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Willamina Museum Hosts For the Love of History and Chocolate

The Willamina Museum of Local History hosted its *For the Love of History and Chocolate* last Saturday, sponsored by the Willamina Historical Group, Skyberg's Lum-

ber and Hardware, and the City of Willamina.

The annual fundraising event, now in its 19th year, drew around 100 patrons to the eve-

ning's festivities.

Many of those who attended wound their way through the museum hallway and floor towards the awaiting delicacies of chocolate-covered fruits, rich cakes and parfaits, and savory treats.

Others, possibly waiting for the line to die down or already finished with their plates, wandered about the museum, where space would permit, admiring the historical exhibits not currently inhabited by tables full of hungry patrons or the miniature displays of Willamina's past brought to life by the hands of Gary Brooks.

All patrons, sitting or wandering alike, were entertained with live music provided by the Drew Hitzman Jazz Trio.

Some volunteers of the Willamina Museum of History got into the spirit of the event, adorned in early 20th-century fashion, weaving their way through the crowded museum, ensuring everything was going smoothly on the main floor.

Other volunteers behind the scenes worked diligently, open-

ing boxes and bags, sliding through the line to restock an empty tray of cake here, a bowl of nuts there, or the various stands of chocolate in the serving area as hungry attendees snaked their way through, picking at the portions with hungry eyes and even hungrier taste buds.

All seemed to be in high spirits, enjoying the events, entertainment, or socializing with others at the table with them, some seeing long-lost friends or acquaintances, catching up on the years between their last meetings.

Admission to the extravaganza was by donation only, with all proceeds going to the museum's ongoing projects.

If you missed out on this year's festivities or did not want to rub elbows with multitudes of people, the Willamina Museum of History is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and is located at 188 D. St., Willamina.



Willamina Museum volunteers April Wooden (left) and Alyssa Green (right) slowed down enough for a quick photo during the event that was attended by approximately 100 people.

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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:

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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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Obituaries



Mildred Virginia Bowman (Granny)

April 6, 1935 - Feb. 1, 2026

Mildred Virginia Bowman passed away peacefully in her home February 1, 2026, at the age of 90.

Virginia was born April 6, 1935, in Carlton, Oregon, to parents Jessie and Dorothy McElroy. She attended Carlton schools and, after moving to Dallas, Oregon, attended and graduated from Dallas High School.

Virginia married Bob Bowman on March 21, 1953, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where Bob was stationed in the Air Force. After his time in the service and time living in Austin, Texas, the couple moved back to their hometown of Dallas.

Virginia began working for Willamina School District in 1969 as the Grand Ronde Elementary School secretary, and held that position for 26 years. She continued to be active in the district as a volunteer and substitute, in food service, transport, taking tickets at sporting events and more. In total, Virginia worked for the district 36 years, and she continued to volunteer at school sporting events until she passed. Virginia and Bob moved to Sheridan in 1968, where they created a home for their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and more than 50 foster boys. Virginia loved to garden and enjoyed working in the yard. If you stopped by, there was a good chance you would see her on her riding lawn mower or tending the flowers she so lovingly grew.

The Bowman home was always a place where everyone was welcome, and a place for countless family gatherings. Whether tending her garden, her students or her family, Virginia showed love and care for everyone. She raised three gener-

ations of family in Sheridan and had an immeasurable impact on those who knew her.

Virginia, lovingly known as Granny, leaves behind her daughters, Debbie Thissell of Sheridan and Vickie Bowman of Dallas. Virginia was preceded in death by her son, Robert J. Bowman (Bo), and her beloved husband of 68 years, Robert O. Bowman. She also is survived by her grandchildren, Jeff Bowman, Jason Bowman, Jerry Bowman, Jamie McGill, Brad Nichol and Brent Nichol. Bob and Virginia also had 12 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Granny and Gramps loved camping with friends and family, tending to their property, and regular visits to their home by family and neighbors. Virginia's greatest joy came from spending time with family and passing along traditions like pressing apple cider from the orchard, baking, crocheting, canning, gardening, and providing a meal to all who wanted one.

Virginia will be missed not only by her family, but by an entire community of children whose lives she impacted.

Virginia will be buried alongside her best friend and husband, Bob, at Ballston Cemetery. The family will gather for a private burial on Saturday, February 7, 2026, then host a gathering for family and friends at 1 p.m. at the Bowman home, 31100 West Valley Highway, Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Willamina High School Athletic Fund, c/o Granny.



Linda Gail Ingram

Aug. 1, 1964 - Jan. 30, 2026

"It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our beloved sister, wife, mother, and friend, Linda Gail Ingram (Poteet).

Linda was born on August 1, 1964, in McMinnville, Oregon, and lost her courageous battle with cancer early Friday morning, January 30, 2026, at Oregon Health & Science University. She was 61 years old.

Those who knew Linda knew her as a loving, caring, intelligent, generous, and deeply kind woman. She had a rare and beautiful way of encouraging and supporting those around her to live what she often called a "toast-worthy" life — one filled with meaning, connection, and joy. Linda didn't just believe in that philosophy; she lived it fully and inspired others to do the same.

Family was at the heart of Lin-

da's life. She loved fiercely and was deeply passionate about her work in education and philanthropy, where she dedicated her time and talents to making a positive difference in the lives of others. She found great joy in creating meaningful experiences, especially welcoming family and friends into their beautiful home in Sheridan, Oregon. An enthusiastic traveler, Linda delighted in exploring both near and far destinations, embracing each new experience with curiosity, warmth, and gratitude.

Linda is survived by her parents, Dale & Sharon Poteet; her sister, Sue, and brother, Jeff; her daughter, Nicole; her nieces, Samantha & Tim and their children Mila and Arlie; Sara, and her nephew, Andrew; as well as her devoted husband and loving partner in life, Brice Ingram, his sons Brock, Brenden, and Logan; daughter in law Alexa and grandson Carmelo; sister Amber & Larry; Penny & Don; and his brother Steve and his wife Roxanne. She is also lovingly remembered by their cherished family pets, Gus and Gracie.

A private burial will be held on Friday, February 6th. A memorial service to celebrate Linda's life with family and friends will take place in early March, with details to follow.

Linda's legacy of love, generosity, and gentle encouragement will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her."



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Cafe, and the drawing will take place this Saturday at Riverside. "It's been a fun way to support both local businesses and our seniors."

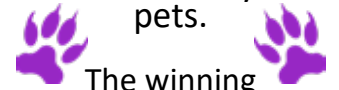
They are also hosting a post-Supper Bowl can and bottle drive this Saturday, February 14, giving community members a chance to clear out their recyclables while supporting a safe and sober Grad Night experience for our seniors.




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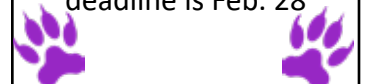
The West Valley Mercantile wants to see photos and stories about your pets.



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 Feb. 28



A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

In June 2021 Sheridan School District was awarded state Lottery funds to purchase property for the development of a regional Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) that would serve students from rural districts throughout Yamhill and Polk counties. Since that time equipment and resources have been purchased through grants and donations in support of four potential pathway programs: Manufacturing, Agribusiness, Fire Science/EMT, and Diesel Tech & Truck Driving.

Although the vision for a dedicated center remains, organizers are currently shifting focus to a regional model that will house purchased equipment and curriculum in existing classrooms and educational spaces throughout participating districts. This model will create opportunities for students in rural communities to immediately begin exploring hands-on career learning instead of waiting for the construction of a permanent facility.

The regional model will maintain momentum for the project, allow visible progress to continue, and ensure that students have access to all purchased equipment rather than sitting in storage. Access to classes will strengthen recruitment efforts and build interest in rural career pathway programs for students, industry leaders, and potential funders. Once construction of a permanent BRCTEC building is complete, all purchased equipment and curriculum will move into the center and become part of the permanent program.

The vision for the Barbara Roberts CTEC remains the same: Create a thriving future for rural Yamhill and Polk County students by preparing them for high-skill, high-wage technical careers using strong partnerships with local industry leaders to align workforce needs with pathway programs that inspire interest in education, equip students with relevant technical skills, and generate growth in our rural communities.

Although the full pathway programs will take longer to develop, the proposed changes will shorten the timeline for students to start engaging in hands-on instruction. With the regional model we hope to have learning opportunities available this fall in manufacturing, truck driving and fire science. We are very excited to see students engaging in these areas in the coming year!

Sincerely,
Dorie Vickery Ed. D,
Superintendent

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Art Show is Passionate Senior Project for Sheridan High School Spartan

Senior projects, love them or hate them, this capstone experience for those about to graduate high school brings together the last 12 years of education with the real life these young individuals will be stepping into.

For 18-year-old Angel Dryer, his senior project is born from the one passion he has in life, one discovered since he could hold a pencil, and one he is planning his future around: art.

"I just love to see the art that exists in my community. I want to see new faces and new pieces, new kinds of styles I've never seen before, because I make so much art all the time. Another person, an entire universe of what's going on in their head that I've never seen before," Angel stated as his reason for doing the art show.

Angel's past curriculum suggests he is ready for the task, four years of a three-year art course, two years of ceramics, and what he stated as "several, several years," attending the Art Conspiracy - West Valley, a group that works to further the creation, understanding, and appreciation, and public participation of the arts in the Western Yamhill Valley.

This senior project lends to some educational opportunities in and of itself, which are often better gained with experience than through text. Angel will face the challenges of project planning, leadership, organization, networking, design and layout, light-

ing, scheduling, and many other tasks associated with putting together an event.

The first day of the art show is scheduled from 12:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 26. Angel stated that this showing will mainly be for students unless prior arrangements are made through the school admin office to attend while school is in session. The main day for the show will be open to the community will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, February 27. The show is free to the public.

Angel is inviting other artists interested in showcasing their pieces to contact him at angel.dryer07@gmail.com. The cost to display your work is \$10, with all proceeds going towards the Sheridan High School Art Department.



Artwork created by Angel Dryer that will be displayed in the Art Show he is organizing as his Senior Project at Sheridan High.

The annual Cub Scout Cake Auction will be From 5:30 to 9, on Monday, February 23. New Location: Bridge Learning Center (Old Japanese School) 430 SW Monroe St., Sheridan

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Sheridan City Council Session Discusses Major Collection and FCI Population

The City of Sheridan held its City Council work session last Monday, February 2.

The City Council spent the majority of the meeting discussing the reclassification of Sheridan Rd., from minor to major collector, and the city pursuing a population exemption request removing the Federal Prison population from the City to qualify for a Small City Allotment (SCA) grant to help fund transportation infrastructure improvements.

Danny Spaulding, ODOT Public Road Inventory Coordinator for the Data Section Road Inventory and Classification Services Unit, was on hand to answer questions and concerns related to both topics of the evening. First discussion item on the agenda turned out to be a moot point for the evening. After research conducted by Spaulding, he reported, "I don't know when it happened or when it occurred, but it's already a major collector. I still thought it was a minor collector."

The change in classification changes how funds could become available during a catastrophic event. "Minor collectors through FHWA out in the rural areas, they're almost considered like a local road anyway. But in urban areas in the 2010 census review, they upgraded minor collectors in urban areas to be FedAid eligible. Any road that's above a minor collector outside of the urban area is FedAid eligible. That's interstate, everything all the way down to a major collector.

Then inside the city of Sheridan, you got your urban growth boundary and your urban Fed-Aid boundary. You have, I believe, two roads on the other side of 18B, which are minor collectors. So they fall under the definition that in case of a catastrophe. You would get

FedAid to help repair those roads. This (Sheridan Rd.), now it's a major, so it's still FedAid eligible, so really number one's already done (topic of discussion), so it doesn't really need to be hammered on anymore in my opinion," Spaulding said. Council questioned on if this will negate the current \$250,000 grant received by ODOT for the Transportation System Plan (TSP) update. City Councilor Preston Polasek informed the council that the new found classification would no have any impact on the grant.

The second major point of discussion was stated on the agenda as Should the City Council abandon its longstanding policy of including FCI (Federal Correctional Institute) residents in the official population statistics for the City? SCA eligibility requires the official population of a city to be under 5,000 population.

A heated opening argument against removing the FCI population from the City of Sheridan was presented by Polasek. He stating that to selectively remove the population off the prison for a grant would be "dishonorable," emphasizing that FCI Sheridan is part of the community, and that counting that population helps the city receive approximately \$174,000 annually in state-shared revenue.

He also stated that doing so would put the City in competition with other small cities in Yamhill County for SCA funding. "If you think this is something that should be done, then fine, vote to direct me to do it, and I'll get it done, otherwise I say no, it's not the right thing to do," he ended his argument. Councilor Lucy Hebert and Danny Spaulding countered Preston's presentation, both stating

that the proposal was never intended to remove the prison population permanently or affect other revenue streams, it's intent was to explore the possibility of obtaining a waiver to help subsidize transportation infrastructure within the City of Sheridan.

"Not one of those inmates are using your infrastructure in this city at all. They're not walking your streets. I see that as a hit against you guys for trying to be eligible for certain programs because you are right on that threshold of that 5,000 (max population for SCA).

I was just seeking to get a waiver that says, since it is a prison population that has put you over (max requirement), looking for a transportation grant, that maybe you could get a waiver. Nobody knows (if the waiver is possible) because I don't know if anybody's ever tried it.

There's not a lot of small cities that have a federal penitentiary within their city boundary. I would like to be that first one that makes that step and says, let's see if we can get a waiver. Who knows? You could be a trendsetter," Spaulding said. Councilor Hebert echoed Spaulding's comments, stating, "What we are talking about is that there's an exemption or a waiver just for the transportation infrastructure. That won't have anything to do with what Preston has presented here tonight. It would be completely different. If you don't try, because nobody else has a prison in their backyard, how are you gonna know, and why would you deny the chance to get those funds for a community?"

It was never about taking away the alcohol and tobacco taxes, it's not about changing the population on our signs, it's about going into ODOT and trying to get a form which, to the best of my knowledge, Danny says there's a pretty good possibility of it."

Other councilors expressed confusion and concern without concrete details on how the waiver would work and what risks it might pose.

Polasek continued to voice his opposition to the idea. "That still makes it a bad idea because of trying to take them out of the population whenever it's convenient. That's not being part of the community. Aside from the regional col-

laboration among the cities in Yamhill County, my values don't change. I've done several SCA grants over the years. It's a great program. It's not right for us to change this long-standing policy of the city to try and grab an amount in this tiny window that we have before our population grows.

Lucy's talking about only the SCA grant, affecting no other state revenues. I agree with Lucy 100 percent on that. I'm not sure if it affects other kinds of state rations like the gas tax. That's the largest portion of our state-shared revenues. Would ODOT say, well, you took the population out for SCA, are we going to change your gas tax revenues now? I don't know. Still a bad idea."

Councilor Ian Houston jumped into the discussion, stating that this particular subject at this stage should have been fleshed out further by those concerned, with a plan of action or a need request from the council.

Councilor Peter Flynn backed the City Manager's opinion on the matter. "Choosing when we have over 5,000 versus when we don't is sort of a mistake in general. I think it would call into question any kind of grant we're applying for after the fact, down the road. I'm of the same mind as him, that we should sort of stick to one policy or the other. I wouldn't want us to pick or choose."

City Attorney, Tyler Yeoman-Millette, as the discussion was winding down, stated that an agency does not have the authority to waive a statutory requirement, which the population requirement is one of three requirements established in the Small City Allotment, so any change for a waiver like this one would have to be amended by the legislature at the state level.

Councilor Peter Flynn made a motion not seek population exemptions based on the population of FCI, with the council voting to pass the motion.

A third agenda point brought before the council, discussing improving communications and nurturing interactions between councilors and staff. After the discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Full recordings and agendas of the meeting can be found on the City of Sheridan website at www.cityofsheridanor.com.



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MAC Baskets Hosts Sheridan Chamber

Dorothea Lee of Mac Baskets was the host of the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce meeting last Friday.

Mac Baskets specializes in creating custom gift baskets for any occasion, and with Valentine's Day just around the corner, she showcased some of her baskets specifically made for the special occasion.

Teddy bears, candy, jerky for the guys, plastic roses that will literally last forever, are just some of the options she uses to fill her wide variety of baskets that she delivers for free to the McMinnville and West Valley area (with a little advanced notice). "People love, especially women, getting things delivered to them while they're at work because that shows off to everyone they work with how much their significant other loves them," she stated to the chamber.

What sets her apart, though, is not the fresh plants or flowers that are also available, but the desire to include live flowers and plants that won't see the darkness of a trash can within a few days after purchase.

Raising one basket from the tables full of her creations, she mentioned, "Red roses are kind of a traditional thing for Valentine's Day. I've actually got a real, live rose bush. This is a miniature rose. It won't get real big, but you can, after it warms up a little more, plant it outside in the yard, and it will live forever if you water it once in a while." Once someone wants to move one of their purchases from office or home decor to the garden, Dorothea has the background to help people keep it alive and thriving.

Dorothea has studied botany, horticulture, landscaping, greenhouse management, pruning, and more from Mount Hood Community College, Clackamas Community College, and Portland Community College (Rock Creek). She has worked for nurseries and landscapers for most of her life, even owning her own

florist shop at one point. She can recommend planting procedures to include when and where to plant, how to take care of it throughout the year, and in the case that the little plant that once adorned your shelf or table gets a little too lively in your garden, she can tell you the best way to prune it back, as she provides garden and pruning consulting services as well. Still a little shy with the shears or short on time, you can hire her to do the trimming of shrubs and small trees for you.

For those interested, you can view her creations on Facebook. Search for MAC Baskets, or visit the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce Business Directory and Facebook page to find links to her social media.

For those who want to order, set up a consulting appointment, or have further questions about her creations and services, can email her at macbaskets4u@gmail.com or give her a call at 971-267-2791. Leave a voice-mail, and she will get back to you as soon as she can.



Dorthea, owner of MAC Baskets, raises a live miniature rose basket, one of her creations that uses live plants instead of cut flowers, so the recipient can continue to enjoy them long after they are gifted. This particular basket is available for sale at the price of \$25.



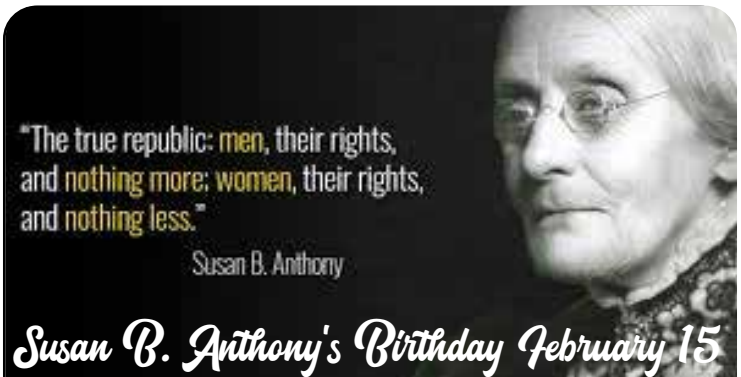
One display table put up at the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce meeting that holds various baskets created by Dorothea Lee.



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Word Scramble

Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to Valentines Day (February 14). Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.



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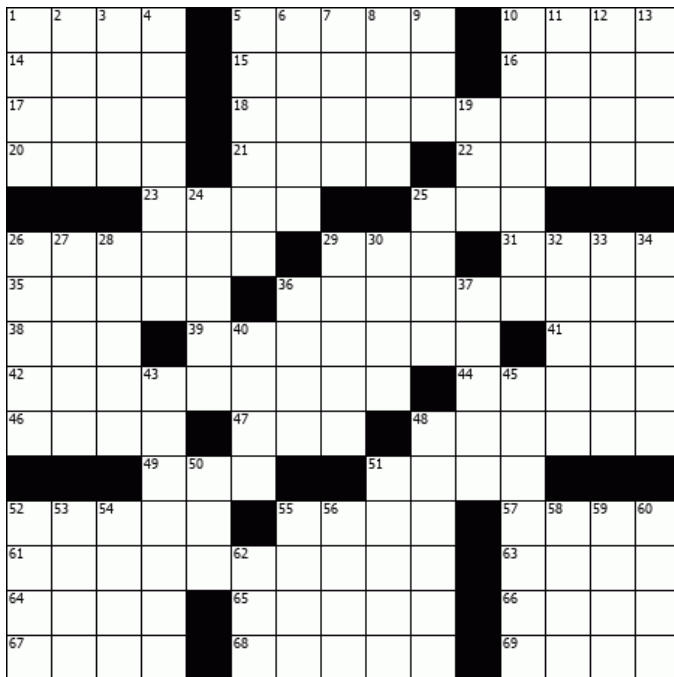
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Potato, Lentil,
Bisque,
Ramen,
Gumbo,
Chowder,
Super Bowl

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Across

1. Statistics
5. Fragment
10. Curved doorway
14. Wicked
15. Visibly upset
16. Roman fiddler
17. Flour factory
18. Fun and games
20. Doing nothing
21. Bullring cries
22. For this reason
23. Eros and Thor
25. Pale
26. Uncommon
29. Physics, e.g. (abbr.)
31. Alaskan city
35. Fortuneteller's card
36. Paint's alternative
38. Bard's "before"
39. Radiate
41. Memorable time
42. Patched a ceiling
44. Stage awards
46. Average (hyph.)
47. Spring mo.
48. Bother



Down

1. ___ Moore of "Indecent Proposal"
2. Eager
3. Cultivate
4. Quick tempo
5. Took long steps
6. Feet parts
7. Marathon, e.g.
8. Does wrong
9. Coloring substance
10. TV attachment
11. Bridle strap
12. Gator's kin
13. Sharpen
19. Gotcha!
24. Group of eight
25. Droop
26. Stairs
27. Monte ___
28. Regions
29. More sensible
30. Dressed
32. Unwraps
33. Actress ___ Strep
34. Clear the blackboard
36. Bend
37. Flower part
40. Cruel
43. Earliest
45. Flightless bird
48. Religious dissent
50. Get hitched
51. Chinese mammal
52. Wound covering
53. Opening
54. Warning sign
55. Stinging insects
56. Individuals
58. Drifting
59. Forwarded
60. Baseball's ___ Rose
62. Great anger

Horoscopes Feb. 11-17

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

A spark of excitement brightens your week, Aries. You may rediscover enthusiasm for a goal you set aside. Take one confident step and watch momentum gather.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

This week brings steady comfort and satisfying progress, Taurus. Something you've been nurturing starts to show real signs of growth. You're building something meaningful.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Your mind is in full brilliance mode, Gemini. New insights, clever connections and energizing conversations fill your days. A fun invitation or unexpected message may lift your spirits.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Your emotional intuition is your superpower this week, Cancer. You may find a simple solution to a situation that once felt complex. Supportive people drift into your orbit.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, your confidence is glowing, and others notice. This week favors bold creativity and joyful self-expression. A moment of recognition or praise may remind you of your natural leadership.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Organization comes naturally, and your clarity is on point, Virgo. You'll wrap up tasks with surprising ease. A shift in priorities may free up space for something you genuinely enjoy.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Balance returns in a way that feels refreshing, Libra. Your relationships flow smoothly, and you'll find harmony even in busy moments. An inspiring experience may uplift you.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Determination meets opportunity this week, Scorpio. You're sharper, more focused and ready to move forward with confidence.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Optimism fuels everything you touch, Sagittarius. You may stumble upon a new interest, adventure or opportunity that fills you with excitement.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Your efforts align perfectly with your goals, Capricorn. This week rewards patience and consistency. You may receive encouragement from someone who truly understands you.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Innovation thrives in your world right now, Aquarius. You'll devise unique solutions, unexpected shortcuts or refreshing ideas with ease. Stay open to teamwork.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

A creative wave washes over you, Pisces. Inspiration feels effortless, and small moments carry extra meaning. A heartwarming interaction or sweet surprise brightens your week.

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Lady Dragons Pick Up Two, Boys Winless

The Delphian boys basketball team only saw one night on the court last week, hosting the 2A 3rd-ranked Regis Rams.

The Rams, who are averaging just under 80 points per game this season, made easy work of the winless Dragons, Delphi losing the contest 44-91.

Rolling into the last week of the season, the boys may look forward to some extra time in practice, as their likelihood of snatching one victory by the end of the week looks slim. They open their final week against 12th-ranked Western Christian, then close it out against the 8-13 Santiam Wolverines, who tore up the Dragons in their first meeting of the year, 77-40.

Should the Delphian boys lose both of those contests, they will be the only team in the 2A bracket to not tally one win in the books this season.

The Lady Dragons though, had a busy but positive week on the court, opening up their week with a Spartans.

The game against Sheridan was moved from Tuesday to Wednesday, when the Spartans could not field a full team due to injuries and illness. That factor showed in the contest as the Spartans had difficulty getting on the board, going scoreless in the 1st quarter and only managing three points in the second while the Dragons racked up 15 to take a 15-3 lead over Sheridan going into the half.

The second half continued to be dominated by the Delphians,

landing 25 more on the board as Sheridan managed only eight during the remainder of the game, the Dragons defeating the Spartans 40-11.

The Delphi continued their momentum against North Marion, who was going into the contest 1-13 on the season, their only win coming from a 31-31 victory over Sheridan.

Dragon Scoring vs Spartans: Liv Curry (11), Lily Olivares (9), Avery Ott (7), Liana Vannier (5), Brunella Plascencia (4), Joy Hwang (2), Luna Jiang (2).

The Dragons' defense smothered the Huskies, with North Marion finally able to knock down a shot with half a minute left to go in the 1st quarter. Those two points would be the only points the Delphi would allow, going on to defeat North Marion 37-2.

The Lady Dragons finished their week hosting the 1st-ranked Rams, Regis making short work of the Delphi, Dragons losing the game 18-78, and going into the final week of the season with a record of 8-10 overall and 4-8 in league.



Delphian's Liv Curry scored 11 points in the Dragons' 40-11 win over the Sheridan Spartans.

Spartans Lose Two More

The Sheridan Spartans' girls basketball team woes continue, falling to 0-17 on the season after losing two matches last week.

The Lady Sparts hosted Sheridan Rival Delphian Dragons, the game having to be rescheduled from Tuesday to Wednesday when the Spartans would be unable to field a full team with two athletes out with injuries and another two out sick.

Those to factors did not help as the Spartans limped their way to a 11-40 loss against the Dragons. Spartan Scoring vs Dragons:

Neveah Stewart (10), Madison Blacketer (1).

Sheridan would rebound later in the week, improving their scoring to 21 points versus Colton, but it would still not be enough as the 14-7 vikings would put up 56 points of their own, keeping the Lady Spartans winless so far this season.

Sheridan has two possible chances of tallying a win when they face the 3-17 Gervais on Tuesday, February 10 and the 1-15 North Marion on Thursday, February 12. The Lady Sparts have faced each of these teams in very close contests, losing 27-32 to Gervais and 31-34 to North Marion, which is North Marion's only win of the season.



Sheridan's Kitzia Romero-Marcia (3) attempts to work the ball down low to Jay Ott (22) during the Spartans loss to the Delphi.

Bulldogs Pick Up One Win in Six Contests on Court

The Bulldog boys basketball squad was able to kick off the week in style, hosting the Taft Tigers, who Willamina lost 51-56 to earlier in the season.

From the opening tip-off, the contest stayed close, with the largest lead in the 1st-quarter of five points going to the Bulldogs three minutes into the match.

Willamina could not shake off the Tigers, as Taft would come back to take a 14-13 lead over Willamina at the end of the 1st-quarter.

The Bulldogs would retake and continue to maintain a slim lead over Taft through the remainder of the half until the Tigers dropped one in from beyond the arc with 15 seconds left in the half. Willamina responded with Matthew Atherton dishing the ball to Ben Moore in the paint, Moore finding a lane to the bucket to put the Bulldogs back on top 30-29 going into halftime.

Taft came out of the locker room to take and build up a six-point lead in the 3rd, Willamina dropping that down to three points before the buzzer.

The Bulldogs would continue to nip at the heels of the Tigers throughout the 4th-quarter until Wyatt Hubbell launched one from beyond the arc to put Willamina back in the lead with just over three minutes left in the match.

The teams would trade leads for the next minute until Coby Steele-Torosian bombed a three-pointer from five-feet beyond the line to put Willamina up by four, the Bulldogs going on to beat Taft 72-66.

The boys would lose 51-67 to Amity and then 51-64 to Scio later in the week.

The Lady Dawgs would lose all three of their matches, falling 50-72 against Taft, 23-86 against 2nd-ranked Amity, then closing out the week with a very close matchup against Scio, losing 39-40 against the Loggers.

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Sheridan Slates Valentine Event

Sheridan-area residents next week will be touring stores in the community, casting ballots for their favorite Valentines, creations of youngsters through the fifth grades at Faulconer and Chapman schools, according to Ron Hendricks, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Retail Promotions committee.

In the first of a year-full of top community promotion events, the youngsters, through their Valentine cards, will be competing with class-mates from their own homerooms for prizes to be given by each of 14 merchants in whose windows the cards will be posted. Hendricks pointed out that each of 14 business firms will feature Valentines from one class-room during the big event, slated to continue through Saturday, February 15.

Awards of a \$3 prize for the biggest vote-getting Valentine of each of the 14 windows are slated, the chairman announced, while \$2 awards will be given to the second most popular cards, and third-place vote winners will be receiving \$1 awards in each participating business. A total of 42 prize awards will be made when judging is completed after the end of balloting on February 15. A prize for all youngsters during the school Valentine parties on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, will be cakes furnished for each of the 14 first, second, third, fourth, and fifth grade rooms at the community's two grade schools.

Mrs. Wendell Heath, chairman of the Valentine promotion event,

Local Woman Elected Head Dairy of Wives

Mrs. Jack DeJong of Sheridan was elected president of the Oregon Dairy Wives at the organization's second annual meeting held recently in Eugene. Mrs. Peter Pon of Roseburg, retiring president, was elected a member-at-large.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Jack Bakker, Amity, first vice-president; Mrs. Bertil Nelson, Bend, second vice-president; Mrs. Frank Rood, North Bend, treasurer; Mrs. Howard Gibson, Junction City, secretary; Mrs. Wilbur Reiling, Klamath Falls, publicity chairman; and Mrs. Lloyd Davenport, Myrtle Point, chairman of the Dairy Princess committee.

announced the following classrooms will have their Valentines displayed in the business firm windows following the classroom teacher's name: Mrs. Winer Melcook's first grade, Agee's Marketeria; Dorothy Ivie's and Berniece Kadell's fifth grade, J. W. Copeland; Inez Rowell's second grade, Davison Auto Parts; Shirley Meyer's fourth grade, Western Auto Store; Isabelle Bosch's third grade, PGE office; Thelma Burdg's second grade, The Mere; Anne Huntley's fourth grade, Sheridan Drug company; Juanita Leith's first grade, Coast To Coast; Ruth Sloan's fifth grade, Meyers Rexall Drugs; Russell Shenk's fifth grade, U. S. National Bank; Anne Matthews' first grade, Nice's Furniture and Appliance; Marvel Frack's fourth grade, Ellingsworth's Supermarket; Marie Majors third grade, Chat and Chew cafe; and Alma Schroeder's second grade, Ivie Hardware.

In relation to the program, Hendricks urged that any business firm which has not been contacted about their participation in the year's program of events contact him.

Membership Committee Chairman Paul Toggle issued a similar plea. He requested that anyone not contacted by a member of his committee about their chamber membership give him a call so they may be contacted.

Reception To Honor Pair Wed 50 Years

GRAND RONDE - The children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Billson are inviting their friends to a reception in honor of the Billsons' golden wedding anniversary, Sunday, Feb. 16, between 2 and 5 p.m. The reception will be held at the Grand Ronde Library.

Assisting with the reception will be the children of the goldenweds, including Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mellish of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Billson of Eureka, Calif.

Joe Billson and Janet MacPherson were married Feb. 13, 1914, at Airdrie, Scotland. They resided in Red Granite, Wis., for 17 years and Cincinnati for five years before coming to Grand Ronde in 1934. Before retirement in 1955, Mr. Billson was employed by the Grand Ronde - Willamina Railroad.

Sheridan Youth Gets Jail Term Suspension

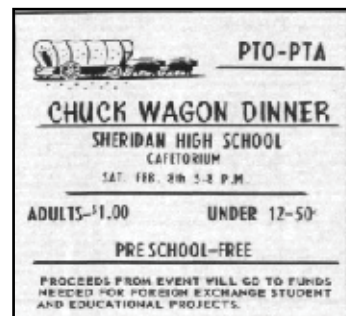
An 18-year-old Sheridan boy, John Melvin Hamilton, received a suspended one-year jail sentence in the Yamhill County jail and was placed on two years' probation to the Oregon State Parole Board when he appeared in Yamhill County District court this week.

Hamilton had admitted his guilt in participating with five Sheridan and Ballston juveniles in the theft of automobile equipment from numerous McMinnville car dealers, as well as speakers from the Sky-Way Drive In theater at Sheridan.

The three Ballston juveniles, a 16-year-old who has been marked as "ringleader" of the six, and children aged 11 and 13, were taken under Polk County jurisdiction.

Another Sheridan youth, 17, has been remanded to the District court on a charge of larceny. Continued in juvenile court was the case of the sixth youth in the band, a 15-year-old.

In another matter, arising from a recent break-in at Agee's Marketeria, three Sheridan Juveniles had their cases continued by Juvenile Judge R. E. Renne.



Local Firemen Host Association Session

Firemen from Sheridan's Volunteer department, Friday night, hosted dozens of "visiting firemen" during the Polk-Yamhill County Fireman's Association meeting at the IOOF lodge. Seventy firemen attended from here and other Yamhill County and Polk County fire stations.

A Willamina fireman, Fred Greb, was installed as president of the group for the coming year. Taking the secretary-treasurer post was Delbert Fredricks of Dallas. Featured speaker at the meeting was Bill Munnings, state electrical inspector with the Oregon Department of Labor.

Basketball Teams Set Amity Trip

With first place at stake, the Sheridan grade school "A" basketball team takes to the road Friday night to face Amity's eighth graders in a Yamhill Elementary School league basketball game.

Also making the trip will be the Sheridan "B" squad, comprised of sixth and seventh graders who will face the tough Amity juniors in a preliminary contest to the "A" game.

According to Sheridan Coach Rox Brown, Sheridan and Amity are tied for first place in the league's "A" team division, and the outcome of the Friday night contest could decide the championship. Amity is the only team to beat the Sheridan "A" boys in league play.

Last Friday night at Willamina, Sheridan's "A" players bounced their hosts, 31-19, after surging to a 9-0 lead at the end of the first panel. Willamina cut the lead to five points at half-time as they defensively reversed the tables on the visitors and outscored Sheridan 8-4 in the second panel. After exchanging baskets into the third period, Sheridan began to pull away for the final 11-point margin. Leading the young Sheridan hoopsters in the scoring column was Kim Miller, with 10 points. Keith Neeley and Gall Remington each tallied 6 counters in the Sheridan effort, while David Baird added 4, Dennis Knowles dumped in 3 points, and Tim Hays contributed 2 counters.



Girl Scout Entry Set

Sheridan Girl Scouts will participate in the White Cloud district International Fair Saturday, February 15, at the 4-H Fair building in McMinnville. The event is slated from 2 to 4 p.m., with the public urged to attend.

Sheridan girls have been working on the country of Greenland as their section of the Scandinavian countries division. Each troop in the district will have a large display.

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COMMERCIAL SPACE, MOVE IN READY or MAKE YOUR OWN! Includes 2 buildings. Single level space has a flexible floor plan of 2667sf, was a vet, but ready for its next chapter. The interior includes a large entry/desk reception area, multiple private offices or exam rooms, a full & half baths, laundry & break rooms and a spacious central area ideal for meetings or collaborative work. Built-in storage cabinetry/shelving are located throughout, and 5 solid dog kennels remain in place. Built in 2003 with many recent upgrades. The property is equipped with 220 power and several areas throughout the building are plumbed for sinks or other specialty uses. Sale also includes a 1,600-sf rentable space that has long been home to a successful grooming business. It offers an excellent income or an opportunity to expand your services. Ample parking in front, side & back, located on a busy corner lot, offering outstanding visibility and accessibility with 3 driveway entrances. Whether a medical office, an animal grooming, training and/or boarding facility, a winery analysis lab or testing center, or create a shared office or retail space, this property provides the infrastructure, layout, and location to bring your vision to life. ***POSSIBLE OWNER CARRY*** \$699,900




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