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## First Pop-Rock Album Released by Local Music Artist

It's no surprise that music teacher Derek Evers has a knack for music; after all, he fills the lead role in instructing possible future musicians at the Falconer-Chapman School.

But outside the classroom, Derek has been pursuing another passion of his, a pop-funk band named Late Bell. Members of

the band are Derek on Drums, Derek on guitar, and Derek on vocals, as well as writing the music and lyrics for the songs. That's right, Derek Evers records each instrument of the song and puts them together to make the entirety of the band.

Last month, Late Bell released their first album, *Wake Up Call*, with driving drums, peppy guitar riffs, and energetic vocals that are a reminiscent mixture of bands like Blink 182 and Bowling for Soup.

With songs One Stoplight and a Dairy Queen, Punk to Parent, and Burning at Both Ends, Derek states that this is "Music made for the people who still care but are tired, whether they're figuring out life in youth or older, and listen to the same bands but now need to stretch first. Built on pop-punk roots, 90s nostalgia, and growing up without losing sight of what matters — songs about burnout, love, teaching, parenthood, and still

trying to do the right thing in a loud world."

The album can be found on Spo-

tify, YouTube, iTunes, Pandora, Amazon Music, as well as other major streaming platforms.



Falconer-Chapman School Music Teacher Derek Evers released his first pop-punk album, *Wake Up Call*, under the band name *Late Bell* on major streaming services last month.

### Sheridan Chamber of Commerce

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### 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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## 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

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# Obituaries



**Duane Harlow Probst**  
Nov. 25, 1935 - Jan. 18, 2026

Duane Harlow Probst, age 90, passed away on January 18, 2026. Duane was born on November 25, 1935, in Brownsdale, Minnesota, to Emma Giese Probst and Herman Probst. He was the youngest of three children, with two brothers, Woodrow and Maynard, and one sister, Lavonne. Duane married Alice Clark, and together they raised four children: Debra Sorenson, Kimblen Hoffman, Michelle Peppers, and Kevin Probst.

In April 1983, Duane married Patricia Flatau-Fortmiller, blending their families. Through this marriage, he also became a loving stepfather to Michael Fortmiller and Mark Fortmiller. Duane was a proud grandfather to ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, who brought him immense joy and pride.

He will be remembered for his devotion to family, his quiet strength, and his kindness. Duane's legacy lives on through the many lives he touched and the family he loved so deeply.



**Judy Isabel Rose Stuck**  
Nov. 11, 1941 - Jan. 9, 2026

Judy Isabel Rose, beloved daughter of (Ted) Manuel Theodore and Margie Elizabeth Rose, was born November 11, 1941, in Hillsboro, Oregon. She passed peacefully on January 9, 2026, at the age of 84, surrounded by her loved ones. Judy is preceded in death by her parents and sisters Jackie and Sharon, whom she now joins in eternal rest.

Judy leaves behind her devoted husband, Ken; her four daughters, Teresa Engeldinger, Laurie Hamerlynck, Janet Shevchenko, and Kimberly Sargeant; and her sons-in-laws, Louis Hamerlynck, George Shevchenko, and Terry Sargeant.

Judy met the love of her life, Otis Kenneth Stuck, and together they built a marriage that spanned 63 beautiful years. Their life together was rooted in love, devotion, and family.

Judy's greatest joy came from being a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was the heart of her family and leaves behind a treasured legacy of 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, each of whom held a special place in her heart.

Judy loved nothing more than spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, whose laughter brought her endless happiness. She found peace and happiness in traveling, sharing her favorite classic movies and tending to her garden.

Judy will be remembered for her kindness, her quiet strength, and her unwavering love for her family. She will be deeply missed by her family.



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# Yamhill County Eateries Have Melt Down

It's February, and once again, that means the start of the Yamhill Community Action Partnership (YCAP) Melt Down. No, it's not a mental breakdown, but the annual event held by the organization to raise funds that benefit the YCAP Regional Food Bank.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the annual fundraiser, where local participating businesses create their own version of a grilled cheese sandwich. With each sale of that special sandwich, \$2 is directly donated to the YCAP Regional Food Bank. Local eateries Fort Hill Restaurant and Bellevue Country Store are once again participating in this year's Melt Down.

Fort Hill, who last year submitted The Wendy, a combination of a grilled cheese sandwich with a loaded bacon cheeseburger, decided to take a more southern roots route this year with The Chicken Fried Steak Melt Down, a chicken fried steak sandwich with melted Gouda and Havarti cheese, bacon, nestled between slices of sourdough bread with a side of country gravy to dip the sandwich into.

Bellevue Country Store, which got lavish last year with the Fancy Nancy, is taking a different high road this year with their Cheeses Take the Wheel, an American cheese-stuffed patty melt on grilled rye, topped with Muenster cheese, a gooey French onion cream cheese schmear, bread and butter pickles, and topped with crispy onions.

This fundraiser will continue throughout the entire month of February, and with 50 other eateries, along with Fort Hill and Bellevue Country Store, hosting

their own grilled cheese inventions.

This fundraiser might be a great incentive for individuals to not only support food for those in need and your local business, but those wanting to venture out and try something new can do so, knowing that the customers can be winners as well. Sponsor donations have given YCAP the means to give away prizes each week to seven lucky participants. Those interested can #hashtaggiveaway their purchase on the "The Melt Down" Facebook page to enter.

The organization is also running a Stamp it Up contest, where participants can also win prizes by earning stamps through a number of purchases during the fundraiser.

Sandwich descriptions can be obtained at any of the participating eateries, or for more information about the fundraiser, including a printable full sandwich guide and stamp card, visit [www.yamhillcap.org/tmd2026](http://www.yamhillcap.org/tmd2026).



Fort Hill Restaurant's entry into the February YCAP Melt Down fundraiser, the Chicken Fried Steak Melt Down.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Spring Momentum and Student Success

As the year continues to fly by and the days begin to grow longer, the first semester is officially in the books. We are proud of the academic progress our students have made and the growth we continue to see in and out of the classroom. While there is still work to be done as we strive to help every student become a top performer in their areas of passion, the momentum is strong.

This week, Principal Hurl will be recognizing our high school students who earned all A's during the first semester with a special celebratory lunch at the Casino. We are committed to demonstrating to students that hard work and strong performance are recognized and rewarded. That message is also reflected in the success our students are experiencing as they hear back from colleges and post-secondary programs. Our graduates continue to be sought after—not only for their academic preparation, but for the quality of character they bring as members of our community.

Looking ahead to spring, we are excited to increase opportunities for students to engage with the community through service and partnerships with local organizations such as Kiwanis. We emphasize that being part of a community means giving back and supporting the people and organizations that help shape who we become.

State testing is right around the corner. These assessments are tied to our school's state ratings and help WSD better understand how our students compare across the state. For parents, this information is also a valuable tool in understanding where your student is performing as you work together to provide the best opportunities for success after graduation.

Signs of spring are already appearing around campus. Our plant science classes are preparing the greenhouse for annual plantings, which will be available for sale later this year. Graduation season is approaching for our seniors, and spring activities will be starting soon. It's an exciting time of year, full of growth, reflection, and anticipation for what's ahead.

Enjoying the Sun!

**Mike Gass, Superintendent**

**Willamina Elementary School 503.876.2374**  
**Willamina Middle/High School 503.876.2545**  
**School District Office 503.876.1500**

## 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!



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Doors Open: 5:30pm

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## The Culture Collective Extends Its Gratitude

The Culture Collective wishes to thank all those who worked to make the second annual West Valley Community Culture Fair a success.

Special thanks to The Bridge Learning Community and Art Conspiracy for their contributions and making the event possible. Gratitude to the wonderful food vendors who made tasty tamales, chili, and cornbread, delicious breads, jams and jellies, beautiful pastries and chocolates and more. Special thanks to Recca Maze who provided us with an amazing array of songs. And it was good to hear Amelia delight us with her fiddle playing. And that thanks extends to all those organizations who shared their valued and important contributions to the communities with all who came. To the artisans who demonstrated and the artists who exhibited their works, and to Shannon Ray who did such a masterful job of putting together the art exhibit.

The West Valley is comprised of small communities in population but the people who live here possess many talents and are always willing to work hard and share. And last but not least, thanks to the West Valley Bulletin for their invaluable help in getting the word out and for covering the Fair.

The second West Valley Community Culture Fair was headed up by the Culture Collective which seeks to promote, enrich, and develop awareness of the cultural activities that exist in the West Valley.



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**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](mailto: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.

**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.



**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](mailto:Bulletinwestvalley@gmail.com). The submission deadline is **February 28**



**Honoring Our Nation's 250th Anniversary**

Presented by the Sheridan Museum of History.

**What is the Semiquincentennial?  
250 years of America: 1776-2026**

The people, events and ideas of the Revolutionary Era profoundly changed the world. In the 250 years since, we have struggled to live up to the lofty ideals expressed in our founding documents. In July 2026, we will celebrate our semiquincentennial anniversary. This moment is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reflect on how fortunate we are to have the freedoms found in America all because of the sacrifices made by our founding fathers.

History offers us precedents for this moment:

**1876:** The Centennial Exhibition highlighted American ingenuity and unity.

**1976:** The Bicentennial used reflection to heal a fractured nation following Vietnam and Watergate, sparking a renaissance in historic preservation.

Hopefully, this anniversary will foster a broader awareness of American complexity and a return to civil discourse on the difficult issues of yesterday and today. To restore our ability to communicate effectively with one another is the greatest legacy we can leave to the future.

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## Bulldog Basketball: Boys Stuff Lions, Clipped by Pirates; Girls Drop Three

The Willamina boys' basketball program was close to sweeping last week's competition, opening and ending the week with 73-33 and 82-51 wins over the winless Jefferson Lions. But it was the mid-week nail-biting matchup against the Dayton Pirates that thwarted the Bulldogs from going 3-0 on the court last week.

In the opening period of the Willamina/Dayton tilt, the teams looked like they would make for an entertaining evening for the fans, with both teams trading points as they worked to find holes in the other's defense, settling for a 7-7 tie at the end of the 1st-quarter.

The second quarter had the Bulldogs slowly gaining momentum, outscoring the Pirates 17-11 to take a 24-18 lead at the half.

Willamina came out in the second half, extending that lead to nine, but the Bulldogs could not find a way to shake off the Pirates, who made up that difference, each team downing 12 points in the quarter, Willamina again heading into the next quarter with a six-point lead, up 36-30.

Davin Spencer, with his only bucket of the night, followed by Wyatt Hubbell's three-pointer from the wing, would put Willamina's lead into the double-digits, and the Bulldog defense looked like it was going to keep Dayton at bay, keeping the Pirates scoreless for the first three minutes of the

4th-quarter.

With three minutes left in the contest and Willamina up 43-34, the pendulum swung in the opposite direction as the Bulldogs offense broke down in the face of the Dayton full-court press, and the Pirates shots falling easily, scoring 10 unanswered points. Willamina would retake a 45-44 lead with a little over a minute left in the game, but Dayton would answer right back from beyond the arc, taking the lead for the final time as the Bulldogs fell 49-52 to the Pirates. Their record for the season improved to 6-12 overall and 2-9 in league play.

**Bulldog Scoring:** Matthew Atherton (14), Wyatt Hubbell (8), Austin Verdino (8), Coby Steele-Torosian (7), Ben Moore (2), Ryan Beauchamp (6), and Davin Spencer (4). The Lady Dawgs looked to avenge the boys' loss to Dayton, going into the locker room at halftime tied up 23-23, but a 22-point third quarter by the Pirates put that thought out to pasture. Willamina girls lost the match to Dayton, 42-54.

**Bulldog Scorers:** Grace TerBush (14), Rylee Bishop (12), Bridgette Manley (8), Keylee Manley (6), and Elizabeth Neese (2).

The girls also faced off against Jefferson twice in the week, losing both contests 25-64 and 31-59, to fall to 3-15 overall and 2-9 in league.

## Lady Dragons Better Record; Boys Still at Zero

The Delphian Dragons girls' basketball team picked up two wins out of three games played last week.

Opening up the week hosting Kennedy at home, the Dragons would find themselves in a close contest with the 8-10 Trojans.

Delphian would find themselves down 6-20 in the top half of the 2nd-quarter, but would find their spark on a breakaway layup by sophomore Lily Olivares that would ignite the Dragons' offense, going on an eight-point run to cut that lead to six points by halftime, down 14-20. Opening the second half, the Delphi would continue that momentum, tying the game up at 20 with 5:30 left in the 3rd, before the Trojans were able to add a point to the scoreboard just 15 seconds later.

Then the battle began, the remainder of the 3rd-quarter tallying up two more tied scores and six separate lead changes, the Dragons just a long shot behind Kennedy, down 28-31.

The Trojans jumped out to a seven-point lead opening up the 4th-quarter, which was too much for the Dragons to overcome, eventually falling 33-39. The girls would bounce back later in the week, trouncing Horizon Christian 27-9 in a non-league matchup in Tualatin, before taking care of business again at home, defeating Gervais 34-26 at home.

The girls improved their overall record to 6-9, while their league record added a tic-mark to each side of the win-loss column, ending the week at 3-7.

The boys continued their landslide, with only two weeks left in the season, falling 43-61 to Kennedy, then again, with another loss at home to end the week, this time 39-74 to Gervais, now sitting with an 0-13 record.

## Spartan Girls Drop Two

The Spartans' hopes of picking up their first win of the season were quickly doused last week when they went up against the 3rd-ranked Pioneers, Western Christian holding the Sheridan girls basketball team to just nine points in the game, losing the match 9-66.

Later in the week, Sheridan faced off against Santiam, the 6-13 Wolverines were not going to be the first to lose to the winless Spartans, Sheridan falling 23-68 in the contest, ending the week with a 0-15 overall record.

## Bulldogs Hit the Mat at Bill Geister Invitational

The Willamina mat-men and women headed to Clackamas last weekend to take part in the Bill Geister Invitational, taking on 24 other teams from around Oregon.

Landon Risseeuw (285) and Adonijah Stanton (138) led the Bulldogs in the boys bracket, taking top spots on the podium in their weight bracket.

Other Willamina boy wrestlers placing at the tournament were: 3rd-Place - Kisor Savage (144), 4th-Place - Eden Stanton (138) and Jacob Bazy (157), 5th-Place - Grayson Hubbard (113), and 6th-Place - Elisha Stanton.

The team's effort netted them a 4th-place finish in the 25-team tournament that included much larger schools from Salem, Tigard, Portland, and other larger high schools.

The girls had two of the six wrestlers sent, found placement in the tournament brackets, with Paige Baker taking the highest spot for the Bulldogs with her 2nd-place finish in the 190-pound bracket. Kelsea Gray snagged a 6th-place spot in the 125-pound division.

Overall, the girls placed 18th in the 25-team tournament.

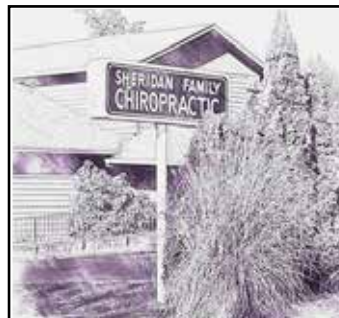
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The WVCC Board would like to Thank the American Legion for hosting the Bingo Fundraiser on January 31, and thank all those who attended!



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## Lettuce Pretend It's Not Freezing: The Miracle of February Salad

Welcome to February in the West Valley, where the ground is currently hard enough to bend a shovel and the air hurts our faces. Naturally, this is the perfect time to talk about... salad?

It seems like a glitch in the matrix, but thanks to the miracles of modern trucking and friends in warmer places (we see you, Yuma), our grocery stores are currently defying the laws of nature.

While we are all out here defrosting our windshields, the produce aisle is throwing a spring break party, and honestly, we are happy to be invited.

Grocery stores maintain a year-round supply of fresh lettuce through a combination of global sourcing, agricultural technology, and complex logistics. Here is how the supply chain works to keep shelves stocked regardless of the local season.

### Diverse Sourcing Regions:

The most common method is shifting where the lettuce is grown based on the time of year.

**Regional Shifts:** In the United States, production moves with the seasons.

During warmer months, lettuce is grown in coastal California (like the Salinas Valley).

In the winter, production shifts to warmer regions like Yuma, Ariz., and California's Imperial Valley.

**International Imports:** When domestic production is insufficient or out of season, stores import produce from countries with different growing seasons, such as Mexico, or from the Southern Hemisphere (like Chile or Peru), where it is summer during the North American winter.

### Controlled Environment

Agriculture (CEA) Technology al-

lows growers to bypass weather constraints entirely.

**Greenhouses:** Modern industrial greenhouses can control temperature, light, and humidity, allowing for year-round cultivation in colder climates.

**Hydroponics and Vertical Farming:** These indoor farming methods grow plants in nutrient-rich water rather than soil. Because they are often located indoors near urban centers, they can provide fresh greens quickly, drastically reducing transport time.

**Cold Chain Logistics:** Once harvested, maintaining freshness is a race against time. The "cold chain" is a temperature-controlled supply chain that ensures longevity.

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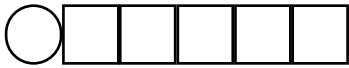
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Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to National Home-made Soup Day (February 4). Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.



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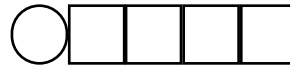
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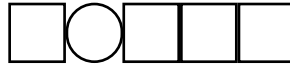
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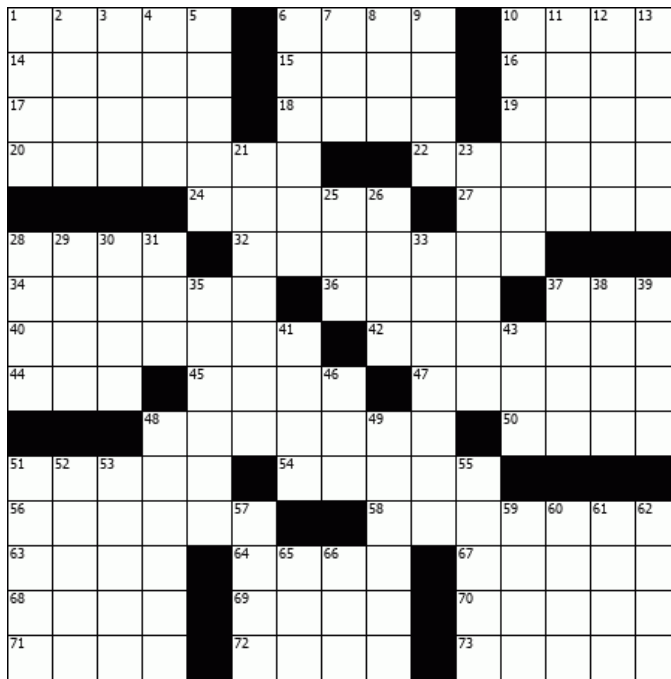
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Across

1. Smooths wood
6. Guess
10. Garden walk
14. Shaquille \_\_\_\_
15. Musical sound
16. Conception
17. Come together
18. Took a bus
19. Knights
20. Get worse again
22. Inventor's protection
24. Adolescents
27. Wake up
28. Hemispherical roof
32. New spouse's boy
34. Rubs out
36. Ballerina's skirt
37. Evergreen
40. Root vegetable
42. Tell again
44. Layer
45. Dime or penny
47. Ogled
48. Hide
50. "Finding \_\_\_\_"
51. Metal suit
54. \_\_\_\_ eclipse
56. Rents
58. Mentor's student
63. Camping need
64. Average skirt
67. Broadcast
68. India's locale
69. Baking need
70. Street talk
71. Aft
72. Cowboy \_\_\_\_ Autry
73. Irritable



## Down

1. Tart
2. Prince Charles's sister
3. Singer \_\_\_\_ Diamond
4. Facts
5. Nodded off
6. Avenue
7. In addition
8. Common conjunction
9. Horn's sound
10. Engine part
11. Goodbye, in Paris
12. Coastal birds
13. Speed
21. Legislative meeting
23. Wake up
25. Tennis divider
26. Goad
28. Actor Johnny \_\_\_\_
29. Exam type
30. \_\_\_\_ Poppins
31. Curvy letter
33. Outstanding
35. Again!
37. Bus money
38. Ledger entry
39. Decorator's advice
41. Movies, for short
43. Perfect gymnastics score
46. Keanu Reeves role
48. Fellow leading actor
49. Like Swiss mountains
51. Church table
52. \_\_\_\_ Witherspoon of "Legally Blonde"
53. Excessive excitement
55. Sunday dinner item
57. Air pollution
59. Ceramic piece
60. Historic times
61. Chap
62. Anxious
65. "\_\_\_\_ Got Sixpence"
66. Relaxation room

## Horoscopes Feb. 4-10

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

This week brings a refreshing burst of motivation, Aries. You'll feel clarity around something that's been lingering on your mind. Small victories stack quickly - celebrate them.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Comfort and progress go hand-in-hand this week, Taurus. You're finding your rhythm and it shows. A financial or practical matter becomes easier than expected.

### GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, your natural curiosity lights up your week. Inspiration flows easily, especially through conversations or creative brainstorming. Seek inspiration through collaboration.

### CANCER - June 22/July 22

Warmth surrounds you, Cancer. Emotional clarity and a renewed sense of balance help you move forward with plans. Home-related tasks go smoothly.

### LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Your charm is magnetic right now. This week favors communication, leadership, and bold self-expression, Leo. You may receive recognition for something you've been quietly working on.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, your practical brilliance shines. You'll make great progress on tasks that once felt overwhelming. Health and self-care rituals feel especially rewarding.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Harmony and connection take center stage this week, Libra. Expect positive interactions, pleasant exchanges and a sense of mutual understanding.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Momentum builds, Scorpio. You're stepping into your power with calm confidence. A project or plan gains traction, and your intuition is especially sharp. Trust your instincts.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Adventure - big or small - calls your name, Sagittarius. You may feel a spark of optimism that carries you through the week. Opportunities abound to learn, explore or connect.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, steady progress and thoughtful planning bring satisfying results. You're setting foundations that support long-term success. Expect a moment of validation.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Fresh ideas flow effortlessly, Aquarius. This is a strong week for innovation, problem-solving and collaboration. A new perspective may lead to a resolution.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Gentle energy lifts your spirits this week, Pisces. Creativity, intuition and emotional ease all run strong. This is an excellent week for dreams or creative pursuits.

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# Faulconer-Chapman Students Get Hands-On with the Life of Fish

Last week, Faulconer-Chapman 3rd-graders were treated with a special speaker who was there to discuss a class project that has been continuously running as long as those 3rd-graders have been on this earth. The presenter was Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

(ODFW) Angler Education Instructor Ken Dollinger. He was there to talk about the rainbow trout currently growing in the fish tank of Faulconer-Chapman 3rd-grade teacher Mitch Chadwick.

The tank is part of the ODFW Oregon Fish Eggs to Fry Program, a program that gives students in classrooms, from kindergarten through high school, a way to observe the biology of salmon, steelhead, or trout in a more hands-on environment.

Mr. Chadwick, along with a former colleague, Mr. Duval, who was the one who found out about the program, signed up and attended an event at Western Oregon University in the Summer of 2018. The two were quick to jump onboard with the special project, and later that fall, the first run of fish was delivered to the school.

The two also received a grant for attending the workshop, which helped pay for the tanks, a Go-Pro, and a fishing field trip for the students to Hebo Lake.

During the presentation, the students were asked questions, with some of the normal curiosities such as how long do the fish live, where do the fish get their names, or how long they take to hatch. Some students thought

outside the box, with one asking how the fish get their patterns, an easy one for Ken to answer, adding that the patterns help with camouflage, the top side of the fish is dark in color, so any predators looking from above would have a difficult time distinguishing the fish from the soil and rocks below, and a light underbelly, to mimic the sky above. Another student saw a hole in that answer, asking what if you looked at a fish sideways. Kids are kids, though, one of them bringing up the age-old dilemma, asking, "What if a fish was like dating a fish, that was dating a fish, that likes another one," did pop up during the presentation.


Today, Chadwick's class houses one of four tanks in the Sheridan School District. Another tank resides in the high school Ag and Science classroom of Ms. Smith, and the other two tanks are rotated around the district to other classrooms expressing interest in the project.

The school raises two The project kicks off each session when Volunteers from ODFW bring a cooler containing a small cheese cloth containing around 300 eggs. Just after the beginning of the school year, the students receive a drop off of spring Chi-

nook salmon, and rainbow trout just after winter break.

From there, the students take part in the care, bringing to life other subjects that they have been learning in school, using math to maintain the proper temperature of the water and calculate when the fish should hatch and the date they should be released, art to draw what the fish will look like as it goes through it's life cycle, writing as they put their studies to paper, and chemistry for the older students involved in the program. Once the fish are an inch in length, the teacher, sometimes accompanied by their students, will head to an ODFW authorized body of water to release the fish into. For the sake of the salmon that are raised at Sheridan School District, they are released into Mill Creek to fend for themselves in the wild. As for the rainbow trout that the kids are currently watching over, well, in a couple of years, one of those kids at the presentation in the classroom may be pulling that same fish from the pond at Southside Park in Sheridan, emphasizing just one of the life cycle lessons learned during the project.

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Students, after the presentation, took turns looking into the tank that holds rainbow trout eggs in Mr. Chadwick's classroom at FCS.



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Volunteer Ken Dollinger listens to a question from a Faulconer-Chapman 3rd-grade Student during his Oregon Fish to Fry presentation held last week.

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## HAZARDOUS CORNER WILL BE ELIMINATED

Mr. DeFrance, resident engineer for the state highway commission, was in the city Tuesday and requested that the city council furnish him with a letter of assurance that they would secure the necessary property for the widening of the approach to the bridge at the west end of Main Street; said letter to be presented to the highway commission.

It is reported that the highway department will have a concrete outfit and bridge crew here within a few days to make alterations and repairs on the bridge, and if the necessary property is secured at once, they will complete the widening of the approach, including pavement and curbs, while the crews are on the job.

Councilman Coyle immediately got in touch with the owner of the property required and was assured that there would be no difficulty in obtaining the right-of-way for the improvement. A special meeting of the city council was held Tuesday evening, and after a discussion of the project, the auditor was instructed to write the required letter and place it in the hands of the engineer.

With this blind and hazardous corner improved and the bridge and approaches widened, Willamina would be practically assured that no change will be made in the highway location for many years to come.

## Mrs. Neely In Hospital

Mrs. R. Y. Neely is at the Portland sanitarium, where she was operated upon this morning for removal of a tumor. Mr. Neely returned home this evening and reports her as having withstood the operation nicely.



## ANNUAL BOY SCOUT BUSINESS MEETING AND HONOR COURT

Scoutmaster Vern Huddleston and his assistant, Frank Smelser, accompanied by four of the boys — Jack Shetterly, Delmar Jensen, Charles Colburn Jr., and Oscar Benefiel Jr. — attended the annual district business meeting and Honor Court at the Tourist Cafe in McMinnville on Thursday evening of last week. The four boys each received merit badges at the court.

Reports for the past year from each troop in the district was read, and Scout activities discussed. According to the present rating plan, based on Honor Court attendance and advancement in the troop, Willamina Troop No. 254 had the highest rating in the county.

Owing to adverse conditions, the local Scouts did not care for

## CLUB TO SPONSOR HISTORICAL CONTEST

The Willamina Civic Club announced an essay contest on pioneer history of the Willamina vicinity. The contest is open to boys and girls of the upper grades and high school in town and rural schools adjoining Willamina. The object of this contest is to preserve the unwritten history of this section, so rich in pioneer lore.

Cash awards will be offered: three dollars for the first, two dollars for second, and one dollar for the third. Papers will be graded according to source of material, story, neatness, English, spelling, and punctuation.

The story must be at least three hundred and fifty words in length, written on one side of the paper only; manuscripts will not be returned. The stories are to be filed later for the club and library. Story material may be obtained from the older settlers who still reside here.

This contest will close Feb. 22, and all papers must be presented to Mrs. J. L. Hutchins at The Times office not later than 5 p.m. Winners' names will be announced in The Times of February. 27.

Do not put your names on the manuscripts. Stories will be registered by number, so judges will not know the authors.

any pheasants at their pens last year, but Mr. Huddleston informs us that plans are now underway to care for a consignment of the birds again this year.

There will be considerable work necessary to get the pens in shape to receive the young pheasants, and any hunter or other person who may be interested in again having the pens populated with China pheasants may bring their shovels to the pens, and their work will be quite welcome.

The pens have to be repaired and spaded up, and reseeded. It is anticipated that the birds allotted from the state game farm will be six weeks old, and the pens will accommodate 200 of them.

The Willamina project is the only one in the United States where holding pens have been built and game birds cared for by a troop of Boy Scouts, and residents of the city are mighty proud of the success the boys have had in previous years.

At a meeting of the troop, held Monday night, three new "Tenderfoots" were added to the membership: Russell Smelser, Bruce Brown, and George Grant. Registration of the troop has been completed, and there are now eighteen members: 5 Tenderfoots, 4 Second class, 6 Star, 1 Eagle, and 2 Life.

## DON'T FAIL TO VOTE

Tomorrow (Friday, January 31) is Election Day. The polls will be open in the Bank Building from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. No matter HOW you vote, be sure to VOTE.

## "Bachelors" Basketball Take Another

The Young Men's Club, known as the "Bachelors," played the Evangelical Church team of Salem on the floor of the Willamina gym Monday night. It was a fast and interesting game with the visitors taking the lead in the first quarter, 9 to 3. In the second quarter, the Bachelors hit their stride and at the half had overcome the lead and were out in front. They maintained their lead for the rest of the game, finishing with a score of 37 to 22. When it comes to basketball, Willamina has the goods.

## Killing of White Rhino Highly Arouses Natives

Illegal killing of a white rhinoceros, one of the rarest species of animals in the world, in Mahlabatini has aroused all that part of South Africa, and an extensive hunt for the culprits started as soon as officials were informed.

The killing, for which natives are believed to be responsible, has caused considerable official interest, because of the recent killing of numbers of game, including hippopotami.

It is believed that the rhino, which was one of a comparatively small herd of less than 200, was shot at close range, and that the poachers were disturbed at their work.

As soon as the killing was known, steps were taken to preserve the carcass, which is valuable. — Philadelphia Inquirer.



## CAMP FIRE NEWS

The Camp Fire Girls held a special meeting Monday, January 27. Final business concerning the Camp Fire-Boy Scout entertainment was closed. The girls discussed taking rank at Portland's March Council. Many plan to do so. They also decided to sponsor a movie to be given in the near future at the local theatre.

## YAMHILL COUNTY GETS \$417.82

Quarterly distribution of revenue from the malt and alcoholic beverage tax was made to the counties and incorporated cities of the state last week, on a basis of their 1930 population. Yamhill County's share of the fund was \$417.82. County receipts amounted to from \$62.81 for Gilliam to \$1,168.31 for Multnomah. Polk County received \$349.52. Payments to cities ranged from 34 cents for Cornucopia to \$10,280.86 for Portland. The amounts received by the counties and cities are in lieu of all taxes, which were formerly collected under local ordinances and license regulations, since the new law prohibits the municipal subdivisions from assessing other taxes or fees on such beverages.

# Derek Helt Takes the Helm as Pastor for Willamina Christian Church

Derek Helt is not unfamiliar with the small-town atmosphere. Raised in a small town in eastern Washington, slightly smaller than the community that he and his wife Pam, who is originally from Dallas, will soon call home, now that Derek has taken the position of Pastor at the Willamina Christian Church, performing his first service in front of the congregation last Sunday, February 1.

The couple got their start when they met at a bible college in Boise, Idaho. From there, Derek started his pastorship in Gallup, New Mexico, their family grew in size with the birth of their two daughters.

After six years of heading the congregation there, the couple felt they needed to be closer to family, so the family moved back to Oregon. Derek took the position of pastor at the Newport First Christian Church, where

the family would remain for 15 years.

Twelve years prior to arriving at Willamina Christian Church, the couple, now empty nesters, decided to take a break from his pastoral duties, going to work for a Christian anti-sex trafficking Organization in Cambodia. "I wasn't a pastor of a church, but I did a lot of preaching. We were very involved in the church there," stated Derek.

Again, the closeness of family called the couple back home. "I think I saw it (the position) online, and we were both looking for a place that would fit us geographically, because the kids are in Salem and Portland, and mom is in Monmouth," the couple said about the position in Willamina. But there was one problem: the couple did not know anything about the West Valley town.

Luckily, the family had contact with someone who is familiar

with the territory, a former resident and graduate of Willamina High School, Seth Morely, whose mom still attends the Willamina Christian Church. He said, "Seth volunteered to brief us on the town and the church while we were still in Cambodia. We visited with him online and had a conversation with him, got involved. We started talking to him last summer." During their annual visit back to the states last August, the family started meeting with church leadership, "just before we left, they had said they wanted us to come back," added Derek.

"It took a little bit of time to pull up roots from there to here. We had lives in Cambodia, very deep relationships there, and so spending those three months getting rid of stuff that we had accumulated, but also just spending time with people (expats and Cambodians) who are very important to us there. It was tough, but we got our daughters, grandkids, and Pam's mother here, so this is the next phase of life," said the couple. The couple have had a hand though with a welcoming con-

gregation, Pam stating "The church here, they have been family to us, really warm and welcoming, offering things for our house and just bringing us in. It was easy to come here."

Though not quite done with the move yet, hoping to close on a house in Willamina within the next few months, it looks like the couple is happy to call Willamina and its Christian Church their new home.



Pastor Helt, preaches to the congregation during his first sermon as pastor at the Willamina Christian Church.



Pastor Helt (in gray), is joined by Willamina Christian Church leadership during prayer. This is Pastor Helt's first service at the church.

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