them not squandering the moment, sliding through the mud and muck of the rain-soaked field after the annual game.



Willamina senior Paige Baker stepped up to gun the winning points for the Bulldogs' upperclassmen in the annual Powder Puff football game.

## Dragons Dropped from Race to State

This last weekend, the 4th-ranked Delphian Dragons volleyball squad took their 20-4 record to Eastern Oregon University in La Grande for the state championship playoff tournament.

The Dragons' first opponent was the 5th-ranked Heppner Mustangs, coming into the tournament with a 23-7 record. Heppner started to dominate the first set early, going up 5-0 over the Delphians, but the Dragons reversed that momentum, tying the match up at 5-5.

Both teams would continue to battle until the set was tied up 10-10, when the Mustangs took control, jumping out to a 20-12 lead. The Dragons would be unable to rally back, dropping the first set 14-25.

The second set was a considerably closer contest. With the game at an 18-18 tie, Heppner moved ahead and stayed there, Delphian losing the second set, 21-25.

In the third set, the teams once

again made it a close contest until mid-match. Heppner then became too much for the Dragons to handle, Delphian falling 19-25 to the Mustangs and moving to the consolation bracket with a 0-3 loss.

The Dragons would face off against the 8th-ranked Weston-McEwen Tigerscots from Athena (just outside of Pendleton) in the consolation bracket, who were coming into the tournament with a 15-11 record.

The Delphi jumped out ahead early in the first set over the Tigerscots, but Weston-McEwen would hound the Delphians, taking a 6-5 lead.

Roles reversed, the Dragons did the same, only allowing a three-point lead by the Tigerscots before regaining a 13-12 lead. Weston-McEwen would eventually stop the Dragons' run, but not until the Delphi had built a 19-12 advantage.

With only six points left to victory, the Dragons would struggle handling the next set of serves from the Tigerscots, allowing Weston-McEwen to score eight straight points and take a 20-19 lead over the Delphians, the Dragons going on to lose the first set 23-25.

The Tigerscots continued their dominance into the second and third sets, dropping the Dragons 25-16 and 25-19, eliminating the Delphians from the state playoffs.

## Dragons' Soccer Kicked from State Playoffs

The Delphian Dragon's boys soccer team, after their opening round win over Brookings-Harbor, was promptly bounced out of the championship run by 2nd-ranked Oregon Episcopal.

The Dragons, ranked 16th in the state with a 9-5-2 record, were no match for Episcopal, losing the second round contest 0-6 to the Aardvarks.

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# Artists Take Over Town in Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour

Last weekend, the Coastal Hills Art Tour took over the City of Willamina. From the north side of town, Coastal Hills Quilters and Art Conspiracy groups filled the halls of the VFW with student works, and of course, quilts, to the R+N Art Gallery, a little studio in the converted garage of Ron and Nancy Thornhill, nestled in the middle of Polk Street on the other side of Willamina.

All in all, 13 artists and artisan organizations put their work on display throughout eight locations, allowing the community and tourists to peruse and purchase works from the following West Valley artists and organizations (and the location

that housed their display).

The Art Conspiracy (VFW Hall)- A group whose mission is to further the creation, understanding, and appreciation of the arts in the West Valley Area. All art on display for The Art Conspiracy was created by students of the organization.

Coastal Hills Quilters (VFW Hall) - Established in 2010, this group of avid quilt makers creates quilts from the simple to the very intricate. All quilts they make are for sale, and one is even put up as a valued door prize for the art tour, this year's winner, Janos "John" Vamos.

Linda Blatt (Swan Hall)- A self-taught artist, she specializes in watercolor paintings and taught art and ceramics at the Delphian School for over 10 years.

William Lindberg (Barb Hofenbredl Realty) - Specializes in painting and poetry.

Marge Gutbrod and June Palmer - Crochet and sewing artisans, creating small quilts, hot pads, gift bags, and much more from fabric and yarn.

Tyler Crook (Library) - Former video game designer turned

comic book artist. Won the Russ Manning Promising Newcomer award at the San Diego Comic-Con in 2012 with his first book, Petrograd, and has continued, winning four other awards for his work.

Love our Library (Library) - Support organization for the Willamina Public Library, which turned artfully baked goods into mid-tour snacks and funds for the library.

Toni Bryant (Free Methodist Church) - Specializing in textile art, sewing pillows, place mats, pot holders, and other artistic items made from fabric.

Debbie Lockwood (Free Methodist Church) - Hundreds of photographs, most landscape and nature, taken by her and printed on paper and canvas mediums.

Rock Creek Miniatures (Willamina Museum) - Former local dentist Dr. Gary Brooks' minia-ture depictions of historical Willamina and Grand Ronde buildings and businesses.

Willamina Museum Tea Room (Willamina Museum) - History turned art, tea settings for weary tour-goers to enjoy a hot beverage and a dessert, and of course, on display, Willami-na's most famous quilt, the Murder Quilt, made in 1915.

West Valley Art Guild (Willamina Christian Church) - A group with a wide variety of special-ties, including jewelry, beadwork, textiles, and paintings. If it involves needlecraft or paint brushes, this group has it.

Ron Thornhill Gallery - Retired Willamina school teacher turned painter and author in his converted garage on Polk Street. He paints on a multitude of mediums, including clam shells, plates, canvas, and even provides the art for his books, telling stories from his childhood.

The annual event is sponsored by the Willamina Economic Improvement District and the West Valley Community Campus.



Rock Creek Miniatures, by Dr. Gary Brooks, is on display throughout the year at the Willamina Museum of History.

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Janos "John" Vamos was this year's lucky winner of the Quilt door prize provided by the Coastal Hills Quilters.



The photographic art of Debbie Lockwood was on display at the Free Methodist Church during the Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour.



Artists William Lindberg with his paintings on display at Barb Hofenbredl Realty during the Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour.

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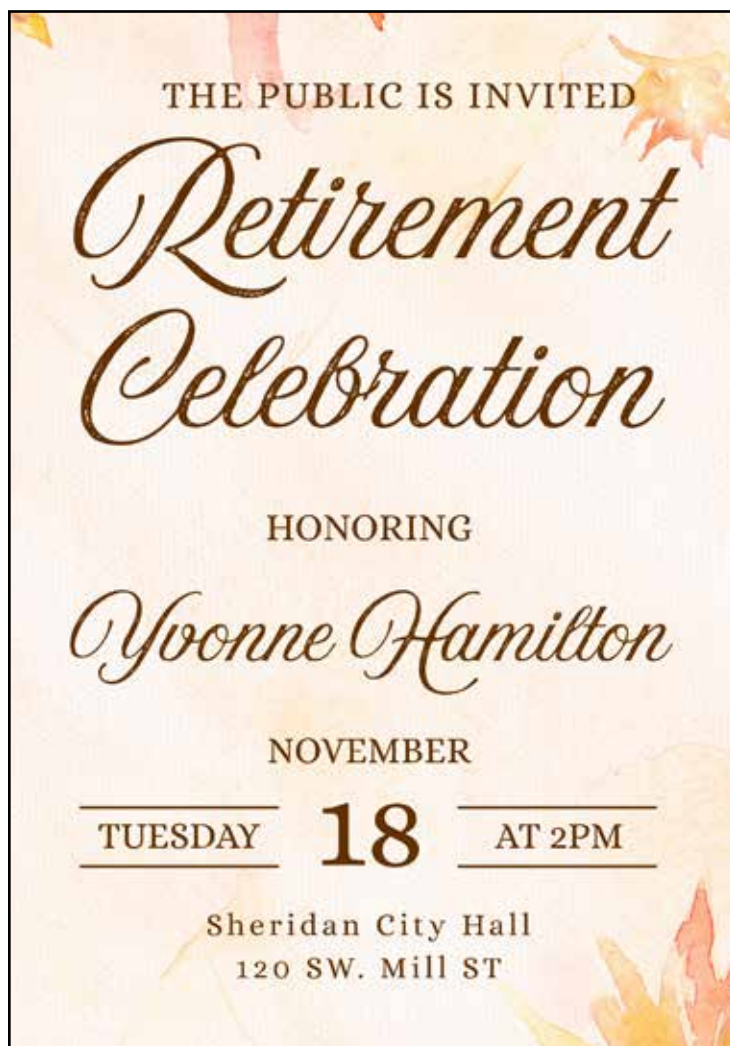
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## Baldwin and Locke Repeat Esports Win

On Saturday, the Rotary Club of the West Valley held its second Esports and Gaming Expo at Sheridan High School.

The event featured around 25 toy, card, and gaming vendors from all around the valley area, tables where fans of all ages could play Magic: the Gathering or Pokémon, but the main attraction was once again the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate tournament, held in the cafetorium of the school campus.

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate is a video game on the Nintendo Switch gaming system, which features characters from many other games in the realm of Nintendo, bringing them all together in one world to face off against each other in an all-out brawl to see who can knock the other off the center platform to fall to their demise.

The first event, held in January of this year, pitted school against school. This year, the event turned to the Battle of the Ages, pitting the top kids and adults from their brackets against each other to see who would reign supreme.

Twenty-seven kids jumped at the chance and signed up to battle it

out in the arena; unfortunately, no adults joined up on their side of the bracket, but that did not stop the kids from competing for the top spots, cash prizes, and, of course, bragging rights.

Taking top spot in the kids bracket was Lucas Baldwin, who took home a cool \$300 for his 1st-place finish. Alexander Locke took second and pocketed a \$200 prize for his performance.

It's not the first time these two have met head-to-head, as they competed against each other in the finals of the Battle of January's Schools tournament, with the same results as this go round.

Gabriel Castro finished in 3rd and won \$100.

Since no adults signed up for the competition, tournament director and Rotarian Steve Swartwood, an avid gamer and respectable Super Smash Bros. player himself, took on the three top finishers to bring about the Battle of the Ages. "They all came and ganged up on me. It was a free-for-all brawl, but those kids made sure I didn't stand a chance," expressed Steve. The adult, no longer a worry, the kids continued to duke it out, with Gabriel Castro, in the end, coming out as the Grand Champion of the Super Smash Bros. tournament. Winners of the Esports Expo held Saturday were 1st-place Lucas Baldwin (center), 2nd-place Alexander Locke (left), and 3rd-place Gabriel Castro (right), who would go on to win the Grand Champion match against the adult in the Battle of the Ages tournament.



Steve Swartwood (right) congratulates Janos "John" Vamos (left), winner of the Nintendo Switch 2 raffle at the West Valley Esports and Gaming Expo held on November 8 by the Rotary Club of the West Valley.

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Two interested Sheridan Hi band students with their instructor Robert Beliu are Link Spooner, left, saxophone; and Charles Moore, trombone.

## New Music Department Sheridan High

Located in the far southwest corner of the new high school plant here in Sheridan is the music department, with ready access both to the stage of the new cafetorium and to the gymnasium. The department, physically speaking, is comprised of an adequate music room, two small practice rooms for individual work, a larger room for ensemble practices, and a music equipment room. According to Robert Beliu, head of the department, the whole arrangement is far superior to any facilities had in the past.

The actual music room itself is equipped with permanent, semi-circular risers, which make for much better director-participant contact, whether band or chorus. Also in the room are found a sink, useful for keeping instruments clean and sanitary, and adequate chalkboards, some being designed for the teaching of music. The room has no windows, the reasoning being that a windowless, artificially lighted music room is better acoustically controlled. This is true, for students are finding that they hear themselves better with less echo and reverberation interference.

The practice rooms are designed for instructor supervision by means of re-lites (glass windows in interior walls) while they give the privacy of a separate room. The larger ensemble room is decked out with mirrors and will double as a make-up room for drama productions. Likewise,

the lighting arrangements on the new stage will be advantageous to both drama and music departments.

The equipment room takes the pressure off the music room and provides a place to store instruments out of the way. And speaking of instruments, the department is the proud owner of a new, light-weight fiberglass sousaphone, purchased through the efforts of the Bandboosters and from funds won by Sheridan High's fine band in its summer marching experience in this part of the state. Then, too, the department acknowledges with gratitude the donation of a new piano by Maurice Adamsons of Sheridan.

## Sheridan Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Glover of Astoria were Sunday guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Coon. Joining them in the afternoon were the Coon's daughter, Mrs. Douglas Blair, and children of Monmouth who were returning from Portland after taking Mr. Blair to the airport, where he flew to Texas on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Yoder and Mrs. Tony George and daughter were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs. Daniel Biller of Lebanon. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Derald Hostetler of Albany. Mrs. George remained for an indefinite visit with the Millers.

## Oregon publishers Purchase the Sun Ted Brammer and Phil Bladine New Owners

Sale of The Sheridan Sun and appointment of a new editor and publisher, effective Friday, Nov. 15, was announced today by Dean and Merna Holmes, publishers of the Sheridan Newspaper since Nov. 1, 1945.

Holmes said the newspaper and commercial printing operations had been purchased by Red M. Brammer, publisher of the Nyssa Gate City Journal, and Philip N. Bladine, publisher of the News-Register in McMinnville. William L. Bladine, former news executive on the McMinnville newspaper, has moved to Sheridan, and will become editor and publisher of The Sun, Holmes added.

The Holmes family plans to continue to make Sheridan their home, with Mrs. Holmes being employed temporarily, at least, in the office of The Sun.

## Evers Scores Twice in Sheridan Win

Sheridan Hi Spartans came from behind Friday night to rack up a 13-7 win over Sherwood on the Sherwood field in the final game of the season.

John Evers scored both Sheridan touchdowns in the final period. Drips scored on a pass play for Sherwood in the second quarter. At Willamina, the Bulldogs won the Yawama League title by defeating Yamhill-Carlton 6-0. The win puts Willamina into the state playoffs this week against North Catholic in Portland.

## Gooseneck

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Abbott have returned to their home in Riddle after spending some time visiting at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Abbott.

Mrs. Howard Nice and Doug, and Mrs. Paul Kilmer visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wolfer, in Albany Friday. Other guests were their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wolfer of Sweet Home.

Calling Sunday at the John Kaufman home were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kimmell of Sheridan, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cruickshank and family.

Mrs. Loyal Abbott was honored with a shower Friday evening at the Keith Harris home in Willamina, for her new daughter, Denise Jeanette.

Appointment of William L. Bladine, veteran Yamhill County newspaperman, as editor and publisher of The Sheridan Sun, effective Friday, Nov. 15, was announced this week.

Bladine, who served as managing editor of The News Register in McMinnville from 1958 to 1962, already has moved with Mrs. Bladine to 637 Center Street, Sheridan. The couple lived in Eugene during the 1962-63 school year while he completed his University education. For the past four months, they resided in Corvallis, where Mrs. Bladine was in the advertising department of the Corvallis Gazette Times.

The new publisher said substantial changes are planned in composition and reproduction of The Sun and added that a statement of policy of the new ownership would be announced next week. He emphasized that the newspaper would continue to provide outstanding local news, pictorial, and advertising coverage for the people of the Sheridan - Willamina - Grand Ronde area.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Bladine, the new Sheridan publisher was born in McMinnville in 1936 and was educated in schools of that community. His father was publisher of the county seat newspaper from 1928 until his death in 1957.

Following graduation from high school in 1954, he attended the University of Oregon and Linfield College and assumed management of the News-Register news department in September 1958. He was married to the former Mary Lee Rodgers in July 1962. The couple is expecting their first child in February of next year.

## Mill Creek

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Yoder were Sunday visitors of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Byers of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mishler were recent Sunday dinner guests at the Elmer Yoder home.

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