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West Valley Culture Fair Showcases Artists and Organizations

One does not know what lies in one's backyard unless one ventures out to it.

The folks at the West Valley Culture Collective, Art Conspiracy, and the Bridge Learning Community made that task a bit easier, bringing the backyard to the community during its second annual West Valley Culture Fair this last Saturday at The Bridge Learning Community.

The event gave local artists an opportunity to show off their

work to those who attended, like Shannon Ray, who studied fine art and architecture at the Impetus For Creative Arts in California and is the artist behind a series of murals throughout Sheridan, realism artist Jesse Anderson, who has been painting for 67 years, and many other local artists who provided pieces for the displays.

Up on center stage, Recca Maze provided the art of music as Nana's Jelapeño Jams, Busy Bee

Baking, and Sweet Addictions used their artistic skill in the kitchen to keep bellies full.

Artists of the Coastal Hills Quilters and West Valley Fiber Arts worked their magic in the backroom, displaying their hand-made quilts and textile crafts. Speaking of hand, Melvin Lee was there, showcasing the handwriting art of calligraphy,

writing down individuals' names for those who were interested.

This year, the fair opened its doors to local community organizations. In attendance and available to answer questions were the Rotary Club, Fendall School, 4th of July Committee, Churches United, and the Chambers, Museums, and Libraries of both cities.



Julie Schumann admiring the paper and nail artwork of Kim Hamblin, as well as other artists, during the West Valley Culture Fair.



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NEW LISTING!



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

Out of town, single level home has beautifully updated kitchen features all new ss appliances, custom cabinets with quartz counter tops. Dining room flows right to the living room with wood burning fire place and large windows. New carpet throughout the house, 3 bed and 1 bath. New LVP flooring, bonus room for office/hobbies, large storage shed/shop, fenced backyard. Too much to list must see to appreciate. Dallas



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.



Main level living with bonus living space upstairs. Large lot with great covered patio, sprinkler system, beautifully landscaped, fully fenced backyard with fruit trees, raised garden beds and shed for extra storage. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, main bedroom with bathroom has duel sinks, a walk-in shower and walk-in closet. Forced air gas heat/AC. Kitchen has island with stainless steel appliances and Granite counter tops, living room with vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, bonus room upstairs. Willamina



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Council Vacancy

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY COUNCIL VACANCY CITY OF SHERIDAN

The City of Sheridan announces a vacancy on the City Council for a position with a term expiring December 31, 2026.

Qualifications for the Office of City Councilor To be eligible for appointment; candidates must meet the following requirements:

Residency in the City of Sheridan for at least twelve (12) months immediately prior to the appointment, and the candidate must be a qualified voter in Yamhill County.

Interested individuals who meet these qualifications are invited to apply for consideration.

Submission Instructions

Please submit applications to Sheridan City Hall in person, by mail or email attention Omega Rodela Garces, City Recorder, email: orodela@cityofsheridanor.com, address: 120 SW Mill ST., Sheridan, OR 97378. Applications must be received by 4pm February 23, 2026.

For additional information, please contact Omega at 503-843-2347 or visit the City of Sheridan website at Elected Officials Information - Sheridan, OR.

Interview and Appointment Process
Selected applicants will be interviewed by the City Council during a meeting scheduled for March 2, 2026.

The City Council is expected to make the appointment to fill the vacancy at its regular meeting on March 16, 2026.

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School Board

The Willamina School District is seeking candidates to fill the following positions: 1 - School Board position (#3) until 6/30/2029. Three Budget Committee volunteer positions. If interested in any position or would like more information, please contact the District Office 503-876-1500. Information also available on our website www.willamina.k12.or.us.

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Volunteers Needed

Northwest Senior and Disability Services is seeking volunteer help at our Sheridan location to deliver meals to home bound seniors and help in our kitchen. We deliver meals three days a week and would like additional help at least one day a week. Our volunteers are eligible for a hot meal on the days they work and mileage is reimbursed. Please feel free to call (503) 843-2000 and learn more.

For Sale

Kenmore clothes washing machine, heavy duty, oversized tub, top load, touchscreen. Excellent condition \$200 call Kenny 503-876-8587

You say "gazpacho" - I say "gazpacho." We have dozens of cookbooks at Main St. Books Revisited, 142 E. Main St., Sheridan. Thurs. - Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Storage Auction

Storage auction - Kennor Storage, 1231 W Main Street, Sheridan OR 97378, Space #14F, Janice Tinney, Auction: On location at 10 a.m. on Saturday February 7, 2026.

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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)

Help wanted Sheridan IGA deli, experience preferred but not required. Please bring resume to Megan at Sheridan IGA to apply.

The Bridge Learning Community is hiring a Community Coordinator. This is a part time 6 month position, \$18-20/hour, DOE. For the full job description, please email info@thebridgelearningcommunity.org

Services

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Bambinos Oregon to Hold Benefit Concert in Dallas

Bambinos Oregon, a non-profit organization based in Dallas, is holding a special benefit concert featuring recording artist Brandon Heath at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 20, at Valley Life Center in Dallas.

Bambinos Oregon serves families across the Mid-Valley region, including visits with their mobile support bus at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, by providing critical items such as diapers, wipes, formula, and baby equipment, helping reduce stress for parents and caregivers who are navigating financial hardship, transportation barriers, and urgent needs for their children.

"This concert is more than a night of music. It's an opportunity for our community to come together and help meet real needs for local families," said Glenda Dunaway, Executive Director of Bambinos Oregon. "We're grateful for Brandon Heath, our sponsors, and everyone who will attend and help us continue serving babies and parents throughout rural Oregon."

Proceeds from the event will support Bambinos Oregon's mission of helping families with young children in rural Oregon communities by providing essential baby supplies and support.

Ticket options include general admission for \$30 (plus fees) and VIP for \$45 (plus fees). Tickets can be purchased at www.bambinosoregon.org.

Willamina Goes More Electric with Charging

Portland General Electric (PGE) installed four electric vehicle charging stations in downtown Willamina last month.

These charging stations are owned and operated solely by PGE and have been installed on PGE power poles at 139 and 155 SE Baker St., 547 NW B St., and 385 NE C St.

Those wanting to utilize the new stations must first download the OpConnect app from the Apple App Store or Google Play on Android.

Prices to charge an electric vehicle cost \$0.12 per kWh, with an additional peak-time fee of \$0.28 per kWh added on during the hours of 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Wednesday Pinochle Moving to Sheridan Museum Of History

A Pinochle group That has been meeting at 1 at the American legion in Sheridan is changing. As of February 4 the group will meet at noon at the Sheridan Museum of History located at 142 S. Bridge St..

The group is open to all interested in playing Pinochle. The cost is \$3.25 each which covers the winning pot as well as the building rental fee.

Those interested in joining are invited to head to the Sheridan Museum on Wednesdays.



Support SHS 2026 Grads; Win A Year of Date Nights

Experience a year of unforgettable date nights with the Sheridan High School class of 2026's exciting ticket raffle.

The grand prize winner will be announced on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2026. Tickets, available at Riverside Cafe in Sheridan, are \$10 each or five for \$40.

The winner will receive \$650 in merchandise and gift certificates.

Indulge with a cozy blanket, an inviting candle, fine wine and glasses, a gourmet meat and cheese board, and tempting chocolates and nuts - everything you need for a memorable date experience.

Gift certificates included are from Crabby Daddy's, Fandangos Movies, McMenamin's, Joy Sticks Arcade, Skyhorse Coffee, Wildwood, Abuela's Nuestra Cocina, Coyote Joe's, Riverside Cafe, Gerald's, Alpine Crossing, Roadhouse, Subway, and Shell Gas.



Honoring Our Nation's 250th Anniversary

Presented by the Sheridan Museum of History.

Railroads Spurred Explosive Economic Activity

The railroad was pivotal to America, physically uniting the vast nation and shrinking travel times from months to mere weeks.

By linking disparate regions into a single, interconnected country, it opened the West to settlement and catalyzed massive economic growth through the creation of national markets.

Ultimately, the railroad transformed America's culture and identity, becoming the enduring symbol of the nation's industrialization.

SHOW OFF YOUR PET CONTEST

The West Valley Mercantile wants to see photos and stories about your pets. The winning submission will receive a \$25 gift card for the West Valley Mercantile and may be featured in a future West Valley Bulletin Board issue.



To enter the contest email a photo along with a story about your current or past pet to Bulletinwestvalley@gmail.com. The submission deadline is **February 28**

Last issue's crossword solution

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A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

The Nutrition Services team works hard in our schools to make sure meals are about more than just filling trays - they are designed to make sure every student is fueled up and ready to learn.

Sheridan Schools offer two meals, breakfast and lunch, to students each day. Breakfast is offered to most grades after the first bell to ensure as many students as possible are able to eat.

Although monthly menus are designed and managed by our food services team, they must follow strict rules set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). For a meal to be received at no cost it must include five components: fruits, vegetables, grains, meat (or a meat alternative like beans), and milk. At least 1/2 cup of a fruit or vegetable must be on the student's tray for the meal to be complete.

Working within regulations that include the number of times specific colors of vegetables must be served each week, our Nutrition team finds creative ways to get students excited about healthy eating.

SHS recently introduced an iced latte option and they are seeing more students get breakfast and then socialize (now without their phones!) in the cafeteria each morning. The Nutrition team at Faulconer-Chapman adopted a cow, Ginger, and posts regular updates from her caretakers at the OSU Dairy Center in the cafeteria in order to help students connect more with their food sources. Members of the food services team also incorporate holidays and themes when crafting menus. Past menus have included rainbow carrots and a variety of green foods on St. Patrick's Day, as well as orange/black/purple foods on Halloween. Teams also seek out less common fruits and vegetables, such as Dragon Fruit or Jicama, to add variety and allow students to explore new options.

More information on food services standards can be found at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/schoolmeals/nutrition-standards>

For questions regarding Nutrition Services in Sheridan Schools, please contact Jenn Vesperjennifer.vesper@sheridan.k12.or.us.

Sincerely,
Dorie Vickery Ed. D.,
Superintendent

Sheridan School District
School District Office: 971-261-6959
Sheridan High School: 971-261-6970

2026 Hometown Days Committee Announces Theme Contest

It's time to let your creative side ponder the possibilities and submit your ideas via email to bulletinwestvalley@gmail.com or mail your entries to The WV Bulletin Board, 136 E. Main Street, Sheridan 97378.

Last years theme was storybook town, the Pied Piper led the parade filled with floats such as Snow White, and the Three Little Pigs.

All Theme ideas are welcome, but just for fun, here are a few ideas: Hometown Superheros, Fabulous Forties, Jungle Adventures, Futuristic Fun, or Medieval Times.

Deadline for entries is Tuesday, February 10. The winner will be selected by the Hometown Days Committee and will be announced in the February 18 issue of the Bulletin Board.

The Contest is open to all ages. Creator of the winning theme will receive a \$50 prize.



Willamina Museum To Hold Tasty Event Feb.7

Willamina Museum of Local History is once again having their Love of History & Chocolate tasting from 6-8 p.m. on February 7.

Come enjoy an evening of history, exhibits, chocolate and savory treats, and conversations with friends, all while enjoying music provided by the Drew Hitzman Jazz Trio.

The museum offers a rich history of the area and there are many interesting exhibits that tell the story of the Willamina area. From the beginning of settlers coming to the West Valley to the logging industry and brick plant, a thriving downtown business area including a theatre, department store, bakery coffee shop, bank, butcher and many others. Come browse the museum and find out what makes this area so unique. Donations will be graciously accepted to go toward the museum's ongoing projects. The event is Sponsored by the Willamina Historical Group, Skybergs Hardware & Lumber and the City of Willamina.

The museum is located at 188 NE D Street. They look forward to seeing you there!

Sheridan Public Library

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Jan. 30 & Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27

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~LEGO Challenge~
Feb. 6 & 20, 3-5 p.m.

Bit of healthy competition, come build freely, or participate in the challenges of the month!

~ Blind Date With A Book ~

February 3-28

Come pick out a book wrapped to keep it a mystery!

~ Teen Time ~

February 25 • Teen Movie Day3pm

~RPG Days~

February 5 & 19 - 3:30 p.m.

Come play tabletop RPGs, beginners welcome! This month's Current game is set in a futuristic, tongue-in-cheek setting full of guns, explosions and questionable decisions! All materials will be supplied. Ages 14+ Limited availability, call or come in to talk to Trever to sign up.

~ Nintendo Switch ~

Open play Tues.-Thurs. 3:30-5:45 p.m.

Fri. 1:30-5:45 p.m. Sat. 10:30 a.m.- 2:45 p.m.

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Eagle Scout Project Supports Firefighter Safety and Community Health in Sheridan

Sheridan Fire District is proud to recognize Lucy Martin, an Eagle Scout with Scouts BSA Troop 9215, for the successful completion of an Eagle Scout service project that will have a lasting impact on firefighter safety and community protection.

As part of her Eagle Scout project, Lucy raised \$1,600, designed and constructed a turnout gear dryer for the Sheridan Fire District. This critical piece of equipment allows firefighters to properly dry and care for their protective gear after emergency responses, helping maintain gear performance, extend service life, and reduce exposure to harmful contaminants.

The turnout gear dryer will directly support the care of the district's new firefighter turnout gear, which was recently purchased through a \$20,000 matching grant from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Community Fund. This grant made it possible for the district to fully outfit 9 firefighters with modern, NFPA-compliant protective gear—an investment that would not have been possible without the Tribe's generous support.

"Without the Grand Ronde

Tribal Community Fund grant, we would not have had the resources to properly equip our firefighters with new turnout gear," said a representative of the Sheridan Fire District. "Lucy's project now ensures that this gear can be properly maintained, protecting both the investment and the health of our firefighters."

Proper drying and care of turnout gear is a key component of firefighter cancer prevention, as it helps reduce the retention of carcinogenic contaminants commonly encountered during fire responses. The new dryer will also improve readiness by ensuring gear is clean, dry, and ready for service, enhancing safety for firefighters and the community alike.

The Sheridan Fire District extends its sincere gratitude to Lucy Martin, Scouts BSA Troop 9215, and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for their commitment to service, safety, and community well-being. Together, these efforts represent a meaningful investment in firefighter health, operational readiness, and the long-term safety of the Sheridan community.



HUDDLESTON POND STOCKING SCHEDULE

Week of	Legals	Trophy	Total
Feb. 23, 2026 - Feb. 27, 2026	600	0	600
Feb. 23, 2026 - Feb. 27, 2026	0	0	0
Mar. 09, 2026 - Mar. 13, 2026	400	0	400
Mar. 30, 2026 - Apr. 03, 2026	0	25	25
Mar. 30, 2026 - Apr. 03, 2026	800	0	800
Apr. 13, 2026 - Apr. 17, 2026	500	1,025	1,525
Apr. 13, 2026 - Apr. 17, 2026	1,563	0	1,563
Apr. 27, 2026 - May. 01, 2026	600	0	600
May. 04, 2026 - May. 08, 2026	0	25	25
May. 11, 2026 - May. 15, 2026	800	0	800
Jun. 01, 2026 - Jun. 05, 2026	800	0	1,825

NATIONAL SERPENT DAY February 1




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- RATTLE
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- SNAKE
- VENOM
- VIPER

SHERIDAN POND STOCKING SCHEDULE

Week of	Legals	Trophy	Total
Jan. 26, 2026 - Jan. 30, 2026	200	0	200
Jan. 26, 2026 - Jan. 30, 2026	1,200	0	1,200
Mar. 09, 2026 - Mar. 13, 2026	400	0	400
Mar. 23, 2026 - Mar. 27, 2026	340	0	340
Mar. 30, 2026 - Apr. 03, 2026	600	0	600
Apr. 13, 2026 - Apr. 17, 2026	798	0	798
May. 04, 2026 - May. 08, 2026	0	0	0
May. 04, 2026 - May. 08, 2026	566	0	566
May. 18, 2026 - May. 22, 2026	800	0	800
Jun. 01, 2026 - Jun. 05, 2026	0	0	0
Jun. 01, 2026 - Jun. 05, 2026	998	0	998

Sheridan City Council Meeting: Vacant Council Seat, Community Grant

Sheridan City Council held its regular session on January 20, 2026. Here are some key points taken from the meeting:

The City Council Agenda was amended after City Councilor Liz Hodgins announced her retirement earlier that day, forcing a vacant seat in the City Council. The City Council voted unanimously to declare a council vacancy, so the City may move forward in filling the open position left by former Councilor Hodgins. The requirements for the position are that one must be a resident within the city limits for a duration of at least 12 months, and the resident must also be qualified to vote.

The council voted unanimously to declare the vacant seat. The formal announcement and application process will be carried out by the City.

With a new year comes the vote for the 2026 council president. The council voted Council President Jim Buckles retain his position for the coming year.

Matt Huegli, a member of the Rotary Club of the West Valley (RCWV), presented a plaque to the City of Sheridan, created by RCWV President-elect Sandy Walker, to commemorate the City of Sheridan's win in the 2025 Coat Drive.

The drive, organized by the RCWV, was joined by the City of Sheridan and the City of Willamina in a friendly competition to collect coats, with participating organizations working together to share the gift of warmth to students in need in the West Valley area. The side prize, or penalty, depending on where you landed on the list of collections, was that the first-place

winner would get a chance to put a pie in the face of a member from a third-place organization. The RCWV voted that Matt Huegli would be at the receiving end of the pie, with Sheridan Mayor Cale George delivering the whipped dairy-laden punishment pie.

Prior to receiving the punishment, Huegli approached the podium to present the plaque and stated to the council, "I have no numbers, but what I've heard is that this coat drive generated enough coats to supply all of the kids in need, in both Sheridan and Willamina. The schools were very well supplied with coats, and we (all) did an amazing job. That's huge, and I think it's the best we've ever done in a coat drive."

The council voted on Ordinance 2025-7, which would amend the regular city council meeting time in the Sheridan Municipal Code from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. All councilors were in favor of the amendment except Councilor Lucy Hebert, who voted against passing the ordinance. The first meeting the new 6 p.m. start time will be the council's regular session on March 16. This 6 p.m. start time will move the regular session meetings to coincide with the 6 p.m. start time of council work sessions.

A draft of Resolution 2026-A was presented to the council. The draft would prohibit the use of certain chemicals in the city parks, landscaping, and rights of way. The chemicals listed in the resolution are polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), synthetic compounds commonly known as "forever chemicals," that persist in the environment and accumulate in the human body over time, and neonicotinoid pesticides, which are known to have lethal effects on bees.

Councilors Flynn and Buckles brought forth two concerns during the discussion, that the prohibition of these two types of chemicals do not decrease effectiveness or significantly increase the cost of Public Work duties.

City Manager Preston Polasek stated, "It's going to be an effectiveness, not so much a cost. What we think heading into this is seeing how it works over time, so that's what we'll keep an eye on. The evaluation takes months."

The council voted unanimously to pass Resolution 2026-A.

With Yamhill County Sheriff Deputy Grant in attendance at the meeting, Council President Jim Buckles made note that the 2025 end-of-year numbers on the Sheriff's Report show that the call load has dropped from the previous 2024 end-of-year stats. Deputy Grant stated, "I haven't had a chance to review them for them yet, but based on what you're saying, call load has been lower, at least the times that I've been working. So I think it's a good sign in my opinion."

An action item was presented to the council from the city discussing planning commission terms. During the January 12 planning commission meeting, the group discussed getting the staggered terms back on track and forwarded their recommendation to the city council on the item. All commissioners agreed to continue service and accepted the forwarded terms.

The proposed changes to terms, which the council unanimously passed, are as follows:

Paula Necas - Current term December 31, 2027. Proposed term of December 31, 2026, and appointed planning commission chair position.

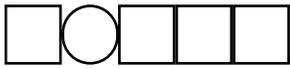
Kennedy Amundson - Current

Word Scramble

Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to National Car Insurance Day (February 1). Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.



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Corky,
I never wear a frown when you are around.

~ Bubbles

Bubbles,
The best thing about clown college was you.

~ Corky

Giveaway, New Meeting Time for March, and West Valley Rotary Club Eats Pie

term December 31, 2027. Proposed term of December 31, 2028, and appointment of vice-chair for the planning commission.

John Godown - Current term December 31, 2027. Proposed term of December 31, 2028.

John Jennings' and Roxy Acuff's terms will remain the same.

Discussion turned towards awarding of community grants, which the council has budgeted \$2,500 per quarter for a total of \$10,000 through the year.

The council received seven applications for this quarter from The Bridge Learning Community, Faulconer-Chapman School, Grand Sheramina Food Pantry, Sheridan Education Foundation, Sheridan Hometown Days, Sheridan Museum of History, and Sheridan Rotary, each asking for \$500, a \$3,500 request total.

Councilor Peter Flynn stated, "We're a couple over with each of these requesting the max \$500 amount. So our two options are cut two or sort of evenly divide. There were two of these that stood out to me as a possibility to cut, not because they're not deserving, but it just

looks like they are already sort of funded, even without our help.

The first is the Sheridan Education Foundation. The other one looks like two teachers are requesting software, which isn't a bad idea by any means. Personally, I would like to see the school do this kind of thing for all their teachers."

Council President Buckles added, "I noted that the sponsor of the project is only \$330, but they are requesting the full \$500. That seems a little over the top on this. If you only need \$330, then ask for \$330, don't ask for \$500."

Councilor Flynn read the request further and noted that the extra funds over the sponsor requirements would be rolled into next year, and agreed that the requested \$330 would be better than the full \$500.

Councilor Hebert stated that she would like to see the Sheridan Hometown Days, Sheridan Museum, and the Grand Sheramina Food Bank receive the full funding.

Council President Buckles noted that after what was displayed

by the Rotary earlier in the meeting, organizing the coat drive that managed to procure enough coats for all the needy children in school, that alone shows what the Rotary does, and funds that go into the Rotary go right back out into the community, backing a full donation to the Rotary Club.

Mayor Cale George said, "if we would like to do five, I might consider then the fifth being The Bridge Learning Community because it would be tuition assistance, parents who aren't able to afford the tuition at a preschool, which I imagine there's a lot of that in the community."

The council voted unanimously to fully fund, at \$500 each, the organizations of Sheridan Hometown Days, Sheridan Museum of History, The Bridge Learning Community, Grand Sheramina Food Bank, and the Rotary Club. Council President Buckles expressed prior to the vote, "I

know that people will listen to this meeting and will hear that we cut a couple of these out. It doesn't mean that these that applied aren't deserving. It's just we have a finite amount of money, and some of these projects really stand out as needing money. We can't always give to everybody."

During the Public Works report, City Manager Preston Polasek said that after the atmospheric event in December, which caused a landslide and interrupted the City of Sheridan's water supply beneath the tower, he put together engineering notes, filed damage reports with the state, and met with Rep. Lucetta Elmer to get her sponsorship of the repair project.

He added that they met with geotechnical engineers and they have provided estimates on stabilizing the hillside, tank, as well as relocating the main line away from the landslide area.



Rotarian Matt Huegli (right) received a pie in the face courtesy of Sheridan Mayor Cale George (left). The City of Sheridan placed first, and the Rotary Club of the West Valley placed third in a competitive coat drive organized by the Rotary Club. The City of Willamina also participated in the drive, taking second-place. The drive received enough coats that every child in need was able to receive a coat.



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Monday			
Feb 2	9:30 a.m.	Early Literacy Adventures (Ages 3-5)	Willamina 120 SW F
Feb 2	7pm	Sheridan City Council	
Tuesday			
Feb 3	Noon	Kiwanis	825 NE M
Feb 3	4:30pm	Book Club	Willamina
Feb 3	6pm	Friends of Sheridan Library Meeting	Sheridan
Thursday			
Feb 5	1:30pm	Municipal Court	120 SW F
Feb 5	3-4:30pm	Minecraft Gaming Club	Bridge Le
Feb 5	3:30	Teen RPG Day	Sheridan
Feb 5	6pm	Sheridan Revitalization	Sheridan
Feb 5	6pm	Toastmasters	Willamina
Friday			
Feb 6	8-9:15am	Sheridan Chamber Breakfast	Sheridan
Saturday			
Feb 7	10am-4pm	Valentine's Day Market	Buell Gra
Feb 7	4pm	Fendall School Meeting (Steve Sims Speaking)	37515 Ti
Feb 7	6-8pm	For the Love of History & Chocolate	Willamina
Sunday			
Feb 8	10am-4pm	Valentine's Day Market	Buell Gra
Monday			
Feb 9	9:30 a.m.	Early Literacy Adventures (Ages 3-5)	Willamina
Feb 9	7pm	Sheridan Planning Commission	120 SW F
Feb 9	6pm	Sheridan Boosters	433 S Bri
Feb 9	7pm	Willamina School District Meeting	Live Stre
Feb 9	7pm	American Legion	125 N Br
Tuesday			
Feb 10	6:30pm	Sheridan Fire Board	230 SW F
Feb 10	6pm	Willamina City Council	825 NE M
Wednesday			
Feb 11	6pm	Willamina 4th of July Committee	Willamina
Feb 11	6pm	West Valley Rotary Evening Meeting	Bennie H
Thursday			
Feb 12	4-5pm	Yamhill County Youth Advisory Council	Sheridan
Feb 12	5-6pm	Free Line Dancing at the Buell Grange	5970 Mill
Feb 12	6:30pm	Astronomy Club	Willamina
Saturday			
Feb 14	Noon-2pm	A Steam Lab	Willamina
Feb 14	=====	Happy Valentine's Day =====	
Monday			
Feb 16	7pm	Sheridan City Council	120 SW F
Feb 16	7pm	VFW	771 NE M
Tuesday			
Feb 17	1pm	Lunch Bunch (to go lunches)	Sheridan
Wednesday			
Feb 18	6pm	Sheridan School District Board	District C
Thursday			
Feb 19	3-4:30pm	Minecraft Gaming Club	Bridge Le
Feb 19	3:30	Teen RPG Day	Sheridan
Feb 19	6pm	West Valley Fire District Board Meeting	825 NE M
Feb 19	6pm	Toastmasters	Willamina
Feb 19	5pm/6pm	Willamina Library Board Session/Meeting	Willamina
Feb 19	6pm	Sheridan Parks and Rec Meeting	120 SW F
Friday			
Feb 20	8-9:15am	Sheridan Chamber Breakfast	Sheridan
Saturday			
Feb 21	11am-12:30pm	Secrets of the Past	Yamhill V
Feb 21	5pm	Rotary Movie Night (Star Wars)	Sheridan
Feb 21	7pm	Karaoke	Coyote J
Tuesday			
Feb 24	6pm	Willamina Planning Commission	825 NE M
Friday			
Feb 27	5pm	Immortal Murder Mystery Fundraiser	Willamina
Feb 27	5-7pm	Churches United Community Dinner	Sheridan
Saturday			
Feb 28	5pm	Immortal Murder Mystery Fundraiser	Willamina
Feb 28	Noon-3pm	MakersSpace Lab	Willamina

CALENDAR

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Weekly

Public Library Mill St., Sheridan	Monday: Celebrate Recovery Willamina Free Methodist Church6pm
Main St., Willamina Public Library	Scout Meeting Sheridan All Prep, Sheridan7pm
Public Library	P.I.F. AA Meeting (Mon, Wed, & Fri) Sheridan All Prep.....7pm
Mill St., Sheridan Learning Community Public Library Museum of History Public Library	Tuesday Grand Sheramina Food Bank (1st & 3rd Tue), Bridge Street, Sheridan 2-4pm
Methodist Church	NA Meeting, Light House Church, Grand Ronde6pm
Grange Mill Creek Rd Museum of History	Yoga Swan Hall, 242 NE Main St., Willamina6pm
Grange	Cornhole Ft. Hill Restaurant, 8655 Ft. Hill Rd6pm
Public Library Mill St., Sheridan Edge St., Sheridan Museum/School Library Edge St., Sheridan	Wednesday Willamina Chamber of Commerce (EID Meeting Jan 7) Coyote Joe's 8am
Public Library Mill St., Sheridan Main St., Willamina	Bridge Learning Play Group (Age 0-5) 430 SW Monroe St, Sheridan 9:30 - 11:30am
Public Library Mill St., Sheridan Main St., Willamina	Creative artists and artisans Willamina Christian Church..... 10am-2pm
Christian Church Louie's Backroom	Sheridan Rotary Meeting Sheridan School District office, Sheridan Noon
High School Mill Creek Rd, Sheridan Public Library	Willamina Food Pantry, Civic Club, 340 B Street, Willamina 4-6pm
Public Library	Willamina 4th of July Committee Willamina Christian Church Basement.....6pm
Public Library Mill St., Sheridan Main St., Willamina	Thursday Community Showers Trinity Lutheran Church, Sheridan 1-4pm
Public Library Mill St., Sheridan Main St., Willamina	Bingo VFW Hall, Willamina5:30pm
Public Library Mill St., Sheridan Main St., Willamina	Mill Creek Road Band Live Music w/Potluck (Free) Buell Grange, Mill Creek Rd. Sheridan 6-8pm
Public Library Mill St., Sheridan Main St., Willamina	NA Meeting, Light House Church, Grand Ronde6pm
Public Library Mill St., Sheridan Main St., Willamina	Friday Grand Ronde Food Bank Distribution 9765 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde 10am-2pm
Public Library Mill St., Sheridan Main St., Willamina	Grand Ronde Community Clothes Closet 9765 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde9am-Noon
Public Library Mill St., Sheridan Main St., Willamina	American Legion Bingo 125 N Bridge St., Sheridan5:30pm
Public Library Mill St., Sheridan Main St., Willamina	Saturday Sheridan Museum of History, 142 S. Bridge St, Sheridan 10am-3pm
Public Library Mill St., Sheridan Main St., Willamina	Willamina Museum of History, 188 D St, Willamina..... 1-4pm
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West Valley Basketball Swept on Court

A win was elusive on the court for local West Valley basketball athletes, as the Bulldogs, Dragons, and Spartans all found themselves on the wrong side of the scoreboard last week.

The Lady Spartans were the only team last week that found themselves in a close contest when they traveled to North Marion on Wednesday to take on non-league opponent the Huskies, who were 0-9 on the season.

Sheridan's Neveah Stewart jump started the Spartan offense, dropping in six points before North Marion would finally find the bucket themselves. Stewart would continue to keep the Spartans ahead of the Huskies, outscoring North Marion 11-8 in the first quarter.

The Lady Spartans extended that lead in the second quarter, Stewart adding four more points to her resume, with Madison Blacketer and Ella Prach each adding two points a piece. A point from the charity line from Tzipporah Warner and Sheridan was up 20-14 heading into the locker rooms.

The Huskies turned things around against Sheridan, limiting Stewart to just two points in the 3rd quarter, and outscoring the Spartans 10-6 to knock Sheridan's lead down to two points by the sound of the buzzer.

Both teams would add a free throw a piece to their score at

the start of the fourth-quarter, just before North Marion took their first lead of the game, draining a three-pointer from the corner to put the Spartans down 27-28. Spartan's Stewart would answer back, dropping in a shot from 19-feet away to put Sheridan back on top.

Five minutes left in the game and North Marion would retake the lead for a final time, the Spartans going on to lose the contest 31-34.

Sheridan would also fall 19-61 to Kennedy and 20-81 to Regis in last weeks action, dropping their record to 0-13 and remain only one of two teams in the girls state 2A division still searching for a win.

The Delphian Dragons had a busy week on the road. Both boys and girls teams on heading to Kennedy High School in Mount Angel, the boys on Monday falling 35-69 to the Trojans, while the Lady Dragons would make their way over there on Wednesday, making the long trip back after an 8-47 loss.

Tuesday both teams headed to Santiam, boys coming back home with another loss in the books, this time by a score of 40-77, while the girls were doubled up, losing their match 26-56.

The Dragons finished off their week Friday, making the 90-minute trip to Colton High School to face off against the Vikings.

Dragons again taking the long trip back home, boys losing their match 45-69, and the girls falling 18-57.

Lady Dragons fall to 4-8 on the season and 2-6 in league play, while the boys remain the only team in the state 2A bracket still looking for their first win of the season.

The Willamina Bulldogs faced a similar fate last week, first losing both matches at home against Blanchet Catholic, boys downed 28-55 and the girls finding themselves down 29-41 at the end of the game.

They finished off their week on Wednesday over at Santiam Christian, the Eagles manhandled both teams, Willamina boys looking at a 29-77 score on the board and the girls getting quadrupled on, losing their contest 13-56.

The Bulldog boys fall to 4-11 overall and 0-8 in league, as the girls record sits at 3-12 overall, and 2-6 in league play.

Bulldogs Find Sweet Spot at Golden Yam; Girls Host Girls Night

The Willamina Bulldogs went to battle it out against 15 other teams at The Golden Yam Challenge at Yamhill-Carlton High School on Saturday.

Despite the Bulldogs not participating in the tournament at full strength, with some athletes out due to injury, illness, and match management (50 match limit prior to district), the boys' team sent 10 mat-men to the event.

While none of them took the top spot on the podium, all ten of the boys placed 5th or higher in their weight class, helping secure a 2nd-place team victory for the Bulldogs. Leading the charge with their 2nd place finishes at the tournament were Bodhi Baller (190), Jacob Bazy (157), and Landon Risseeuw (285).

Others placing at the tournament were: 3rd - Elisha Stanton (126). 4th - Bob Larsen (138), Devon Wright (132), and Julian Gnos (150). 5th - Grayson Hubbard (120), Hunter Mendenhall (215), and Joseph Lapple (106).

The Lady Dawgs sent three wrestlers who picked up a 7th place finish among the 13 teams in the ladies' division. Paige Baker (190) and Kelsea Gray (125) each pummeled their way to the top spot on the podium as Arianna Gnos snagged herself a 3rd-place finish at the tournament.

Two days before the Gold-

en Yam Challenge, the Lady Dawgs hosted a Special District 1 Girls Wrestling Night in Willamina, with the Bulldogs netting a 4th place finish among the 10-team event.

Jaidyn Bolen snagged the top spot for the Bulldogs, grabbing 2nd place in the 145-pound division, with teammate Arianna Gnos right behind her in 3rd.

Autym Weeks (115) and Kelsea Gray (125) also fought their way to a 3rd-place finish in the tournament, and Madyson Warnicke (125) snatched up a 5th-place spot.



Arianna Gnos works to get out of a hold at the SD1 Girls Night.



Arianna Gnos (top) dominates a Warrenton wrestler in a match at the Special District 1 Girls Wrestling Night held in Willamina.



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Spartans Grapple in Alsea Bay Classic

The Sheridan Spartans wrestling team made the trip to Waldport to participate in the Alsea Bay Classic on Saturday.

Danny Gonzalez was the only Spartan wrestler to place in the boys brackets, battling his way to a 4th-place finish in the 16-man 165 pound division.

Three Lady Spartans participated in the tournament as well, with all three finding spots on the podium. Paylann Childress (110) and Kessandra Ewry-Tate (135) each grabbed a 3rd-place finish, and Payton Pownall (140) grappled her way to a 4th-place spot. The team's performance landed the Lady Spartans an 8th-place finish among the 12 teams that participated.

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Different Kind of Fishing Seen in West Valley Area

Saturday, a couple of members of the community were spotted on Sheridan's main bridge, leaning over the edge, staring down into the water. These individuals were not studying the migrant patterns of fish in the water, nor were they there to view the aftermath of last month's flood scare, but that event may have affected, good or bad, what they were doing.

The residents were taking part in an activity known as magnet fishing. Originating in Europe during the early 2000s, partially derived from boaters using magnets to recover keys, the hobby experienced a surge in popularity in the late 2010s and 2020s, thanks to social media, which helped fuel the resurgence of magnet fishing.

Magnet fishing offers a unique blend of environmental clean-up, the thrill of discovery, and a variety of wellness benefits in outdoor adventures, all in a budget-friendly activity.

Doug and Cadence, a father and son duo out enjoying some family time, did a little bit of all of the above, pulling out the front fork of a bicycle that was rusting away on the bottom of the South Yamhill River, effectively removing it from the waterway and making the river safer for use. The two stated that they will send the piece to the recycling center so it can be reutilized.

Another couple tossing their line over was Ashley and Dylan. Ashley, the new manager at the local Subway and a recent transplant to the West Valley area from Texas, and her partner Dylan, who also moved to the area from Salem, had no luck pulling up any items at the time of the interview.

Magnetic fishing bundles are relatively inexpensive, with kits containing super-strong neodymium magnets, rope, carabiner, gloves, grappling hook, and carrying case, ranging from \$30 to \$50 on Amazon.

There are things to take into consideration for those interested in participating in this outdoor adventure. The first one is always conduct the activity in a safe fashion. Areas of magnet fishing can often include high bridges, as was the case with our avid adventurers on Saturday. Children and height-challenged adults may find it tempting to look or lean over the bridge to gain a better vantage point of what's happening below. Doing so can lead to gravity becoming an unwelcome visitor to the situation, especially when aided in the wrong direction by that person tugging on a line connected to a 500-pound rare-earth magnet.

Another aspect from a safety standpoint is ensuring that all equipment can be retrieved; after all, one of the purposes is to remove debris from the waterway, not introduce more into it. This is especially true for anyone utilizing a grappling hook to help retrieve items from the water, taking care not to introduce another sharp metal object to the environment.

A second item of note is the legalities behind magnet fishing. The State of Oregon does not prohibit outright any forms of the hobby, not even requiring a license to do so, but there may be some hidden laws that one must abide by when tossing that magnet into any body of water in Oregon.

Archaeological items, those greater than 75 years old and

the item appears to be of significant, historic, or cultural importance, are protected under Oregon law and are illegal to harvest without a permit. Objects pulled in this manner must be reported to local law enforcement or the Oregon State Archaeologist.

The item must be documented, taking photos of the object and documenting the location from where it was retrieved, to assist in assessing the site.

A member of an online magnet fishing group displayed a video where the group pulled up a Grand Trunk Railroad train lantern, likely dating back to the late 1800s.

Other items that need to be reported to local authorities are weapons of any sort, possible items of theft, or anything that could be part of an active investigation, cold case, or be dangerous to those around them. Reports of guns, ordinance, with one report of a group pulling up a live grenade from the Potomac River in the Washington D.C. area, or anything that may have been involved in a crime. So dreams of pulling up a safe containing approximately \$100,000 in waterlogged, damaged but exchangeable currency, from a river in New York. The couple reported their find to the authorities, and lucky for them, it was listed as part of an investigation, so they were allowed to keep the contents of the safe.

Those interested in engaging in the activity are encouraged to join local online groups and research laws in the area, and of course, best practices of safety measures.



Ashley and Dillon (right) were joined by father-and-son duo Doug and Cadence (background) on the bridge in Sheridan to enjoy some magnet fishing, an environmentally friendly hobby that has exploded in popularity recently due to social media.

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Horoscopes Jan. 28- Feb. 3

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You are unstoppable this week, Aries. Your famous pioneering spirit is magnified, giving you the green light for major breakthroughs. Take the lead in situations that excite you.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Prepare for a week of unexpected results, Taurus. A significant financial opportunity may appear out of the blue, or you might find yourself feeling extra secure at work.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, your social life is booming right now. You are a magnet for excellent ideas and exciting connections this week. Expect conversations that lead to professional opportunities.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Right now you are hitting a major professional high point, Cancer. All eyes are on you, and your efforts may lead to some well-deserved recognition and rewards.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Prepare for adventure this week, Leo. The cosmos is urging you to expand your horizons and seek new inspiration. Your optimism is contagious as you make your plans.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

This week brings a powerful sense of personal transformation and empowerment to you, Virgo. You have the energy to tackle complex matters and emerge feeling stronger and wiser.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, your relationships are very strong this week. You'll find mutual respect and exciting shared goals through these alliances. If you're single, expect an unforgettable encounter.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

This week is perfect for optimizing your work-life flow and implementing small changes that will yield huge, positive results, Scorpio. You may need help mapping out goals.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your sector of creativity, fun and romance are illuminated this week. Plan a date, unleash your artistic side or simply dedicate time to pure play. Delightful experiences await.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Home is the launchpad for success this week, Capricorn. Focus on developing your domestic environment. A refresh or redecoration can work wonders, especially to banish cabin fever.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Prepare for several days of remarkable connections, Aquarius. Your ideas and innovative concepts are sharp, which will compel others to aspire to be in your orbit.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Your personal finances are set for an upward trajectory, Pisces. A new income stream may surface, or you might discover a hidden talent that you can monetize.

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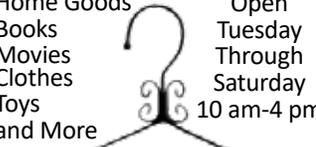
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Neighborhood Coordinator volunteers are at the heart of the project. Coordinators organize a group of food donors, their "neighborhood," and help keep the donation cycle moving. A "neighborhood" can be anything you want it to be, for example, a street, apartment building, workplace, club, faith group, or group of friends. And a neighborhood can be any size you want. Every donation helps. As a coordinator, you collect



filled food bags from your neighborhood every other month and drop them at a collection site. The time commitment is small, but the impact is meaningful. This Yamhill Food Project is an initiative of the Nutrition Ore-

gon Campaign Yamhill Hub, a coalition of local organizations working together to support health and food security in Yamhill County. The Yamhill Food Project helps neighbors give non-perishable food to local pantries through YCAP, Yamhill County's food bank. The project relies on small, regular donations collected every other month, which provide continuous support throughout the year.

To be a Neighborhood Coordinator volunteer, you don't need special skills, just an interest in helping your community! Support and materials are provided by the Yamhill Food Project. You can also help by sharing this volunteer opportunity with others! Ready to help meet local food needs by organizing your neigh-

borhood?

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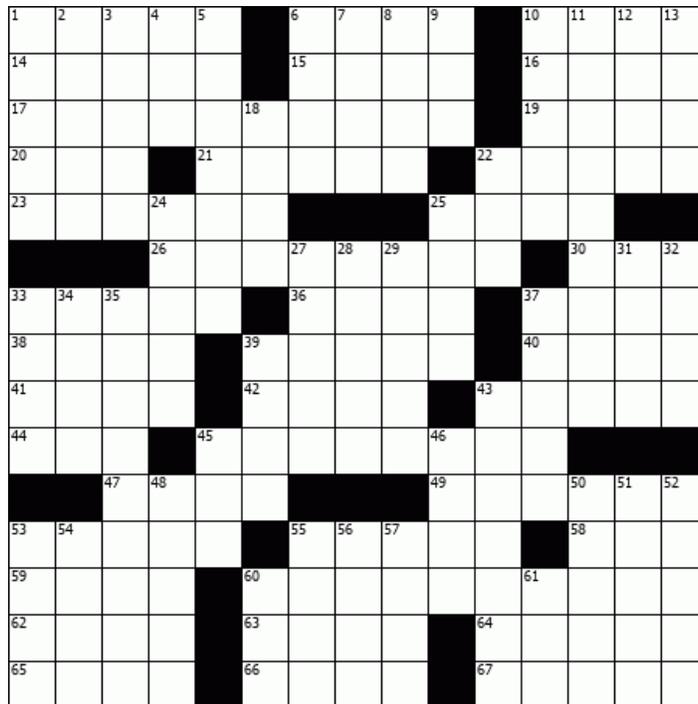


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Across

1. Framed (2 wds.)
6. Lump of dirt
10. Mexican water
14. Shut
15. Conduct
16. Ride the waves
17. Lingering flavor
19. Epic
20. Untruth
21. First extra inning
22. Anchorman ____ Jennings
23. Make attractive
25. Tiny insect
26. Coniferous evergreen (2 wds.)
30. Irate
33. Glossy fabric
36. Zoo sound
37. Painter Salvador ____
38. Funnyman ____ Idle
39. Small amount
40. Shade trees
41. Intentions
42. Firefighter's need
43. Long cut
44. Actress ____ West
45. Depiction
47. ____ cream
49. Church official
53. Conform
55. Goes up
58. Top card
59. Not taped
60. Opposition
62. Range part
63. Sharp bark
64. Orally
65. Hearing organs
66. Supplements
67. Prophets



Down

1. Climb
2. Like Santa's helpers
3. Lugged
4. Employ
5. Relate
6. Scottish family
7. " ____ we forget"
8. Pledge
9. HST's successor
10. Desirable quality
11. Central American country
12. Encourage
13. Distant
18. Coastal bird
22. Dessert choice
24. Heroic poems
25. Simple
27. Baseball blunder
28. French ____
29. Marathon runner
31. Charity
32. Platter
33. Garment juncture
34. Met solo
35. Modern convenience
37. Letter after gamma
39. Norse god
43. Naps
45. Place
46. Fruit beverages
48. Unseals
50. Indian boat
51. Happen
52. Lacks
53. Healing plant
54. Aria singer
55. Smell
56. Capri or Wight
57. Drinks slowly
60. Bread choice
61. Pub offering



DID YOU KNOW?

The phenomenon known as "dog breath" is widely recognized by dog owners. When a beloved dog comes over for cuddle time and begins to pant in contentment, owners may be subjected to a foul, warm odor emanating from the animal's mouth. Unlike halitosis that affects humans, which is often linked to the foods one might eat or habits like smoking, dog breath typically can be traced to poor oral hygiene. The American Kennel Club says the simplest way to prevent bad dog breath is to clean a dog's teeth on a regular basis. Teeth brushing will reduce plaque and promote better oral hygiene. Providing plenty of chew toys and dental treats also can prevent plaque formation and tartar build-up. Left untreated, poor dental hygiene can lead to inflammation of the gums (gingivitis) and infection below the gum line. Stuck food also can rot in a dog's mouth and result in bad breath. Persistent bad breath in dogs should be addressed by a veterinarian, as it also can be a sign of an infection or another underlying health issue.

Bulldogs Tied for League One Spot With Dayton Pirates

WILLAMINA — The Willamina Bulldogs remained in a tie with the Dayton Pirates for the leadership of the Yawama League by downing North Marion and the Banks Braves the past week. The Bulldogs and Pirates both boast 5 wins and no losses thus far.

The Bulldogs' high-scoring forwards, Roy Zimbrick and Bill Yoast, were the main factors in both wins this week. Zimbrick scored 40 points in two games while Yoast was counting 29.

The Willamina team led all the way as they downed the North Marion Huskies 59-46 on the Bulldogs' home floor Friday night. The shooting and floor work of Ron Barendse, huskie pivotman, kept them biting at the heels of the Bulldogs throughout the game. The score at halftime was 29-24, which was as close as North Marion came to the Bulldogs.

Roy Zimbrick picked up 27 points for his best night of the season. He scored many of his points on lay-ins and pivot shots. Bill Yoast dropped in 16 for the winners.

The Banks Braves played a slow-moving ball control offense on their home court Tuesday night, but they couldn't stop the league-leading Bulldogs from winning, 37-29. The scores were low due to the Braves trying to slow down the Bulldogs fast-break offense. Zimbrick and Yoast led all scorers with 13 points each. Wray Chain had 8 for Banks.

ROGERS STEELHEAD WINS WEEKLY PRIZE

Dean Rogers' 13-pound steelhead won the weekly prize last week in the Tri-County Fish and Game Club's annual steelhead derby. Bob Voliska captured second prize for the week with an 11-pound steelhead caught in the Salmon River. Rogers won a gallon of Hall's eggs, and the second-place winner won a tackle box from the Huntley Sport Shop in Sheridan. No fish was weighed in for the third prize, and this prize will go in on the drawing at the club meeting January 27th, when several other drawing prizes will be offered.

NEWBERG FARMERS SHOW INTEREST IN BASIN PROJECT

Public interest meetings of the Yamhill County Basin Development committee moved toward the eastern part of the county Monday evening when a session, attended by approximately 35, was held at Newberg. Ed Horswill, Sheridan, secretary of the committee, reported Tuesday that the basic interest in that area is water for irrigation.

James Kirkland Dies Following Surgery

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wheeler and family have returned home from La Grande, where they were called to attend the funeral of Mrs. Wheeler's father, James Kirkland. Mr. Kirkland had been a resident of Willamina for several years. In August, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland sold their home in Willamina and moved to La Grande, hoping to benefit by the change of climate. Mr. Kirkland had suffered with failing health for several years. He underwent major surgery on December 6, 1952, and died on January 10, 1953. Mrs. Kirkland returned to Sheridan to reside with Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler for an indefinite time.

Two More Victories Puts Spartans in League's 2nd Place

The Sheridan High School Spartans made it two more wins this week to give them second place in the Yawama League standings. Friday night, they handed the Amity Warriors a 66-43 defeat and Tuesday set back the Yamhill Tigers 72-31. In both games, scoring was about even for the Spartan players, with all of the team turning in their best scoring so far. Tuesday's game was one of those fast breaking, accurate shooting contests which saw the Spartans take an early lead and at halftime, had racked up a 34-21 score. During the last half of the game, the reserves were used, and they helped bring up the score to a finish of 66-43. In Friday's game against Amity, the scoring was: Stuck 12, Hulett 13, Sanders 10, Burd 12, Smith 9. Subs: Papen 3, Williams 5, Holdgrafer 2.

Stroke Fatal for Fred Deiner, Former Sheridan Resident

Friends here were saddened to hear of the death Monday evening of Fred Deiner of Newberg, former resident of Sheridan. He died following a stroke suffered a few days earlier. Funeral services are scheduled for Friday at two o'clock in the Methodist Church in Newberg with interment in the Willamette Memorial Cemetery in Portland. Fred lived in Sheridan many years and was employed by the Miller Mercantile Store, which is now The Merc. He left this position to move to Newberg, where he became manager of the Miller Store there. He held this position at the time of his death. Returning here to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dack, after serving in World War I, he married Ella Long Churchman. Mrs. Churchman was at the time a teacher in the Faulconer Grade School. Fred was active in the affairs of the town in civic and fraternal groups. He was past Noble Grand of the Sheridan Odd Fellows lodge and served three terms as commander of Sheridan American Legion. It was during his terms as commander that the Post built the Legion Hall. Their son, Garrel, attended school here and in Newberg and later graduated from Willamette University. He served during World War II and is at present stationed at the naval base at Coronado, California. Lieut. Deiner is an instructor at the base. Fred leaves to mourn his untimely passing, his wife, Ella, son Garrel, daughter-in-law Betty, and two grandchildren. A large group of friends from Sheridan will attend the Newberg services.

ALDRICH'S NEPHEW DRIVES DOG TEAM IN INAUGURAL PARADE

The highly publicized Siberian Husky dog team, which appeared in the inaugural parade in Washington, D. C., Tuesday, was driven by Charles Eugene Cannon of Sedro-Woolley, Wash., nephew of O. K. Aldrich of Sheridan, it was learned here this week. Sent to Washington by the Chamber of Commerce of Anchorage, Alaska, and the Republican Party, to publicize the far-flung northern territory and its political need, Cannon, with his sled and team of seven dogs, was flown both ways to and from the capital at the expense of the sponsoring organization. The sled was equipped with small rubber wheels for the parade.

'Tom' Parsons Heads Red Cross Drive In Yamhill County

Executive Committee of the American Red Cross has announced that T. R. "Tom" Parsons, McMinnville, a former Sheridan businessman, has been appointed county fund chairman for the 1953 Red Cross drive which will get underway March 1, 1953. The county chairman has been engaged in business in McMinnville and Sheridan for many years. He owned and operated the Sheridan Drug Co. He is a charter member and past president of the Sheridan Rotary Club, and is affiliated with several fraternal organizations in the county.

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At the SHS basketball game freshman boys were preparing to sub in. (left to right) Colton Diehl, Thomas Walters, Noah Howard, Brandon Olvera, and Riley Matlack have all been together since kindergarten in SHS.

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