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A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Message of Gratitude and Hope: Reflections on 2025

As we reach the final week of 2025, I find myself reflecting on the journey we have shared over the past year. It has been a year of remarkable achievement, shared grief, and unwavering resilience.

Our students continue to inspire us. This year, our CTE programs shone as students competed on the state stage in fabrication and welding, proving that Willamina produces top-tier talent in the trades. Beyond graduation, our alumni are finding success in diverse paths—whether in four-year universities, community colleges, the military, or specialized trade schools.

More importantly, our students are kind, quality individuals. Their character is a direct reflection of the values held by this school community.

The past year has not been without its hardships. We have weathered tragedies that deeply impacted our staff and student body. Yet, in our darkest moments, this community showed up. The way we support one another in times of need is the heartbeat of Willamina, and it is what makes "Public Education" such a noble, albeit challenging, calling.

My personal philosophy is to leave this system in a better state than I found it. I believe if we all adopt that mindset—striving for incremental growth every day—this district will remain a positive, thriving environment for all.

Looking toward 2026, our mission remains clear:

Expanding Opportunities: We will continue to improve and diversify the options available to our students.

Purposeful Graduation: Our goal isn't just to see students cross the stage; it is to ensure every graduate has a concrete plan for the day after.

Willamina School District is honored to be the center of this community. We are deeply grateful for the support you provide our students, our staff, and our vision.

Please have a safe and restful final week of 2025. 2026 brings a new beginning and new hope, and before we know it, we will be cheering for the Class of 2026 as they take their next steps into the world.

With Gratitude,
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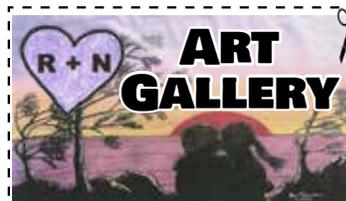
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Obituary



Jerry "JJ" Jerabek

Jan. 7, 1946 - Nov. 11, 2025

Jerry "JJ" Jerabek passed away peacefully at his home in Sheridan, with family members present, on November 11, 2025, at the age of 79.

Jerry was born in McMinnville on January 7, 1946, to Louis and Hazel Jerabek.

He was raised in Grand Ronde, where he attended grade school, and then Willamina High School. After his junior year, he married Bonnie Fuller, who attended grade school and high school with him.

The couple celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in 2025, having four children during their marriage: Shellie (Steve) Smalley, Charlotte (Paul) Nauman, Paul (Jennifer) Jera-

bek, and Jerry (Shondra) Jerabek, and nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Jerry worked for Hopkes Logging, drove a log truck for Jerry Larrabee, Loran Golly, Zimbrick Logging, Bethel Logging, Maller Logging, and, after driving for everyone else, he decided to buy his own log truck and has owned three trucks since 2002.

He had to sell his trucks in 2008 to pay for surgery, returning to drive for other companies until 2018, when he purchased another truck for himself. He also had a business in the shop at the couple's residence.

Jerry also spent time working on cars, building his own Model A, restoring a 1947 Ford, and working on his own trucks. There was hardly anything that he could not do.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Hazel Jerabek, sisters Mary Parker and Mable Current, and brother Stanley Jerabek.

Jerry leaves behind his wife, Bonnie Jerabek, brother, Gene Jerabek, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life for Jerry will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026, at the Baptist Church in Sheridan.

The Second Annual West Valley Community Culture Fair Is Coming

The Fair will be held Saturday, January 24th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Bridge Learning Community, 430 SW Monroe in Sheridan. Organizations putting on the Fair are The West Valley Culture Collective, the Art Conspiracy and The Bridge Learning Community.

This year a number of community service organizations will also participate along with community cultural groups. Some of the service groups are the Rotary and Chambers of Commerce, and our local libraries. There will be demonstrations and entertainment and baked goods for sale. The event is free and open to the public.

Stay tuned for more details.

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T I F N E T O C

What do snowmen do on New Years?

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Last weeks answers

Merry, Tinsel, Festive, Garland, Holly, Elves, Joyful, Cookie, Ornament, Lights, Jolly, Frosted Flakes

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Horoscopes Dec. 31-Jan 6

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Strange things are happening, Aries. It may be better to go with the flow right now. You might like the change that ensues, and the change in pace could be a positive.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Better days are ahead, Taurus. It's just a matter of having a little patience and waiting a little longer for things to settle down. Start a new project to take your mind off things.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Make the most of time spent with friends and family this week, Gemini. You may need to step away for a little while, so cherish this time you get to spend with those you love.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, someone special is able to take a peek into your inner thoughts this week. Their ability to see you so personally could reinforce your outlook.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

You might feel a bit melancholic as the holiday season nears its end, Leo. It's understandable based on how much has been going on. Maintain a strong social calendar.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, generosity is an admirable trait, and now is a good time to indulge your love of helping others. Make a concerted effort to pitch in where your assistance is necessary.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

When one door closes, another door opens, Libra. Look at all of the positive things in your life and embrace the great changes that are coming your way. This is an exciting time for you.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, there are so many things going on right now but you can still function effectively. The pace might be hectic right now, but things will calm down soon enough.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

A relationship is blooming, Sagittarius, and you're not sure how you feel about it just yet. Take a few more weeks to work through all of your feelings.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

You have an eye for deals, Capricorn. Even though you have been spending a lot this past month, you can't resist a discount on some post-holiday sales.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Take a firm hold of your finances for the next few weeks, Aquarius. Overspending could complicate an important relationship if you're not careful. Curb any purchases for a few days.

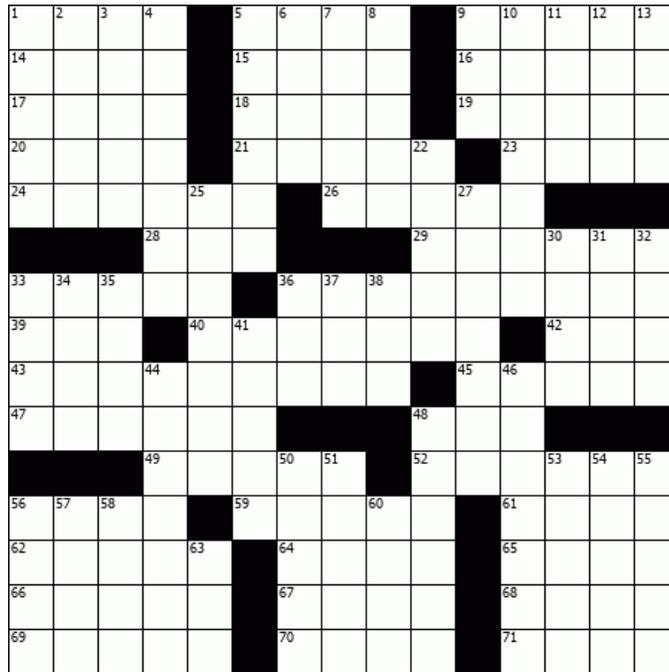
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

You are not sure how to harness your artistic energy this week, Pisces. You might take a class or engage in a hobby that interests you. Redesigning a room in a home also might be an idea.

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Across

1. Fresh talk
5. Picnic intruders
9. Proclamation
14. Ballet skirt
15. Yard units
16. Spanish "mister"
17. On
18. Comedian Jay ____
19. Barbecue site
20. Excursion
21. Zeal
23. Stop it!
24. Respect
26. Slumber
28. ____ West of Hollywood
29. Proverbs
33. Intense beam
36. Conclude
39. Swiss peak
40. Least distant
42. Hockey surface
43. Rodent catcher
45. Curses
47. Expire
48. "____ Robinson"
49. "____ of Two Cities" (2 wds.)
52. Landed manor
56. Fabric joint
59. Fictional book
61. Site
62. Loiters
64. Current fad
65. Retirees' accts.
66. Tenant's document
67. Border
68. Stood up
69. Start
70. Loch ____
71. Flock members



Down

1. Iowa or Ohio
2. Cars
3. Thickset
4. Ultimate
5. Blazing
6. Poetic contraction
7. Cares for
8. Backless seat
9. Psychic letters
10. Without expression
11. Involved with
12. Dime or penny
13. Jogging gait
22. Paper quantities
25. Serious
27. Magazine officials
30. Pace
31. Engrave with acid
32. Looks at
33. Light source
34. Medicinal plant
35. Goad
36. Paving liquid
37. Period of note
38. D.C. VIP
41. Patriot ____ Allen
44. Thai
46. Dancer Fred ____
48. Free-for-alls
50. Sophia ____
51. Avoid
53. Pointer
54. Taunt
55. Alleviates
56. Fodder tower
57. Genesis locale
58. Exclamation of woe
60. Omelet items
63. Fixed

Large Crowds Attend Christmas Programs at Local Churches

Christmas programs presented last Sunday were well attended. At the Church of Christ, the balcony was opened Sunday morning to care for the large crowd. The primary children presented Christmas scriptures, songs, and drama. Each child present received a treat of candy, nuts, and oranges. Sunday evening, the church was well filled for the presentation of the cantata pageant "The Christmas Song of the Ages." Directors: Music, Mrs. L. V. Emmons; Costumes, Mrs. Ethel Ray; Dramatics, Mrs. Ray Smith, Mrs. V. O. Huddleston, Mrs. Henry Kolln, and Miss Carol Huddleston was pianist. The cast included Marilyn Metzger and Jess Duncan as Mary and Joseph; Maxine Propst as the angel; Dale Kolln, Joe Matocha, and James Kilgore as the shepherds; Ora Ferguson, Don Smith, and Ray Propst as the Wise Men; Simeon was Ray Smith, Anna was Mrs. Eldon Fendall, and Isaiah was played by Earl Ducan. The junior choir, youth chorus, and adult choir sang.

The Methodist Church was well filled morning and evening, with primary grades giving the morning program, and in the evening, the Christmas story in prophecy and in fulfillment of the prophecy was presented. Included in the cast were Cecil Baird as narrator, Burdette Edwards, prophet, Helen Jahn, Ladonna Letnz, Wilma Talbott, and Virginia Baird as

Shepherds; Wise men were Marion Amerine, Ladonna Letnz, and Grace Hartley. Yvonne Hubbard and Donald Colburn played the parts of Mary and Joseph. The Free Methodist Church was also filled to capacity Sunday evening at their annual Christmas program.

There was an attendance of one hundred at the Assembly of God program, Sunday evening. A play with religious significance was enacted by a class of intermediate boys under the direction of Mrs. Fred Kennedy and Mrs. Clarence Nelson, who also directed the young people's choir.

Rebekah's Enjoy Festive Christmas Party

The Rebekah Lodge met Thursday evening for their annual Christmas party. The usual business meeting was followed by a social hour. Competitive games were played with Mrs. H. Flanery was first prize winner and Mrs. Atkey received the consolation prize. Gifts arranged around the decorated tree were exchanged. Hostesses Miss Opal Spence, Mrs. H. Harris, Mrs. Gayette Barnett, Mrs. Karl Lentz, and Mrs. O. J. Norreen served refreshments at card tables decorated to carry out the Christmas theme.

Girl Scouts Send Toys and Gifts to Greece

Troop I of the Willamina Girl Scouts enjoyed a Christmas party on December 23. The evening was spent caroling, and then they returned to the home of their leader, Opal Spence, where they played games and exchanged Christmas gifts.

The girls have worked hard the last few weeks preparing a "Thinking Day" box for the children in Greece. The extra toys and books that could not be sent to Greece were sent to the Children's Farm Home in Corvallis. Christmas boxes were also prepared for the needy.

Mrs. Leon Smith gave a party for the girls in Troop 2 at her home December 18. Troop 2 will continue their meeting for a few weeks.

Kiwanians Hear Music Program; Name Committee Members

A group of high school students presented a musical program Tuesday at noon for the entertainment of the Kiwanis club members at their weekly luncheon meeting. Yvonne Hubbard was in charge of the program for which arrangements were made by D. H. Hiatt, appointed at the previous meeting on the club's committee for a Christmas program. Mary Ann Kemp sang Silent Night with a hummed accompaniment by the chorus, Fay Carlson gave an accordion solo, and Marilyn Metzger and Carl Huddleston sang a duet, "Santa Claus Express." Members of the chorus who presented a program of Christmas carols were Alvin and Harvey Jahn, Donald Colburn, Clifton Huddleston, Mary Ann Kemp, Edwina Antonsen, Carol Huddleston, Marilyn Metzger, Fay Carlson, Ladonna Letnz, and Yvonne Hubbard.

After the program, A. D. Newby, president of the club, appointed the following standing committees: Attendance and Inter-club Relations, Roy Rhodes, C. S. Harris, Walter Buller, Al Toberer; Youth Service, Harvey E. Harris, D. H. Hiatt; Public Affairs and Public Relations, H. A. Parrett, C. S. Harris, Ted Maddox, and Kenneth Shetterly; Business Standards, Support of Churches, Post War Service, K. E. Shetterly, E. A. Spencer, R. H. Yates; Finance and Achievements, P. S. Gretsche, Roy Durham, Bill Lash, John Nicols; Classification and Membership, Ray Morrison, Earl Richardson, Ernest Williams, John Tremblay, W. T. Stone, Toby Vegge, and V. L. Jones. Community Service,

Agriculture, Virgil Heider, Frank Barrett; Housing and Reception, Dr. Victor Johnson, R. B. Turner; Program and Music, Warren Engdahl, R. H. Yates, and D. H. Hiatt; Administration, Kiwanis Education, Laws, and Regulations, the Board of Directors consisting of P. S. Gretsche, Dr. Johnson, Harvey Harris, Warren Engdahl, Virgil Heider, D. H. Hiatt, and Lu Palmer.

Dial Phones for 1947 Prospect Favorable

The Northwest Telephone Company is completing the building in Sheridan designed to house its new equipment and has the promise of early delivery of part of the dial telephone equipment, ordered some time ago, soon after the first of the year, according to Robert Wells, member of the firm, who said they planned to have the dial system by the end of 1947. Just as soon as they complete the Sheridan change-over, Wells said, they will begin the task of converting Willamina and Grand Ronde to the dial system.



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January 2026

Thursday			
Jan 1	1:30pm	Municipal Court	NO COURT
Jan 1	6pm	Toastmasters	Willamina
Friday			
Jan 2	8-9:15am	Sheridan Chamber Breakfast	NO MEETING
Jan 2	1-4pm	Community Showers	Trinity Lutheran
Saturday			
Jan 3	10am-4pm	Buell Grange Market	5970 Mill
Jan 3	4pm	Fendall School Meeting	37515 Ti
Sunday			
Jan 4	10am-4pm	Buell Grange Market	5970 Mill
Monday			
Jan 5	7pm	Sheridan City Council	120 SW
Tuesday			
Jan 6	Noon	Kiwanis	825 NE M
Jan 6	4:30pm	Book Club	Willamina
Jan 6	6pm	Friends of Sheridan Library Meeting	Sheridan
Thursday			
Jan 8	9am-2pm	Red Cross Blood Drive	Sheridan
Jan 8	1-4pm	Community Showers	Trinity Lutheran
Jan 8	4-5pm	Yamhill County Youth Advisory Council	Sheridan
Jan 8	5-6pm	Free Line Dancing at the Buell Grange	5970 Mill
Jan 8	6pm	Sheridan Revitalization	Virtually
Jan 8	6-8pm	FCS Middle School Winter Concert	Faulconer
Jan 8	6:30pm	Astronomy Club	Willamina
Saturday			
Jan 10	1pm	MakerSpace: TinkerCad	Willamina
Jan 10	3pm	Library Fundraising Meeting	Willamina
Sunday			
Jan 11	11am	All Church Sing-a-long	Sheridan
Monday			
Jan 12	7pm	Sheridan Planning Commission	120 SW
Jan 12	6pm	Sheridan Boosters	433 S Bri
Jan 12	7pm	Willamina School District Meeting	Live Stre
Jan 12	7pm	American Legion	125 N Br
Tuesday			
Jan 13	6:30pm	Sheridan Fire Board	230 SW
Jan 13	6pm	Willamina City Council	825 NE M
Wednesday			
Jan 14	6pm	Willamina 4th of July Committee	Willamina
Thursday			
Jan 15	1-4pm	Community Showers	Trinity Lutheran
Jan 15	6pm	West Valley Fire District Board Meeting	825 NE M
Jan 15	6pm	Toastmasters	Willamina
Jan 15	5pm/6pm	Willamina Library Board Session/Meeting	Willamina
Friday			
Jan 16	8-9:15am	Sheridan Chamber Breakfast	Sheridan
Monday			
Jan 19	***** Martin Luther King Jr. Day *****		
Jan 19	7pm	VFW	771 NE M
Tuesday			
Jan 20	12:30-5:30pm	Red Cross Blood Drive	Willamina
Jan 20	1pm	Lunch Bunch (to go lunches)	Sheridan
Jan 20	6pm	Willamina Library Board Meeting	Willamina
Jan 20	7pm	Sheridan City Council	120 SW
Wednesday			
Jan 21	6pm	Sheridan School District Board	District C
Thursday			
Jan 22	1-4pm	Community Showers	Trinity Lutheran
Jan 22	6pm	Sheridan Parks and Rec Meeting	120 SW
Friday			
Jan 23	5-7pm	Churches United Community Dinner	Sheridan
Saturday			
Jan 24	Noon-3pm	MakersSpace Lab	Willamina
Tuesday			
Jan 27	6pm	Willamina Planning Commission	825 NE M
Wednesday			
Jan 28	10am-1pm	Willamina Bulldogs All Class Reunion	Fort Hill
Thursday			
Jan 29	1-4pm	Publicly Available Showers	Trinity Lutheran

CALENDAR

6 Weekly

ACT THIS MONTH	Public Library
TING	Willamina Public Library9:30am
theran Church, Sheridan	Celebrate Recovery Willamina Free Methodist Church6pm
l Creek Rd, Sheridan ndle Creek Rd	Scout Meeting Sheridan All Prep, Sheridan7pm P.I.F. AA Meeting (Mon, Wed, & Fri) Sheridan All Prep.....7pm
l Creek Rd, Sheridan	Tuesday Grand Sheramina Food Bank (1st & 3rd Tue), Bridge Street, Sheridan 2-4pm
Mill St., Sheridan	NA Meeting, Light House Church, Grand Ronde.....6pm
Main St., Willamina Public Library Public Library	Yoga Swan Hall, 242 NE Main St., Willamina6pm
High School theran Church, Sheridan High School Creek Rd, Sheridan	Cornhole Ft. Hill Restaurant, 8655 Ft. Hill Rd6pm
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Mill St., Sheridan dge St., Sheridan am/School Library idge St., Sheridan	Willamina Food Pantry, Civic Club, 340 B Street, Willamina 4-6pm Willamina 4th of July Committee Willamina Christian Church Basement.....6pm
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Christian Church	Bingo VFW Hall, Willamina5:30pm
theran Church, Sheridan Main St., Willamina Public Library Library/Zoom	Mill Creek Road Band Live Music w/Potluck (Free) Buell Grange, Mill Creek Rd. Sheridan 6-8pm
Museum	NA Meeting, Light House Church, Grand Ronde.....6pm
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Main St., Willamina	Grand Ronde Community Clothes Closet 9765 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde9am-Noon
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Office/Web	Saturday Sheridan Museum of History, 142 S. Bridge St, Sheridan 10am-3pm
theran Church, Sheridan Mill St.	Willamina Museum of History, 188 D St, Willamina..... 1-4pm
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January 8 - Yamhill County Deputy Skaer moves to the Oregon State Police. Willamina Bulldogs host and dominate Bob Bishop Invitational Tournament, Willamina doubling the points scored by the 2nd place team.

January 15 - Bonanza reopens its doors after a two-decade-long closure.

January 22 - New mayor and councilors are sworn in at Willamina City Council Meeting. Interim Mayor Vickie Hernandez and Councilor Jennifer Eckels officially join the City's governmental body.

January 29 - Sheridan Rotary holds first West Valley area Esports tournament. Sheridan's Lucas Baldwin and Alexander Locke took the title for the Sheridan Spartans. Peter Flynn is sworn in as the newest council member for the City of Sheridan. Spartans' boys and girls basketball teams beat the Bulldogs.

February 5 - Sheridan Drama and English Teacher Mrs. Kimberly Butt directs her last play at Sheridan High School after 31 years working for the school. Bulldog boys basketball grabs its first win of the season after a 17-game losing streak. Elora Rayback performs in All-State Honors Band.

February 12 - Sheridan School District receives \$125,000 in grants for CTEC programs. Fort Hill Lounge hosts grad night fundraiser tournament for Willamina Senior Grad Night.

February 19 - Jerry Buczynski coaches last game after 42 years of coaching various Bulldog athletic programs. Delphian Dragon girls' basketball team get first league win since 2014. Dr. James Molloy announces retirement after 35 years of service to the West Valley. Kids take advantage of snowfall in the West Valley.

February 26 - West Valley Bulletin Board finishes its 10th year of serving the West Valley. Bulldogs defeat the Spartans in girls' basketball league playoffs. Spartan cheerleaders take 3rd in OCCA championship.

March 5 - Annual Fendall Hall stew feed and pie auction breaks record with \$330 bid by Dale Schmidt on a pie made by Connie Bobb. Bulldogs' Zoe Brewer repeats as state champion in wrestling. Bulldog boys wrestling team finishes 5th in state championship.

March 12 - Walnut City Lanes starts closure after 47 years of entertaining McMinnville. Faulconer-Chapman hosts first annual Jazz Night dinner and concert.

March 19 - Spirit Mountain Community Fund gives \$100,000 grant to Sheridan School District's Career Technical Education Center program. Friends of Sheridan Library forms. Dessert fundraiser brings in over \$5,000 for Churches United for West Valley's school backpack purchase program. Ron and Sally Shenk celebrate their 50th anniversary.

March 26 - Hometown Days Committee announces return of carnival rides and games to annual festival. Sheridan Fire District's Chief Thomas heads to state capital to present testimony on House Bill 3870.

April 2 - Sheriff's investigate shooting in Grand Ronde. Bulldogs softball wins first five games of season.

April 9 - Belle Mare Farm opens new farm stand on Mendenhall Rd, outside of Willamina. Sheridan Revitalization awards two \$1,000 facade grants, one each to West Valley Mercantile and Carol's Consignment Shop.

April 16 - Yamhill County Sheriff's respond to gunfire reports in Sheridan, man arrested, and 17 firearms seized from residence. Another 20 feet of bank at the Huddleston Pond drops into Willamina Creek, prompting emergency repairs. Bulldogs' softball suffers first defeat of season after eight-game winning streak. Delphian Chapel begins restoration project.

April 23 - Several Easter services and Egg hunts held in West Valley area. Spartan softball falls to 0-6, and Bulldog baseball falls to 0-9 on the season.

April 30 - Trinity Lutheran dedicates 46 quilts to Lutheran World Relief Organization. Hampton Lumber donates 80 hurdles along with carts to Willamina Bulldogs' track team. Willamina holds second annual Celebrate Arbor Day, sprucing up Triangle Park. Sheridan holds city wide litter clean-up for Arbor Day. Sheridan School Board candidate forum held at Sheridan High School. Spartan's softball gets its first win after opening season with nine losses. Rep. Lucetta Elmer and Sen. Bruce Starr hold a town hall in Willamina.

May 7 - Pamala Warren-Chase added to Tribal Member Review Board. Willamina Mayor Vickie Hernandez holds its first City Chat at Tina Miller Memorial Park. Willamina Library hosts Free Comic Book Day. Willamina Future Farmers of America announces awardees and new of-

ficers at banquet. Shawash-ili?i Skul Students perform traditional dance at Faulconer-Chapman School. Faulconer-Chapman drama students perform a "Snow White Variety Show."

May 14 - Sheridan City Attorney releases statement on City Manager Heidi Bell's termination. Sherwood Middle School brings hundreds of students to fish at Willamina's Huddleston Pond. Cliff Sanderlin holds book signing at Sheridan Museum of History. West Valley Mercantile kicks off its Saturday market season. Fendall Hall holds Mother's Day Tea and Fashion Show.

May 21 - Buell Grange starts their summer market season. Local man sentenced for burglary and animal abuse in Dallas. Willamina Bulldogs induct Gary Littlejohn, Virginia "Granny" Bowman, Mark Littlejohn, Shon and Dustin Leno, Carrie Zimbrick, Ariaah Fasana, Chuck Risseeuw, Doug Littlejohn, and Jerry Buczynski into the Bulldog Hall of Fame. Bulldog softball secures playoff birth. Bulldog baseball has fairy-tale finish to season when first-year player and German foreign exchange student Conan Epe catches winning out in their 13-12 win over Amity. Bambinos of Dallas cut the ribbon on their new support bus at the Grand Ronde Food Pantry.

March 28 - Sheridan Mayor Cale George lobby's Oregon Capital Construction Committee for funds to repair Sheridan Rd. Faulconer-Chapman students enjoy fishing day field trip to Southside Park. Delphian boys track team finishes first at 2A District Championships.

June 4 - Sheridan Public Works starts repairs on burst pipe on corner of SW Railroad and S Bridge St. Yamhill County Sheriff's Office establishes a drug enforcement team. Coyote Joe's opens under new ownership. Sheridan School District Bond 36-236 passes in voting. Bulldogs' softball falls in second round of playoffs. Delphian Dragons' boys track team takes state title for 2nd consecutive year.

June 11 - Dayton Community Chorus perform 1940's Radio Show at Bridge Learning Community. Larry Deibel steps away from Sheridan School Board after 23 years. Kids attend annual Ted Mayfield Memorial Fishing Derby hosted by the Kiwanis at Huddleston Pond.

June 18 - Grand Sheramina Food

Bank receives email from Blue Bag Program saying House Bill 3940 could kill Blue Bag Program with five cent surcharge on beverage containers (HB 3940 later amended to tax oral nicotine products). Rotary Club of the West Valley holds fishing Derby at Southside Park. Fort Hill holds its first Sunday Market. Cycle Oregon Program introduced to Faulconer-Chapman School. John and Ernie Hebert named co-grand marshals for Sheridan Hometown Days. Sheridan High School Teacher's Association Scholarship renamed the Kim Butt Scholarship. Bulldogs' Kaden Konovalov plays in baseball 3A all-star game and earns outstanding pitcher honors during the series.

June 25 - Hometown Days celebrated, despite almost 0.5 inches of rain falling that Saturday (the only day it rained during the month of June). Jerry Buczynski named grand marshal for Willamina 4th of July parade.

July 2 - Art Conspiracy holds Open Night to finish off summer arts program. Willamina Mud Drags races for 4th of July fundraiser. Skyhorse Coffee celebrates one-year anniversary. Fort Hill Restaurant celebrates one-year anniversary of restaurant reopening. Recycling truck fire detours traffic on Sheridan Main St.

July 9 - Willamina logging show puts on performance at West Valley Community Campus during 4th of July celebration. Parade, arm wrestling, fireworks, and other events help celebrate the seven-decade-old Willamina celebration. Stabbing suspect shot and killed by a Yamhill County Deputy at Valley Edge RV Park after stabbing two victims. Victims made a full recovery. Don and Nadine Stuck celebrate 70th wedding anniversary. House lost just outside Sheridan in 4th of July fire.

July 16 - Willamina City Council meeting accepts resignation of Councilor Jennifer Eckels, stepping down from her position due to work reasons in June. Willamina Public Library kicks off Summer Splash Series at Tina Miller Park. Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde holds Veterans Powwow. Veteran Royalty Court coronations are Ila Mercier, crowned Veterans Junior Miss Queen, with Elesia Crawley donning Little Miss Princess, Elizabeth Ulestad Little Miss Queen, Brendyn Smallwood Veterans Warrior, and William Craig Tiny

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July 23 - Betty Markee closes Curls, Cuts, and More after 23 years of service. Sheridan Rural Fire District quickly stop vegetation fire just east of Sheridan, across HWY 18 from the Dairy Queen. Hampton Lumber and Stuck Electric team up to help the City of Willamina install solar light posts at Oaken Hills Park.

July 30 - West Valley Bulletin Board takes a vacation, no paper that week.

August 6 - Willamina Public Library installs 3D printer, paid for by a \$2,000 grant from the Polk County Family Community Outreach program. Sheridan High School's weight room receives upgrade from Oregon Health and Science University students. August 13 - Willamina hosts National Night Out. Yamhill County Commissioner Kit Johnston volunteers for the dunk tank. Technics Tuning holds annual car show on Rock Creek Rd. Rock of Ages outside McMinnville host family friendly festival with water slides, RC planes, music, and air balloons. Girls Build camp held at Sheridan High School. Over 30 West Valley girls attend. The major project this year was an ADA-compliant ramp for one of the school's outbuildings.

August 20 - Computer failure causes loss of Willamina School District reader board. Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hold annual contest powwow. Royal Court for 2025-2026 are Marie Quenelle as Senior Miss Grand Ronde Queen, Leloo Quenelle as Junior Miss Queen, Emmalynn Warren Junior Miss Princess, Ulali Quenell Little Miss Queen, Safia Ben el Aali Little Miss Princess, and Tiny Tot Princesses Kova Speer, Josie Craig, Briar Ashley, and Aiyana Woodward.

August 27 - Willamina Emanuel Lutheran Church celebrates 75th anniversary. Sheridan City Council votes in Preston Polasek to interim city manager position. Sheridan School District sets Bond Oversight Committee. Renny and Mary Otjen celebrate 60th wedding anniversary.

September 9 - Curl's, Cuts and More reopens under new ownership. Willamina Mud Drags announces second race on September 27. City of Sheridan Parks and Recreation Park Plan receives update ten years after the last plan update.

September 10 - Bulldogs beat Spartans in football season opener. Multiple churches provide family fun in the West Val-

ley area. Dragons' volleyball squad opens season 3-0. Archives from 1973 show breaking of ground for Tina Miller Memorial Children's Park in Willamina and purchase of longtime Willamina landmark by Vic and Lucille Branson, renaming it Vic's (where Wildwood Hotel now stands).

September 17 - Willamina celebrates grand opening of Oaken Hills Pump Track. Willamina Library hosts its first MakerSpace workshop for newly installed 3D printer. Sheridan Rotary holds its newly designed duckie race. Jane Aaron celebrates her 100th birthday.

September 24 - Coyote Joe's announces new fundraiser for Willamina 4th of July. Patrons of the bar can donate money to be pinned to the ceiling to help purchase fireworks for the celebration. Huddleston Pond Park closes for emergency bank repairs. Spirit Mountain Community Fund awards 32 grants totaling \$622,332 to Western Oregon non-profits. Sheridan United Methodist Church celebrates its 150th anniversary. Fire destroys house at 208 N. Bridge St. in Sheridan, family escapes. Yamhill County Sheriff's hold a standoff on Sheridan Rd. Suspect eventually surrendered without incident.

October 1 - Dragons soar to 5-0 league start in volleyball. Bulldogs pick up first win in volleyball. Johnny Wheels celebrates 42nd birthday with concert at Ft. Hill Lounge. Willamina Mud Drags holds second race of the year. Willamina School District reader board back online after upgrade to sign and computer.

October 8 - The Rusty Elephant opens its doors. Coffee With a Cop held at Sheridan Museum of History. Trinity Lutheran takes 1st place in Churches United chili cook-off. Bulldog's crown Kisor Savage and Paige Baker as their 2025 homecoming king and queen. Willamina Alumni Lucetta Elmer, representative for the 24th district, is elected House Republican Leader.

October 15 - Foreign exchange students play for Bulldogs' volleyball squad. Dragons' volleyball improves to 10-0 on the season.

October 22 - Willamina Deputy City Recorder Krystal Stevens presented with Breaking Barriers Award. Virginia Garcia holds an open house during the grand opening of Sheridan Clinic.

October 29 - Retirement party for Steve Sims announced

for November 2. Cross-Cultural Luncheon held at Sheridan United Methodist Church. Faulconer-Chapman holds Harvest Festival. Taylor Lugo and Tristin Sayer were crowned Spartan's 2025 homecoming Queen and King. Dragon's win soccer playoff first round match. Bulldogs volleyball ends season at 2-17 overall.

November 5 - Grand Sheramina Food Bank holds first open house to celebrate renovations and upgrades to the organization. Wildwood rolls out Feed the People program, offering free meals prepaid by donations from patrons and community for those in need. Faulconer-Chapman Titans go undefeated in football (6-0), beating the Bulldogs 34-14 in their final game. Lady Dragons win first round of volleyball playoffs in 2A championship bracket. Spartans' football breaks six-game scoreless streak. Delphian soccer advances to round two of state playoffs. Galloping Goose in Willamina receives a new paint job and other restorations.

November 12 - Delphian's Liv Curry awarded 2A Tri-River Conference Player of the Year. Dragons' volleyball and soccer teams are eliminated from state playoffs. Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour takes place throughout Willamina. Rotary Esports tournament is held at Sheridan High School. Lucas Baldwin and Alexander Locke repeat as 1st and 2nd place finishers.

November 19 - Approximately 150 volunteers, 90 provided by the Delphian School, attend the fall Sheridan Litter Pick-Up event. Fire destroys family's RV at Valley's Edge RV park.

November 26 - City Recorder Yvonne Hamilton retires after serving the City of Sheridan for 24 years. Willamina Mayor Vickie Hernandez reads children's books at Willamina Public Library for local YouTube channel. Southside Park reopens after long closure (reasons for length told at

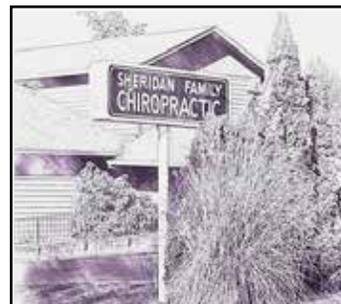
City Council meeting). Faulconer-Chapman 3rd-graders attend the school's first water survival skills program at McMinnville Public Pool.

December 3 - City of Sheridan hosts its second annual Turkey Trot at Southside Park. The Grauer Family announce AJ Grauer scholarship after passing of former teacher, principal, and superintendent of Sheridan School District, AvaJan "AJ" Grauer passes away (November 13). Husband pledges \$1,000 for the next ten years towards the scholarship to help fund future educators.

December 10 - West Valley Tree of Giving provides toys to over 300 kids in the area. Employees from Hampton Lumber purchased gifts for 30 names from the Tree of Giving. Wildwood Open Mic Night ends year with a community outreach performance. Musicians raised over \$1,000 through year for local community programs. Willamina holds a Holiday light parade, hundreds attend and flock to see Santa at fire hall after. High school winter sports season starts.

December 17 - Sheridan holds Christmas Light Parade, kicks off Deck the House voting. Total Destruction Racing Team gives away hundreds of toys to kids during Race Trucks and Fire Trucks event. Willamina School District begins use of electric buses on routes.

December 24 - Major storm hits area, dumping 1.84 to 4.53 inches of rain in West Valley area, causing flood scare in Sheridan. River crested at 14.73 feet with no major flooding in the area. Landslide does break water main for the City of Sheridan, causing loss of water and boil water notice. City of Willamina welcome signs go in for refurbishing. Delphian and Faulconer-Chapman schools hold winter concerts. Second concert for Faulconer-Chapman rescheduled due to storm.



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Willamina Christmas Light Contest 2nd-place winner is William Barr of 940 SW Pioneer Dr. The house included several different inflatables and decorations, from a tiny little Christmas train to Old Saint T-Rex. There was too much to squeeze into one photo, as lights and decorations stretched across the entire front yard.



Willamina Christmas Light Contest 3rd-place winner is Jonathan Tuck of 621 SW Fir St. The house included inflatables and lights, but the kicker was their Christmas Chevy, all decked out with lights.



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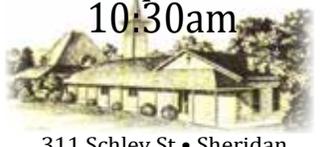

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Beautiful 4 bedroom 4.5 bath home on 1.31 acres. Kitchen has granite countertops and SS appliances. Vaulted exposed beam family room with back deck access. Main floor master bed with bathroom and double closet. Lower level has a large rec/living space, separate entrance, non-conforming 4th bedroom, downstairs pantry and bar area. Laundry room w/utility sink, breakfast nook, 3 fireplaces and large living room. Shop 24x36 with electric, fenced back yard, chicken coop, greenhouse, Trex deck, fruit trees/bushes apple, plum, pear, blueberries, raspberries, Marion berries and elderberries. Solar panels and partial house generator hookup. Sheridan



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Affordable energy efficient single level 1394 sq ft home. Tankless hot water, 3 bedroom, 1 office, Kitchen has soft close cabinets, stone counter tops and SS gas appliances. Green built with sustainable resourced materials. Low VOC LVP flooring and plush carpet. Finished garage interior w/opener and keyless lighting. Fenced backyard, fully landscaped w/ sprinklers in front yard.



NEW LISTING!

Private and secluded park like setting 20 acres with 3 bed, 3 bath home. Bonus Room, New windows, new roof a lot of updates. Two Furnace and heat pumps, A/C, 2 Hot Water heaters. Machine shed, Barn with 5 stalls and tack room. Water holding tanks, Water rights, pasture is fenced and cross fenced with lean-to, chicken coop, green house, raised garden beds, garden area, fruit trees. John Deere tractor with 6ft mowing deck 29hrs on it. Property is level. Sheridan.

NEW LISTINGS WANTED!

CITY OF SHERIDAN
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Community Development Grants

Call for Applications

Sheridan City Council's Community Grant Application Deadline is 4 p.m., Jan. 13, 2026
The purpose of the Community Development Grant is to support non-profits and for-profit entities and organizations that serve the Sheridan community.
Each approved grant will be limited to \$500 per grant.

Eligibility:
 Community Development Grants are available to Community entities and organizations, non-profits and for-profit entities that serve the Sheridan community. Entities that are not designated non-profits, will need to meet at least one of the following criteria to be eligible for a grant:

- Provides assistance for essential utilities, food, medical needs, clothing or shelter.
- Provides educational or recreational opportunities for children or seniors.
- Generates/supports economic activity in Sheridan.

Grant applications and more information can be found at the City of Sheridan website
cityofsheridanor.com

Please return completed application, letter(s) of support, and any additional information to Sheridan City Hall, Attention: Omega Rodela or email to orodela@cityofsheridanor.com.



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