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ADA Ramp Work to Continue Through West Valley This Summer

It's hard to miss the construction activity underway in Sheridan. Sidewalk detours and construction signs line the streets, bright orange cones direct traffic, and crews work along the the sides of Main Street.

The project is part of the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) statewide effort to bring curb ramps along state highways into compliance with the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG), which

were published in August 2023. Although the U.S. Department of Transportation did not formally adopt PROWAG until December 2024, ODOT began work ahead of the federal timeline. By September 2024, the agency reported completing more than 11,000 of the approximately 25,000 curb ramp upgrades planned statewide.

Brown Contracting, a company based in Eugene and Sherwood, was awarded the contract to up-

grade 17 intersection ramps in Sheridan and 10 in Willamina to PROWAG standards. Crews are currently working on the Sheridan portion of the project, with construction in Willamina expected to begin toward the end of this summer.

According to Mindy McCartt, ODOT's public information officer, the project is slated to convert 99 curb ramps in Sheridan and approximately 80 in the Willamina area. Crews are currently focusing on ramps that are "construction-ready." Others will require additional coordination and permits due to utility relocations, drainage adjustments, right-of-way considerations, or potential environmental impacts.

"If a curb ramp project affects stormwater systems, waterways, or other regulated areas,

environmental permits may be required," McCartt said. "That is why some locations move forward sooner, while others are scheduled for a later phase. It's also why all four corners of an intersection may not be completed at the same time."

She added that some ramps will require only minor adjustments, such as correcting the slope, while others must be completely rebuilt to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The work is limited to ramps along Business Highway 18, which is maintained by ODOT. Roads branching off from the highway are owned and maintained by their respective cities.

"These improvements increase safety and accessibility for everyone," McCartt said, "whether they walk, roll, bike, or push a stroller."

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NEW LISTING

This well-appointed 4/2, home offers comfort & efficiency, The sunken living room flows seamlessly into the open kitchen and dining area. Included-gas range and SS appliances. Recent upgrades include a brand-new gas water heater and newly installed solar panels, newer carpet and Hardy-plank siding. Outside, you'll find landscaped front and back yards, a great outbuilding and a finished two-car garage with opener. Located on the edge of the city, this property faces open countryside across the street, offering peaceful views, natural animal habitat and privacy while staying close to town amenities. \$379,900

WELL MAINTAINED COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 2,667 sf, flexible floor plan for a variety of business types. The interior includes a large reception area, many built-in throughout, multiple offices, a full & half bath, laundry room, break room, and a spacious central area ideal for meetings or collaborative work. 5 solid dog kennels, many recent upgrades, 220 power and much more. The sale also includes a 1,600-sf rentable space that is now home to a grooming business. Parking lot for 17 vehicles and on a busy corner lot. ONLY \$699,900



SALE PENDING

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4th of July Bake Sale

Fundraiser

Hosted by:
4th of July Committee



SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH
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- Debbie's Infamous Cookies
- Cupcakes
- Breads
- Cookies
- Brownies



For more information, please contact us:
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All Proceeds to Support the 4th of July Fireworks Display

BULLETIN BOARD CLASSIFIEDS

Venue Bid Wanted

Sheridan Chamber of Commerce Bid Request for Gala Venue

The Sheridan Chamber of Commerce is seeking bid requests for its annual Gala, to be held at the end of May.

Venue requirements consist of:

- 2,500-3,500 square feet at least to accommodate approximately 150 guests.
- Parking for roughly 75-100 vehicles.
- No limitations on serving alcohol at the event.
- Power is available to at least one area of the event.
- Available placement for 4-5 portable bathrooms.
- Terrain suitable for those with mobility issues.
- Preferably in or around the City of Sheridan.

The Sheridan Chamber will be responsible for providing all other equipment, personnel, and necessities, such as bathroom rentals, needed for the event; the bidder will provide the space and electricity.

Send information about location and bids to sheridanchamberofcommerce@gmail.com or mail bid offer to Sheridan Chamber of Commerce, 136 E Main St., Sheridan, OR, 97378.



MARINE CARGO LIGHT 3954 GREAT BRITAIN 1939 Oil Lamp Brass Ship Carriage Lantern

This vintage cargo light is a rare find for collectors and enthusiasts of antique lamps.

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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.

Can You Find Corky, Bubbles and Ronzo Hidden in the WV Bulletin Board?



They are hiding somewhere inside every edition



SATURDAY NIGHT BINGO

Doors Open: 5:30pm

Bingo: 6:30pm

EVERY SATURDAY

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Employment

City of Willamina Employment Opportunity Tentative review date: March 16th

Do you care about community pride, neighborhood safety, and helping your town look its best? The City of Willamina is seeking a motivated individual to join our team. The ideal candidate will be someone who enjoys working with people, solving problems, and making a visible impact every day.

A full position description is available online at willaminaoregon.gov/jobs or by contacting City Hall at (503) 876-2242.

To apply, submit a completed City of Willamina job application, resume, and cover letter to meneleyb@ci.willamina.or.us or deliver to 411 NE C Street, Willamina OR 97396.

For questions, contact Bridget at meneleyb@ci.willamina.or.us or (503) 876-2242.

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)

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Sheridan Auto Detailing, 148 N. Bridge St. in Sheridan, is now offering full details. Interior details, exterior detailing, and ceramic coating. We also detail RVs, boats, and farm equipment, including tractors and combines. Call 971-237-9649. (c)

Shaun Wagler offers many services, including: house/pet sitting, personal mover, lawn care, car detailing, pressure washing, designated driver, scrap removal, wood/brush cutting, gutter cleaning, trash removal, and more. Call 971-241-4860 or email shaunwagler1@yahoo.com to discuss your needs today. (12/30)

For Sale

Love Books? Love to read? Lucky you! Main Street Books Revisited has thousands from which to choose. We're at 142 E. Main St., Sheridan. Open 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

Farm fresh eggs in Willamina \$5 per dozen. Text Tim at 503-560-7418.

Fresh daffodils, 15 stems per bunch for \$3. Stand located at 23550 SW Loganberry Ln, Sheridan

1999 Clackcraft 14' Steelhead Driftboat with trailer. \$2500 OBO call/text 503-302-0242. (f3/4)

Collection of hats - Large collection from all over the United States and some parts of the world, 508 total hats. All on display. Call 503-931-1997. (f3/4)

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Cedar picnic tables different sizes, planters, and Seahawks tin men. Call 971-221-5595

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Obituaries



Jack Charles Ruch
July 11, 1930- Aug. 5, 2025

Submitted by Family

With love and gratitude for a life well lived. Jack Charles Ruch was born in Fort Lupton, Colorado on July 11, 1930 to Marjorie and Byrl Ruch and passed away quietly at his home on August 5, 2025, Sheridan OR. He later moved to Tillamook OR with his mother Marjorie and Stepfather Martin Gredig.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law Joyce and Jim McDonough in McMinnville OR and his three nephews, Rick, Terry and Tim all of Oregon. Stepdaughter, Patricia McCaughan Ford, Stepson and daughter Robert C. Ecklund & Karilyn McEnroe.

He had two wonderful Step-granddaughters Kari and Kelsey McEnroe along with all their beautiful, loving children and blessed with six grandchildren; Asher Brooke, Brynn, Joey and Maxx and McKenna.

Jack is predeceased by his first Harriet, second wife Ngaire and third wife Patricia and his Stepson Joseph McCaughan and sweet young grandson Frank Hawkeye Ford and his wonderful Stepson Joe McEnroe.

Jack joined the United States Navy serving for four years, mostly in Japan Shortly thereafter, he was hired by the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency). He worked in Washington DC for a short period but was not impressed with living in a big city. Jack is also a life time, active member of the American Legion local branch in Sheridan OR.

Jack married his first wife Harriet and had no children. He married his second wife, Ngaire, (no children) in 1966 and they moved to Saratoga CA on a quarter-acre lovely home with his two Stepchildren Patty and Joe.

Jack's typical routine consisted of rising early daily and driving to Ampex, after working all day, come home to Saratoga, change into his work clothes to get to work in his lovely backyard in his beautiful garden with its many colorful roses. He was born with a green thumb and loved plants

and was always growing more and giving many away. He also spent many hours in his little shed working on numerous projects.

Jack could literally fix or repair ANYTHING. He was extremely organized and had a talent for solving problems. Jack and Ngaire purchased numerous properties and Jack & Patty maintained them all. They even managed to buy a small condo at the beach in Capitola CA.

After the loss of Jack's second wife, Ngaire, Jack met Patricia Ecklund while visiting his Stepdaughter Patty at the Blue Pheasant restaurant in Cupertino . They married in 1990.

Together they embarked on many adventures; many cruises, trips on the Mississippi Delta Queen and various trips to Baja and San Felipe where they purchased property. A few years off and on were spend in Baja to escape the cold winters of Sheridan OR. They were blessed with numerous friends in San Felipe Baja, especially Billy.

After living in Saratoga they moved to the Ruch Ranch in Sheridan Oregon to be closer to his mother Marjorie and sister Joyce and his entire family in McMinnville

The Ruch Ranch is five acres of heaven with cherry trees, walnut, plum, pine, mimosa and yucca from Baja CA. He grew

gorgeous rhododendrons and geraniums, his favorite. The property was always filled with deer and squirrels fabulous flowers & fruit. Inside the house he always had spider plants blooming and shared them with friends and neighbors.

Another very special and cherished family member was Frisbee, their handsome black-standard poodle. Smart and affectionate and loyal, a delight to both Jack and Patricia. Frisbee was a huge part of the family and adored by all.

Jack was an extremely frugal man. He lived by his mother's motto:

USE IT UP WEAR IT OUT MAKE IT DO OR DO WITHOUT.

Jack was the most conscientious recycler, long before most recycled at all; he remained one of the best in Yamhill County.

Jack was an extremely trustworthy, caring and thoughtful man, never forgetting a birthday.

Jack could easily be classified as one of a kind. More men in the like Jack would make the world a much better place.

Thank you, Jack, for your life, honesty, kindness, love, and for setting a powerful example of what a truly good man looks like.

You set the bar very high. You are loved dearly and missed deeply.



Dennis Michael Carmody
Aug. 20, 1949 - Feb. 28, 2026

Dennis Michael Carmody, 76, passed away on February 28, 2026, after battling pancreatic cancer for more than five years. Dennis was born August 20, 1949, in San Mateo, California, to John and Louise Carmody. The family later moved to the Mt. Tabor neighborhood of

Portland, where Dennis would spend his childhood and go on to graduate from Central Catholic High School.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving for 24 years and retiring as a Chief Petty Officer. While in the Navy, Dennis married his longtime friend, Cathy Steward. The couple later welcomed their daughter, Rebecca, into the family. After retiring from the Navy, Dennis and his family made their home in Sheridan.

Dennis went on to graduate from Western Oregon University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He later took on work as a Veterans Representative for the Oregon Employment Department until his retirement in 2011.

Throughout his life, Dennis remained active. He volunteered with Providence Hospice and enjoyed many hobbies, including cheering for the Oregon State Beavers and taking trips to the beach. His favorite pastime, however, was spending time

playing with his three beloved grandchildren.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Cathy; daughter Rebecca Boris (Deontay); grandchildren Jaxon, Jocelyn, and Stevie Boris; sister Barbara Carmody (Tom); nephews Matthew Carmody, Travis Linton, and Lyle Linton; niece Amy Carmody; three

great-nephews; and one great-niece.

A Catholic Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at Good Shepherd Church in Sheridan, with a reception to follow. Donations in Dennis's memory may be made to Good Shepherd Church or to a charity of choice.



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Sheridan High School Seniors

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A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

Dear Sheridan Residents,

Over the past several months we have continued to move forward with the Bond work that was approved by voters last spring. **We are very excited to share that the first three projects are now scheduled for THIS summer:**

- SHS parking lot repairs and repaving
- SHS exterior lighting
- SHS roof repairs

Work on these three projects will begin June 22, following Hometown Days on June 20.

These three projects were selected based on careful consideration of multiple factors including:

- Little (or no) permitting required
- No need for internal stakeholder meetings
- Availability of materials
- No overlap with other projects that would cause work to be redone when other bond projects are completed
- Community Impact

The rest of the Bond-related projects are scheduled to be completed in Summer 2027. Those projects are currently going through a scope and scaling process that allows us to understand the work that needs to be done at a deeper level, and develop a more accurate picture of the financial impact. In some cases specific projects may have to be scaled back based on updated costs, in order to remain in budget.

Work on these projects over the next year includes:

- County & City Permitting
- Architectural & Engineering Assessments and Design
- Stakeholder meetings with teachers and staff who use specific spaces to ensure designs meet functional needs.
- Ordering for items with extended lead-times
- Scheduling-out our 2027 work on the calendars of our ideal contractors

This timeline allows us to meet our goal of moving as quickly as possible to deliver quality work for our students at the lowest possible cost to our community.

We are very excited to start delivering on our promises to voters and to keep you informed on the progress of these projects.

Sincerely,
Dorie Vickery Ed. D.,
Superintendent

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

Coyote Joe's Hosting 4th of July Grill Raffle

Coyote Joe's in Willamina is hosting a raffle for a Saber three-burner grill, thanks to a generous donation by Jeff Blackwell of the grill, valued at \$1,299.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and can be purchased at Coyote Joe's.

All proceeds will go towards funding the Willamina Fourth of July fireworks display.

Falconer-Chapman to Hold 2nd Annual Jazz Night Performance

Falconer-Chapman School (FCS) has will hold its 2nd annual Jazz Night starting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, in the FCS New Gym.

Joining the school's band to entertain the crowd this year will be local community bands, including the 99W Jazz Band, who graced the stage of The Bridge Learning Community during the Dayton Community Chorus' live performance of A 1940's Radio Show last June.

Returning this year to provide BBQ for the show is Pitt Master Dennis Adams.

The school will be including a raffle for an electric guitar. Tickets are \$5; the winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the night's entertainment.

The concert is free to attend, with dinner tickets costing \$15 for children 12 and under and \$20 for all others. Tickets can be purchased at the Falconer-Chapman front office.

Centennial Cookbook Reprint, Order Your Presale Copy Now

The Fourth of July Committee is excited to announce a second printing of the beloved Original 4th of July Centennial Cookbook. Whether you missed it the first time or want an extra copy for gifting, now is your chance to secure one.

Presale ends April 1, and books are expected to arrive just in time for Mother's Day a perfect gift for the cooks and memory-makers in your life.

Simply scan the QR code or enter <https://forms.gle/iJFsiLM-HKaXmfwTg7> to access the electronic order form, or email Willamina4thofJuly@gmail.com to request a paper form you can print and mail. You can also connect with any committee member to purchase your copy.

Cookbooks are \$30 each don't wait, these are sure to go quickly again.

Thank you for supporting our cherished small-town traditions.



WEST VALLEY COMMUNITY CAMPUS

SAVE OUR SEATS!

Come enjoy an evening of bingo, 50/50, raffle, and bake sale sponsored by the W.V. Community Campus - Saturday April 25th at VFW Willamina Doors Open @ 5:30PM, This fundraiser will help to repair our grandstands for the 4th of July and other events. See you there, or donate here!



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Savor the Flavor of Pecans in This Beloved Baked Good - Brownies



When it comes to baked goods, it's hard to deny the appeal of a homemade brownie. Whether eaten on their own or paired with ice cream, brownies are a welcome treat that few can resist.

Though chocolate dominates the flavor profile of brownies, these beloved treats can be enhanced with additional delicious ingredients, like pecans.

Anyone who wants to throw a little extra flavor into their next batch of brownies can consider this recipe for "Pecan Brownies" from Lines+Angles.

Pecan Brownies

Makes 12 brownies

- 12 ounces plain dark chocolate, 70 percent cocoa solids
- 2 sticks of butter
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 5 ounces chopped pecan nuts

To decorate:

Icing sugar

1. Heat the oven to 325 F. Grease an 7" x 11" rectangular baking dish and line the base with non-stick baking paper.
2. Put the chocolate and butter in a pan and heat gently, stirring until melted. Allow to cool slightly.
3. Whisk the eggs in a mixing bowl until pale and frothy, then add the sugar, a spoonful at a time, whisking until thick and glossy.
4. Gently fold in the melted chocolate mixture. Sift in the flour, baking powder and salt and fold in the pecan nuts.
5. Spoon the mixture into the baking dish, level with the back of a spoon and bake for 40 minutes, until the top has a cracked appearance and the center is still a little soft to the touch. Do not overbake, or you will lose the famous sticky brownie texture. Cool in the pan.
6. Cut into slices and sift over a little icing sugar.

**WEST VALLEY
BULLETIN BOARD
OFFICE HOURS
MON-THURS 11-5
FRIDAY 11-4**

Warm Fuzzies

Fendall wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated the amazing desserts that we were privileged to auction off.

To our wonderful community who came to support this historic & beautiful school, enjoy good food and have a great time, we are humbled by your generosity. A shout-out also goes to the folks who provided the delicious soups/stews and of course Roy Whitman who does a fabulous job of auctioneer. Thank you so much!

~Fendall Hall Community

Scholarships Available for Girls Build Aug. 3-7

Girls 8 - 15 years old attend camp for one week, Monday - Friday, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Included in their days, and their camp fees, are both breakfast and lunch. Campers attend two workshops in the morning, as well as in the afternoon.

Interspersed throughout the day are icebreakers and team bonding games, so girls can get to know each other, and build together better.

This summer program will be held in Sheridan. For registration and to apply for scholarships visit girlsbuild.org



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~Story Time~

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Mar. 13,20,27

Enjoy a story and craft!

~Adult Craft~

March 14 at noon

~LEGO Challenge~

Mar. 20, 3-5 p.m.

March Challenges

- Impractical Machine: Design a machine that is completely unnecessary or redundant
- MegaFig: Make a larger version of a minifig.

~ Teen Time ~

March 20 • Pre-Teen Movie Day3pm

March 26 • Teen Movie Day4pm

~RPG Days~

March 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

Last issue's crossword solution

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**Wednesday Pinochle
Now Hosted at Sheridan
Museum of History**

The Pinochle group that was meeting at 1 p.m. at the American legion in Sheridan has changed it's location.

On February 4, the group started meeting 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.



**Willamina Annual Bark
Dust Sale Announced for
Last Weekend in April**

The Willamina Coastal Hills Chamber of Commerce has announced its annual bark dust sale, scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 24, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25, while supplies last.

Pre-ordered bark dust will be delivered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 23.

Delivery is available to Willamina, Grand Ronde, and Sheridan for an additional \$25. Delivery orders require prepayment and a minimum order of five yards.

For more information or to pre-pay/pre-order, visit Willamina City Hall, 411 N.E. C St., Willamina, or call 503-876-2242.

Horoscopes Mar. 11-17

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

A collaboration brings out your best side, Aries. Someone else's strengths may complement your drive right now. You'll get a lot of things done this week.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Your patience pays off in a relationship, Taurus. A long-term goal you share with a partner starts to move into the planning stages this week. Enjoy the excitement ahead.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, joyful news arrives via a friend in the next few days. Celebrate the successes of others, as your own turn for good news is right around the corner.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

This week you may have the opportunity to find beauty in small things, Cancer. A simple walk or a quiet meal with a loved one can bring about peace and insight.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

You are the life of the party right now, Leo. Your warmth draws people to you, making this a great time for networking. A job offer may come from your efforts.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

An act of kindness you performed recently may come back to you in surprising ways, Virgo. The universe will reward your generous spirit. You may continue to pay it forward.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Figure out the perfect middle ground between work responsibilities and fun this week, Libra. If you delegate some of your tasks, you may free up time for personal enjoyment.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, optimism is your guiding light this week. Your "can-do" attitude may inspire others who cross your path in the days to come. Lots will get done in little time.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Deep conversations may lead to a breakthrough, Sagittarius. You might start to understand someone else or a situation on a whole new level.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, financial stability is something you should carefully consider this week. A smart decision you made in the past may not be the best way to continue forward.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you may feel a strong draw toward community or giving back this week. Helping out a neighbor will bring you satisfaction, or you can volunteer.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

It's important to trust your intuition, Pisces. This is leading you toward a very happy coincidence by the end of the week. Someone special becomes involved.

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Sheridan City Manager Talks Investing in Downtown at Chamber Meeting

The City of Sheridan hosted the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce meeting last Friday, with City Manager Preston Polasek presenting during the host portion of the gathering.

Polasek opened his presentation by saying he was impressed by the chamber's involvement in the community, praising both its members and the organization's engagement with local businesses.

He then spoke about the City's efforts to bring the West Valley communities closer together, noting that he has been learning more about Willamina, emphasizing Sheridan's desire to collaborate more closely with its sister city.

One possible area of cooperation involves the contract with Yamhill County on law enforcement services in the area. Polasek said the city is exploring the possibility of combining contracts between the two towns.

"I think it's going to be a better economy of scale and actually better service, so that's something we're going to look at," he said. "We'll look at collaborating on many levels."

He added jokingly, "Not Hometown Days, no—but everything else, yeah," drawing laughter from chamber members.

Polasek brought up the most recent city council meeting, where Sheridan Chamber Board member Marianne Thomson requested special permission to close Southside Park for an evening for the annual Chamber Gala.

"It's an exception from the rules, but it's you," Polasek said in support of the chamber's work and the request. "Who else serves the nonprofits, the community, and the people who live here?"

The request will be considered

at the council's next meeting.

Polasek also thanked several chamber members for their volunteer efforts with the city. Dorothea Lee, owner of MAC Baskets, was recognized for serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee and for sharing her landscaping expertise. "Our park technicians are learning how to prune better," Polasek said. He also thanked Sandy Walker, owner of Do-U-Bless Designs, for her participation on the city's budget committee.

Polasek discussed efforts to improve information outlets to residents, noting ongoing conversations with the owners of the West Valley Bulletin Board.

"It's not our local paper of record, but why do a newsletter like everyone else?" he said. "Let's do something different and communicate better."

Turning to economic development, Polasek announced that the Heider Building, located at 219 S. Bridge St., will go up for auction on March 23.

"There's been a lot of interest," he said. "I've talked to three people, and two of them want to invest and make it great. What an incredible boost that's going to be for our downtown." Polasek said downtown Sheridan is a key priority for him.

"I've been telling communities for decades that parks are where your community's heart is," he said. "But for us, its heart is downtown, and we've got to do more, and we will."

He said the city is working to develop downtown standards to attract investment and provide clarity for developers. The council is also discussing potential regulations for food carts and the possibility of creating a food cart pod, which is currently

being reviewed by the planning commission.

Polasek highlighted ongoing park and plaza improvement projects in the downtown area. The City is currently fortifying the land in the Morgan Street Park area as part of Phase I of the improvements. The second phase involves renovating the decking around Hebert Memorial Plaza. Construction of a parking lot for the Morgan Street Park, which is expected to start in the summer of 2027, will mark the third phase of the City's more than \$1 million investment into the downtown area.

These projects are designed to support local businesses, enhance delivery access, and address property issues along the river.

The city is also hoping to refurbish Sheridan's skate park, a project Polasek said he hopes will be included in next year's budget.

Polasek also addressed the city's water infrastructure challenges

following the atmospheric river storm that moved through the Pacific Northwest last December.

"Our recent disaster left the community without water for almost a week," he said. "It was a heroic effort to bring it back online."

He said the city is still working to secure funding for approximately \$2.4 million in repairs, including stabilizing the water tank, reinforcing the hillside, and relocating the main water line out of a slide area.

Polasek concluded the meeting by thanking the chamber, highlighting the importance of community organizations working together.

"It's very vital to have a healthy chamber and Rotary and a strong civic infrastructure here," he said. "To do great things as a community, you need everybody, government, private business, and nonprofits, all working together. We've got a lot of great things ahead that we still want to accomplish."



Preston Polasek (standing), Sheridan's City Manager, discussed how the city of Sheridan was working towards improving downtown Sheridan to enhance the area for businesses and residents during the Sheridan Chamber meeting hosted by the City of Sheridan.

Word Scramble

Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to National Dream Day (March 11). Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.

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Last weeks answers

- Snare,
- Parade,
- Trumpet,
- Trombone,
- Saxophone,
- Brass

Fendall Hall Hosts Annual Stew Feed and Pie Auction

The Fendall School Community Center hosted its annual Stew Feed and Pie Auction on Saturday, raising funds for ongoing projects and improvements to the historic schoolhouse. The hall serves as a local gathering place for meetings, events, and community celebrations, including the annual pie auction and the Mother's Day Tea and Fashion Show. Funds raised

during these events help maintain and improve the building and its grounds, encouraging more community use of the historic facility. The annual fundraiser is supported by donations of baked goods and stews prepared or purchased by members of the local community. During the first hour of the event, attendees lined up to en-

joy a variety of soups and stews. Offerings included beef stews prepared by Naomi and Debbie, fish chowder by Ken Kelly, chicken parmesan meatball soup by Riche Mosser, and elk stew courtesy of Sage Baller. Once the crowd had finished eating, Roy Whitman took center stage as the event's auctioneer, selling dozens of desserts donated by community members. Cris Darr and Recca Maze helped keep the auction moving smoothly as they funneled items up from the kitchen, while this year's presenters, Emily Baller and Sophia Johnson, circulated through the crowd to give

bidders a closer look at each dessert. This year's auction raised more than \$4,000 for the community center. Ken Kelly and Tom Rector were the top bidders of the day, with Kelly contributing nearly \$600 to the fundraiser and Rector adding more than \$400. The highest-selling item of the auction was once again the coveted coconut cream pie made by Connie Bobb. Bobb provided two pies this year, each selling for \$300.

One of the highlights of the auction was an apple pie made by Lacey Howard, which included the final copy of a cookbook Howard created in memory of Johnnie Belle Bainter.

Howard produced only 100 copies of the cookbook, which features recipes Bainter collected over the years, including many desserts that were staples during the early days of the same pie auction where the cookbook and pie were auctioned. Some recipes coming from the kitchens of community members such as Bonnie Bare, Yvonne Wright, Ruth Mishler, Jean Bett, and Marlene Bryant. Bidding for the pie and cookbook quickly climbed to \$200 before Marge Gutbrod secured the winning bid at \$225. Gutbrod said she plans to donate the cookbook to the Sheridan Museum of History.



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Sophia Johnson weaves merrily through attendees, allowing a closer look at a tin full of salted-caramel cupcakes up for bid.



Marge Gutbrod (center) holds the last copy of It's Going to Be a Sweet One, a cookbook created by Lacey Howard (left) that was included with an apple pie Gutbrod won at the Fendall Hall Pie Auction. Gutbrod plans to donate the cookbook to the Sheridan Museum of History, where Anne Ballantyne (right) volunteers.

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Sheridan High School Holds 5th Annual Keegan Smith Memorial Basketball Game

Spartan boy and girl athletes joined together on March 5 to compete in the fifth annual Keegan Smith Memorial Basketball Game at Sheridan High School. The game serves as the primary annual fundraiser for the Keegan Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund, which awards a scholarship each year to one or more graduating Spartan students. The event honors Keegan Smith, a former beloved Sheridan High School athlete who died in January 2021 from suicide.

Each year, seniors organize the event as part of a senior project. This year's game was coordinated by Sheridan seniors Logan Bergan and Quinton Kelly, who also competed on opposing teams.

Bergan played for the visiting blue team, whose players wore No. 3 jerseys, while Kelly represented the home white team, whose players wore No. 12. The numbers honored the jerseys Smith wore during his athletic career — No. 12 on the football field and No. 3 during basketball season.

Prior to tipoff, Bergan and Kelly addressed the crowd.

"This event is important because it honors the legacy of Keegan Smith and the importance of suicide prevention awareness," they said. "To anyone here who is hurting: you are not alone. Your story is not over."

The two then presented flowers and the annual game T-shirt to members of the Smith family.

Tru Weatherly, a staff member at Faulconer-Chapman School, performed the national anthem before the athletes took the court. Bergan and Kelly faced off for the opening tip to begin the game.

The teams were evenly matched

early in the contest, with the white team holding a narrow 14–13 lead after the first quarter.

The blue team gained momentum in the second quarter, building an eight-point advantage and heading into halftime with a 30–22 lead.

The white team, wearing No. 12 jerseys, stayed close throughout the second half, but the blue squad ultimately held on to win the game 47–45.

Quinton Kelly and Logan Bergan were named players of the game for each team.

Admission to the game was by donation. Suicide prevention awareness keychains and bracelets were available for purchase, and information on ordering Game Day Memorial T-shirts was available at the admissions table. All proceeds from sales and the concession stand will benefit the Keegan Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Thomas Walter attempts to drive through Robbie Meneley (left) and Quinton Kelly (right).



Quinton Kelly (left) and Logan Bergan (right) join for a photo after the Keegan Smith Memorial Basketball Game. Kelly and Bergan took on the organization of the game as their senior project. Both were selected for player of the game honors.



DID YOU KNOW?

Giraffes are 30 times more likely to get hit by lightning than people. There are only five well-documented fatal lightning strikes on giraffes between 1996 and 2010, but due to the population of the species being just 140,000 during this time, it makes for about 0.003 lightning deaths per thousand giraffes each year. This is 30 times the equivalent fatality rate for humans. Their immense height (14-19 feet) makes them the tallest objects in open savannahs, acting as natural lightning rods. Despite this, fatalities are rare, but their 4-legged, tall stature increases vulnerability to being struck.



Honoring Our Nation's 250th Anniversary

Presented by the Sheridan Museum of History.
Fascinating Facts About -

Alexander Hamilton (1755–1804)

First Secretary of the Treasury: He served as the primary architect of the American financial system under President George Washington.

The Federalist Papers: Alongside John Jay and James Madison, he co-authored the Federalist Papers, a series of essays written to argue for the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

Architect of the Constitutional Convention: He led the critical effort to convene the Constitutional Convention at a time when the young nation faced economic and social instability.

The Annapolis Convention: In September 1786, he called for a meeting of the 13 states in Annapolis, Maryland; however, only five states sent delegates.

Revision of the Articles: Following Annapolis, he successfully petitioned Congress to invite representatives from all 13 states to Philadelphia to revise the Articles of Confederation; ultimately, 12 states attended, with Rhode Island being the sole exception.

Military Leadership: During the Revolutionary War, he organized a New York artillery company and served as a lieutenant colonel and aide-de-camp to Washington (1777–1781), later leading a bayonet charge at the Battle of Yorktown.

Legal and Political Philosophy: A lawyer by trade, he possessed an elitist political vision, believing that a centralized government should be guided by a "natural aristocracy" of talent and intellect.

National Banking: He spearheaded the establishment of the First Bank of the United States to stabilize the national economy and manage Revolutionary War debt.

Party Founder: He founded the Federalist Party, the nation's first organized political party.

The Fatal Duel: After years of political rivalry and Hamilton's consistent opposition to Aaron Burr's ambitions, Burr challenged him to a duel. Hamilton was mortally wounded in Weehawken, New Jersey, and died the following day.

Ninety-Nine Fun Facts About My Cherished Friend Lois

Compiled from interviews with Lois, by her daughter Ronda Stutzman.

Submitted by Pat Markee

1. Lois Catherine Evers was born on 3/14/1927 to Ira and Leah Evers at their home in Grande Ronde, Oregon.

2. Moved to Sheridan at 4 years old.

3. Went to Sheridan Elementary School for first grade.

4. As a first grader, enjoyed visiting with the Banke's, an older couple who lived at the end of her block. She recently met their grandson who blessed Lois with fresh-caught fish and fresh corn on the cob this past summer.

5. One of her fondest birthday memories is having her first grade teacher come to her home for her birthday dinner.

6. Lois remembers playing softball with the neighborhood boys and girls in a vacant lot in Sheridan, getting scolded for being such a tomboy, and coming home with a bloody nose after being hit by a ball.

7. At a young age, Lois got pneumonia and was near death. She remembers the sensation of floating to the ceiling where she looked down and saw her mother kneeling at the bed and praying for her recovery. Her next memory was hearing her mother proclaim, "Her fever has broken." She believes her life was spared by her mother's prayers.

8. Her parents, Ira and Leah Evers, moved to a house on an acreage in rural Sheridan known as the Saucy Place, and she attended second grade at Mill Creek School.

9. Lois walked 2 miles to school and 2 miles home each school day. One way really was uphill.

10. At age 9, Lois started babysitting. Her first job was to watch her baby cousin Jerry Hamilton. She remembers taking him for many stroller rides on the sidewalks of Sheridan.

11. Mrs. Calkins would come out of her home and visit with Lois as she stopped with the stroller. They became lifelong friends.

12. Lois remembered Mrs. Calkins had always wanted a canary so, as a gift in later years, she purchased a canary for her to enjoy.

13. Mrs. Calkins's daughter Laura Shipley got Lois her job at the Sheridan Cleaners when Lois turned 15.

14. At age 15, Lois drove her mother to the grocery store in Sheridan to purchase the weekly groceries, since her father



was busy working at the mill and her mother did not drive. They parked a block away from the store since Lois did not have her driver's license yet.

15. As a teen, Lois worked for many families who needed help after the mother of the family had given birth or due to the mother working a professional job outside of the home. Some of the families were: Wesley & Evelyn Shenk, (dairy farmer), Louise & Oscar Wideman (local mill owner), Arne & Martha Gjerner (Martha was a Sheridan High School teacher and the children were a 6-week-old girl and 2-year-old boy), Tim and Mary Hamilton (local automotive repair shop owner), Ivan & Buena Hamilton (local logger), and Walt & Tillie Hamilton (sawmill worker).

16. Lois picked prunes on Red Prairie Road as a young adult for 10 cents per bushel. She drove her brother Clyde's car (an Essex manual) so she could provide transportation for her brothers and sisters to pick prunes too.

17. While picking prunes, Lois met Earl Neal and a friendship developed.

Remember the old movies with the special girl waving goodbye to the service men as they left the Greyhound bus stop? That was Lois. She remembers asking to leave her job at the Sheridan Cleaners for a few minutes to see Earl leave on the bus. She wrote to Earl for 3 years while he was in the Army Air Core. Upon his return they dated, and 18. On November 17, 1946, she married Earl Neal at the Sheridan Mennonite Church.

19. Lois and Earl both worked at the local dry cleaners, running pickup and delivery routes to build up business. They purchased the Sheridan Dry Clean-

ers in partnership with Lloyd and Viola Nisly, Lois's brother-in-law and sister, and had a 5-year ownership.

20. Lois continued to work at the Sheridan Cleaners until she was 52. She then worked at the McMinnville Cleaners until she was 57. From age 57 to 62 she cleaned offices at Fort Hill Lumber.

21. Lois spent many years as a caregiver for family and friends. She cared for her parents when they were no longer able to live independently: Ira for 2 years and Leah for 12 years. After her mother passed, she helped her sister Iris Kropf with transportation to dialysis appointments in Eugene as often as she could.

22. She was a caregiver for her brother-in-law Loren Neal for 10 years. She also looked after her Uncle Charlie Hamilton, helping him with his day-to-day tasks.

23. Lois was a caregiver for her mother-in-law Ethel Neal for 3 weeks before her passing.

24. Lois was a close friend of Corrine Ehnes. Lois's children all called Corrine "Grandma Ehnes" and enjoyed visiting her, especially at Halloween when she always had homemade popcorn balls for their treat. Lois took Corrine to doctor appointments and weekly grocery shopping. They worked together at the local cleaners until Corrine retired when she reached 80 years old.

25. Lois was a neighbor to Barbara and Kenny Knutson for more than 20 years. One of Lois's fun memories of being neighbors was seeing their dog Penny sneak into the house while they were at church. Lois went after the dog and arrived in the kitchen just in time to find that Penny had swiped her tongue in the freshly baked pie that was cooling on the counter, creating a small dent. Later Lois learned that Kenny had lined up all the children and asked for a confession of who had to have a taste of pie before it was served!

26. Lois and Earl purchased their home on 5 acres in Yamhill County from Bill Brandt in 1951.

27. Lois went to an auction in 1953 at a farm at the end of Loganberry Road where she was the only lady bidder. She purchased a chicken house and a small barn for \$100.00. The buildings had to be moved to make room for Highway 18 to be built where they stood. A local home builder moved the buildings to their rural property, which was more costly than the

buildings.

28. On the 5 acre farm, Lois loved to have animals. She had cats, dogs, chickens, sheep, and cows. Lois and Earl sold milk, cream, and eggs to local Sheridan residents. Milk was sold for 50 cents per gallon.

29. Lois enjoys canning. She still cans pears, peaches, apple-sauce, and jams.

When asked why she still cans, Lois answered that "it tastes so much better; is better for you; and who knows about next year, I might not be up to canning."

30. For several years, Lois wrote a local news column for the Sheridan Sun.

31. Lois enjoyed traveling.

32. Accompanied by her husband Earl, they traveled to Jamaica to visit daughter Linda when she was on a Hesston College study program trip.

33. Lois and Earl visited daughter Ronda while she and her husband were volunteering with Mennonite Volunteer Services in New York City and Mobile, Alabama. They also traveled to visit them while they were in ministry in Illinois, Kansas, Indiana, Michigan, and Arizona.

34. Lois enjoyed visiting Disney World in Florida and also getting to see Niagara Falls in Canada and Butchart Gardens in British Columbia. She also reflects on how special it was to have high tea in Canada.

35. Lois and Earl traveled to Hawaii with daughter and son-in-law Ronda and Dennis Stutzman and children.

36. Lois made many trips to Indiana to visit daughter and son-in-law Linda and Jim Eicher and children. They enjoyed many boating outings together.

37. Lois's young grandchildren in Indiana would see her arrive on a plane and leave on a plane so they assumed that she lived on a plane. Whenever a large plane would fly overhead, they would wave and say, "There goes Grandma Oee (their pronunciation of Lois)."

38. Lois loves plants and flowers.

39. She grew hanging baskets of flowers for her granddaughter Tracy's wedding. She still enjoys growing hanging baskets of flowers today.

40. Lois was the first woman children's Sunday School Superintendent at Sheridan Mennonite Church.

41. Lois provided transportation many years to Sheridan Mennonite Church for children attending its Vacation Bible School.

Neal in Celebration of Her Upcoming 99th Birthday

42. Lois baked and served lots of cookies and sandwiches that were provided to the children at Bible School.

43. She enjoyed opening her home for weekly Bible Club. Daughter Ronda as a teen was leading a group which had originated from the summer Bible School. When attendance reached 50, the club was moved to the basement of the Sheridan Mennonite Church.

44. Lois was chosen as Queen for a Day by Sheridan Christian Women's Club. The title came with a tiara, a royal purple cape, and a bouquet of red roses.

45. Lois was on the Sheridan Days Senior Court with Marge Owens and Norma Hebert in 2006. She remembers riding through the parade in a convertible.

46. Lois has 4 children: Leonard Neal, Rodney Neal, Ronda Neal Stutzman, and Linda Neal Eicher. She has 3 stepchildren: John Gibson 111, Paul Gibson, and Tom Gibson.

47. Lois has 12 grandchildren

48. Lois has 26 great grandchildren.

49. Lois has 1 great great grandchild.

50. Lois was married to Earl R. Neal for 48 years.

51. Lois and Earl celebrated their 25th anniversary by taking the coastal route of Highway 101 to San Francisco, California.

52. Lois was a caregiver for Earl when he had a heart attack in his early 50s. She helped with his care and healthy eating and exercise program until his passing at age 72.

53. Lois was a widow for 12 years.

54. Lois met her second husband John Gibson at age 78 through listening to him DJ southern gospel music on the radio. Lois called the station to let him know that she and her dog Willow listened faithfully every Sunday morning to the program.

55. Lois and John married in 2006 when she was 79 and ½ years old.

56. Lois and John celebrated their 19th anniversary on Oct 14, 2025.

57. Lois was a caregiver for her husband John the last 5 years of his life until his recent passing in November of 2025.

58. Lois kept her legal name as Lois Neal even though she had remarried.

59. Lois loved to attend music concerts locally and once she

and John even took a bus trip to California, along with her sister Esther and husband Delbert Fowler, to attend a musical event.

60. Lois had 3 brothers and 5 sisters and still enjoys visiting with her remaining sister Esther Fowler and brother John Evers.

61. Lois loved to have her grandchildren come to play and still enjoys their calls and visits.

62. Lois enjoyed Mill Creek Community Club where local rural residents and families met to eat together and share special events at the Mill Creek Schoolhouse.

63. Lois was a member of the Women's Mill Creek Extension Club for many years.

64. While in her 80's and attending the Extension Club near Halloween time, Lois dressed up as a clown, complete with wig, mask, and costume. She was not recognized until she revealed who she was at the close of the meeting.

65. Lois loves to go to the Oregon Coast and plans on going for her 99th birthday and eating some Oregon Coast clam chowder.

66. Lois loves that the bottom field of her 5 acre rural home is a refuge for animals. She loves to look out her window and see deer, wild turkeys, rabbits, squirrels, and a large variety of birds – which she feeds daily.

67. Lois served many Sunday dinners and hosted many family reunions.

68. Lois worked for Stutzman Strawberry Farms as a row boss for several years and enjoyed working with the local Sheridan youth.

69. Lois attended Chemeketa Community College with daughter Ronda.

She provided transportation for her daughter as she did not want her to go to college on the back of a motorcycle for evening classes. Lois ended up enrolling in some classes since she was taking Ronda anyway.

70. Lois often hosted out-of-state company, including relatives, friends, and traveling choirs.

71. Lois and Earl liked to ride bikes; for five years, they rode twice a week from their rural home in Sheridan to the laundromat they owned and operated in Willamina, Oregon.

72. Lois and Earl liked to get up early and walk each morning.

73. Lois is famous for her ba-

nana cream pie.

74. A family favorite is Lois's one dish meal that she created from abundant garden produce. She puts kielbasa sausage, potatoes, carrots, onions, and green beans in a pressure cooker for 5 minutes and voila, supper is served.

75. Most evenings you will find Lois watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune.

76. Lois loves to read and does so daily.

77. She still receives 3 papers to read weekly: The News Register, Statesman Journal, and West Valley Bulletin Board.

78. Lois enjoys sending and receiving greeting cards.

79. Lois would sew patches she made from cookie cutter patterns to repair the worn out knees of jeans for her small sons. She often received compliments and questions about where those cute patches could be purchased.

80. She enjoyed visiting shut-ins and nursing home residents, taking flowers and treats.

81. Lois attended Sheridan Mennonite Church with her family and husband Earl for many years.

82. Lois attended Sheridan Church of the Nazarene and Calvary Chapel with her late husband John.

83. Lois has supported Samaritan Purse Christmas Boxes for many years, both by filling boxes and by donating funds. This year she participated by sending boxes of donated items to a local church. Her late husband John also supported this charity and had this as his memorial donation request.

84. Lois loves ice cream and eats this treat most every day. The freezer usually holds a minimum of 6 half gallons of various flavors.

85. She loves that Pat Markee often shows up with Dairy Queen treats to share with her.

86. Lois accepted the Lord as her Savior and was baptized at age 9, in the old Mennonite Church in Sheridan.

87. Lois has driven mainly Ford vehicles since daughter Linda and son-in-law Jim own a Ford dealership in Indiana.

88. To this day, Lois hates oatmeal. She stayed with an aunt when she was young who gave her an extra-large serving for breakfast. Since Lois did not finish her bowl, it was served to her for lunch, dinner and breakfast again until the bowl was fin-

ished.

89. Her children, their friends, and nieces and nephews remember Lois making a lunch menu for them. They would circle the items they wish to order, such as a hot dog or grilled cheese sandwich, juice or milk, etc. Lois would fill each order as if they were in a restaurant.

90. Through 2024, Lois had the tradition of going to the Mennonite Cemetery on Memorial Day to place flowers on the graves of relatives and friends.

91. Lois loved her 90th birthday party where many friends and family came to visit and celebrate.

92. Lois has had the same hairstyle since she was 14 years old. It was a popular 40's style known as the unbroken roll.

93. Lois will only drink coffee that is steaming hot!

94. She still heats her breakfast plates in the oven so the food will stay hot when served.

95. She had a pet chipmunk that the children had found while on a camping trip. One time when it got sick and wouldn't come out of its milk carton house, she cut holes in the top and dropped in vitamins. It recovered and lived in a special enclosure in the house for 5 years.

96. Lois allowed the children to bring home a turtle from a trip to Kansas that they enjoyed as a pet for three years.

97. Lois had a parakeet for many years. The bird would join the family at the table by sitting on someone's shoulder. It especially liked to sit on daughter Linda's and son Rod's shoulders.

98. Lois enjoys going to see the Keizer Christmas light show. This was a special time with son and daughter-in-law Leonard and Nancy Neal. This last Christmas she once again enjoyed the lights with son Leonard, and son and daughter-in-law Rod and Carol.

99. Lois still lives on the Harmony Road property that she and Earl acquired 74 years ago. Lois loves for people to call or stop by for a visit.



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Allergy Season Soon: Seven Signs of Suffering Those Spring Symptoms

Few things are more deflating than finally venturing outdoors after a long winter of cabin fever, only to find that blooming trees and flowers start wreaking havoc with your personal health.

Spring allergies, also known as allergic rhinitis, occur when the body's immune system overreacts to indoor or outdoor allergens, such as tree and grass pollen, mold and dust. According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, approximately 25.7 percent of adults and 18.9 percent of children in the United States suffer from seasonal allergies. Allergic rhinitis accounts for an estimated \$16 billion in annual health care costs and is a leading cause of reduced productivity while at work.

Identifying the symptoms of allergies is key to distinguishing

them from a cold or another infection and to ensuring fast relief. Spring allergies typically peak from March to May and may even continue into July. Physicians will look for specific physical markers to confirm allergies.

1. Sneezing: Sneezing can occur in rapid-fire patterns, known as paroxysmal sneezing, especially after spending time outdoors. These intense episodes can be tied to allergies or be symptomatic of another condition, says the National Institutes of Health.

2. Itchy, watery eyes: Allergic conjunctivitis is the medical term for this condition, which is a hallmark of spring allergies. Eyes will appear red, feel gritty or drip clear fluid.

3. Nasal congestion/runny nose: A thin, clear discharge typically is a sign of allergies,

whereas any mucus that is thick, yellow or green could indicate an infection. Constant upward rubbing of the nose from allergies (called the allergic salute) often causes a permanent transverse nasal crease at the junction of the nose tip and the bridge, says Healthline.

4. Itchy throat and ears: Pollen may cause a scratchy or tingly sensation in the throat and in the ear canals. Medical professionals warn that chronic inflammation from allergies is a primary risk factor for secondary bacterial infections that can occur in the sinuses and ears. Eustachian tube dysfunction occurs when fluid builds up behind the eardrum because the eustachian tubes become blocked or don't open properly to let fluid drain to the nose and throat, says the Cleveland Clinic. Pressure imbalances, muffled

hearing, popping sounds, and even pain can occur.

5. "Allergic shiners": Nasal congestion can cause swelling and increased blood vessels to the small veins in the infraorbital area, causing dark, bluish circles under the eyes called periorbital hyperpigmentation, says the Center for Orofacial Myology. This makes allergy sufferers appear as though they have two black eyes.

6. Cough: Post-nasal drip occurs when mucus drips down the back of the throat from the nose. This can cause a persistent, dry cough that's often worse at night. Post-nasal drip also may result in a sore throat and a "cobblestone" appearance in the back of the throat that's visible during a medical exam.

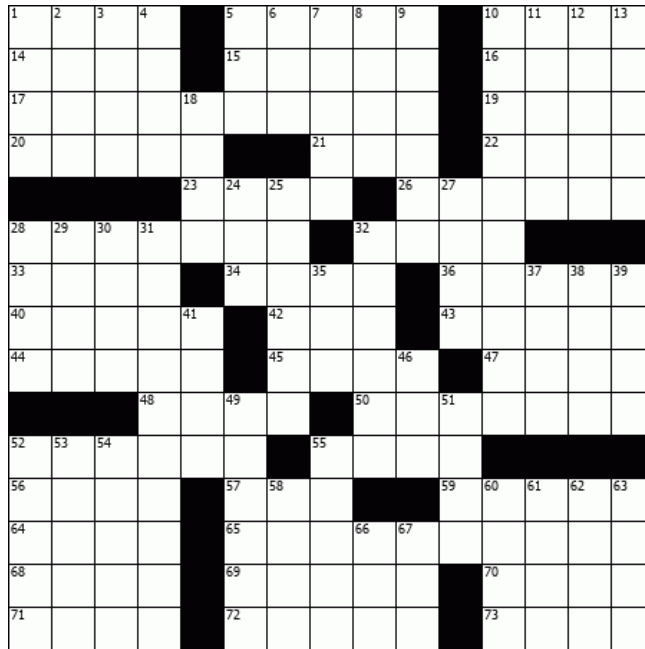
7. Fatigue: Insufficient rest due to allergy-related discomfort can cause those with spring allergies to feel fatigued. The constant immune system response to allergies also can lead to daytime tiredness and lack of focus.

Allergic rhinitis is a problem for millions of people each spring. A combination of avoiding triggers and using allergy medications can help calm any symptoms that crop up.

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20. Coral island
21. Major network
22. Lighten
23. In addition
26. Moneymaker
28. Police drama
32. ___ and ends
33. Every
34. Laundry appliance
36. Doctrine
40. Blooper
42. Take food
43. Nosy person
44. ___ Witherspoon of "Just Like Heaven"
45. Guitarist ___ Clapton
47. Green Gables girl
48. Experiment
50. Deceive
52. Juneau's state
55. Squad
56. Welshman
57. Supporting
59. ___ Beach (D-Day site)
64. Angel's headgear
65. Full of excuses
68. Happily ___ after
69. Antique
70. Angry
71. Refute
72. Narrow channel
73. Went fast



Down

1. Carbonated drink
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5. I see!
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8. Messy fellow
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10. Not relating to individuals
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Showcase Caps Off Season of Cheerleading

West Valley Youth Cheer capped off its season Saturday with a showcase highlighting the routines and skills the team has performed and developed throughout the past year.

Sixty-eight youth cheerleaders, ranging from preschool through eighth grade, were joined by members of the joint Sheridan-Willamina High School cheer squad as they took turns on the mat demonstrating routines performed at camps, competitions, and sporting events during the season.

Individual routines were performed by high school cheerleaders Lana Curl and Robbie Meneley. Youth cheer members McKenzie, Danica, Hannah, and Dakota also performed solo routines during the showcase.

Throughout the season, the cheerleaders were supported by family members and friends, who were given a chance to par-

ticipate in the fun during a jump competition that featured both a mom and dad division, with a few siblings also joining in the contest.

The competition included three rounds, with crowd cheers determining which participants advanced closer to the finals. Each round introduced increasingly difficult jumps, first demonstrated by members of the high school squad before contestants attempted them.

In the men's division, a young Bradley Thomas, who attended to support his sister, Madison Thomas, and his aunt, Lana Curl, won the contest. Madalynn Montano, who was cheering on her younger sister Mia Montano, won the women's division.

The showcase concluded with several awards and medals presented to the athletes in recognition of their efforts throughout the season.

Following the showcase, several members of the cheer teams, along with family and friends, returned to the mat for one final moment together, joining in a fun dance as attendees began heading for the exits.



Members of the West Valley Youth Cheerleading display the routines and skills the team has performed and developed throughout the past year at the showcase the held Saturday.




Bradley Thomas shows off the medal he won in the men's jump competition. A fun event held during the Cheerleading Showcase, where friends and family of the cheerleaders got to test their skills.

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Mac' Defeates Sheridan in District Tourney

MCMINNVILLE — The Sheridan Spartans lost out in Friday's district tournament play by being defeated by the McMinnville Grizzlies 64-53.

McMinnville led all the way with a comfortable margin except when Sheridan put on a fourth-quarter splurge and came within six points of the winners. The superior height of the Grizzlies made it hard for the Spartans to take many rebounds off the backboard.

Score at the end of the first quarter stood 17-10 in favor of McMinnville, and at halftime they held a comfortable lead of 32-17.

Sheridan started hitting a few and in the third quarter gained a few points to start the last period 46-37 in "Mac's" favor. The Spartans kept gaining on the Grizzlies, and with 3 minutes to go, the score stood 54-48. The local boys couldn't press their shooting accuracy anymore, and the Grizzlies went on to take the first game of the tournament 61-53.

Scoring for Sheridan: Hulett 17, Stuck 14, Sanders 4, Smith 6, Burdg 10, Holdgrafer 2.

Sheridan is completely out of the picture now as far as this year's basketball goes. They have turned in some very fine games and finished in second place in the Yawama League.

METHODIST MEN HOLD FAMILY NIGHT

Methodist Men met at the church last Monday evening for the monthly meeting.

It was Family Night, and the group saw the premiere showing of the film "I Beheld His Glory," which has just been issued by Cathedral Films. L. L. Shively is president of the group, and Otto Heider was in charge of the program.

SHERIDAN BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sparks enjoyed television at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hantze in McMinnville Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pratt and sons were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Write and Patricia.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Thurber spent the weekend at Shedd visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Phillips.

Young Father Dies Following Brief Illness

WILLAMINA — Funeral services for Orville Dennis Kiper, Jr., 19, of Willamina will be held Friday, March 6, at 2:00 P.M. at the Chapel of Memories, Sheridan Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in McMinnville. Rev. Wesley Graves of Springfield, former pastor of Willamina Free Methodist Church, will officiate. Mrs. Adolph Pelzer will be the organist, and James Kessler will be the soloist.

Orville Dennis Kiper was born June 17, 1933, at Hagerman, New Mexico, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville D. Kiper, Sr., who survive him. He died in Dallas on February 28, failing to recuperate from peritonitis. He was an employee of Associated Plywood Mills and was stricken while at work in the drying room of the mill, several days previous to his death. He had been a resident of the Willamina area since coming to Oregon with his parents when he was two years old. He attended the Willamina schools. On November 9, 1951, he was married to Miss Goldia Hamilton. He was 19 years, 8 months, and 11 days old at the time of his death.

Surviving are his wife, Goldia, infant-daughter, Leona, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville D. Kiper, Sr., and three sisters, Rosie Jean, Eva May, and Betty Fay Kiper, all of Willamina. Grandparents who survive him are Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Kiper of Hagerman, New Mexico, and Mrs. Minnie Lattion of Missouri.

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Speed Control Hearing Supported by Council

Sheridan's City Council went on record Monday night in regular session as favoring the proposed state legislation, which would make public hearings necessary to raise speed limits in the state. The council voted to write their state representatives and senators asking for support of the measure.

It is understood that Sheridan is one of the reasons for the proposed law because of an incident occurring here over a year ago, when the speed limits on the state highway inside the city limits were raised without any prior notice from the state speed control board.

Council President Fred Bozeman presided at the Monday night session due to the absence of Mayor Francis Bradley.

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Each evening, Rev. Turner will train a group of lay visitors who will call in the homes of the unchurched in the Interest of Christian consecration.

The leader of the mission here has been a pastor in Texas, a chaplain in the army, is National Guard Chaplain in the state, and was pastor at Leslie Methodist Church in Salem for five years before going to Lebanon last fall. The public is invited to attend these services.

Bureau Official Says Water Project Possible If Interest Is Strong

Very little interest in irrigation was shown in this area in 1942. Lee McAllister, Salem, Bureau of Reclamation planning engineer, told the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce in their noon luncheon Monday. But, with a diminishing supply of water today, he declared local people are showing real interest in water conservation. "If local interest is strong enough, and people here really want water conservation, and get behind the movement, they can get it," the bureau official added.

The planning engineer told the organization that the Corps of Engineers handles flood control problems, and the Bureau of Reclamation is in charge of irrigation projects.

Blood Mobile Unit To Visit Grand Ronde March 10th

GRAND RONDE — Red Cross blood mobile unit will visit Grand Ronde Tuesday, March 10th, under the sponsorship of the Grand Ronde Women's Club, according to Mrs. B. B. Walkley. Hours to visit the unit will be 2:00 to 6:30 P. M. at the school gym.

Mrs. Walkley urges ladies of the community to visit the blood bank between the hours of 2:00 and 4:30 if possible, so that men will not have to wait when they come off shift from the mills and the woods. Men are urged to visit the unit directly from work instead of going home to clean up.

C. OF. C. SPONSORS MEETING OF AREA'S CLUBS MONDAY

All organizations in the area have been invited to send representatives to a meeting at the city hall Monday evening, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Ed Horswill, president of the organization, states that the object of the session will be to discuss plans for future development of the area in relationship to natural resources and industry. was in charge of the program.

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