



# West Valley Bulletin Board

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## Spartan Wrestlers Send Two to State Tournament

Spartans wrestlers Triston Sayer and Peylinn Childress qualified for the OSAA State Wrestling Championships last weekend.

Sayer competed in the 2A/1A boys 285-pound division, while Childress qualified in the 4A/3A/2A/1A girls 100-pound bracket.

Sayer dropped his opening match, falling by pin midway through the first period. He rebounded in his second bout, securing a third-period pin to remain in the tournament, but Sayer's run ended in his next match, where he was pinned by an opponent, who went on to finish third in the state standings.

Childress was unable to make weight for the tournament, forcing her to drop from the State Championship.

## Bulldog Wrestlers Finish 5th in State Tournament

The Bulldog boys wrestling team capped off its season with a fifth-place finish at the OSAA 3A State Wrestling Championships last weekend, Willamina being led by state titles from Adonijah Stanton and Kisor Savage.

Stanton dominated the 132-pound bracket from the start, pinning his opening-round opponent in the second period. Adonijah won his quarterfinal match by technical fall (15-point margin) before he advanced to the finals with a semifinal pin.

In the championship match, Stanton faced John Henderson of Harrisburg. Stanton carried a 4-1 lead into the third period before Henderson escaped and scored a takedown to take a 5-4 advantage. However, Henderson blundered, earning a locked-hands penalty, which tied the match at 5-5.

Stanton responded with an escape and a takedown to secure a 9-5 victory and the state championship title.

Savage also delivered an impressive tournament performance in the 138-pound division, opening with a 15-3 major decision and following that with a first-period pin in the quarterfinals. He advanced to the championship match against Trayson Truesdell of Harrisburg with a 15-0 technical fall in the semifinals.

The title bout was tightly contested all the way through the match, with Savage entering the third period with a 1-0 lead. Kisor surrendered a reversal early in the period to find himself down 2-1, Savage responding with a reversal of his own a few seconds later to take a 3-2 lead.

Truesdell regained the lead with a reversal to pull ahead 4-3 with 36 seconds remaining.

With just two seconds remaining, Savage completed a decisive reversal to claim a dramatic 5-4 victory and the state title.

Willamina junior Landon Risseeuw advanced to the 285-pound championship match before falling 13-0 to Joe Well of Burns High School.

Grayson Hubbard's title run was

stopped in the semifinals by eventual state champion Diesel Johnson. Hubbard rebounded with two wins to secure third place at 113 pounds.

At 157 pounds, Jacob Bazy dropped his opening-round match before rebounding in his next match, winning a 16-1 technical fall victory. His tournament ended in the next round after being pinned late in the first period. Eden Stanton, also competing at 138 pounds, fell in the opening round to 2nd-place finisher Trayson Truesdell, later dropping a 14-12 decision in the consolation bracket to conclude his tournament.

The Bulldogs girls' team finished 23rd out of 74 teams that qualified at least one wrestler for the state tournament.

Senior Paige Baker, competing at 190 pounds, won her first two matches before falling to eventual state champion Megan Well. Baker advanced to the third-place match but lost 9-4 to finish fourth in the state.

Kelsea Gray opened her tournament with a pin after trailing 14-9. She later lost by fall to eventual runner-up Victoria Keller of Oakridge and then was eliminated in her next match.

## Sheridan Chamber of Commerce

### Continental Breakfast

8-9:15 am

Friday, March 6

Sheridan City Hall  
120 SW Mill St., Sheridan



Join us this Friday to discuss your business and learn about others in our area. This meeting is the perfect way to spread the word about what you have to offer.

All Chamber members and potential Chamber members are invited to join this fun group of business owners, managers, and citizens who want to strengthen our business community by building stronger relationships.

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Willamina Bulldogs' Adonijah Stanton (top) during the finals of the Bob Bishop Invitational held in January. Stanton won the OSAA 3A State Title in the 132-pound division this last weekend.



Kisor Savage grappled his way to a state title in the 138-pound bracket during the OSAA 3A state wrestling meet held at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

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## CITY OF WILLAMINA Employment Opportunity (open until filled)

**Job Title:** Community Support and Code Enforcement Officer

**Starting Salary:** \$22.54/hour

**Department:** City Hall

**Reports to:** City Manager FLSA

**Status:** 40 hours/week, Non-Exempt

**Remote work:** Not eligible for remote work

**Bargaining Unit:** LiUNA Local 737

**SUMMARY:** The Community Support and Code Enforcement Officer generally performs the following duties:

Conducts investigations to determine compliance with City Ordinances and the City's Development Code and responds to complaints from community members regarding non-compliance.

They act as the liaison between the City and the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office Deputies on contract with the City in regard to active cases; attend and testify on behalf of the City at the Willamina Municipal Court; and assist citizens, community members, and visitors to the City of Willamina as needed.

Coordinates security matters for the City of Willamina. Assists with emergency operations liaison tasks, supporting coordination between City departments and emergency response partners as needed.

Serves as the Internal Safety Committee Lead for the City, promoting workplace safety initiatives and facilitating safety compliance efforts across departments.

They will perform a variety of administrative, clerical, and technical duties.

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## 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.

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## Employment

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## Volunteers Needed

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Bubbles and Ronzo  
Hidden in the WV  
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# Obituaries



**George Beryl Robertson, JR.**  
**May 4, 1943 - Feb. 27, 2026**

George wore many hats: son, brother, husband, father, journalist, editor, publisher, ombudsman, volunteer, golfer, and friend.

George is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Gratia Bezona Robertson; daughter Karen Robertson-Fall (Terry); sisters Helen, Gale (Douglas), Elise Fredrick (Thomas), and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a very good man and will be greatly missed.

There will be a viewing Friday, March 6 at the West Valley Funeral Home, Sheridan, from 3 - 7 p.m.. Services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Good Shepherd Catholic, 127 NE Hill St., Sheridan. A celebration of life reception to follow at the church hall.



**Clarence Raymond Lake**  
**1938 - 2026**

Graveside Services will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 11:00 am at the Green Crest Memorial Park, Sheridan, OR. Family and close friends only please.



**Gail Edna LaBonte**  
**Mar. 1, 1939 - Jan. 18, 2026**

Gail Edna LaBonte, a woman of remarkable strength and devotion, passed away on January 18, 2026 at the age of 86.

Gail was born on March 1, 1939, in Silver Bow County Montana, to Francis Pealer and Helmi Taskila. Though born in Montana, she was raised in Oregon, the place she called home for the majority of her life.

On July 8, 1965, Gail married Eugene LaBonte in Carson City, Nevada, and they shared their lives together until his passing.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents Francis and Helmi Pealer; her husband Eugene LaBonte; her daughters Shelly Springer, Laura Stewart and her stepson Michael LaBonte.

She is survived by her children James Stewart, William Stewart and Kimberly Loucks, as well as her many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and one great, great granddaughter.

Services will be held on March 14, 2026, at 11 AM at the Sheridan Baptist Church, 643 E. Main St., Sheridan.


# Name That Duck Coloring Contest Now Underway, Kids Enter to Become Royalty

The Rotary Club of The West Valley is sponsoring the contest for their annual Duck Races on June 19. The large inflatable duck that will sit atop the food cart needs a name. The winner of the naming contest will be crowned the duck king or queen, there will be a coronation ceremony at noon, June 19 and they will reign over the racing day with their own duck entered in races (except cash race as you need to be 18 or older to enter). They will also receive a free meal from the rotary cart, lead the kids parade at 6 p.m., and can ride with the large duck during the main parade June 20.

To enter you just need to get a coloring sheet and turn it into the West Valley Bulletin Board, 136 E. Main St., you can drop through the mail slot if outside

open hours. Each business has their own unique duck to color. Currently you can get them at First Federal Bank, West Valley Mercantile, Riverside café, Sheridan IGA, West Valley Bulletin Board, Coyote Joes, and Wildwood Hotel. With more locations being added soon. Entries must be received by June 1 to be eligible. More information as we get closer to the event.

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This summer program will be held in Sheridan. For registration and to apply for scholarships visit [girlsbuild.org](http://girlsbuild.org)

## Color Your Way Down Memory Lane

The Sheridan Museum of History is proud to announce the release of Hometown Highlights: A Collection of Sheridan Memories, a brand-new coloring book celebrating the history and cherished traditions of Sheridan. The book is available for purchase now for \$10.

Filled with illustrations of classic local scenes, the coloring book offers a nostalgic trip down memory lane for residents of all ages.

Pages feature iconic Sheridan memories and events, including the old rodeo, May Day celebrations, strawberry and bean picking, the fire department's pancake breakfast, and the Cub Scout cake auction, the old soda fountain, and the non-motorized boat races on the South Yamhill. The book also highlights old-time Sheridan restaurants, Sheridan Days, the old bowling alley, the ice skating rink, and more.

Copies of Hometown Highlights can be purchased directly at the Sheridan Museum of History, located at 142 S. Bridge St. The museum is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All proceeds from the sale of the coloring books will go directly toward museum expenses and ongoing maintenance, ensuring that Sheridan's history continues to be preserved and shared with future generations.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## From the Desk of the Superintendent: The Pendulum is Swinging Back

### Beyond the "Time Warp"

What is right with public education today? As it turns out, quite a lot! Between 2020 and 2023—years we now affectionately call the "COVID years"—public education underwent one of the most rapid transformations in history. We learned how to deliver instruction in ways we never thought possible.

However, we are only now beginning to understand the long-term impact of that "time warp." While our graduates from that era successfully reshaped the corporate world with remote work and flexible thinking, our younger students faced a different reality. For them, it wasn't just about missing lessons; it was about missing the social magic of play and the foundational interactions with family and peers.

### Regaining the Human Connection

The good news? The pendulum is swinging back. With Oregon's new "no cell bell to bell" laws, we are witnessing a powerful "recovery of human behavior."

Without the digital distraction, we see students:

- Regaining social skills through face-to-face interaction.
- Learning the art of "give and take" in conversation.
- Engaging in respectful debate, understanding that speaking to a person is vastly different from firing off a text.

### The Challenge and the Progress

Let's be real: this transition hasn't been easy. Our teachers and administrators are working incredibly hard to help students navigate this return to social norms. While behavior challenges have taken time away from the classroom in the past, we are seeing a shift. As behaviors stabilize, academics are improving. I've always said our students are the best people. Now, I want them to be the highest-rated academic performers in the state, too. Much like the pride we feel for our success on the mat or the field, we want to "show out" in the classroom.

### To get there, we are implementing a focused strategy:

1. Staff Development: A two-year plan to deepen our educators' skills and classroom impact.
2. New Curriculum: Our Board is adopting a new curriculum, chosen with vital input from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR) to ensure it meets the unique needs of our community.

### Join the Journey

We are making real progress. As we head into the coming months—the season where students "show what they know"—I am confident we have a true path forward.

Thank you for joining us on this journey of excellence for every student. Let's show the state what we are capable of!

**It is hard to high jump over a low bar!**

**Mike Gass, Superintendent**

**Willamina Elementary School 503.876.2374**

**Willamina Middle/High School 503.876.2545**

**School District Office 503.876.1500**

## McMenamins to Hold FCS Friends and Family Night

McMenamins Hotel in McMinnville will host a Friends and Family Night fundraiser from 5 p.m. to close on Tuesday, March 10.

Fifty percent of sales from the night will be donated to the Faulconer-Chapman School.

McMenamins is located on the corner of 3rd and Evans at 310 NE Evans St., McMinnville.

*Parallel parking is 5% spatial awareness... and 95% turning the radio down so you can see better.*

## •Reminder•

**Sheridan High School Seniors  
Get your senior photos turned in ASAP  
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## WEST VALLEY COMMUNITY CAMPUS

### Greetings Gardeners!

The West Valley Community Campus Community Garden is opening up for the 2025 season on March 1, 2026, to



anyone who would like to sign up for one of our spaces. We have 12 raised beds of various sizes plus four round planters, and we are working on preparing some ground space for gardening as well. Please contact us through email, [info@westvalleycommunitycampus.org](mailto:info@westvalleycommunitycampus.org) or call at 503-929-4037 and leave a message. We will call you or write you back to add you to our list of interested gardeners when we open up for the new season and send you further details for signing up. We have been working on preparing our garden spaces through the winter and are excited to offer these spaces to all! Please check out our Facebook page and our website to see past and present pictures of our garden!

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# Snap Recipients Affected By New Federal Work Rules

## News Release from Oregon Dept. of Human Services

Recent federal changes mean more people in Oregon who receive SNAP food benefits must now show they are working, looking for work or participating in training to continue receiving aid. WorkSource Oregon centers offer free employment and training services to help people meet the requirement and stay eligible.

The Oregon Department of Human Services and the Oregon Employment Department, both WorkSource Oregon partners, are encouraging people who receive SNAP food benefits to take advantage of free job search and training at one of the 37 centers across the state.

Recent federal changes mean some adults who receive SNAP must now meet work requirements to keep getting benefits for longer than three months. These changes apply to more people than in the past, including some adults up to age 64 and some households with older children.

To help people meet these requirements, the state is connecting SNAP participants with free employment and training services that can build skills, support job searches and create new career opportunities. Many people may already meet

the requirement through work, volunteering or other activities they are doing now.

"Through case management and employment and training services, we work with each person to create a plan based on their interests, strengths, and abilities. This helps them meet requirements while moving toward a career path that fits their goals," said Jessica Amya Hoffman, SNAP Director at the Oregon Department of Human Services.

Staff from both agencies are available to help participants understand their options and stay eligible for benefits while working toward employment goals. Services include:

- Personalized support to develop a case plan that identifies all available options for meeting work requirements
- Job search assistance includes identifying openings and submitting applications
- Resume development and interview preparation through one-on-one coaching and workshops
- Job readiness workshops focused on workplace expectations and professional skills
- Connections to education and training programs such as GED completion, short-term training and industry recognized certifications

• Help with items needed, such as transportation assistance to be successful in the program

"WorkSource Oregon staff are ready to help SNAP participants look for meaningful work, meet SNAP requirements, and stay eligible for the benefits they rely on while moving toward their professional goals," said OED's Workforce Operations Director, Jim Pfarrer. "Just like any job seeker that comes to one of our centers, they can get career coaching and help with resume writing, practice interviewing, and job search strategies—all at no additional cost."

Some areas of Oregon are not required to meet these work rules because they do not have a nearby WorkSource Oregon center. This includes people living in Crook, Gilliam, Jefferson, Lake, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties.

Anyone who has questions or thinks these changes may apply

to them is encouraged to contact ODHS. Staff can help determine whether a person already meets the requirement or qualifies for an exemption.

For full details about ABAWD work rules, exemptions and how to report activities, visit:

- English: [Oregon.gov/snap-workrules](http://Oregon.gov/snap-workrules)
- Spanish: [Oregon.gov/snapnor-mastrabajo](http://Oregon.gov/snapnor-mastrabajo)

ABAWD Team:

- Call: 1-833-947-1694
- Email: [SNAP.ABAWDTeam@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:SNAP.ABAWDTeam@odhsoha.oregon.gov)

For more information about SNAP benefits:

- Online: [benefits.oregon.gov](http://benefits.oregon.gov)
  - Call: 1-800-699-9075
  - ODHS local office: <http://odhsoffices.oregon.gov/>
- For more information about WorkSource Oregon:
- Online: [WorkSourceOregon.org](http://WorkSourceOregon.org)
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# Notable Quotes From American Presidents

Americans will celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the United States throughout 2026. Many a notable leader has influenced the country in its 250-year history, and the following are some notable quotes from American presidents over the course of the nation's history.



- "If we can but prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretense of taking care of them, they must become happy." Thomas Jefferson, 1802
- "Peace is the best time for improvement and preparation of every kind; it is in peace that our commerce flourishes most, that taxes are most easily paid, and that the revenue is most productive." - James Monroe, 1817
- "Officeholders are the agents of the people, not their masters." - Grover Cleveland, 1886

- "In the history of mankind, many republics have risen, have flourished for a less or greater time, and then have fallen because their citizens lost the power of governing themselves

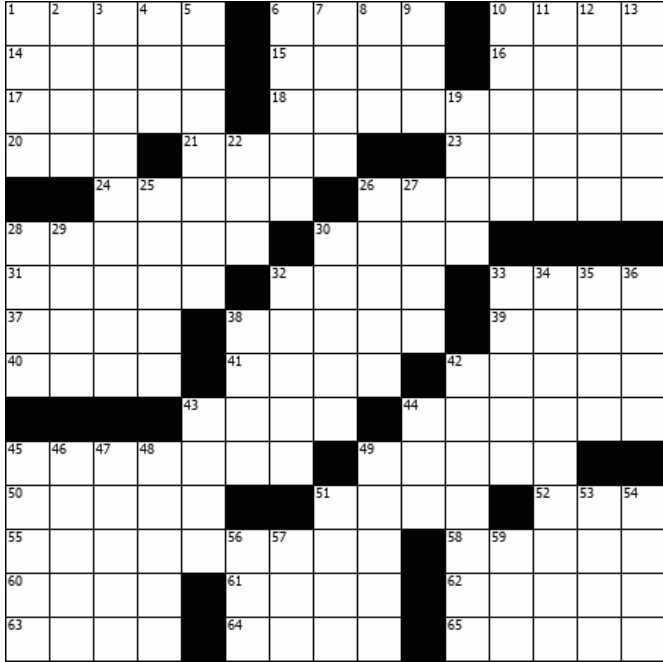
and thereby governing their state; and in no way has this loss of power been so often and so clearly shown as in the tendency to turn the government into a government primarily for the benefit of one class instead of a government for the benefit of the people as a whole." - Theodore Roosevelt, 1903

- "Governments do not make ideals, but ideals make governments." - Calvin Coolidge, 1926
- "No government is perfect. One of the chief virtues of democracy, however, is that its defects are always visible and under democratic processes can be pointed out and corrected." - Harry S. Truman, 1947
- "Mankind must put an end to war - or war will put an end to mankind." - John F. Kennedy, 1961
- "A president's hardest task is not to do what is right, but to know what is right." - Lyndon B. Johnson, 1965
- "American has never been united by blood or birth or soil. We are bound by ideals that move us beyond our backgrounds, lift us above our interests and teach us what it means to be citizens." - George W. Bush, 2001

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**Across**

- Dog's tether
- Actor \_\_\_ Hackman
- Glided
- Dispute
- Farm measure
- Vocalist \_\_\_ Turner
- Town's announcer
- Knife user's tool
- Rt time zone
- Butter's rival
- Ward off
- Opera highlights
- Customers
- Go to
- Ship's bottom
- Salary boost
- Ampersands
- Ticket remnant
- Curdle
- Frozen raindrops
- Sit for an artist
- Roosters' mates
- Did garden work
- Laid bathroom flooring
- Disgusting
- Spuds
- Narrowed gradually
- More ashen
- Overjoy
- Uncontaminated
- Prone
- City in NY
- High-minded
- Citi Field predecessor
- Evergreen tree
- Vulture's claw
- Work for
- Prince Charles's sister
- Short distances



**Down**

- Lingerie edging
- Makes a mistake
- Unrest
- Prosecute
- Leading lady
- Vapors
- Reverberate
- Shooter's group (abbr.)
- Browning's "always"
- Comic \_\_\_ Martin
- Fine fabric
- Lethargic
- Pub missiles
- Beach toy
- Chap
- Relaxes
- Surrendered
- For fear that
- Curved doorway
- Narrative
- Prepare to propose
- Orally
- Malice
- Endurable
- Operator
- Berths
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# Low and Slow is the Way to Go for Local Willamina Pilot

Willamina resident Clinton Folden is finally getting around to a passion he's had most of his life, zooming around in the sky in an airplane that weighs around the same as a standard refrigerator, minus the occupant.

Well zooming may not be the correct term to use for his ultralight aircraft, "low and slow" is how Clinton described flying his 254-pound ultralight-trike aircraft, built from strong but lightweight aluminum tubing, dacron sailcloth, and powered by a small 2-stroke engine that gets it starting kick from a lawnmower battery and needs as little as 200 feet of runway to get it off the ground. "The material on these is surprisingly strong. You have to want to crash them. You either come in too fast and hard or hit something. They fly easy, they're so intuitive, I've done touch and goes in this one (pointing to the ultralight), it's just a no-brainer," he stated.

Clinton got his start in the hobby a little under a year ago. "I always wanted to get into the ultralights; it just wasn't the right time, and now I'm at the point where I've got to get it done," said the 65-year-old veteran.

While no licensing is required, ultralights do have restrictions, weighing no more than 254 pounds, a maximum of five gallons of gas, operating during the day, a max speed of 55 knots (63 mph), and a stall speed of 24 knots (28 mph). They are also at the bottom of the list when it comes to air traffic, having to yield to other aircraft in the area.

His end goal is to get his sports license, which still does not require a medical checkup, but does have some very minimal training, requiring individuals to be at least 17 years of age, speak English, pass a knowledge/practical test, and hold a valid U.S. driver's license (if not denied a medical). Minimum training

includes 20 hours of flight time (15 dual/5 solo), including 2 hours of cross-country training. He stated that a lot of ex-pilots and those getting into flying go to these two classes because of the minimal training and the necessary training.

An experienced hang-glider and paratrooper during his eight years spent in the army, Clinton is no stranger to being off the ground. "I've flown in a lot of airplanes, 90% of them I've jumped out of, especially small ones. It was all during skydiving. I've never really landed in small airplanes before. So when I first started taking my lessons, we were coming up for a landing, it scared the heck (he used a more colorful term) out of me. It looked like they were going to plow right into the ground, and then they flare right at the end and land. I was like, man, that's going to take some getting used to."

Three months after his first lesson, he purchased an ultralight trike and a Rans S4 Coyote sport class aircraft, also known as an experimental, because it is designed, sold, and built as an experimental Amateur-Built aircraft, in a package deal for \$13,000. "My end game is to get

what they call a kit fox, which is a lot like the experimental, but the wings fold back so I can store it in my garage," he said.

So for now he will have to navigate the airfield around the McMinnville Airport, who he expressed his appreciation of the people that work there and also provided him with two hangar spots for his aircraft at what he described as a "deal" on the rental.

While he's all too happy to have a home at the McMinnville Airport for now, he wants to get away from the hustle and bustle of the busy airport, stating, "I'm not real good at the radio yet. I have no idea when I can tell somebody, when we've got this much stuff going on (pointing at the other helicopters and planes enjoying the good weather day), that you want to land. You've got to tell them what direction you're coming from. There's a downleg, the upwind, the final, and the base. There's just a lot of terminology you've got to learn if you want to fly in and around a place like this. You can't see above you, and these planes tend to fly low, where there's a Cessna, and these other planes fly high and a lot faster. So the whole reason you have to really

know how to identify your plane to ground is so a Cessna doesn't land on top of you or another plane. They can't see anything through the bottom of their plane, and I can't see anything through the top of mine. I'm going 45-50 miles an hour, and he's coming in at 80, so if he's coming down, he'll never know I'm there, and I'll never know he's coming unless we talk to each other."

So he has been looking for a place to rent or lease in the West Valley area, big enough for a landing strip, preferably with a building the plane(s) can be stored in when not in use. One that is long enough, flat and level, with no big hills or trees, so he can start up a group to gather and meet up in the area. He's talked to a couple of people in the Vancouver area, and has leads on a couple of others around Willamina. "It's a short flight to the coast. If you want to go whale watching, or just go out and see the scenery, it's beautiful out there," he said.

Until then, he will continue hitting the skies in his ultralight and continuing his lessons at the McMinnville Airport towards his sports license.

He said that those interested in getting into ultralight and sport flying can contact Potcake Aviation at the McMinnville Airport for a "discovery" lesson, recommending Jeff, who provides a hands-on trial lesson for \$100 for 30 minutes. "You get a chance to take control of the airplane, you get to do some turns, ascents, you get a chance to do all that stuff. You think you might want to fly, but you don't know because you've never tried, and you're not sure if you like it, it gives you that hands-on experience," Clinton said.

Those interested in talking with Clinton about the group can reach out to him on Facebook.



Clinton Folden stands by his ultralight aircraft, a hobby he's long wanted to pursue and only recently gotten into. To the right is the nose of other aircraft and his goal, a sports-class aircraft, which requires a little more training to get behind the controls.



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- He was 6' 2 1/2" tall and was known by the nickname "Long Tom."
- He played the violin and wooed his wife, Martha, with musical serenades. Tragically, she died at the age of 33.
- He fathered at least six children with Sally Hemings, an enslaved woman at Monticello. Four of these children survived to adulthood.
- He suffered from debilitating migraine headaches throughout his entire life.
- He held traditional views on women's roles. While he ensured his daughters received a foundational education to manage a household, he strongly opposed women's involvement in politics and did not support equal rights for women.
- He was a brilliant linguist. He could read and write proficiently in Greek, Latin, French, Spanish, and Italian, and he also studied German, Arabic, and Old English.
- He advocated for a public education system and supported the creation of free public libraries.
- He championed the creation of a decimal system for both currency and weights and measures.
- He was a founder of the Democratic-Republican Party (often just called Republicans at the time), which positioned itself as the party of the common man.
- He was a lavish entertainer during his presidency, famous for his fine wine and dinners, but he died deeply in debt.
- He sold his personal library to Congress for \$23,950. His collection of nearly 6,500 books was used to rebuild the Library of Congress after the British burned the Capitol in 1814.
- He was a reluctant public speaker with a notoriously quiet voice, but he is widely regarded as one of the most gifted writers to ever hold the office of the presidency.

### Last issue's crossword solution

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## Word Scramble

Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to National Marching Band Day (March 4). Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.

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# A Picture-Perfect Afternoon: Dick Jordan's Historic Sheridan Presentation

**Marianne Thomson**

Armed with a treasure trove of historic photographs and a deep well of local lore, Dick Jordan delivered a presentation that was both educational and entertaining to an appreciative gathering of more than 60 people at the Sheridan High School "cafetorium" on Feb. 21.

Dick's roots in the Sheridan area trace back to when he moved to the community at age 14. After graduating from Sheridan High School in 1962, he quickly learned the value of a hard day's work, pulling the night shift on the green chain at Willamina Lumber. Following a brief one-month stint at the Willamina Brick Plant, he found his footing at Copeland Lumber, where he dedicated the next ten years of his career.

Outside of work, Dick was a bit of a thrill-seeker with a passion for racing boats and fast cars. Yet, he also appreciated the quiet moments, developing a lifelong love for fishing. Over the years, he could frequently be found casting a line in the Siletz River or heading out to the coastal waters of Depoe Bay.

In 1976, Dick shifted gears and launched his own real estate business on Main Street in Sheridan, making a name for himself by selling several homes in Willamina's Oaken Hills Subdivision. But it was a simple notice posted in his office window that sparked his historical legacy: "Old Pictures of Sheridan Wanted." The community stepped up and answered the call. Whenever someone brought in a piece of local history, Dick would copy the photo and sit down with them to uncover the story behind it, asking about the locations and the faces captured in the frame. Unfortunately, Dick noted, all of those original contributors are gone now. But through these conversations and shared memories, he built an extensive and invaluable collection of Sheridan's history.

Thanks to the Sheridan Rotary Club and Matt Huegli, who loaned and set up their massive movie screen, everyone in attendance had a clear view of the archival photos. Dick explained that the images wouldn't be shown in any particular order—he prefers mixing them up because he finds it more interesting.

He kicked off the show with a 100-year-old photo of the 1926 first-grade class at the old Faul-

coner Grade School, complete with the students' names. Dick and others in the audience had fun pointing out people they remembered, relatives, and old friends. The image even featured Charlotte Teats, the granddaughter of Absalom Faulconer, one of Sheridan's founders.

The presentation then jumped to Sheridan's 1947 flood, followed by a snapshot of East Main Street businesses, including Houser's Chevrolet dealership (now home to Sea Reach).

Taken before the highway bypass was built, the photo captured a time when all coastal traffic came through Sheridan, making it a bustling little hub.

Because Sheridan had two hotels at the time, many travelers would stop and stay overnight. "Back when I was in high school, Sheridan had many gas stations!" Dick recalled. "They were everywhere because it was the major stop coming from Portland. People said, 'Let's stop, let's refuel!'" He also remembered the Chat and Chew Restaurant (located in the green building by the bridge), which in the 1960s was open 24 hours a day and employed 18 people.

The tour through time continued with a look at the Otto Hyder estate shortly after its construction in the 1940s. (The original decorative brick exterior has since been remodeled with white lap siding.) Dick explained with a laugh, "Otto Hyder was a lawyer here in town; he was our millionaire in those days."

The audience was also treated to vintage Phil Sheridan Parade photos featuring memorable local characters, snapshots of the old Haas Drugstore (owned by Marilyn Levy's grandfather, Ernest Haas), more school pictures, and stark images of the horrific 1913 fire that wiped out all the buildings south of the bridge, along with photos of some of the businesses built to replace them. Dick went on to highlight the building that now serves as Sheridan City Hall. Sheridan's original train depot, located on the property, was torn down in 1967. A new building was constructed on the site to resemble the old depot. The Bank of Oregon, a pizza parlor, and a restaurant named McNamara's Crossing all occupied this building before it was purchased by the City of Sheridan for use as Sheridan City Hall. The journey then went back to the town's roots with founder A.B. Faulconer, who arrived on



**Looking west on East Main Street. Until the 1957 highway bypass opened, all coastal traffic routed directly through Sheridan.**



**The Big Dipper Crew, early 1940s (WWII era). It was located in the green building next to the bridge on West Main Street.**



**A glimpse of early Sheridan: Yocom's Confectionery stands on the left, neighboring the E.W. Haas Drug Co. on the right. This photo captures the street scape sometime between 1907, when Haas arrived in town, and 1913, when a fire claimed the building.**

a wagon train in 1846. Faulconer built a boarding house and his personal residence on what is now East Main Street, constructed the Christian Church, and platted the town. Dick noted that Faulconer named the town after his friend, General Phil Sheridan. Dick also displayed a large framed print of a photo of Phil Sheridan currently housed at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

The presentation also showcased the original Sheridan High School, the majestic oak trees in the City Park, the historic Ball-

ston Road entrance to town, and the old Grand Theater where movies and traveling plays once entertained the community.

Dick shared so many wonderful photos that it would be nearly impossible to describe them all! But, thankfully, he has generously shared a large number of them with the Sheridan Museum of History at 142 S. Bridge St. All are invited to drop by any Saturday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to see these photos for yourself.

The presentation concluded with a huge round of applause from a very appreciative audience.

## Test Your Knowledge Of The History Of The United States

1. How many original colonies were there?
2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?
3. Which explorer is America named after?
4. In what year were women finally granted the right to vote in the U.S.?
5. Who are the only two non-presidents to appear on widely used U.S. currency?
6. What are the three branches of the U.S. government?
7. If someone requests your John Hancock, what are they referring to?
8. Who was the first woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court?
9. Which Civil Rights figure led the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955?
10. True or False? Apple pie was invented in the U.S.
11. Who was the first U.S. astronaut in space?
12. What is the United States motto?
13. When was Washington established as the capital of the United States?
14. Which state was the first admitted to the Union?

Answers: 1. Thirteen 2. Philadelphia 3. Amerigo Vesputci 4. 1920 5. Alexander Hamilton and Benjamin Franklin 6. Legislative, Executive and Judicial 7. Signature 8. Sandra Day O'Connor 9. Martin Luther King, Jr. 10. False; it originated in England 11. Alan Shepard 12. "E pluribus unum." 13. 1790 14. Delaware

## Horoscopes Mar. 4-10

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your natural charisma is at an all-time high right now. A bold idea you've been sitting on finally gets the green light. Put your plan into action this week.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Comfort and luxury find you this week, Taurus. Expect a heartwarming moment in your personal or professional life that restores your sense of peace and well-being.

### GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Your social circle may expand this week in the best way possible, Gemini. A new connection brings a refreshing perspective to a creative project. Now you'll work out the details.

### CANCER - June 22/July 22

Recognition is coming your way, Cancer. Your hard work hasn't gone unnoticed. A small win will feel like a major victory, helping to inspire you to keep going.

### LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, adventure is calling you this week. Whether you take a trip or get involved in a new book, your mind is expanding and your imagination is soaring.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

A solution to an unsolved puzzle finally clicks into place, Virgo. You will feel a deep sense of relief and clarity. Don't take on too much more right now, and ride this high that you are feeling.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

A conversation with a loved one could bring you two closer together than ever before, Libra. In fact, harmony will be a major player in all of your relationships right now.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

You are a magnet for productivity this week, Scorpio. You will breeze through your list of things to do with plenty of time left over for self-care.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, creativity is your superpower this week. Do not be afraid to express yourself through art, music, writing, or other creative pursuits.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Your foundation this week feels rock solid, Capricorn. A family matter is resolved with grace, leaving you feeling supported and loved. You will share good fortune with others.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

This is the perfect week to share your vision with the world, Aquarius. Your communication skills are sharp. People will come around to your way of thinking.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Abundance is flowing toward you, Pisces. Keep your eyes open for a surprise gift or a sudden increase in the tools you need to get things done.

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## “Best By” vs. “Use By”: Decoding Your Groceries Dates

Food poisoning is a miserable experience, so it is always smart to be cautious when cleaning out your fridge. When it comes to expiration dates, there is a big difference between “Best-By” dates (which indicate peak quality) and “Use-By” dates (which indicate safety).

For the foods listed below, the “Use-By” date should be treated as a hard deadline. Eating these after they expire significantly increases your risk of foodborne illnesses from bacteria like *Listeria*, *Salmonella*, and *E. coli*.

### Deli Meats and Prepared Salads

**The Risk:** Cold cuts, hot dogs, and pre-packaged deli salads (like egg, chicken, or potato salad) are highly susceptible to *Listeria*.

**Why it’s dangerous:** *Listeria* is a resilient bacteria that can thrive and multiply even in the cold temperatures of your refrigerator. Once a package of deli meat is opened, it should typically be eaten within three to five days, regardless of the printed date.

### Raw Meat, Poultry, and Seafood

**The Risk:** Raw chicken, beef, pork, and especially ground meats are notorious breeding grounds for *Salmonella*, *E. coli*, and *Campylobacter*. Seafood and shellfish carry high risks for *Vibrio* bacteria and histamine toxicity as they spoil.

**Why it’s dangerous:** Ground meat is particularly risky because the grinding process distributes any surface bacteria

throughout the entire batch. If you aren’t going to cook raw meat or seafood by its use-by date, you should freeze it immediately.

### Soft Cheeses and Unpasteurized Dairy

**The Risk:** While hard cheeses (like cheddar or parmesan) are generally safe even if you have to cut a little mold off the outside, soft cheeses (like brie, queso fresco, or ricotta) and raw, unpasteurized milks are incredibly dangerous past their prime.

**Why it’s dangerous:** The high moisture content in soft cheeses creates a perfect environment for *Listeria*. Unpasteurized dairy lacks the heat-treatment process that kills dangerous pathogens, meaning any existing bacteria will multiply rapidly over time.

### Fresh Sprouts

**The Risk:** Alfalfa, mung bean, and radish sprouts are a frequent culprit in *E. coli* outbreaks. **Why it’s dangerous:** The warm, humid conditions required to grow sprouts are the exact same conditions that bacteria need to multiply. If sprouts are past their date, mushy, or smell sour, they should go straight into the compost or trash.

### Fresh Berries

**The Risk:** Berries like raspberries, strawberries, and blackberries can grow harmful mold or carry *Cyclospora* if they begin to break down and rot.

**Why it’s dangerous:** Berries have porous skins and are heavily handled from farm to table.

Once they start getting mushy or showing visible mold, the mold spores (which you often can’t see) have likely already penetrated deep into the fruit.

**A quick rule of thumb:** When in doubt, throw it out. You can’t always see, smell, or taste the bacteria that cause food poisoning.



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## Connect and Grow: Community Invited To Chamber Meetings

The Sheridan Chamber of Commerce extends an open invitation to local business owners, managers, community group representatives, and interested citizens to join its bi-monthly morning networking meetings. Whether you are looking to build partnerships, stay informed on local happenings, or simply support the local economy, these gatherings offer a welcoming space to connect with the Sheridan community.

Meetings kick off bright and early at 8 a.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month.

To highlight the diversity of our local economy, various businesses and community groups take turns hosting. First-Friday meetings frequently take place on-site at the host's location, giving attendees a unique behind-the-scenes look at local enterprises.

Third-Friday meetings are consistently held at the Sheridan Museum of History, located at 142 S. Bridge Street.

To keep attendees informed about meeting locations, a front-page ad in the West Valley Bulletin Board announces the upcoming sponsor and location in the issue preceding each meeting.

To break the ice, every meeting begins with a "Shout it Out!" trivia game. The activity always guarantees plenty of shouting and laughter, with a prize awarded to the lucky winner. Following the trivia fun, everyone in attendance is given the opportunity to make community announcements. Then, the floor opens up, allowing all attendees a minute or two to pitch their business, share updates, or highlight their organization's current initiatives.

The morning concludes with a special focus on the day's hosting organization. In exchange for providing a light breakfast, the host is given 15 minutes to address the group. This presents an excellent, built-in platform for organizations to share updates, showcase their services, and highlight what makes their work a vital part of Sheridan.

Additionally, everyone attending is invited to throw their business card in a basket for the opportunity to win a gift provided by the host. The host is given all cards from the basket to help establish communication with others at the meeting.

Grab a cup of coffee, enjoy a light breakfast, and start your Friday by building stronger ties within Sheridan. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

The Sheridan Museum of History was thrilled to unveil its new art deco exterior sign last Monday. Marianne Thomson designed the sign to coordinate with Sheridan's historic art deco green bridge. The museum crew extended its appreciation to Frederick Horning and Chandler Everett at 'Sign-On' of Newberg for their flawless fabrication and installation. The museum is also grateful to the City of Sheridan's Community Grant Program for helping fund this project with a generous \$500 grant that helped make this project possible. Finally, a very special thank you to Marilyn Levy for writing this grant application and so many others. Her hard work ensures our museum remains a well-maintained and welcoming place for our community.

Pictured above, top left, Frederick Horning; Top right, Marianne Thomson; lower photo, left to right: Frederick Horning, Marilyn Levy and Chandler Everett.

## Smart Driver Course Designed for Seniors

Local drivers ages 50 and older can sharpen their skills and potentially lower their auto insurance premiums by attending a two-day driving safety course this March at the McMinnville Senior Center.

The class is designed to help older drivers prevent crashes and stay safely on the road longer. Sessions will be held from 9:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on March 30 and 31 at the center, located at 2250 N.E. McDaniel Lane.

Participants must attend both days to complete the course. The cost is \$25, or \$20 for AARP members. Pre-registration is required, 503-435-0407.

## Sheridan City Council Now Meets at 6 p.m.

In a shift from its long-standing meeting schedule, the Sheridan City Council's regular meetings and workshops now begin at 6 p.m., an hour earlier than its long-standing 7 p.m. start time. The venue for these public gatherings remains unchanged. All council meetings will continue to be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 120 SW Mill Street in Sheridan.

The public may also attend these meetings via Zoom.

Residents who have questions regarding the schedule change, or how to attend these meetings via Zoom, can call Sheridan City Hall, 503-843-2347.

## Tiny Twirlers Class Set for Preschoolers

"The Tiny Twirlers," a creative movement class for children ages 3 to 5, will be offered on Thursdays from March 5 to March 19 at the McMinnville Community Center, 600 N.E. Evans Street.

Meeting from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., the three-week program introduces ballet basics to help toddlers build coordination, confidence, and a love of dance - one twirl at a time.

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# Willamina Library Commits Murder For Fundraising Money

The Willamina Public Library hosted three murder mystery events Friday and Saturday, organized by its nonprofit support group, Love Our Library (LOL), to raise funds for library programs. Following the success of last year's inaugural event and the interest this year, organizers added a second evening of political intrigue, barbed innuendo, backstabbing, and betrayal. A separate teen event was also introduced, allowing younger West Valley residents to participate.

This year's theme, "The Immortal Murders," brought together the royalty of the Mage Guild, Were Clans, Vampyr Houses, and Fae Court for the Hidden Council's Annual Costume Ball. Rumors circulated that the council would address the recent



The opening deaths of the Willamina Library's murder mystery fundraiser, both of its evenings were played by Library Director Sarah Frost (below), who played Gregor, and Katie Wisler (top) playing as Kieran.



Special awardees during Friday night's murder mystery were, from left to right: John Stanislaw voted Best Performer, Lisa Myers was the wealthiest player, Quinn Keller voted "Dressed to Kill" (best costume), and Bradly Robertson was named Super Villain. Robertson's retort to another player stating, "My eyes are open," helped seal the deal for his award, himself stating, "Yes, they are open, but I wish your mouth shut," which drew laughter from fellow players.

murders of two Watchers; individuals tasked by the Immortals with keeping their world hidden from humans.

Participants were highly encouraged to dress in character. Well-known figures such as Merlin, Morganna, Bastet, Anubis, and King Oberon mingled with original characters, including an inquisitor assigned to investigate the crimes.

The West Valley Community Campus team provided refreshments for sale, while Sally Shenk volunteered on behalf of Ski & Ride for a Cure, serving themed appetizers including "Dwarven Forge-Smoked Gargoyle Toes" (little smokies), "Faire Grove Veggie Scrolls" (Vietnamese spring rolls), "Vampire Bat Winglets" (chicken wings) and the crowd-favorite dessert, "Gum Choue Cream Puffs."

Kepola Napoleon, president of the LOL Executive Board, opened the event by thanking



Zach Leigh played Professor Jackson during the Saturday evening murder mystery event.

attendees for their support.

"While we may be here to solve a fictional crime, our real mission tonight is no mystery at all; it's to raise vital support for Willamina Public Library," Napoleon said. "Your presence means more than just a night of suspense and laughter. You are helping us make a tangible difference in strengthening the quality of life for our community."

With introduction and instructions complete, Guests, armed with booklets outlining backgrounds, motivations, and side quests, spent the evening mingling, investigating, and interrogating fellow players to uncover the culprit while pursuing their own objectives. Participants could purchase spells and take part in a scavenger hunt for weapons, allowing some characters to "murder" others to meet their individual goal as part of the game, as they worked to discover the identity of the main killer.

Players whose characters were eliminated were able to select new roles and continue participating throughout the evening. Awards were presented at the end of each night to those who correctly identified the murderer (Super Sleuths), as well as to the wealthiest player, best performer, super villain, and the guest deemed "Dressed to Kill" for the most creative costume.

Friday award recipients (with character name) were:

Super Sleuths Josh Gard (Anubis), Jennifer Stanislaw (Christy), Lena Morrow (Ellora), Katy Morrow (Bounty), Stefanie Morrow (Morticia Snake), Tina Hammond (The Inquisitor), Sarah Robertson (Seth), Rick Rentz (Arthur), Danielle Vollman (Gaiwen), Quinn Keller (Henrik) and

Amanda Williams (Nineve).

John Stanislaw (Puck) was voted Best Performer. Quinn Keller (Henrik) earned "Dressed to Kill," and Bradly Robertson (Prince Allendro) was named Super Villain. Lisa Myers (Cinder) finished as the Wealthiest Player with \$975.

Saturday award recipients (with character name) were:

Super Sleuths Bridget Meneley (The Inquisitor) and Ma'at Crook (Jessica).

Christine Talley (Bastet) was voted Best Performer, and Marian Lucas (Anubis) earned both "Dressed to Kill" and Super Villain honors. Mayor Vickie Hernandez (Hathor) was named the Wealthiest Player with \$960.

Event sponsors included Magnolia Management, Accounting and Consulting; the Willamina Coastal Hills Chamber of Commerce; Coyote Joe's Restaurant and Bar; and Willamina IGA.

Love Our Library also made a contribution to Ski & Ride for a Cure in appreciation of Shenk's support.

Organizers said the weekend's events would not have been possible without the dedicated volunteers who worked over the past seven months, as well as sponsors and evening volunteers from the West Valley Community Campus. Additionally, Sally Shenk and Janos "John" Vamos, who photographed the event, captured memories for attendees and organizers.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will help support training for a library staff member to become a certified parent education facilitator. Classes are planned to be offered at the library this summer.

Organizers said planning is already underway for next year's murder mystery event.



Special awardees during Friday night's murder mystery were, from left to right: Mayor Vickie Hernandez earned wealthiest player honors, Christine Talley was voted Best Performer, and Marian Lucas snagged both the "Dressed to Kill" and Super Villain awards.

## BRICK PLANT BACK IN OPERATION

The Willamina brick plant, which employs about 50 men, has resumed operations after being closed down six weeks to make machinery repairs and improvements.

With heavy construction now under way in the large cities of the state and Pacific coast, there will undoubtedly be a big demand for the famous Willamina brick, and this means a busy year for the local plant.

## GRADE SCHOOL IS WINNER OF TWO PENNANTS IN FLAG TESTS, PROGRAM

The Willamina High School boys' basketball team is now tied with Yamhill for the county championship, having lost a very exciting game on the Yamhill floor last Friday evening, 24-21.

Yamhill led by 8 points at the end of the first half, and then Willamina got busy, evened the score, and for a time threatened to walk off with the game.

The tie will be played off on the McMinnville High School gymnasium floor tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30. County-wide interest is shown in this game.

The W. H. S. boys expect to bring the cup home. A large number of local people will attend the game. The Willamina girls played a fast game at Yamhill last Friday evening, but the final score was 14 to 12 in favor of Yamhill.

The grade rooms won two pennants in the flag contest, which was decided at Sheridan Friday afternoon, our school competing with Grand Ronde.

The awards were made on the basis of 50 percent for highest grades in the flag questionnaire and 50 percent on the program presented.

The rooms winning pennants were Mrs. Goodrich's and Miss Myers'. In addition to the pennants presented the rooms, each pupil having a grade of 96 or above received a flag button, and those having a 90 to 94 received a miniature silk flag.

Miss Drill's room did not win a pennant, but many of the children received buttons and flags for high grades. Our school presented the only play given at the program in Sheridan. Mothers are invited to come and see the pennants.

## BOOSTER MEETING MONDAY WAS BIG SUCCESS; SPEAKER FROM STATE C. C.

Eighty-five persons, including members of the Willamina Chamber of Commerce, their ladies, guests, and band members, partook of the very excellent

dinner served by the Rebekah ladies at the second annual booster and get-together meeting of the local Chamber held at the Odd Fellows hall Monday evening.

Friendliness and cordiality marked the spirit of this assemblage of neighbors and friends. Everything seemed to go "just right," including the food, speeches, and concert given by the Sheridan Junior Band.

President K. E. Shetterly officiated as toastmaster, and in order mentioned, called on Mayor R. Y. Neely of Willamina, "Mayor" Tony Klees of Valley Junction, and President S. M. Johnson of the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce for short talks preceding the main address of the evening. Mayor Neely, speaking on behalf of the city and Chamber, expressed appreciation to the director and members of the band for their courtesy in coming to Willamina to play for the meeting, and voiced the sentiment of all present when he referred to their concert as very excellent. His remarks on the bright prospects for Oregon's future and the future of our community were very appropriate and well-received. As usual, Tony Klees' remarks were pertinent and left his audience in fine good humor. Mr. Johnson expressed the hope and belief that Willamina and Sheridan would continue to co-operate in the future as in the past for the mutual good of the two communities.

Mr. E. G. Harlan and Mr. Popejoy, representatives of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, Portland, were present on invitation of the local Chamber, and the former was introduced by the toastmaster and delivered the main address of the evening, his subject being "Merchandising Oregon."

Mr. Harlan told of the extensive advertising campaign the State Chamber is carrying on to attract new settlers to Oregon. More than fifty new families per month are being located in the state by this means. Most of these people are coming from California, where farming and fruit growing are becoming unprofitable, owing to changing climatic conditions; rain, in some areas of the Golden State, is almost unknown, and water

levels have receded until it is necessary to drill wells thousands of feet deep to get water for irrigation purposes. The Oregon State Chamber contacts a majority of the prospective new settlers through its Los Angeles office, where more than two thousand home-seekers call every month. Persons who have less than \$2500 are not encouraged to come to Oregon, as what our state needs is people with capital to help develop it.

The Los Angeles Chamber does not resent Oregon's efforts to attract farmers away from California, as they realize that conditions have changed. They are interested in attracting more industries. "Let Oregon do the farming to supply us produce, and L. A. will do the manufacturing to supply Oregon," is their attitude.

During 1930, the State Chamber settled 1000 new families in Oregon, and this year the goal is 2000, Mr. Harlan said.

If these new settlers take up dairy-farming or poultry-raising, they will make no mistake, the speaker said. California alone will buy all of our surplus above home consumption. This year, the Golden State would buy at least 50,000,000 pounds of grade 92 Oregon butter, but we cannot supply more than a small fraction of the amount. Mr. Harlan said that the farmer who takes a small dairy farm of 10 to 20 acres, plants a few acres of alfalfa, gets a herd of good milk cows, grows a garden and some poultry, plants a half-acre each of walnuts and filberts, is sure of success. Oregon grows as fine walnuts and filberts as any state, yet last year we had to import 40,000,600 pounds of the former and 13,000,000 pounds of the latter nuts to supply our home demand.

The speaker knew his subject thoroughly and apparently left his audience sold on the idea of "telling the world" about Oregon and helping attract more settlers here.

The Willamina Chamber will start an "On to Willamina" campaign. Persons having farm lands for sale are invited list them with the secretary at The Times office, so the information can be sent to prospective settlers.

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## BENJ. M. BOOTH, 81, OF WILLAMINA, DIES AT HOME OF NEPHEW SUNDAY

Benjamin M. Booth, 81, Willamina realtor and resident of the community the past eleven years, died at the home of a nephew, C. I. Booth, near McMinnville, Sunday evening of heart disease. He had been ill for several months, but was able to be in his office here from time to time up to three weeks ago, when he became worse.

Mr. Booth was a native of McMinnville and resided there almost continuously all his life before coming to Willamina. He is survived by a wife, Mrs. Mary Ann Booth, of McMinnville; one daughter, Mrs. Lora Ladd, of Madera, Calif.; two brothers, Enos Booth, of Hubbard, Ore., and J. A. Booth, of Canada; one sister, Mrs. J. C. Pennington, McMinnville; one grandson and one granddaughter, besides several nephews and nieces. He was a second cousin of Mrs. Elias Branson of Willamina.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Ladd's Funeral Home, McMinnville, with interment in the cemetery at that city.



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**Pasta Primavera With Asparagus, Peas, Leek, and Tomatoes**  
Serves 6 to 8

For the pasta:  
16 ounces fusilli pasta  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
1 small leek, thinly sliced, washed and drained  
9 ounces asparagus, trimmed and halved



11 ounces frozen peas, thawed  
8 ounces cherry tomatoes, quartered  
Salt

Freshly ground black peppercorns

To serve:  
5 tablespoons grated parmesan, for sprinkling  
1 sprig thyme

1. For the pasta: Cook the fusilli in a large saucepan of salted, boiling water until al dente, about 8 to 10 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large saute pan set over medium heat until hot. Add the leek and a pinch of salt, and sweat for 5 to 6 minutes until soft-

ened.  
3. Add the asparagus and peas, and cover the pan with a lid. Cook for a further 3 to 4 minutes until the green vegetables are tender to the point of a knife. Drain the fusilli, reserving 1 cup of the cooking liquid.

4. Add the fusilli to the vegetables along with the cherry tomatoes, some salt and pepper, and a splash of the reserved cooking water.

5. Cook for a further 2 minutes until the pasta looks glossy.

6. To serve: Divide between bowls, sprinkle with the parmesan and garnish with some thyme.



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