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West Valley Bulletin Board

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Turkey-Trotters Kick Off Thanksgiving with Morning Walk/Run at Southside

Over 20 West Valley residents got a head start on burning off their Thanksgiving Day calories

during the Southside Park Run/Walk Turkey Trot. Runners and walkers of all stag-

es and ages, from almost two years of age up to not polite to ask old, had to complete six laps around the recently paved pond path, to finish the race, with prizes going to the fastest male and female.

Another prize that was up for grabs was the "Best Dressed Award" for the best outfit of the Race. This year's best-dressed winner was one-and-a-half-year-old Elizabeth, who captured the eyes of the judges with her Thanksgiving-themed overalls and matching hair bow. Mother Nature decided to be nice to the participants of the

event, providing a brisk 45-degree morning with only a light mist and minimal wind.

The fastest male was won by none other than Sheridan Spartan's long-distance runner Zachery Dauvin, with a blazing time of 12 minutes and 32 seconds, averaging just over two minutes per lap around the pond.

The fastest female was Santa Maria Klopfenstein, who was running alongside her husband, Trenton, during the event. The event was free to all participants thanks to the volunteers from the city staff.



Zachery Dauvin was the fastest male, crossing the finish line with a time of 12:32, averaging just over 2 minutes per lap.



One-and-a-half-year-old Elizabeth showing off the medal she won for "Best Dressed" at the City of Sheridan's Turkey Trot.



Trenton Klopfenstein (left) and his wife, Santa Maria, who was the fastest female, celebrate during their last lap of the City of Sheridan Turkey Trot, held at Southside Park on Thanksgiving Day.

City of Willamina
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PARADE
Saturday, December 6
Snowmen Theme

5:00PM - LINE UP AT THE WILLAMINA COMMUNITY CENTER, FACING ADAMS ST.
6:00PM - PARADE BEGINS
PREREGISTRATION AT CITY HALL
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The parade will end at Oaken Hills Dr. & Fire Department

Visit Santa at the fire hall after the parade.

City Tree Lighting and The high school band will perform at the fire hall after the parade.

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

sponsored by Willamina BID, Willamina Chamber of Commerce, Sheridan Rotary, GFR Emergency Services, and West Valley Fire Department

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Obituaries



Vincent James Justen
Feb. 6, 1955 - Oct 17, 2025

Vincent James Justen was born on February 6, 1955, and passed on October 17, 2025, at the age of 70.

He was the son of Herb and Katherine Justen and the seventh of ten children, being the first born in Oregon.

He grew up on the family farm in Grand Ronde. Vince was an excellent athlete in wrestling and football, and graduated from Willamina High School in 1973. He went to work in the woods,

where he spent his entire career as a logger and business owner. In 1976, he married Angi Singer, and together they had two children, Jake and Stacy.

He greatly enjoyed spending time with family and friends, his grandchildren's sporting events, yearly trips to see his cousins in Minnesota, and being able to share a laugh with all who were close to him. His laugh and love for life will be dearly missed.

Vince is survived by his children, Jacob Justen (Katia) and Stacy Fillible (Jeremy), his grandchildren, Angela, Tanya, Maya, Sasha, Greta, Clifford, and Rory, his siblings, Marie Davis, Paul Justen, Jeanne Buswell, Vicky Aaron, and Barbie Justen, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Vince was preceded in death by his parents, Herb and Katherine, and siblings: Bobby, Ted, Vernie, and Rosie.

A service will be held for Vince on December 6th, 1:00 pm at the Tribal Gymnasium with a reception following at the St. Michael's Church gymnasium, both in Grand Ronde.



Allan E. "Lanny" Brown
1946 - Nov. 6, 2025

Allen E Brown "Lanny", age 79, passed away on November 6, 2025, in Las Vegas, NV with family by his side.

Born in Portland, OR in 1946, Allan grew up in Sheridan, where he attended Sheridan High School in leadership roles. Summers were spent in Nenana, Alaska. His dedication to learning led him to Oregon Stat University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in

Civil Engineering in 1968. Alaan later pursued advanced studies, completing his Master of Science degree in Engineering at the University of Berkley in 1971.

He began his career at Mare Island shipyard in Vallejo, CA with the Government of Defense, applying his skills and commitment to engineering excellence.

In 1975, Allan married his best friend and lifelong partner, Joy. Together they built a loving home and raised two daughters, Lynnette and Carey. Allan's family was his greatest pride and joy and his devotion to them was unwavering.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Allan had a deep love for gaming and travel. His passion for exploring new places took him to many parts of the word, enriching his life with adventure and discovery.

Allan is survived by his beloved wife, daughter, son-in-law, two granddaughters, bother, Lanson, sister-in-law Stacy, niece Lisa and nephew Kyle and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Allen and Alvina Brown.

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On the Frontline

Grand Sheramina Food Bank

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*MUST BE WITHIN CITY LIMITS

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DEC. 17TH
Lights **MUST BE ON** December 20th from 5-7pm for voting

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE NIGHT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Staying Focused, Planning for the Future, and Celebrating Community

Maintaining Focus for the Finish Line

The holiday season is exciting, but it brings unique challenges to staying on track. We are emphasizing focus over the next 15 school days leading up to the holiday break. Since the semester officially concludes during the second week of January, an effective effort now will prevent unnecessary stress in the new year.

We encourage students to:

- **Review Attendance:** Ensure all assignments and projects are submitted before the winter break.
- **Utilize Resources:** Take advantage of office hours and after-school help sessions.
- **Set Goals:** Work with teachers and counselors to set specific academic goals for the last few weeks of the semester.

Future Forward: College Essay Workshop at Linfield University

We are thrilled to be partnering with Linfield University to provide a crucial opportunity for our college-bound students. On [Insert Specific Workshop Date/Day of Week], approximately 30 selected students will participate in a full-day, intensive college essay writing workshop.

The goal of this day is to demystify the college application process, specifically teaching students how to write a compelling, authentic personal statement.

The Linfield Experience will include:

- **Essay Strategy Session:** Hands-on instruction from Linfield admissions professionals and writing faculty on structuring, drafting, and revising a winning college essay.
- **Campus Immersion:** Students will spend the day on the beautiful Linfield campus, getting a real sense of university life.
- **Networking Opportunities:** They will have dedicated time to talk with current Linfield students and faculty members about various majors, campus culture, and post-secondary pathways.

This partnership is key to our mission of providing robust post-secondary planning options, and we are incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated resource like Linfield University "right down the road" supporting our students.

Community & School Pride Updates

Tip-Off: Winter Sports Seasons Begin!

The gymnasium is buzzing with excitement as our Winter Sports teams officially kick off their seasons this week! We are excited to support our Basketball, Wrestling, and Swimming teams.

- **First Look:** Most teams will open their schedules with away games this week.
 - **Home Debut:** Be sure to catch our home openers, which will take place the following week!
- Check the school's athletic website for the full schedule and specific opponents. Come out and show your school spirit!

The Band is Marching!

Come support our amazing High School Band! They will be performing immediately following the town's holiday parade this Saturday. Their performance will be held at the Fire House—a great way to hear some festive music and cheer on their hard work!

Heartfelt Thanks: Successful Area Coat Drive

We extend our sincere and deepest gratitude to the Towns of Sheridan and Willamina and the tireless Rotarians from both areas. The collaborative coat drive was a resounding success, collecting warm items for families in our community. Your efforts ensure that many of our families will be able to stay warm and comfortable through the coldest parts of this winter. Thank you for your continued dedication to our students and community welfare.

Capping Off Indigenous Recognition Month

What a spectacular way to conclude a positive month of Indigenous recognition! We were immensely proud to see our students perform a moving dance during the halftime show of the Portland Trail Blazers game over the break. The opportunity to share their culture and talent on such a large platform was a powerful experience for everyone involved.

A Grand Holiday Break Ahead

Please be safe and have a grand holiday break with your family and loved ones, however you choose to celebrate it. We look forward to seeing everyone back in January, ready to tackle the conclusion of the first semester!

2026 is just around the corner!

Sincerely,
Mike Gass, Superintendent
Willamina Elementary School 503.876.2374
Willamina Middle/High School 503.876.2545
School District Office 503.876.1500

Trinity Lutheran Church to Host Benefit Concert

The Barbara and Ken Knutson Memorial Benefit for Music, directed by Sheridan Spartan Graduate and founding Artistic Director of Festival Chorale Oregon, Dr. Solveig Holmquist, will be held from 3-4 p.m. on Sunday, December 14, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 311 S.E. Schley St, Sheridan.

The Festival Chorale Oregon features highly talented carolers who will add their festive cheer to the night's performance. The concert is free to attend, but the organization welcomes financial gifts, with all donations from the concert going to music in Sheridan schools.

Those unable to attend but interested in supporting Sheridan School District musical programs can deliver cash or mail checks, payable to Sheridan High School, with the memo "Music - Sheridan Schools," to Emilie Molloy, Sheridan School District 48J office, 425 S. Bridge St., Sheridan, OR, 97378. All donations are tax-deductible.

For more information about the concert or how to donate, call or text 971-261-6967.

For more information on the Festival Chorale Oregon and its concerts and caroling performances, visit www.festivalchorale.org.

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Here it is 1847 and we have just come to a little settlement in the western reaches of the Willamette Valley. It was quite modest but seemed like a steadfast community just beginning to take roots upon the frontier.

Several families have established homesteads here. Among those early pioneers are the families of Absolom B. Faulconer, James B. Graves and his son Charles Graves. Each household has selected prime farmland near the South Yamhill River. It wasn't too many years later that James Graves wife passed away and later he marries Catherine Bewley, the widow of John Bewley who died along the way to the Willamette Valley in 1846.

These homesteads will mark the early foundation of what we trust will become a thriving settlement. By 1850, Faulconer had built the Christian Church and by 1852, the Weil Brothers had established a general store. In that year, one of the men from the wagon train of 1846, William Chapman, had married Esther Lorinda Bewley – John's daughter and they soon settled on a homestead on the southside of the Yamhill River. The town of Sheridan was laid out by A.B. Faulconer in 1866 but it would not become incorporated until Oct. 25, 1880. As soon as the post office was established, the settlement needed a name. Faulconer chose the name Sheridan in honor of Gen. Phillip H Sheridan who had been stationed at Fort Yamhill for a few years.

Warm Fuzzies

Love Our Library's L.O.L-evated Bake Sale turned out to be our most successful bake sale yet! We are deeply grateful to our volunteer workers, volunteer bakers, and for the donations we received from local professionals - Busy Bee Baking, Sweet Addictions by Eylea, Mountain Top Bakery, Tamara Pyzak, Nona B's Sweets & Treats, and Dutch Delights. Everyone's generosity helped us earn \$1,208 for the Willamina Public Library.

If you are interested in learning more about our mission or would like to become a friend, visit us at lolwillamina.org.

~ With endless thanks
**Love Our Library
Board of Directors**

VFW Taking Applications for Christmas Food Boxes

The Willamina VFW announced it is now taking applications for Christmas Food Boxes. Applications and drop boxes are located at Willamina IGA and Skyberg's Hardware. The deadline to turn in an application is December 8.

Grand Sheramina Food Bank Announces Holiday Distribution Change

The Grand Sheramina Food Bank has announced that their December 16 distribution day, the third Tuesday of the month, is canceled.

The change will allow the food bank to focus on the joint regular and holiday distribution which will take place from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, December 20.



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Dec. 27 • 12 pm

Ages 18+

~Story Time With Santa~

Dec.5 • 10:30 am to 4:30 pm

Come listen then take pictures!

~ Teen Time~

Dec. 17• Teen Art Jam 2 pm

Dec. 29• Pre-Teen Movie Day 3:30 pm

Movie: A minecraft movie for ages 9-12

Dec. 31• Movie Day11:30 am

Popcorn and drinks provided while supplies last

~Make your own Journal/Sketchbook~

Dec. 30 • 2 pm



Check out our WiFi Hotspots!

Word Scramble

Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to National Santa's List Day (Dec. 4). Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.



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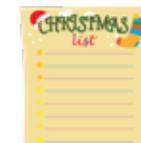


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What is a Christmas singer's favorite name?



Last weeks answers
Hacker, Breach, Digital, Computer, Data

National Wildlife Conservation Day Dec. 4



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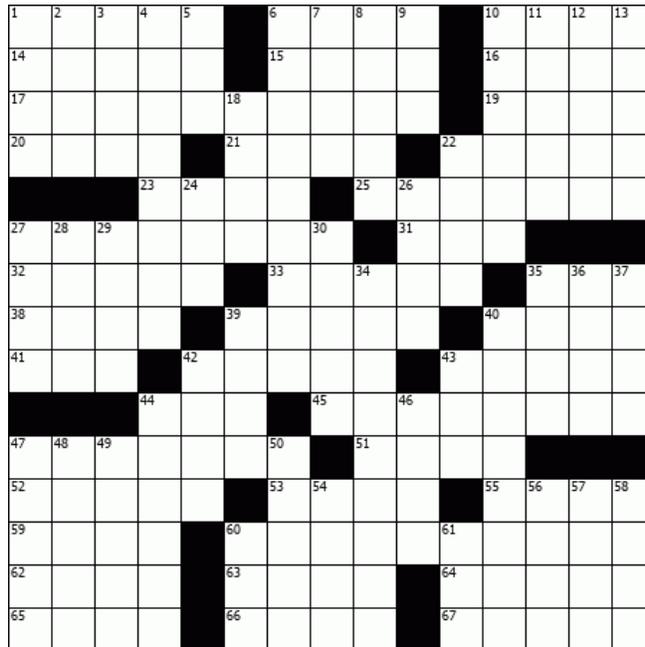
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ZOOLOGY**



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1. Hide away
6. Lower jaw
10. Drinks daintily
14. Monte ____
15. Sprinkler attachment
16. Rocker ____ Clapton
17. Satisfactory
19. Shout
20. Thorny bloom
21. Lily species
22. Hair coloring
23. Knitter's stitch
25. Window above a door
27. College term
31. Christmas ____
32. Santa ____
33. Boldness
35. Burst
38. Requests
39. Eyes
40. Neck part
41. Quilting party
42. Crawl
43. Thin candle
44. Briny deep
45. Open-minded
47. Shakespeare play
51. Scorch
52. Fabric pattern
53. Sage
55. Chorus voice
59. Browns in the sun
60. Comprehended
62. Rim
63. Views
64. Green sauce
65. Land document
66. Periods in history
67. Daisylike flower



Down

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| 1. Injury mark | 22. Possess | 43. ____ bag |
| 2. Mexican snack | 24. Can.'s neighbor | 44. Felt |
| 3. Circle sections | 26. Races an engine | 46. Ogle |
| 4. Dozing ones | 27. Wound covering | 47. Chose |
| 5. Bunny's motion | 28. Different | 48. Barter |
| 6. Test of one's abilities | 29. Manufacture | 49. Door joint |
| 7. Vagrant | 30. Lease again | 50. Proprietor |
| 8. Small landmass | 34. Take back | 54. Brainstorm |
| 9. Once named | 35. Hemingway's nickname | 56. ____ and found |
| 10. Tranquil | 36. Unwrap | 57. Haul |
| 11. Golf clubs | 37. Jaunty | 58. Aroma |
| 12. Keyboard instrument | 39. Unwritten | 60. Consume |
| 13. Vamoose! | 40. Tells (a story) | 61. Health resort |
| 18. Small pastry | 42. Welshman | |

Horoscopes Dec. 3-9

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Your energy is contagious this week, Aries. Expect bursts of creativity and spontaneous fun to ensue. Perhaps an unexpected adventure will pop up? Take the lead in social situations.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

It might be a week for indulgence in the best ways possible, Taurus. Treat yourself to something delicious or cozy, and don't feel guilty about it. Patience will pay off in work projects.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Curiosity is your superpower this week, Gemini. Choose a new hobby or explore a class at the community college. You might discover hidden talents or interests.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, this is your week to shine emotionally. Reach out to friends or family who you haven't spoken with in a while. Small acts of kindness can come back to you in surprising ways.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

It's time to hear that roar, Leo. Your charisma is unstoppable right now and you're ready to step into the spotlight. Share your ideas and achievements with anyone who will listen.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Your knack for organization is a ticket to smooth sailing this week, Virgo. A little planning goes a long way right now. However, don't forget to add some fun, too.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

This week you may find yourself effortlessly charming all of those people around you, Libra. Social events or collaborations may be particularly festive.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, this week brings opportunities to dive in deep with something you are passionate about. Your intensity attracts attention, so embrace your magnetic personality.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Adventure is calling, Sagittarius. Whether it's a small trip over the weekend or a new hobby, your week is packed with excitement and energy. Your optimism is contagious.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Determination and hard work this week will have personal or work projects moving along faster than expected. Remember to reward yourself along the way.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, innovation is on your mind right now. Ideas and originality shine through in all you do. Expect some playful debates or spontaneous collaborations.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

It is alright to let your imagination run wild this week, Pisces. Creativity flows easily, and your intuition can guide you to some unexpected things along the way.

Grauer Family Honoring AJ Grauer By Encouraging Education Donations

The family of Dennis and AJ Grauer, Sheridan, are honoring the memory of their family member, Supt. AJ Grauer, by inviting donations to local education foundations.

Grauer, who died November 13, 2025, served as an elementary classroom teacher in the Yamhill-Carlton School District. Later, she was a high school teacher, principal and superintendent in Sheridan School District 48J.

Local education foundations provide vital support grants to teachers for student enrichment like field trips, special projects and visiting educators. Recently, Sheridan third graders took survival swim lessons in McMinnville through a grant from the Sheridan Education Foundation (SEF).

Dennis Grauer, AJ's loving husband, has pledged \$1,000 annually for the next 10 years to help future educators follow their calling. All gifts made in AJ's memory will go directly to this award, and the family is deeply grateful for the community's support.

The first award will be offered to the Sheridan High School Class of 2026, with the Grauer family helping select recipients who embody AJ's spirit and dedication.

To make a tax-deductible donation for Sheridan students, make checks payable to:

Sheridan Education Foundation. Mail or drop off checks at Sheri-



Superintendent AJ Grauer

dan School District 48J, 435 S. Bridge St., Sheridan, OR 97378. Feel free to share cash donations as well.

Office hours: 7:30 AM--4:00 PM, Monday through Thursday 7:30 AM--2:00 PM, Fridays
The Sheridan School District office will be closed for the holidays December 22, 2025--January 2, 2026.

About the Sheridan Education Foundation, District Fiscal Assistant Emilie Molloy notes that the SEF is recruiting volunteers to fill openings on the Foundation Board.

To volunteer on the Board or to discuss making a donation to the Foundation, contact Supt. Dorie Vickery, Tel. 971-261-6959, email dorie.vickery@sheridan.k12.or.us.

For scholarship or donation questions email:

* Edgar Brandt - edgar-brandt74@gmail.com

* Laycee Grauer - Ltgrauer@gmail.com

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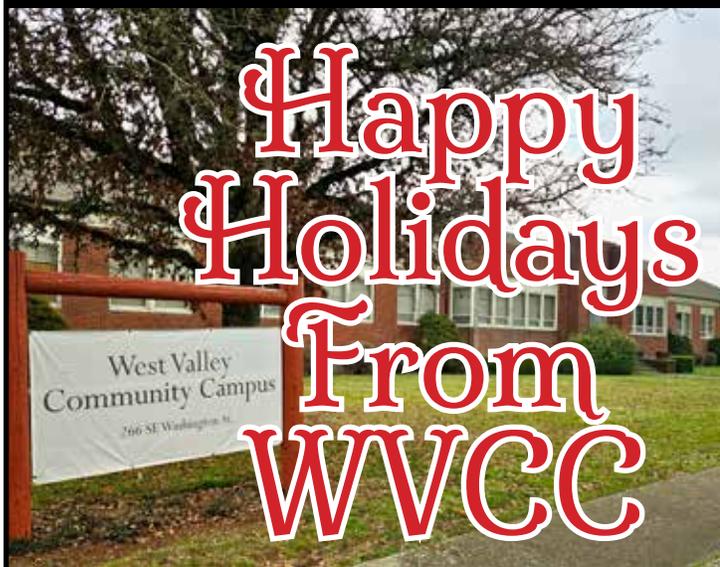
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Pets with Santa Pictures



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Sheridan Methodist to Host Blue Christmas

'Tis the season to be jolly, and many people take that attitude to heart as the Christmas holiday seems now just a sleigh ride away. But for some, this is not the most wonderful time of the year. "Christmas has a lot of joy in it, of course, that's what we normally celebrate, but it also has a lot of melancholy," said Pastor Brian Mackey of Sheridan United Methodist Church. The melancholy Pastor Brian refers to is often hidden behind the masks of Christmas spirit. People who have suffered the loss of a loved one around the holiday, or whose Christmas time meant so much to them. Those who experience through the holiday season, traumatic or not, find it difficult to venture forth around all those who dive into the traditions of ugly sweaters and Santa hats. This is why Pastor Mackey has decided to start up a Blue

Christmas Celebration. "Blue Christmas service is designed to acknowledge that it's okay to be sad at Christmas, and we want to honor that. But that also means you can't also find joy. Those two can exist at the same time, and it's okay," Brian stated, adding, "This is less about those who are cynical and more for those who are weary or sad. It is a standard worship service, but with some elements of sharing of grief, a safe place you can celebrate Christmas without feeling like you need to plaster a smile on your face, and you can come with your grief, your sadness, and say this is the best I've got. This is where I am now, but this (Christmas) is still important to me."

Those interested in attending, Blue Christmas will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 20, at the Sheridan United Methodist Church, 224 N Bridge St.

TRAVIS DOW
December 6, 2025
1:30 p.m.
SHERIDAN MUSEUM OF HISTORY
142 South Bridge Street
The presentation is free and open to the public.

NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

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

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

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

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

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



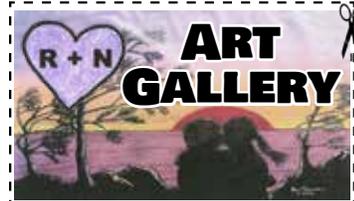
Wildwood to Host Open Mic Benefit Night

The Wildwood Hotel, Restaurant, and Lounge will host an Open Mic Night benefit at 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 7.

Wildwood Open Mic Night, held at 5 p.m. every Sunday, features performers from across the valley, with the tip fund going to a good cause. The Open Mic Group this year collectively decided to continue the tradition, but focus the tips generated throughout 2025 on more community-oriented causes.

The show on December 7 will cap off the tip fund, and the group will announce this year's recipients for the donations.

"It's about using the Wildwood open mic platform to bring people together and generate funds, as well as awareness, for various charitable causes in the community," stated Coley Smith, a member of the Open Mic Night crew.



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A Less Traditional Take On A Family Dinner Staple

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Air frying can produce meals that call to mind the familiar flavors of fried foods and do so in a far healthier way. This holiday season, hosts can look to air frying as a means to crafting flavorful meals without a lot of the negatives of traditional frying. That's even possible with traditional family staples like roast beef. With that in mind, hosts can try their hands at this recipe for air-fried "Roast Beef" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Roast Beef

Makes 4 to 6 servings

1 2-pound beef roast, trimmed

2 tablespoons olive oil

Flaked sea salt

Freshly ground mixed peppercorns

1. Preheat air fryer to 360 F. Rub beef roast with olive oil and liberally season with salt and mixed peppercorns.
2. Tie at intervals with kitchen twine to secure.
3. Spritz air fryer basket with cooking spray. Place beef roast in basket and cook for 45 minutes for medium-rare; cook for additional 5-minute intervals for more well-done meat.
4. Remove beef roast from air fryer and cover loosely with aluminum foil, letting it rest for at least 10 minutes before slicing and serving.

Last issue's crossword solution

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Youth Groups Utilize Local Businesses, Hoping to Raise Funds

Fundraising comes in many forms and is hosted by many different organizations, from non-profits to youth groups, and from tiny tables laden with handmade crafts sitting in the museum, to kids on the side of the road waving signs and yelling to get your attention in hopes you pull into their fundraising function. On Saturday, two youth organizations utilized the latter, hoping it would prove to be the best method to get people to stop and spend. In Sheridan, Scout Troops 7215 and 9215, subgroups of Troop 215, were in the midst of a make-shift forest, taking over the park-

ing lot of the West Valley Mercantile. That mini forest of noble and Douglas fir trees is the annual Christmas Tree sale that the troop has been holding for over 25 years. All funds from the tree sale help the scouts pay for campground fees, purchase camping gear, uniforms, and merit badges, and, of course, purchase trees for their next annual sale. The troop is thankful for the support of West Valley Mercantile, which is allowing the organization to use their lot free of charge for the event. The store is even offer-

ing a 20 percent discount on tree stands in case last year's broke, one forgot where they stored it, or for first-time tree buyers. In Willamina, the Tina Miller Thrift Store was taken over by the combined Sheridan and Willamina High School cheerleading team, who are ramping up for the February national competition in Las Vegas. All sales at the takeover event went to the team to help cover

hotel costs, performance fees, and the team's day out, which they do every year. "We do a day of walking down the different events. We also do a day out as a team, go to the sugar factory and get desserts the size of their face," said Sarah Hillyard, coach of the joint cheerleading team, who, at the talk of the fun day, made their pleas to do an escape room on their team outing while they are in Las Vegas.



Scouts from troop 215 stand outside the West Valley Mercantile to greet traffic on S. Bridge St., in Sheridan, where the troop is holding its Christmas Tree Sale from now until supplies are gone.

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Bulldogs Are Named to All-Star Teams

Arlie Kilgore and Darold Rich led the Willamina Bulldogs to a successful season this year, and both were named to rosters on all-state teams.

Arlie was named as offensive halfback on the first-team and received honorable mention as a defensive linebacker.

Darold was named to the second team as an offensive center. Both players were also named on all-league teams.

Arlie was named on the first-team as an offensive halfback and on the first-team as a defensive linebacker. Darold was named to the first-team as an offensive center and to the second-team as a defensive linebacker.

Jim Commerford was named to the first-team as an offensive end. Don Risseuw and Mike Propes were named as second-team defensive tackles, while Dennis Hadley received honorable mention as an offensive quarterback.

'Christmas Voices' to be Recorded

"Christmas Voices From Home," a program enabling families of servicemen overseas, or hospitalized away from home, to send a tape-recorded message with a photo in color to their loved one away from home at Christmas, free of charge, will be available in McMinnville at Radio Station KMCM, Lafayette Avenue, McMinnville, according to Gordon Hall, board member of the Oregon Trail chapter of Red Cross. Immediate members of the serviceman's family - wives, children, parents, grandparents, brothers, and sisters - may participate in the recording of one tape per serviceman.

This service is being offered in McMinnville as a cooperative effort of the Oregon Trail chapter of Red Cross, a partner with United Good Neighbors and radio station KMCM.

Assistants will be on hand to help in preparing and recording the message, and to take a Polaroid picture which will be sent with the tape.

Red Cross field directors serving overseas report that servicemen have no difficulty finding facilities to play the message from home and that the personal tapes and pictures are high on the priority list of what they would like to receive for Christmas.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Fireside Cafe

Francie Wren - Owner

When out-of-towners are visiting on shopping and business trips, they can discover an at-home feeling where the pleasant waitress does everything possible to make every meal a memorable experience at the Fireside Cafe, located at 518 S. Bridge in Sheridan.

Reasonable prices coupled with wholesale purchasing of the best quality meats, vegetables, and beverages, gives the restaurant the big edge in catering to individual and party dinners.

The handy location of the dining facility makes it the most convenient for a quick snack or sandwich break, and parking is easy at the Fireside Cafe.

For the experience of the owners and the friendly surroundings of the eating place, this BUSINESS OUTLOOK suggests to readers that they learn to let the whole family enjoy every visit to the Fireside Cafe in Sheridan.

Ivie Hardware

Bill & Mary Ann Ivie - Owners

If it's hard to find in the hard line, homeowners and town and country residents can depend on locating the item in the full inventory carried all year 'round at Ivie Hardware, located at 146 S. Bridge in Sheridan.

The complete stocks at the store include builders' hardware, small power tools, hand tools, paints, and plumbing supplies to supply every member of the family with the correct item at the correct price.

All buying at the store is done by experienced management who know the needs of local patrons and chooses from the wholesaler to fit the demands of the customer.

If there is any doubt about the availability of an item or if the request is for a special order of some tool which is not stocked, it can usually be secured after a phone call.

Seasonal gardening, yard and maintenance equipment is also offered at prices which bring real economy in close to home shopping.

For the experience of the owners and the staff, and for bringing a large choice of merchandise, this 1971 BUSINESS OUTLOOK commends Ivie Hardware.

Agee's Marketeria

Norman & Melvin Agee
- Owners

Even grocery shopping can be fun when the market is large enough to supply every need, but places a greater value on the acquaintance with each customer to bring a pleasant attitude of assistance in choosing from the full stocks of staples, produce, canned and frozen vegetables, and perishable bakery and dairy products, which are rotated daily to ensure freshness at every table.

The ownership of the store is aware of area tastes and their friendly atmosphere of the pleasant store, this 1971 BUSINESS OUTLOOK commends Agee's Marketeria in Sheridan.

Tuggle Chevrolet Co.

Paul Tuggle & Joe Chrisman
- Owners

Area car and truck owners can make their best buys when they go to the show floor and service area of Tuggle Chevrolet Co., located at 251 S. Bridge in Sheridan.

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For any size hauling job, the precision engineering and the heavy framing of the popular line of trucks handled at the dealership has made them the preferred make for those whose needs make frequent breakdowns most costly.

Reliability on the road continues to be the primary goal of the manufacturer, and the dealers will help area residents to make just the right choice of the model tailored for their specific needs ... on the ranch, farm, or highway.

This 1971 BUSINESS OUTLOOK suggests that, for every new or used car or truck need, readers consult first with the friendly salesmen at Tuggle Chevrolet.

Scrooges Tavern

Don & Shirley Read
- Owners & Managers

The latch string is out, and the welcome mat is in front of the door all the time at the well-known and well-liked tavern, Scrooges Tavern.

The tavern has been recently re-decorated and refurbished, and area patrons are invited to drop in and see the new changes.

Residents of the entire area will meet and make friends in the spot where spirits get a lift and enjoyment is the order of the day.

All the area's favorite brews in bottles, cans, or on tap are served in a spirit of congeniality, which makes the tavern one of the primary refreshment stops for folks from nearby communities.

A warm welcome is always waiting from the owners and hosts, Don & Shirley Read.

The popular spot has long been regarded as one of the preferred gathering spots in the territory and features coin-operated amusement devices in many forms.

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This 1971 BUSINESS OUTLOOK suggests for the finest in fun, favorites in brews, and the friendliest in service, they visit Scrooges Tavern, located at 112 E. Main in Sheridan.

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