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Invitation To Bid

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THE CITY OF WILLAMINA, OREGON, HEREBY EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS FOR:

PROJECT NAME AND LOCATION:
**CITY OF WILLAMINA SCA 2024
– HILL DRIVE AND OAKEN HILLS
DRIVE, WILLAMINA, OR 97396**
BID CLOSING DATE AND TIME:
**DUE BY 2:00PM, TUESDAY, JANU-
ARY 6, 2026**

Bids shall be submitted via QuestCDN no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2026. Immediately following the filing deadline, the Bids will be opened and publicly read via Microsoft Teams. Contact Adam Soto, PE, asoto@kellerassociates.com for a link to the Microsoft Teams Meeting. Any Bids received after the specified date and time will not be considered.

The project generally includes 1,900 square yards of asphalt paving with a 1" leveling course and a 3" wearing course within the existing public right-of-way, pavement restoration, construction of approximately 180 linear feet of new curb, gutter, sidewalk, and 4 Americans with Disability Act (ADA) curb ramps, and installation of one storm water inlet with 10 feet of 12-inch diameter storm sewer pipe, and all labor, Equipment, Materials, and incidentals necessary to complete the Work as specified.

The City will not hold a pre-bid meeting. Substantial Completion of all Work to be done under the Contract, except for seeding and plant establishment, shall be no later than September 15, 2026, with Final Completion of all Work to be done under the Contract no later than September 30, 2026.

This project is funded in whole or in part by local funds and a grant from The Oregon Department of Transportation, State of Oregon, under the Small City Allotment Program (SCA).

This is a public work contract subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 and the prevailing rate of wage required under applicable Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) requirements and any amendments in effect at the time of solicitation. Only State prevailing wage laws shall apply.

All public improvements must conform to the Oregon Department of Transportation 2024 edition of the Oregon Standard Specifications for Construction,

as modified by the Special Provisions. Standard Specifications are available at the ODOT web site at: https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Business/Pages/Standard_Specifications.aspx.

Bidders must be prequalified by ODOT for the appropriate Class of Work for this Project, and each Bid must contain a statement as to whether the Bidder is prequalified by ODOT prior to the opening of Bids. Any new prequalification applications must be submitted according to ODOT's prequalification procedures at least ten (10) calendar days before the Bid Closing date. The Class of Work for this Project is a combination of Earthwork and Drainage, Aggregate Bases, Asphalt Concrete Paving, and Miscellaneous Highway Appurtenances. Additional information concerning prequalification is available from the ODOT Web Site at <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/business/procurement/pages/index.aspx> under the Bid and Award Information menu.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Keller Associates, 245 Commercial Street SE, Ste. 210, Salem, OR 97301. The contact person is Adam Soto, PE who can be reached at 503-364-2002 or asoto@kellerassociates.com. Questions regarding the project should be referred to Adam Soto, PE, (asoto@kellerassociates.com).

Complete Bidding Documents will be available on December 9, 2025 available for download from Quest CDN, at <https://www.questcdn.com/>, Project #9919709. The digital documents cost \$22.00 to download bid documents. To download online, go to www.kellerassociates.com and click on the Current Projects Bidding tab which redirects to the Quest CDN website which hosts projects advertised by Keller Associates. Select the project name, a new window will appear, then select Download Project PDF. For assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information, please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or email to info@questcdn.com. Hardcopy sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Bidding Documents are available on compact disc (as portable document format (PDF) files) for

a non-refundable charge of \$425.00, payable to "Keller Associates". Hard copy Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by sending an email to asoto@kellerassociates.com. Upon the Issuing Office's receipt of payment, hard copy Bidding Documents will be sent via the prospective Bidder's delivery method of choice; the shipping charge will depend on the shipping method chosen. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the prospective Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Each Bidder procuring Contract Documents will be included on the Plan Holders List maintained by the City of Willamina through QuestCDN. Addenda and additional project information will be delivered through QuestCDN. If the Bidder obtains the Contract Documents from a Contractor's Plan Center, it is

the responsibility of the Bidders, not the City, to check QuestCDN regularly for any addenda, clarifications, and other pertinent notifications prior to the Bid Closing date and time. To be notified of any addenda, register as a plan holder through QuestCDN.

Each Bidder shall comply with the stated bidding requirements and all associated Bid forms provided in the Contract Documents. A ten (10) percent Bid Bond, certified check, or cashier's check shall accompany each Bid and shall be forfeited if the Bidder fails to enter into a Contract with the City of Willamina within fifteen (15) days after the dated "Notice of Award". The successful Bidder will be required to furnish evidence of required insurance and shall furnish a faithful Performance and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the Contract. Upon successful completion of the Contract, and prior to City release of the Performance Bond, the Contractor shall furnish a completed Warranty Bond in the amount of thirty percent (30%) of the total amount of the Performance Bond, which shall remain in full

force and effect until compliance with and fulfillment of all terms and provisions of the Contract's one (1) year warranty obligations. The successful bidder and all subcontractors will be required to furnish to the Oregon Construction Contractors Board a public works bond in the amount of \$30,000, unless exempt under ORS 279C.

The Contract Documents contain a statement declaring that the Bidder agrees to comply with the provisions of ORS 279C.800 through 279C.870 regarding payment of prevailing wages. The City's

Contract contains a clause which incorporates by reference all of the provisions of ORS 279A-C which are applicable to public contracts. Bidders are expected to be familiar with these provisions including, but not limited to, any most recent revisions to ORS 279C.

No Bid shall be received or considered unless the Bidder is registered with the Oregon Construction Contractors Board for construction projects, as required by ORS 701.005 through 701.128, or licensed with the Landscape Contractors Board for landscaping projects, as required by ORS 671.530. It is

anticipated that asbestos will not be encountered during the Project; therefore, the requirements of ORS 468A.700 through 468A.760 do not apply.

Each Bid must contain a statement as to whether the Bidder is a Resident Bidder, as required by ORS 279C.365(h). Out-of-state bidders may have a percentage added to their Bids in accordance with ORS 279A.120.

Bidders on public works projects with a Contract value of \$100,000 or more, as defined in ORS 279C.370, are required to disclose within two (2) hours after Bid opening, the Bidders certain first-tier subcontractors. The Bidder shall provide the information as required on the first-tier disclosure form provided in the Contract Documents.

The City of Willamina reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any Bid not in compliance with all prescribed bidding procedures and requirements and may reject any or all Bids upon finding of the City Council that it is in the best public interest to do so.

Obituary



David Arnold Leno

Oct. 27, 1942- Dec. 5, 2025

David Arnold Leno, age 83, of Dallas, OR walked on December 5th, surrounded by the love of his family.

David was born on October 27, 1942, in McMinnville, OR to Arnold Leno and Maxine Mcknight. After high school, he joined the Army, serving from 1962 to 1965. In 1967, he married Lyn Simonson. They had two daughters, Lisa Leno and Dana Ainam, both of Salem, OR. David worked in the timber industry for 38 years as a log scaler for Crown Zellerbach, Cathlamet, WA and Southern Oregon Log Scaling Bureau, Roseburg, OR.

About 10 years ago, David and Lyn returned "home", reconnecting with family and life-long friends.

Services will be held on Dec. 19th at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde gymnasium at 11:00 a.m. Viewing at Bollman's Tribute Center, Dallas, on Dec. 18th, 2:30-5:30 p.m.



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A service honoring Mike Hughes will be held at 1 p.m. this Friday Dec. 19, at the Willamina High School. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Willamina High School basketball and track programs.

Deck the House 2025

Pick up your maps to vote for Sheridan best lit house from the West Valley Bulletin Board, 136 E. Main St. or First Federal Bank, 246 S. Bridge St. Judging is open until Dec. 30



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Warm Fuzzies

Thank you to the Festival Car-olers for the wonderful performance of Victorian Christmas Carols hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church. Delicious treats were provided by the Evers Cousins as well as Churches United for the West Valley.

Thank you to West Valley Bulletin Board for the sharing of the concert details!

-Emilie Knutson Molloy

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Parks and Rec

The Parks and Recreation Committee is looking for an enthusiastic individual ready to assist the Committee with improvements on parks and other recreational programs. This is an advisory volunteer position, with term limit of one year, but with no limit on reapplication. If you are interested, you just need a general knowledge and interest in the City's parks and other recreational programs. If you have questions, please contact the City Manager or Deputy City Recorder prior to submitting a Parks & Recreation Committee application by calling 503-843-2347. Applications are due by January 14, 2026, at 3:00 pm. They may be returned by email to orodela@cityofsheridan.or.com, faxed to 503-843-3661, or to City Hall in person.

Free

Free Lift Chair - Works good, looks bad, call/text 503-883-1188. (f)

Employment

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

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission has a vacant seat, and the City of Sheridan is recruiting for an individual with a general knowledge of the City and the services it provides. This is a four-year term volunteer position, and the duties for a Commissioner are to plan and regulate the development of land inside City limits. The Planning Commission recommends ordinances requiring that all land development undertaken in the City must comply with City ordinances and follow the terms of the City's Development Code, Comprehensive Plan, and Public Works Design Standards. The Planning Commission hears a wide range of applications including urban growth boundary expansions, annexations, property partitions, major variances, subdivisions, zone changes, etc. If you have questions, please contact the City Manager or Deputy City Recorder prior to submitting a Planning Commission application by calling 503-843-2347. Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on January 14, 2026. They may be returned by email to orodela@cityofsheridan.or.com, faxed to 503-843-3661, or to City Hall in person.

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Santa Foregoes Sleigh for Mud Drag Truck to Hold Toy Giveaway in Willamina

Santa made his second appearance in the Willamina area, this time giving his reindeer a break, swapping his sleigh for a high-horsepower 1933 Plymouth mud-drag racing vehicle, with the not-so-Christmas name of Pandemic.

Santa's borrowed rig, courtesy of Total Destruction Racing Team, who were awaiting his arrival at the fire hall for the Race Trucks and Fire Trucks event, being held at the fire hall on the north side of town, could be heard all the way through the

City of Willamina, and he made his way in from the west.

On his way to the event, Santa decided to take a slight detour through the Willamina IGA parking lot, waving at onlookers and to the staff working inside the grocery store, thanking them for holding a toy drive, which resulted in over 30 toys being donated to the giveaway. The event, hosted by the Total Destruction Racing Team, gave kids the opportunity to enjoy some cocoa, visit with Santa, pick out a toy from the hun-

dreds donated, and interact with some mud drag vehicles of Total Destruction Racing Team, as well as fire engines from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Emergency Services Team.

Awaiting the arrival of Santa, families stretched from the

front and on down around the corner to the driveway of the fire hall.

Once in place, Santa shooed away the Grinch, who had taken over his chair, and welcomed the families and children in.

Sherry Dawkins of Total Destruction Racing Team held a Fill the Mud Truck Toy Drive at Bi-Mart in McMinnville on Saturday to ensure that there was enough toys to go around to the crowd of kids flowing in during the event. She reported that while they did receive some toys, they also received cash donations. She also reported that, along with the Willamina IGA, the Rotary Club of the West Valley and the Lions Club also donated toys for the occasion.



Santa Claus cruising through Willamina along with Mrs. Clause, in Total Destruction Racing Team's Pandemic Mud Drag Racer.



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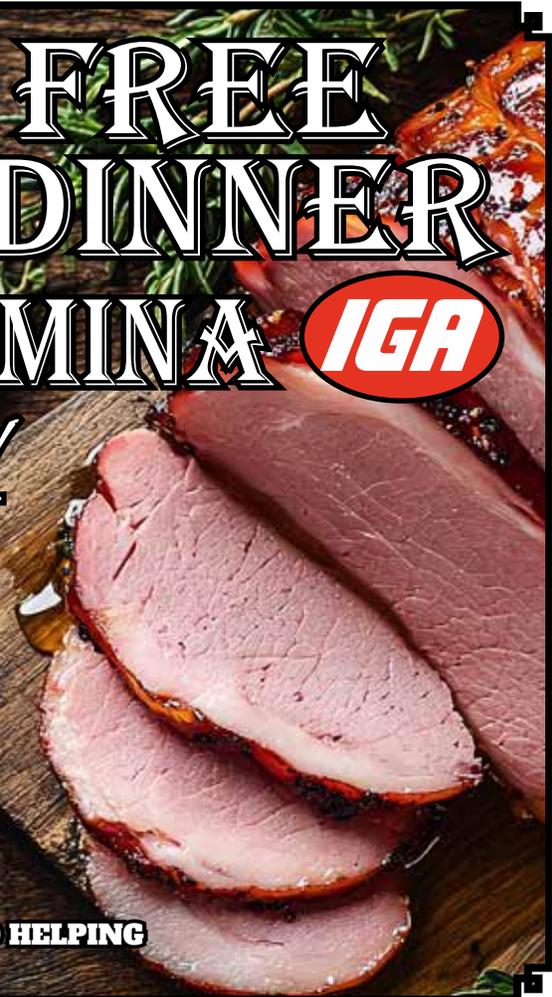
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A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Legacy Forged in Kindness: What Mike Hughes Taught Willamina Schools

The last week has laid bare a profound truth within the Willamina School District: the true measure of an organization is not its size, but the depth of impact an individual can have. We mourn the loss of Mike Hughes, a vital contributor, colleague, and head of our Special Education department. In a small place like Willamina, a legacy is visible, and when loss strikes, it hits hard.

There are no adequate words to describe the influence Mike had on generations within our community. Every educator hopes to leave a lasting impression; Mike Hughes did so with remarkable grace. He was the unwavering champion for some of our most vulnerable students, leading his department with pride and purpose. Beyond his professional life, he was a dedicated father and husband, supporting his wife Heather and his girls to be recognized as accomplished students, athletes, and citizens.

This week has been uniquely difficult, compounding a fistful of tragedies—death and illness—that have disproportionately affected our small number of WSD employees. And yet, amidst this heavy sequence of hardship, a powerful counter-narrative has emerged.

Time after time, our school and the greater Willamina community have done what small towns with big hearts do best: they have come together, reaching out with vital support for our staff and students.

What struck me most was the response of our students. They stepped up, supporting one another, modeling for the adults a path through grief with their inherent resilience. I witnessed students radiating kindness and compassion toward everyone close to our school, proving that the lessons taught in our classrooms can translate directly during moments of crisis.

Mike's loss to our organization is tragic and will be felt for a very long time. The stories of his dedication continue to flow, and the tears of healing are still being shed. But Mike Hughes left us with one final, invaluable lesson that transcends every setback: Love.

Love for all students, love for our families, love for public education, love for athletics, love for our fellow educators, and love for what is right.

As I look ahead to the winter break and the season of gratitude, I will reserve a special spot in my heart, knowing Mike did the same for all of us. Let his legacy be our guide. Let us stay strong as a community, practice the resilience our students have shown us, and be thankful as we approach this season of caring and giving.

With a damp eye, and proud of my Bulldog community,
Mike Gass, Superintendent
Willamina Elementary School 503.876.2374
Willamina Middle/High School 503.876.2545
School District Office 503.876.1500

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

The Boston Massacre March 5, 1770

Tension grew between the patriots and the British soldiers following the French and Indian War. In 1767, the British Parliament passed the Townshend Act, which placed duties on lead, glass, paper, paint, and tea being imported by the American colonists. Boston, a major center of commerce, became a focal point of resistance. The Sons of Liberty, originally founded to protest the Stamp Act, began identifying and targeting shops that sold British goods and supported British importers. In October 1768, Britain deployed additional troops to Boston, further escalating the conflict. On Feb 22, 1770, a British loyalist and informant shot and killed 11 year old Christopher Seider, along with injuring several others. This incident, along with Paul Revere's vivid engraving of British violence, helped inflamed colonial anger and increase support for the Patriot cause.

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Dec. 30 • 2 pm

The Library will be closed Dec. 24,25, and 26 to observe the holiday



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BEAUTIFUL 1957 CORVETTE

Glen and Sue Longstaff are the proud owners of this beautiful 1957 Chevy corvette, it sports dual four barrel carburetors on top of a 240 horsepower 283 cubic inch dual exhaust v-8 engine, coupled to a Power glide automatic transmission. All the numbers match, and the paint is classic Nitro-cellulose, (lacquer type), with the iconic "silver cove. The interior is traditional stock red. The radio is a stock a-m. There are two power controlled tops, one soft, and one hard, with optional power windows as well as many optional items including ; heater, emergency brake warning system, windshield wipers, windshield washer, with floor mounted foot controls, electric power steering, Coker look-alike radial tires, wheels, hub caps, owner installed dual brake master cylinders. With only 51000 miles on the speedometer, the car looks like it just rolled off the show room floor. Glen is a retired manufacturing company engineer running several domestic and foreign companies. Glen also has some very interesting hobbies. He has built a very impressive "n" gauge railroad set-up with mountains and tunnels, switches, etc. He also buys and rebuilds Yamaha motor cycles, of various vintages, and types. After installing a new roof and exterior siding ,and remodeling the interior, he and his wife Sue have lived there for the past four years. Story and picture by Gary Meyer



Grand Ronde Emergency Services responded to an accident that occurred across the street from the Dollar General in Willamina. The driver suffered a medical emergency, causing loss of control of the vehicle, sending it into the fence of the City of Willamina Maintenance yard. The family reported that the driver is back home safe and is resting and recovering from the ordeal.

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December 25th

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Dec 20
4 PM Blue Christmas Service

Dec 21
10:30 AM Sunday Service

Dec 24
4 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec 25
1 PM Free Christmas Dinner

Dec 28
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Willamina City Council Meeting: Audit Fixes, City Manager

On December 9, the Willamina City Council held its regular session. Here are some highlighted points from the meeting:

The council held a public hearing on Legislative Amendment file #LA 2025-02, which proposes amendments to the Willamina Development Code (WDC) Section 2.115 Restricted Development Overlay Zone (R-D) for compliance with the Pre-Implementation Compliance Measures (PICM) of the 2016 Biological Opinion (BiOp) issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding impacts to endangered species by development within the 100-year floodplain.

A public hearing on this legislative amendment was held during the September city council session. It was voted on then to be delayed until legal challenges against the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) were finalized, as recommended by the City's contracted engineers.

Keller Associates and the City's attorney sent a memorandum in October to the City of Willamina, recommending that they move forward with adopting the legislation before the January 31, 2026 FEMA deadline, as the City's existing floodplain regulations have been deemed noncompliant with the Endangered Species Act, and depending on outcome of the litigation, changes could still take several years to implement.

Councilor Michael Alger raised some concerns, saying, "So in my opinion, the ordinance that FEMA's presented is written incorrectly. There are a lot of counties that are not agreeing to accept this ordinance as written, because it devalues property. Our taxable assessment value should be lowered, in my opinion, before we agree to accept this ordinance, because you're limiting what people can do on

private property, and I have a problem with that.

Also, the ordinance that FEMA's presented talks about the 17 endangered species, fish. Are we talking about an emergency in 100 years? We have two different issues. I have no problem protecting salmon species. I'm not against the environment. That's not what I'm trying to be. But there are two different things going on here. And I see why a lot of the counties have decided to go against it."

City engineers responded, saying they, and the City's attorney, understand that there have been concerns brought forward by parties and municipalities, and the engineer's along with the attorney, recognize that the potential risks associated with being excluded potentially from the FEMA flood insurance and additional risks beyond that, outweigh the concerns for implementing the ordinance. "This is not something that once it's implemented, it has to stay this way forever. But by having something in place, it protects the city. I do recognize what you're saying, but to maintain compliance with FEMA and stay within that flood insurance requirement, we have to abide by FEMA's rules," the engineer stated.

Discussion between council, city staff, and engineers continued, with the question being raised on how it would impact the city and it's citizens should the council not accept the ordinance. If not accepted, the City could be open to litigation from environmental agencies and would be excluded from assistance by FEMA during a disaster. The City would have to default to a case-by-case basis for developments within the floodplain, which could cost applicants and the City more because of hiring specialists as consultants. Residents of the City would still be covered

by their flood insurance.

Councilor Alger still raised concerns about limiting individuals on what they can and cannot do on their private property, focusing on those within the floodplain. He stated, "FEMA is trying to strong-arm people and say they're not covered under insurance if you read the whole thing. If a natural disaster happens, like what happened in North Carolina last year, and FEMA got basically dang near defunded, it was after that NMFS came in and took advantage of that situation and developed this base around the fish. That's where this all started, and wrote this new ordinance. FEMA is running with this and affecting insurance policies for people that are in the floodplain.

The reason I'm so versed on this is because I have property in the floodplain. It's at home, so I've read it and read it and read it inside and out and almost sleep it. It affects what I can do on my own private property.

I cannot spread rock on my own private driveway without a permit. I cannot replace a post if it's rotten without a permit. I can't do anything without a permit. If I do that, I'm subject to fines in that county. If I can't pay the fines in a timely manner, I'm subject to a lien on my private property. I don't think that's fair to put citizens' private property in our city in that situation if that is applicable in our situation. My opinion is to table, because it's under a lot of litigation and on a case-by-case basis."

The engineers responded, saying, "If the City does not move forward with this, then any land (city-owned) that's within that area that could be affected by a flood or another natural disaster would be affected by not being able to get that (FEMA) money. In addition, there's also some types of mortgages, especially federally backed mortgages, that require flood insurance, and FEMA would not allow property owners to receive that flood insurance if the city did not have that compliant language (in an ordinance)."

Mayor Vickie Hernandez weighed in on the conversation, stating, "We just have to look at what's best for our city and our situation. We don't know what's going to happen with the litigation down the road, but right now we need to look at how can we protect the people in our city.

What can we do that's best for them and keeping us in the same good graces with FEMA, because down the road, we don't know what that looks like and what may happen to our city. We may need them for something. We don't want to cut off our nose to spite our face, and this sounds like there's been a whole lot of background on this already between lawyers and our engineers, and the planning commission. They've all done their homework, and to me, it just sounds like these are great conversations.

The people in the know are saying we need to move forward with this, and down the road, we have the opportunity to make changes if we don't like where it goes. But for now, it sounds like in order to stay in everybody's good graces and make sure we are protected, we should move forward with this.

Then down the road, once litigation is taken, if we feel like we need to revisit it at that time because it's not working for us, to me, that's what makes sense. We've already spent a lot of time and money and resources on this to get to the point where the people, the powers that be, are saying they recommend that we do this."

After some further conversation, Council President Rita Baller, stating "I think we should listen to our professionals," made the motion to approve Legislative Amendment file #LA 2025-02 adopting the proposed amendments to the Willamina Development Code contained in Exhibit A and the findings contained in the staff report, and directing staff to prepare an enacting ordinance, adding, "If legal action comes back differently, that we look at it again." Councilors Jennifer Pederson, Craig Johnson, and Rita Baller voted to pass the legislation. Councilors Michael Alger, Barry Wilson, and Karl Klym all opposed the motion. Ending in a tie, Mayor Vickie Hernandez gave her vote to break the tie, voting aye and passing the legislation.

Another public hearing was opened, this one to receive public comments regarding the renewal of the City's Economic Improvement District (EID) for an additional five years. Bob Burr, a member of the EID, spoke on behalf of the organization. Bob reported activity that the EID sponsors, including the



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Evaluation, EID, and Council Divided on FEMA Floodplain

Christmas lights, banners, flower baskets, school reader board, Galloping Goose, Rusty the Logger, as well as the light parade featuring Santa, which came through the City of Willamina on the first Saturday of December. He added that they do all this and more, on a budget of approximately \$8,000, which is received through taxes paid by businesses (no more than \$500 per property owner) inside the EID taxation zone.

Rich Winkel, Dougall Conradi, LLC, provided a presentation on the revised draft of the audit he completed for the City of Willamina.

The revised draft included some errors found when the accounts payable did not match up, reporting, "They really started with the June 30, 2024 adjustments that we made to the audit relating to the water project, the new water system project, and some things were adjusted at the end of the prior year and then reversed a little bit unusually, not quite correctly during 2025. But they looked correct. The 2025 balances looked correct.

But as we dug into them, we couldn't quite figure out why some of the accounts payable weren't matching. And it was finally just yesterday that we realized it was because the 2024 balances were still rolling into 25 and not been reversed. We had to back them out and then add in the 25 balances that should be there for some of the water expenses. The net difference to net position is pretty small. The change to capital assets and accounts payable went down about \$1.1 million, and they offset each other. So the net difference isn't very large."

Winkel stated that there were a number of other adjustments that were made, but many of them were normal.

Winkel did point out one finding, in that the Water Fund Payroll went over budget by \$39,512, and the Waste Water Fund payroll went over budget by \$23,718. "The only reason they would be over budget is because of the way that the allocations are done. If you wanted to change the allocation, then everybody would be under budget, but it's just how the city has done it, so it was kept consistent. Being over budget, there's no punishment from the state; it's just something that we report as a budget exception," he

noted.

City Manager Bridget Meneley added, "We no longer use that process. So in the future, Marissa (Matias, Finance/HR Manager) can have more control, but that's what she inherited from the previous finance team and how they chose to do it.

Winkel also reported on the mandatory audit of federal grants, with the City spending more than \$750,000 of federal money during the year (Willamina spent \$2.3 million), and found that the City was in compliance.

The council heard the first reading, conducted by Mayor Hernandez, of the following ordinances:

Ordinance 696 - adopting the 2025 Willamina Wastewater Facilities Planning Study, as an addendum to the Willamina Comprehensive Plan. The ordinance was voted on and passed by a vote of 4-2.

Ordinance 697 - adopting amendments to the Willamina Development Code section 2.115 R-D, restricted development overlay zone, as requested by FEMA to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program, the Endangered Species Act, and the 2016 NFMS Biological Opinion. Councilors was split in their decision, Baller, Johnson, and Pederson voting aye, and Alger, Klym, and Wilson voting nay. Mayor Hernandez voted aye to break the tie.

Ordinance 698 - adopting amendments to Chapter 52 of the Willamina Municipal Code concerning sewer regulations. The ordinance was passed by a vote of 4-2, with councilors Alger and Klym voting nay.

These ordinances will again be read during the January 13, 2026, council meeting. Information about these ordinances can be found posted at Willamina City Hall, or on their official website www.willaminaoregon.gov. Ordinance 699, renewal of the Willamina Economic Improvement District, was also read and voted on, passing on a unanimous vote by the council.

The council also voted on and approved the audit, presented by Winkel earlier in the council meeting.

The City Manager Evaluation was presented at the council meeting, with the council having already provided their inputs, giving City Manager Bridget Meneley a positive (4.8) review in

her third year at the position.

Mayor Hernandez summed up the council's inputs, along with some of her own, in a letter and read it at the meeting. The letter stated, "City of Willamina public summary of city management evaluation. City Manager, Bridget Meneley, December 9th, 2025. The Willamina City Council has completed its annual evaluation of City Manager Bridget Meneley. Council finds that Ms. Meneley's overall performance meets and in several areas exceeds expectations. She continues to provide stable leadership, strong financial management, and reliable support to City operations.

The Council acknowledged several key strengths, including her careful oversight of the City's budget, effective project management, clear communication with the council, and positive representation of Willamina in regional and community settings. This evaluation also identified a few areas of continuing professional growth, such as expanding long-range planning efforts, strengthening community outreach, and further developing internal processes and staff capacity.

The council appreciates Ms. Meneley's dedication and service to the community and looks forward to continued progress on shared goals in the year ahead."

This positive evaluation, as per her contract, would make Meneley eligible to receive a 4 percent increase to her yearly salary, bringing it from \$117,948 to \$122,665.92.

Councilor Karl Klym chimed in, and after some discussion of standard raises and cost-of-living adjustments (COLA), that the increase be dropped to three-percent. "I think three is fair, for a city that is behind," Klym said before making the motion for a three-percent raise.

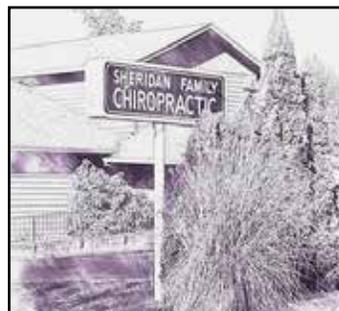
Councilor Alger responded, stat-

ing, "Four percent is barely over the cost-of-living. The cost of living increases for an average person three-percent, and she's doing a bang up job. What's another percent?"

The motion for the three-percent received no second, so Councilor Alger put forth a motion for a four-percent raise, which was backed and voted in unanimously by the council.

The donation request from the See You Later Foundation was brought back up, after being tabled in the November council meeting, requesting information on how many individuals in the West Valley area the foundation has assisted. The foundation responded in an email, reporting that, based on her Seeds of Hope records, which is the families walking through a child's or parent's life-threatening medical illness. They've helped 11 West Valley families, five from Willamina and six from Sheridan. These families are part of the 66 Yamhill County families they have supported through Seeds of Hope, which is 17 percent of the foundations countywide Seeds of Hope families, assisting with gas, grocery gift cards, bills, frequent medical travel, memory making experiences, an annual scholarship to a Willamina graduating student, and encouragement to help families stay connected and supported throughout treatment. The council voted to donate \$500 to the foundation.

Public Works Director Jeff Brown reported that the daily rain reading at the water treatment wastewater plant, between 8 a.m., Monday, December 8 to 8 a.m., Tuesday, December 9, indicated 2.27 inches of rainfall in that 24-hour span of time. He mentioned that the public works crew was monitoring the sewer lift station, and as of 3:30 p.m. the day of the council meeting, the station remained below overflow levels.



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Visit to Open House Leads to a Fun Glimpse Back in Time

By Janos "John" Vamos

Sometimes when I go to cover a story, most of the time it's usually what I expect. Once in a while, I get an added surprise at an event, most good, once in a while, not so much. From anything to an impromptu photo shoot that gives

me one or two extremely cute photos I get to share, to gossip and rumors that, while interesting to some point, I really don't put too much thought into them. Then there are the ones that are a little bit of both.

I went to cover the Christmas Open House at A Little Bit Country Daycare, located in an old schoolhouse on Savage Road just outside Sheridan. I was somewhat excited to see the place, and to share some of my expectations; I figured I'd get there, Santa sitting in his chair, and a few kids at least lined up to fill his ear with what they wanted for Christmas, a decent amount of Holiday Decorations around the place, and an arts and crafts table.

When I pulled up, there were a couple of cars outside, but when I entered, I was finding that my expectations were some right, some wrong, and some that just

straight up underestimated what the daycare was putting together this holiday season.

Let's get the right ones out of the way first. Sure enough, I was greeted by Santa sitting in his chair, an arts and crafts table over in the dining area with sugar cookies and ornaments ready for willing frosting and paint, and a smiling Mrs. Claus warmly saying hello, followed by a couple of elves.

Now onto my wrong assumptions. The family and helpers were the only ones there, granted it was still early in the day, but not a visiting soul was to be found when I arrived. Other events in the area could be to blame, or that it sits outside of city limits, they were in the paper and on social media, but no one was present.

This is where I underestimated things. Tammy Trexler, owner of the daycare, along with her husband, had this place decked out in beautiful holiday decorations, not your Walmart variety either, but almost every bit of shelf reality had decorations above your run-of-the-mill Walmart Santa or other Christmas decoration. "I didn't go overboard with it did I?" Tammy jokingly asked.

An 11-foot-tall tree stood tall in the living room, carefully placed away from the ceiling fan, while

another Christmas tree sat nestled in the kids' play area.

My biggest surprise, though, was the historical walkthrough I got from Mrs. Claus herself.

She took me through the 1930s schoolhouse, filling my mind with everything she had learned about the place so far. The old coat room, now a food pantry with original hooks, original school bell which she allowed me to ring, and early 20th century playground equipment.

Luckily, the family will be holding another open house from noon to 7 p.m. this Sunday, Dec. 21, 31741 SW Savage Rd. Kids or no kids, I highly recommend paying them a visit.



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Bulldog Boy's Home Opener Goes Down to the Wire

The Bulldogs boys basketball team spent their first three games on the road, with last week's Monday matchup landing the Bulldogs over in Nestucca to take on the Bobcats.

Coming off a double-overtime loss against the Yamhill-Carlton Tigers to close out the first week of play, Willamina would make the trip back home from Cloverdale after another close contest, this time bringing back their first win of the season, defeating the Bobcats 44-41.

Willamina hoped to continue that momentum in their home opener Friday evening, when they hosted the 2-1 Warrenton Warriors.

From the start, it looked to be a

close matchup, with Willamina jumping out to a small 6-2 lead before the Warriors' defense slowed down the Bulldogs, allowing the Warriors to stay in the game, the first quarter ending in an 8-8 tie.

Warrenton would continue to pressure the Bulldogs defensively, breaking away from Willamina, outscoring the Bulldogs 10-2 to take an 18-10 lead with a little over four minutes to play in the second half.

This time it was Willamina's turn to bounce back. After a long rebound collected by Matthew Atherton, bouncing the ball up to Ben Moore to finish off the fast-break, Moore found himself on the next possession all alone at

the baseline, a quick pass to him, and the Bulldogs found themselves now down by four.

Willamina would force a shot clock violation to regain possession. Setting up their offense, Austin Verdino took the ball to the hoop, drawing Warrior defensemen, just to kick it out to Colton Wilcox for a shot from beyond the arc, cutting Warrenton's lead to one with a little over two minutes left in the half.

Warrenton would answer back with a three-pointer of their own, the Bulldogs heading into halftime down 17-21 against the Warriors.

The teams would continue to trade off points, with (11) hitting a buzzer beater from three-point land to tie the score 35-35 going into the fourth quarter.

Willamina was up 47-43 with one minute left in the game, when the Warriors answered back with a three-pointer to cut the Bulldogs' lead to one point.

Willamina would take it to their

end of the court, missing a couple of tough shots underneath, when Warrenton finally grabbed the rebound and headed down with 30 seconds left in the game. After missing a shot and maintaining possession after the rebound, the Warriors called a timeout with 21 seconds remaining. Warrenton would score, leaving 13 seconds left on the clock for the Bulldogs.

Willamina would take a timeout with seven seconds left in the matchup. Verdino would get fouled, trying to work his way underneath with just over four seconds remaining in the game.

Atherton would get the ball in the corner, shooting a three over the head of a Warrenton defender. Ryan Beauchamp grabbed the rebound two feet away from the basket, and went to put it back up before the buzzer, but another Warrenton defender was able to get a finger on it, keeping it from going in and giving the Bulldogs a 47-48 last-second loss in their opening game of the season.

While the Bulldogs sit now with a 1-3 record on the year, this year's team has improved drastically over last year's 1-22 season, where Willamina went 0-17 before picking up their first win of the season. Last year, the Bulldogs were beaten by an average of just under 27 points per game, putting up an average of 36.6 points themselves.

So far this year, Willamina has upped their scoring average to 47.5 points per game, but the biggest change has been the slim margin of their losses, losing on average by only 2.25 points in the first four games of the season.

Bulldog Scoring: Austin Verdino (13), Ben Moore (10), Ryan Beauchamp (10), Matthew Atherton (7), Colton Wilcox (3), Coby Torosian (2), Wyatt Hubbell (2).



Bulldog's Austin Verdino (24) draws in Warrenton defenders, just to kick the ball out to an awaiting teammate for a three-pointer. Verdino would lead the Bulldogs with 13 points in their loss to the Warriors.



Willamina's Ben Moore (1) fights through two Warriors on his way to score ten points in the Bulldogs home opener.

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

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TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Passion is on your mind this week, Taurus. Get together with a spouse or romantic partner and enjoy an evening with just the two of you. Embrace this chance to let the sparks fly.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

A gift would be a wonderful surprise for a loved one or friend this week, Gemini. Perhaps there is something that this person has had an eye on for some time now?

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

A group activity may bring new information and people into your life, Cancer. You might meet people from different backgrounds. Keep your eyes and ears open.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you might be interested in expanding your horizons. You could think about attending a lecture or seeing a documentary on a particular subject. The education will enlighten.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, a long-awaited phone call or text from a person who has been out of touch for some time could come through this week. This may reopen the lines of communication between you both.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, if finances have been on your mind, now is a good time to read the financial pages or study the stock reports. You also may want to sit down with a financial planner.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, keep communication with business partners warm, open and honest. This will help you see your ideas come to fruition. It's always easier to catch flies with honey than vinegar.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your tasks should go smoothly and quickly this week, particularly any paperwork you may have. Others are willing to help out if you need it.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, newfound communication heightens the relationship you have with a romantic partner this week. Feelings and memories are shared willingly, and you may learn something new.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

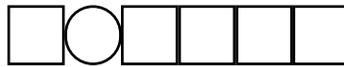
A number of interesting visitors may come to your home this week, Aquarius. At least one may present some fascinating facts on a subject that is new to you. Enjoy the interaction.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, expect some interesting new neighbors to move in shortly. A friend will likely introduce you to these people, and a relationship could bloom.

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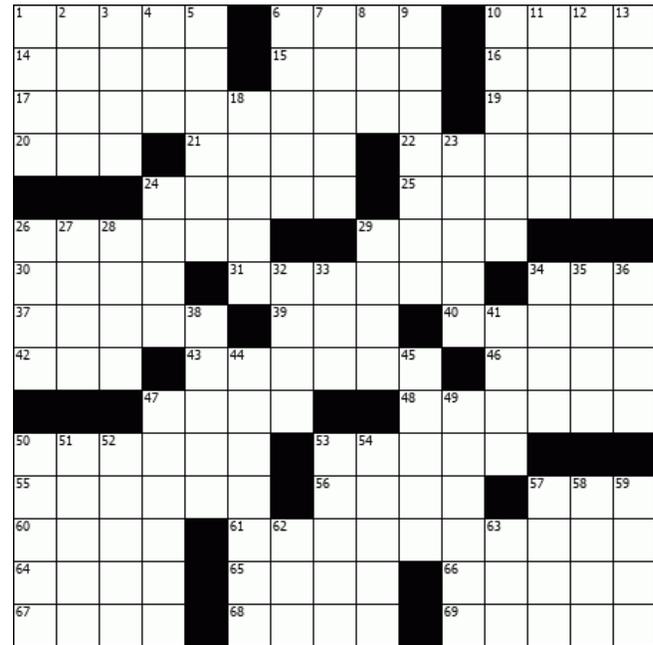
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Across

1. Friend (Sp.)
6. On a ship
10. Stitched line
14. Roadside eatery
15. Barbie, e.g.
16. Appointment
17. Satisfactory
19. Water (Sp.)
20. ___ culpa
21. Immense
22. Most exceptional
24. More rational
25. "___ Something About Mary"
26. Zodiac twins
29. Kernel
30. Location
31. Montreal's country
34. Famous boxer
37. Florida metropolis
39. Slugger's stat
40. Room theme
42. Poetic contraction
43. Noisy insect
46. Comedian Jay ___
47. Ages and ages
48. Decrease
50. "Gilligan's ___"
53. Golf stroke
55. Scanty
56. ___ McEntire of country music
57. Egyptian cobra
60. Fabric fuzz
61. Capital of Rhode Island
64. Engrave with acid
65. Quality of sound
66. Bestow
67. Visualizes
68. Shoe part
69. Takes a break



Down

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|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Eden man | 23. In front | 45. Excuse |
| 2. Rodents | 24. Thailand, once | 47. Our planet's |
| 3. Machu Picchu native | 26. Monopoly, e.g. | 49. Dodger |
| 4. Gosh! | 27. Famed canal | 50. The British ___ |
| 5. Parentless child | 28. Cruel | 51. Grudge |
| 6. Old saying | 29. Declared | 52. Jousting weapon |
| 7. Not tipsy | 32. Circle segments | 53. Male bee |
| 8. House extension | 33. Hoop gp. | 54. Make merry |
| 9. Warned | 34. Top pilots | 57. Connecting words |
| 10. Trapped | 35. Sole | 58. Kilt wearer |
| 11. Zealous | 36. Remove wrinkles | 59. Church seats |
| 12. Entertain | 38. Religious images | 62. Caviar base |
| 13. Vegetarians' taboos | 41. Other | 63. Compass reading (abbr.) |
| 18. Roman gown | 44. Thorough (hyph.) | |

Delphian Boys Fall in Two on Court Matches

Dragons' boys basketball team fell to 0-4 on the season after picking up another two losses in last week's play.

On Monday, the boys headed towards the coast to duel it out against Vernonia, making the long trip home after the loggers fell the Dragons, 35-49.

Thursday, the Delphi hosted Chemawa, and it looked to be an event contest at the end of the first quarter, Dragons up 18-17. Delphians started to run away with the match in the second quarter, grabbing a nine-point lead with two minutes left in the half, but the Braves rallied, keeping the Dragons scoreless while firing back with six points of their own, Delphians only leading 32-29 going into the locker rooms.

The Dragons would maintain that slim lead halfway through the third when Chemawa fought back and took a 39-38 lead, making one of two free throws, after a frustrated Brian Tang bounced the ball a little too high during a traveling call, resulting in a technical foul.

The Delphians had a hard time rebounding after that, unable to find the net while the Braves extended their lead to 52-38 by the end of the third, going on to down the Dragons 65-49.

Bulldogs Battle Upwards in Rose City Matchup

The Willamina Bulldogs wrestling team took part in one of their largest tournaments of the year, battling it out in the Rose City Championship against 35 other teams, with no divisional brackets or state barriers.

Teams from schools as small as Riverside (Tualatin, ~200 students) and Willamina (~300 students), to Crook County High School, one of the largest in the state of Washington, with over 2,500 students winding their way through its halls.

The Bulldogs boys team picked up an impressive 18th-place finish with its 29 wins in the 64-man bracket. Seven Willamina grapplers made it to the second day of competition, with Adonijah Stanton (132 lbs) and Landon Risseeuw (285 lbs) both picking up 4th place finishes in the contest. On the ladies' side, six wrestlers competed in a 32-man bracket, with Paige Baker (190 lbs) making her way to a 5th place spot, and helping the Lady Dawgs finish in 28th-place, beating out teams from much larger schools like McMinnville, West Linn, and Wilsonville.

Spartan Girls Walloped by Yamhill-Carlton

The Sheridan Spartans girls' basketball squad headed to the Dayton Holiday Tournament this last weekend, in hopes that Christmas would come early with a couple of wins on the court.

That was not the case, as the Grinch, coming in the form of the 10th-ranked Tigers, who completely dominated the Spartans, Sheridan exiting the tournament early after a 9-66 loss.

Lady Dragons Split Non-League Games

The Lady Dragons squad picked up another win and loss last week to keep their record on an even keel at 2-2 on the season.

On Monday, the Dragons faced off against the Vernonia Loggers in Vernonia.

The Loggers jumped out to a 6-0 lead over the Delphi, before extending that lead to 11-2 by the middle of the second quarter.

Vernonia would stay one step ahead of the Dragons, never relinquish that lead, downing the Delphians 22-35.

The Lady Dragons would bounce back on Thursday in a close contest against the Chemawa Braves.

It took some time for both teams to get some traction, staying scoreless until Delphian's Liv Curry laid one in on a fast break after she intercepted a pass by the Braves. Chemawa would battle back, the first quarter ending in a 6-6 tie.

Defenses from both sides continued to make dropping the ball into the net an issue for the opposition, the Dragons going into the locker room at half with a 12-8 lead over Chemawa.

Offense would finally start finding holes in the defense, with the score doubling with a little over two minutes left in the third quarter, Dragons up 24-16. The Delphi would go on to win the contest, beating Chemawa 29-24 and bring themselves to 2-2 on the season.

Spartans Battle in Scio Wrestling Tournament

Sheridan Spartans wrestlers made their way to Scio to match up contest against other 2A/1A teams in the Gary McDaniel Memorial Tournament.

Seven Sheridan High School boys hit the mat, with Conner Trammell (215 lbs) grabbing the highest finish for the Spartans with a 2nd-place spot on the podium. Benicio Depiero (190 lbs), battled his way into a 3rd-place finish as Nicholas Leno (126 lbs) just missed the podium with a 4th-place performance. Sheridan finished in 8th-place among the 25 teams in the matchup.

Peylenn Childress (115 lbs) led the four Lady Spartans in the tournament, warring her way into a 1st-place spot on the podium, with Brooklyn Torosian (120 lbs), battling her way into a 3rd-place finish. Sheridan taking 6th-place in the 17-team tournament.

Lady Dawgs Slide to 1-4

The Willamina girls' basketball team suffered three non-league losses last week, as the Lady Dawgs slipped to 1-4 on the season.

The Bulldogs traveled to Nestucca to start their week, taking the long drive back home after suffering a 27-50 defeat at the hands of the Bobcats. They would later face Astoria in the Dayton Holiday Tournament, losing to the Fishermen 29-56.

The Lady Dawgs attempted to bounce back on Friday, when they hosted the 0-1 Warrenton Warriors.

It did not look good at the start, as Warrenton opened up an 8-0 lead over Willamina, but the Bulldogs would make it a game, clawing their way back to cut the Warrior lead down to two. A quick score by Warrenton before the half would have Willamina heading into the locker room down 17-21.

Continuing to nip at the heels of the Warriors in the beginning of the second half, the Bulldogs just could not manage to stop the Warriors' Lucy Smith (24), who scored nine points against Willamina in the third-quarter, the Bulldogs going into the fourth-quarter down 29-35.

Willamina would be unable to rally against the Warriors, trading point-for-point in the fourth-quarter, eventually losing the contest 42-48.

Bulldog Scoring: Grace TerBush (23), Bridgette Manley (9), Rylee Bishop (4), Keylee Manley (2), Elizabeth Neese (2), Naveen Pressley (2).

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Willamina's Grace TerBush (15) tore up the Warrenton defense with 23 points, but it would not be enough as the Bulldogs fell to the Warriors 42-48 Friday.

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Faulconer-Chapman Cages Bulldogs

The Faulconer-Chapman (FCS) Titans played host to their rival, the Willamina Bulldogs last Tuesday, December 8.

FCS would take an early, first quarter 6-4 lead with scoring spread out, Star Broadus, Cora Diehl, and Ava Sharp each dropping in a goal each. Willamina’s (50) and (15) would put one goal a piece up for the Bulldogs, keeping them withing reach.

In the second quarter, the Bulldogs would battle back, (40) leading the way, scoring five points for Willamina, assisted by (10) dropping in a free-throw, and (50) adding another score to her stats. Titans Aubree Graves and Broadus would each drop in their second score of the contest, to keep the score tied 12-12 going into halftime.

In the start of the second half, the Bulldogs looked to get past the Titans, Willamina’s (4) dropping in a quick score to take a 14-12 lead, but that’s when the second half turned into a show of Titan dominance on both sides of the court.

Titan defense would only allow one more score the remainder of the game, courtesy of a free

throw by (31) as FCS’s offense, led by Faith King’s seven-point performance in the second half, gave the Titans the 25-15 win over the Bulldogs.

Titan Scoring: Faith King (9), Aubree Graves (4), Star Broadus (4), Cora Diehl (4), Ava Sharp (4)
Bulldog Scoring: 40 (5), 50 (4), 4 (2), 15 (2), 10 (1), 31 (1).



Faith King (with ball) would lead Titan scorers with nine points in their win over the Bulldogs.



Titans and Bulldogs fight for positioning as they wait for the rebound. Faulconer-Chapman would defeat Willamina 25-15.

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Fred Bozeman Accepts Mayor Appointment; Dr. W. I. Wilbur Named to City Council

City councilman Fred Bozeman was officially named Sheridan's mayor in a special session of the City Council Monday, noon. Dr. W. I. Wilbur, Sheridan physician and surgeon, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the council created by the Bozeman appointment.

George Mowery, local PGE manager, was appointed president of the council to succeed Bozeman. President of the council presides in the absence of the mayor at council meetings, and heads the city government whenever the mayor is out of the city.

In accepting the appointment to succeed, Francis G. Bradley Bozeman told the Councilmen at the Monday noon meeting: "I did not seek the office of mayor, but someone has got to assume the responsibility. As you know, I know very little about the office. If you think I am your man, I will do my best. First, however, I want this understood by everyone. I will not let my place of business become headquarters for City of Sheridan business. I will not jeopardize my business to become mayor. All business, complaints, etc., must go through the office of the Recorder. If this is understood, I will accept the appointment to be your mayor."

New Oregonians

A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mishler of Willamina on Dec. 1, 1953, at McMinnville Hospital. Weight three pounds Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sisk, Sheridan, a son, weighing seven pounds five ounces, December 4, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrold Anderson of Willamina, girl, born December 8, 1953, weight, four pounds, 11 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Knoll of Grand Ronde, girl, weighing seven pounds, five ounces, born December 10, 1953, at McMinnville Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Thompson of Willamina, girl, born December 14 at Salem Memorial Hospital, weight seven pounds, 13 ounces. She has been named Lori Jean. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Meeks and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Thompson, Willamina. She has an older sister, Lynn Christine.

Floral Gift Shop to Open Saturday

WILLAMINA - Dorothy Drill and Wilma Thomason have announced the opening of the Willamina Floral and Gift Shop in the building located at the rear of the post office. Formal opening of the business is slated Saturday, when corsages will be given to the ladies.

The two ladies have taken over the floral business of Lester Robertson, who has gone to Prineville. They studied at the Hutchinson School of Design in the City of Portland.

Willamina Opens Season by 51-34 Win Over Dayton

Willamina soundly trounced the Dayton Pirates, losers to Stayton on opening night, by the score of 51-34, Friday night.

Guv Baker, Bulldog forward, was the most consistent point maker in the contest, with 17 points. Williams had 15 for the Pirates. The Bulldogs led at the halftime intermission, 26-18.

Coach Tom Cowan mixed up his lineup somewhat, and the change seemed to profit the Bulldogs.

Willamina: Baker 17, Johnston 10, Littlejohn 8, Forbes 3, Salmon 7, Otjen 2, B. Fowler 1, G. Fowler 1, Godsey 2.

For Dayton: Rownard 0, Finnicum 5, Williams 15, Bell 7, J. Johnson 0, Harling 3, Ellis 1.

Charlotte Brandt Gets Pacific Honor

Charlotte Brandt, senior at Pacific Lutheran College, was crowned Lucia Bride at the St. Lucia Festival at the college, Friday, Dec. 4. The festival is patterned after the St. Lucia festivals, which are a traditional part of the Yuletide season in Sweden. Miss Brandt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brandt of Sheridan, was chosen from a field of 11 candidates in an all-college election and was crowned with a halo of lights at the impressive ceremony by PLC's student body president, John Rydgren, of Seattle.

Storm Disrupts Power

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jackson were without electricity or telephone for a few days last week following the big blow that took down some of their light poles.

Sheridan High School Spotlight

Edited by Sheridan Hi Students

Girls Sports

Mrs. Eberhart has had volleyball tournaments in each of the gym classes last week. The girls were divided into two teams. The team that won the most games during the week won a box of candy on Friday.

Roberta Anderson's team won in the freshman class, Yvonne Blair's team won in the sophomore class, and Shirley Holsstad's team won between the junior and senior classes.

Mrs. Eberhart attended a volleyball coach's meeting, held Saturday night in which they had discussion on regulations for this season.

They decided that we would continue to have a potluck social after our games and that we are going to have a volleyball social in McMinnville at the end of the season, where the trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

Future Farmer of the Week

Lester Wayne Cody, 16, of Route One, Sheridan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Cody, is

this week's Future Farmer of the Week. Lester's project is about 4 acres of barley. He is planning on buying some type of livestock in the near future. He has been the reporter and the treasurer in the FFA. His freshman year, he was the student council representative, his sophomore year, he was the vice president, and this year is vice president of the Letterman's club. His only interest at this time is to be a grain farmer like his father. When interviewed, he was undecided on college.

Pvt. Kepford is on Duty in Korea

Eighth Army, Korea - Pvt. Charles D. Kepford, son of Thomas C. Kepford, Star Route, Grand Ronde, recently arrived in Korea for duty with the 231st Transportation Truck Battalion.

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Willamina School District Begins Use of Electric Vehicle Buses on Routes

The Willamina School District, on December 2, held a ribbon cutting ceremony to announce the use of five new electric vehicle (EV) buses that will be utilized by the district. Out of these five buses, the school district officially owns two of them, and Willamina was one of three areas that were recently outfitted with the new EV buses, along with Molalla and Gresham. The buses, plus supporting equipment, were purchased using funds from two separate Portland General Electric grants totaling \$1.3 million, one grant in 2023 for \$632,688 and another in 2024 for \$710,203. The district already has these slated for some routes, but, being that not many school districts in Oregon have had these buses, especially for a long period of time, one staff member

stated, "We're kind of learning as we go with all of this." Despite the unknown territory, First Student, the national company that provides transportation for students in the Willamina School District, as well as nearby Amity, Dayton, and McMinnville areas, along with the school district, was drawn to the possible benefits associated with the program. Electric buses may reduce maintenance costs. With fewer moving parts than their gas fed counterparts, and lack of need for oil changes, spark plug and filter replacements, and an upgraded regenerative braking function, these buses may see the maintenance shop a lot less. There are also some benefits of utilizing electric motors over gas-powered engines. While it is not quite yet known how much

the district will save, fuel cost comparisons price range with an EV bus sitting at around 14-19 cents per mile, where gas falls between 49-82 cents. Then there's the immediate benefit for all those kids inside. The lack of exhaust fumes and loud combustion engines makes for a much quieter and cleaner ride for the students. Meagan Jenne, who has been driving school buses for 13 years, also noted the increased performance when going uphill, where gas-powered buses generally bog down. She also noted that with the lower noise pollution inside the bus (65-66 decibels in the EV compared to 76-81 in gas), it will be easier on the ears

and allow her to hear more of what's going on behind her. Everything is not roses, though, as the program is still relatively new. Upfront costs are still a big hurdle for most districts, but thanks to government programs and grants from companies like PGE, some of that can be cleared. With no guarantee of charging stations at the destination, gas buses will still be utilized for longer routes, field trips, and sporting events at other schools. Lead times may also be longer on parts needed should a bus break down, as supply chains mature. And charging a vehicle takes much longer than just pulling up to the pump.



Willamina School District Superintendent Mike Gass (with scissors) is cheered on by some of the Willamina Elementary School students as he cuts the ribbon, kicking off the use of Electric School Buses for the school district.

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