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Sheridan's Annual Pick-Up Event Draws 90 Volunteers

About 90 volunteers took to the streets of Sheridan for the annual spring Sheridan Litter Pick-Up on Saturday morning, with students from Delphian School making up the bulk of participants roaming the streets armed with SOLVE garbage bags, grabbers, and other cleanup tools.

Delphian student Elizabeth oversaw the Delphian group leaders and helped keep fellow students organized and focused throughout the morning.

Local Scout troops also arrived ready to help, along with high school students from Sheridan and Willamina, all working to fill

as many bags as possible.

Sheridan Revitalization sent a group to focus on the Heider Building, viewing the effort as a positive gesture ahead of the arrival of the building's new owner after it went up for auction in March.

Members of the Rotary Club of the West Valley greeted returning volunteers with free pizza and refreshments.

One lucky volunteer won a fruit tree raffled off by Sheridan Revitalization and donated by Treedemption Gardens. Sheridan High School student Angel Dryer was announced as the winner.

Sheridan Revitalization extended a thank you to all volunteers who participated in the cleanup effort.

Organizers also thanked event sponsors, including SOLVE, Treedemption Gardens, Figaro's

Pizza of Sheridan, Rotary Club of the West Valley, Delphian School, Sheridan High School, Recology, the City of Sheridan, local Scout and Cub Scout troops, and Sheridan Building Materials.



Volunteers from Delphian, Sheridan, and Willamina schools, along with local Scout groups and residents, gathered Saturday for the Sheridan Litter Pick-Up organized by Sheridan Revitalization.



Elizabeth (center, gray shirt) focuses on organizing Delphian group leaders and students during the Sheridan Litter Pick-Up held Saturday.

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Estate Sales

Estate Sale — "Firing Office Max," Firearms, office supplies, vintage clothing, and more. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 24-25; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, 19700 OR-18, McMinnville. More info and photos at estatesales.org

Quilt Raffle Tickets Available at Museum

The Sheridan Museum of History is selling raffle tickets for a beautifully handmade quilt created by longtime Sheridan resident and quilter Margie Gutbrod. Proceeds will help finance museum programs and ongoing operating costs. Tickets are priced at \$5 each or three for \$10. They are available for purchase at the museum, located at 142 S. Bridge St., which is open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturdays. The winning ticket will be drawn on June 20, during Sheridan's Hometown Days celebration. Museum members are incredibly grateful to Margie for generously donating this beautiful quilt to support the ongoing efforts to keep Sheridan's history alive.

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DOORS OPEN: 5:30PM

BINGO: 6:30PM

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Services

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)

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Full-Service Salon - The previous salon garnered a large flow of steady clientele during its 22 years of operation at the same location. Two wet stations, one nail station, and one non-plumbed pedicure chair are included. Looking for a motivated individual to take over. Text 971-237-7745.

Sheridan Public Library

Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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~Story Time~

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22

Enjoy a story and craft!

~LEGO Challenge~

May 1, 15 3-5 p.m.

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

~ Teen Time ~

April 17 • Pre-Teen Movie Day4pm

(Dog Man popcorn and drinks while supplies last)

April 29 • Teen Movie Day4pm

(Superman vs Barbie popcorn and drinks while supplies last)

~Teen Game Days~

May 15, 29 - 2 p.m.

Board games, card games, video games, RPG's, whatever you want to play, try it at the library! We have a selection of games ourselves if you want to try something new. Starts at 3:30, but feel free to show up whenever we are open.

~ Nintendo Switch ~

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

~Adult Craft~

May 9 at noon

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

Check out our WiFi Hotspots!

HAPPY EARTH DAY



Earth Day is celebrated to raise awareness about the environment and inspire action to protect our planet. It's a day to celebrate the beauty and importance of Earth, and to learn about and advocate for environmental issues.

Grand Ronde Water Association

26690 Hwy 18
Grand Ronde
503-879-5624

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

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Grand Ronde, OR 97347

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503-843-9088

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20950 Rock Creek Road
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Sheridan Family Chiropractic

639 W Main · Sheridan
503-843-3888

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147 W Main · Sheridan
503-843-2322

West Valley Funeral Home

108 NW Lincoln · Sheridan
503-843-2525

Sheridan Pharmacy

103 W Main · Sheridan
503-843-2422

Sheridan Museum of History

142 S. Bridge • Sheridan
Open 11am-3pm Sat.

Sheridan Rotary

P.O. Box 322 • Sheridan

Sheridan Fire District

233 SW Mill · Sheridan
503-843-2467

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Horoscopes April 22-28

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, a delay turns out to be a blessing this week. You end up somewhere better than planned with this redirected route. Trust how things turned out.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

A decision you have been avoiding suddenly seems completely obvious, Taurus. Money as well as work clarity arrives closer to the weekend. Hold on to it while you can.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

You are the go-to person for the job when anyone needs some comic relief or a mood-lifter, Gemini. Your humor and insight will help someone more than you realize.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, offer your help to a friend or colleague in need but make sure you don't go it alone. Enlist the help of others to ensure this new project goes smoothly.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

A compliment will hit you differently this week, Leo. You have earned the recognition, so don't brush off the kind words that are offered to you in the next few days.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, something you thought was a problem this week, eventually will turn into a learning experience. This is a time for you to experience some emotional growth.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

It is time for an aesthetic and artistic reset, Libra. Figure out a way to change your decor, music playlist or your fashion sense. Your shift in attitude will attract good things.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

A moment of truth hits you this week, Scorpio. It won't be dramatic, but it will clarify something you already knew. This revelation will free up mental space.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Last-minute plans can sometimes be the best plans, Sagittarius. Spontaneous fun is coming your way, so reach out and grab it.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, this week you will get proof that your effort matters to others. Praise from some close people in your life will have a notable impact.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

If you have been looking to expand your squad, Aquarius, this is the week when some new people will find you. A conversation helps you feel understood.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

You feel more motivated than usual, Pisces. Ride the wave that this energy boost offers you. It may be easy to get carried away, however.

EARTH DAY



A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

School districts across the state are facing serious budget gaps for the coming school year, and Sheridan Schools are no different. **Our district expects a shortfall of at least \$650,000 for the 2026–27 school year.** This gap represents difficult decisions we will have to make in the coming weeks that will impact every student, family, and staff member. I am sharing this information as part of my commitment to being open and honest with our community.

Two main issues are causing this gap: fewer students and inadequate state funding. Oregon provides school funding based on student enrollment. The state's Quality Education Model (QEM), shows how much funding schools need to provide a strong education, however the model has never been fully funded and schools are left each year to creatively fill the gaps.

At the same time, our district is seeing fewer students. When enrollment drops, our funding drops too. Each student that leaves the District means about \$11,767 less per year. On top of this, we are also facing rising costs, including utilities and fuel, in addition to salaries, benefits, and state-required expenses.

Over the past few weeks we have carefully reviewed our budget, including staffing and programs. We have already made the challenging decision that five teaching positions will not continue next year. Three of these changes were voluntary, and two were very difficult decisions involving valued staff members.

The formal 2026-27 budget season begins with the first Budget Committee meeting on April 27. As part of that process we will continue to look at additional areas to reduce costs. **The Budget Committee currently has one opening for a three-year term** and we welcome applications from members of our community who wish to be a part of this important process.

Sheridan Schools remains committed to core values that center around our students and the factors that impact their ability to be at school each day, ready to learn. We will continue to prioritize academic growth by our students and to build relationships with the parents, caregivers and community members that support their growth.

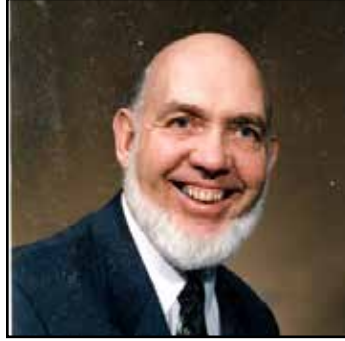
Our commitment is to be transparent, to responsibly steward the resources entrusted to us, and to keep students at the center of every choice. We will continue to share information as the budget process moves forward. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly: dorie.vickery@sheridan.k12.or.us.

Those interested in serving on the Budget Committee can find more information at: www.sheridan.k12.or.us/school-board/budget-committee/

Sincerely,
Dorie Vickery Ed. D.
Superintendent

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

Obituary



Ronald Lewis Pittman

Mar. 23, 1937 – April 17, 2026

Ronald Lewis Pittman, 89, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2026, in McMinnville, Oregon. He was born in Canton, Illinois on March 23, 1937. His family moved to Albany, Oregon where he finished grade school and high school. He continued his studies at Oregon State University graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree.

While working as an OSU Extension Agent in Hood River, he met Jeanne Craig. They were married on December 31st, 1961, and soon moved to the family farm in Sheridan. Ron grew crops and raised pigs. They raised 4 children and became very involved school activities. Ron served as a board member and board chair for the Willamina School district for many years. He was active in both the Sheridan United Methodist Church then the Willamina Lutheran Church. After selling the farm in 1987, Ron continued

to be involved in the agriculture community by serving as a Country Companies insurance agent for over 25 years.

In McMinnville, he met Doreen Lybeck. They were married on February 18, 1995. The blending of families added 4 more adult children and additional grandchildren to love. Ron continued his public service as a member of the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, and as a board member for Yamhill

Community Action Partnership (YCAP), Yamhill County Head Start, and Chemeketa Community College.

A man of deep faith, he will be remembered for his kindness and compassion for others, his steady leadership, and loving heart. He is survived by: Doreen Lybeck Pittman, Chris Pittman (Miriam), April Mayers (Dave), Jason Pittman (Marsha), Marlo Pittman (Netshet), Lynda Lybeck-Robinson (Dennis), Marty Lybeck (Lauri), Tami Lybeck, Walter Lybeck (Kay), and many beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, Friday, April 24, at 3:00. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

McMinnville Cooperative Ministries <https://www.mac-coop.org/connections/> Or Yamhill County Head Start <https://yamhillheadstart.org/donate/>

WEST VALLEY COMMUNITY CAMPUS

SAVE OUR SEATS!

BINGO NIGHT!

Saturday April 25th

VFW Willamina - Doors Open @ 5:30PM

Come enjoy an evening of bingo, 50/50, raffle, bake sale, and plant sale sponsored by the W.V. Community Campus.

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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Walker Showcases Creativity - and New Products - At Chamber Meeting

"Most of you know what I do, but I have some new things," Sandra Walker said as she began her 15-minute floor time as the host of the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce meeting on Friday, April 17.

Walker, the local owner of Do-U-Bless Designs, is no stranger to area markets and bazaars. If there's a booth with a steady stream of people picking up personalized gifts or business items, there's a good chance it belongs to her.

Her table often looks like a collection of possibilities — cups, some even equipped with small Bluetooth speakers on the bottom, clocks, cookies, Christmas ornaments, T-shirts, coasters, car air fresheners, cellphone stands, Chapstick holders, lanyards, and signs both big and small. It's the kind of display that makes you think of gift shopping lists, business promotions, or that one custom item you didn't know you needed until you saw it.

If it can be printed on paper, chances are Walker can transfer it onto something — sometimes even onto cookies, complete with photos. She also creates

custom-burned cowboy hats and baseball caps, adding another personal touch to her growing lineup.

But it was the "new things" she teased at the start that drew special attention.

Among the latest additions were customizable business payment signs, designed to match a company's décor or branding for those who want something

more eye-catching than the standard versions. She also displayed a customizable purse and introduced new banners measuring up to three feet by four feet.

"So if you have a business or something, I can put your names on there," Walker said, holding up one of the banner examples. For those curious to see her work in person — or to chat

about custom ideas — Walker will be set up at the Sheridan Spring Bazaar, scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 2–3, at Sheridan High School.

And for those who simply can't wait that long, Walker welcomes inquiries by email at swalk-er43161232@gmail.com.



Sandra Walker, owner of Do-U-Bless designs, holds up a decorative clock she made at the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce meeting. Just one of her many items she creates with her business.

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Dedication in Action



Since taking office in January 2023, Commissioner Johnston has been recognized for his work ethic and common sense leadership. He has earned a reputation for being both approachable and transparent — qualities that residents across Yamhill County say they appreciate.

As Chair of the Board, Johnston expanded the office's responsibilities by serving as a liaison to cities across the county and launching "Chat with the Chair," a monthly gathering where residents can ask questions, share concerns, and hear directly from county leadership.

Johnston also played a central role in the county's purchase and consolidation of departments into a new facility designed to streamline services for citizens. As the county continues the transition, Johnston remains committed to ensuring revenue from the sale of the vacated buildings is maximized.

His focus on financial responsibility is a reflection of his successful background in business and agriculture. As a lifelong farmer, Johnston learned early on that survival depends on careful planning, budgeting, and adapting to change through diversification. Those lessons, he says, translate directly to public service.

"Farming and managing my own businesses taught me how to weigh risks and make decisions that provide for long-term sustainability," Johnston says. "These are necessary skills when you're a Commissioner in charge of a multi-million dollar county budget."

Colleagues describe him as extremely hard-working and solutions-oriented—someone who looks for common ground rather than conflict. Whether discussing infrastructure up-grades, public safety, or supporting local businesses and farmers, he works to balance the diverse needs of the county's communities.

Looking ahead, Johnston says his priorities include continuing the work he's been doing since day one including:

- Maintaining a balanced budget and increasing county reserves,
- Supporting initiatives to make local parks financially self-sustaining and accessible to the public,
- Funding the Sheriff's Office and maintaining a strong commitment to public safety,
- Advocating for transportation projects that will save lives and enhance efficiency,
- And maintaining the current tax rate with no new taxes.

Through a combination of practical leadership, fiscal stewardship, and lessons learned from his own life experiences, Commissioner Kit Johnston has built a record of service grounded in responsibility, collaboration, and a genuine commitment to the people of Yamhill County.

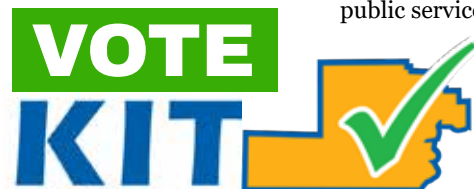


Top: Daughters Kennadi and Kwynn, Johnston's wife, Caralee, and Kit Johnston volunteering at the red info. booth at the Yamhill County Fair & Rodeo. In addition to building the info. booth, Johnston, with help from his farm crew, also built the red barn advertising signs seen around the county the past two summers.

Below: Johnston with his former FFA advisor, Mitch Coleman of Dayton, at the 2024 Yamhill County Fair & Rodeo after participating in a fundraiser. A dedicated volunteer and advocate for the fair, Johnston has long supported FFA, 4-H, and the Yamhill County Youth Livestock Auction, often contributing time, equipment, and resources.



Scan to learn more





The Friendship and Faith Plant Sale at the Grand Ronde Methodist Church will be held May 2, from 9 am to 4 pm. Come early to snag the best selection!

Bingo Fundraiser Set for Sheridan Library

The Friends of the Sheridan Library non-profit group will hold a Bingo Fundraiser at the Sheridan Public Library from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, April 25.

Along with bingo, the group will be selling hot dogs and drinks, as well as raffle tickets for a basket raffle at the end of the event. For more information, contact the Library at 503-843-3420.

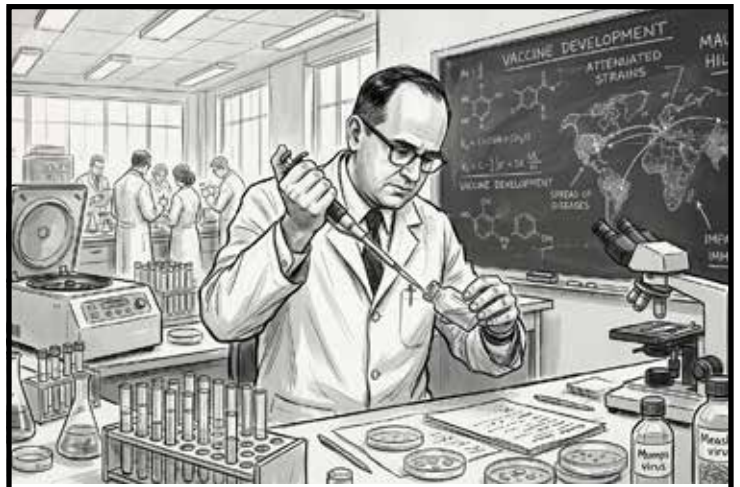


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America's Unsung Hero: Dr. Maurice Hilleman

Dr. Maurice Hilleman may have been the man who saved your childhood. If anyone fits the description of a "hero who cured the plague," it's Hilleman.

While Salk and Sabin are famous for the polio vaccine, Hilleman developed over 40 vaccines, including those for measles, mumps, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, chickenpox, meningitis, and pneumonia.

In 1963, when his daughter Jeryl Lynn caught the mumps, he swabbed her throat, drove to his lab at midnight, and began developing the vaccine that is still used today (the "Jeryl Lynn strain").

It is estimated his work saves roughly 8 million lives every single year. He was a quintessential "unsung" scientist who never sought fame.

U.S. 250th Anniversary • 1776-2026

This series is presented by the Sheridan Museum of History. Each week we honor and remember the courageous men and women who helped shape our nation's 250-year journey.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join us for a meal of soup, cornbread, veggies, and dessert.

📍 Sheridan United Methodist Church
234 N Bridge St.

🕒 Friday, April 24th
5:00pm to 7:00pm

There will be resource tables & representatives from Yamhill County Public Health, the Sheridan School District, & CASA.

Everyone is welcome!



Story Time Sparks Fire Safety Fun at Library



After reading a story to children, Marguerite Alexander uses pictures to explain the difference between a good fire and a bad fire during Story Time at the Sheridan Public Library.

It's hard to keep the attention of a three-year-old — much less a dozen of them all at once — but Marguerite Alexander, administrative assistant for the Sheridan Fire District, gave it her best shot Friday morning during Story Time with the Sheridan Fire Department at the Sheridan Public Library.

The reading marked the first session of the year in a series that the department hosts from spring through fall, combining books, safety lessons, and a chance to see firefighting equipment up close.

Alexander gathered the young, somewhat attentive audience and opened the day with "Curious George at the Fire Station," by Margret and H.A. Rey — a fitting choice for a room filled with curious young minds.

After the final page was turned, the storytelling took a slight detour into a lesson about fire safety. Pulling out a display board, Alexander explained the difference between a good fire and a bad fire. One side showed a cozy fireplace — an example of a good fire that helps keep people warm when the weather turns cold. With a flip of the board, the image changed to an electrical outlet.

"If you ever see fire here," she explained, pointing to the outlet, "that's a bad fire, and you need to tell an adult right away."

The lesson held attention — until that focus was broken by an announcement that echoed through the library: "Who's ready to see the firetruck?"

Suddenly, the room shifted from somewhat quiet listening to quick-moving excitement. Kids hurried outside, parents this time being the ones wran-

gled outside, to see the newly arrived highlight of the day.

Alexander followed the group outdoors, handing out plastic firefighting helmets and stickers while helping organize a line as Sheridan fireman ????

assisted children climbing into the truck one by one. Most hopped in, took a quick look around, and climbed back out — satisfied with the adventure.

But one little boy, Phoenix, had other plans.

From the look on his face, he may have already decided on a future career. Clinging to the moment — and the inside of the truck — he delivered his best "I'm not coming out" pout before a parent eventually stepped in to help bring the stationary joy-ride to an end so other kids could get their turn. Moments like that are exactly what the program is meant to create — not just smiles and excitement, but familiarity with the people and equipment that help keep the community safe. By mixing stories with hands-on experiences, firefighters hope those early memories stick, along with the safety lessons shared along the way.

For those interested in Story Time or other programs at the Sheridan Public Library, information can be found on the

calendar published in each issue of the West Valley Bulletin Board, on the City of Sheridan Facebook page, or by calling the library at 503-843-3420.



Phoenix's pout says exactly what's he thinks about his mom telling him it's time to climb out of the firetruck during Story Time with Sheridan Fire Dept.

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Willamina Council Backs Sponsorships, Prepares for Summer Initiatives

The Willamina City Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 14, addressing issues ranging from mill noise concerns to community sponsorships and upcoming city projects.

Mill noise study underway: Hampton Lumber submitted an email statement to the city regarding ongoing noise concerns from the mill.

The statement, sent by Laura Wilkeson, Oregon director of government affairs for Hampton Lumber, acknowledged residents' concerns.

"Hampton understands that noise from the mill has been disruptive for some nearby residents, and we recognize how frustrating and concerning this has been for members of the community," the statement read. "We take these concerns seriously."

The company reported that it has commissioned a sound study to better understand how noise travels from the site and to evaluate possible mitigation measures. The statement also noted there is no quick solution, but expressed appreciation for residents who completed a recent survey about the issue.

Sheriff's report highlights call trends: During the sheriff's report, Capt. Whitlow said Saturday is the busiest day of the week for calls for service, followed by Tuesday. Sunday has the fewest calls.

Whitlow said the sheriff's of-

fice uses this data to determine staffing levels and ensure the city receives the most value for its contract services.

He also reported that approximately 86% of traffic stops in Willamina result in citations, while 14% result in warnings.

Budget committee appointments: The council reviewed five applications for the Willamina Budget Committee from Roy Whitman, Tiffany Mooney, Katie Vinson, Jean' Lueise Lee, and Monique Keeling. Only Lee attended the meeting.

All applicants were current members whose terms had expired and who wished to continue serving.

Two terms needed to be filled: one vacated early and ending Dec. 31, 2027, and another ending Dec. 31, 2028.

Councilor Barry Wilson moved to appoint Whitman to the vacated term. During the discussion, Wilson questioned why several terms were expiring at the same time.

City Manager Bridget Meneley explained the terms are typically staggered, while Deputy City Recorder Krystal Stevens added that the current administration inherited the existing schedule. Whitman was approved to fill the term ending in 2027. The remaining applicants were re-appointed to terms ending in 2028.

Sponsorships approved: The council approved a \$300 dona-

tion request from the Sheridan Hometown Days Committee, down from last year's \$400, as that option was no longer listed among the available sponsorship tiers.

A second sponsorship request came from Willamina middle and high school track and field teams. The council approved a \$100 donation for a full 2-by-4-foot banner sponsorship.

Power rate increases expected: Council members reviewed an upcoming rate increase from Portland General Electric (PGE). Residential customers are expected to see an average increase of about 5% on monthly bills, while businesses may see increases ranging from 5% to 6.8%, depending on rate schedules.

Officials noted that low-income assistance funding was doubled following the passage of House Bill 3792 during the 2025 legislative session.

Multimodal path changes: The city reported that a berm separating a multimodal path along Barber Street was removed after failing to meet city standards. The path is now marked with painted white stripes and symbols.

Cleanup efforts planned: Meneley reported that the city has reconnected with a group known as the Mod Squad, which historically helped identify code enforcement issues.

The Willamina Coastal Hills Chamber of Commerce plans to send letters encouraging residents and businesses to clean up properties ahead of summer events.

A citywide cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, from 9 a.m. to noon, unless bins fill earlier. Collection sites will be located at 500 SE Adams St.

Accepted materials include garbage, yard debris, scrap metal, furniture, car batteries, electronics, and tires for a fee. Scrap metal pickup is also available by contacting City Hall at 503-876-2242.

The "Bye Bye Mattress" recycling event will also take place that day. Residents are encouraged to bring a two-can food donation for the local food pantry. Volunteers are needed and can report to the Adams Street location at 8 a.m.

Pond improvements planned: Meneley discussed algae build-up at Huddleston Pond, which has caused fishing lines and lures to snag.

The city plans to install floating islands during Arbor Day activities to help improve water quality. The islands will cool the water, absorb nutrients, and increase oxygen levels.

The Arbor Day event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 24, at Huddleston Pond.

Surplus equipment to be auctioned: The city plans to auction surplus equipment, including a Polaris Ranger Crew vehicle, tire rims, an air compressor, lawnmowers, a utility trailer, an army generator, and other items.

Details will be posted on the city's website, Facebook page, and the West Valley Bulletin Board.

Staffing updates: Jeff Rosenbery has been selected to fill the city's code enforcement position, transitioning from his role in the parks department. He will begin on April 20.

The city is also hiring to fill the vacant parks position and an annual summer position. Job postings are available on the city's website and Facebook page.

Library events announced: Library Director Sarah Frost announced the library's third annual Free Comic Book Day, scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2.

She also presented the library's summer programming newsletter, which includes movie nights, game nights, art programs, stargazing events, and a bee-themed party in the park.

Two library staff members recently completed facilitator training, allowing the library to offer parenting programs focused on the "Circle of Security" model in partnership with Polk County.

ODOT project concerns: Council members expressed concern about ADA ramp construction by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) along Business Highway 18, potentially conflicting with Fourth of July celebrations.

Meneley said the city has notified its ODOT representative but has not yet received confirmation on whether construction will be delayed until after the holiday. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate in Willamina City Council meetings, which are held at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Meeting agendas, packets, and additional information are available on the City of Willamina's official website willaminaoregon.gov.

Last issue's crossword solution

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Work continues on West Valley Community Campus

by West Valley Community
Campus Board

Many of you are wondering what is happening with the West Valley Community Campus and why it is still closed.

There are many factors that contributed to the closure. One was that Covid forced closure of activities at the campus. Then in 2023 the campus was closed due to needed repairs and updating fire safety systems to meet current standards and regulations including installing a fire wall and sprinkler system throughout the building.

In 2025 the Fire Marshall determined the building unsafe so all indoor activities were curtailed and the Grandstands could not be used either. The board decided to make a list of projects in priority of what could be accomplished with the funds they had on hand including doing fundraisers to make up the difference.

It was decided that the Grandstands were a worthy project since they can be used for Willamina's 4th of July events and for other fundraising activities not involving use of the building. In order to get this accomplished engineering plans needed to be developed, city and county permits obtained and filed, bids sent out and contractors hired. This is not an easy process and takes time. Permits must be evaluated and many times, changes made before they are approved. Changes made often increase the cost of the project. Fundraising helps offset the costs but grants are needed in order to get the big projects completed.

So far the board has spent the following monies upgrading the grandstands. City zoning permit, \$1,207.89, Yamhill Co. building permit, \$932.47, Engineered plans: \$2,500, Electrical contractor: \$13,500 for bringing electricity to the Grandstands and

installing lighting at entrance ways and in the Grandstands, Wood contractor: \$6,740 for replacing wood where needed. Metal contractor: \$24,030 for required ADA handrails and cyclone fence handrail in front of the Grandstands.

The total to bring the Grandstands back into use is \$48,910.36. Much of this has been accomplished through the generous donations from Stuck Electric, Hampton Lumber for materials and the monetary donations from generous supporters. The next project will be for the VOAG building. This will include updating heating, electrical, plumbing and improvements to the parking lot. The breezeway between the VOAG building and the main building needs to be removed for fire separation.

In addition, the board has asked the city and county for the building to have a change of occupancy from education to business. The campus has been rezoned C3 so that is positive news and helps us go forward. The costs to the main building are daunting. They include the following: Installing a Fire Wall ~ \$40,000, Gym Repairs ~ \$50,000, Gym flooring ~ Maple at \$12/sq ft or Rubber (price to be determined), Total Building Sprinkler System ~ \$750,000.

As you can see, the expenses mount up quickly. We are working diligently to get the campus open but realistically it will take about 2+ years for that to happen. We are also hoping to do the building in sections and be able to open it in phases but that remains to be seen if that is possible.

The Board felt it needed to let the community know what is involved, the costs associated with opening the campus and how the project is proceeding. We are actively looking into Grants to fund the big projects.

We are also hoping our community will respond by generously donating to this worthy cause.

We have opened an account at First Federal where you can make a donation online or in-person.

We have also set up a Zeffy account which you can find on: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/save-our-seats-the-great-grandstand-make-over>

Or our QR code:

You may also make donations to the general fund through Zeffy which allows us to use them on other needed projects for the campus.

You may contact us at: info@westvalleycommunitycampus.org for more information, how to submit your donations or ask questions. Since we are a 5013C Non-Profit, all donations are tax deductible and we will provide you with the proper paperwork.

Remember, we have Work Day on the third Saturday of every month from 9-1 and we are in need of volunteers to help get the grounds ready for the 4th of July Celebration! We thank you in advance for considering our requests.

Sincerely,

~WVCC Board

Recca Maze, Pamela Hylton, Cris Darr, Dick Paay, Alyssa Green



Youth invited to Run, Jump, Throw Program

Willamina High School has announced it will host the Run, Jump, Throw program, an initiative created through the combined efforts of USA Track & Field and The Hershey Company.

The event is a hands-on learning program designed to get kids excited about physical activity by introducing them to basic skills in running, jumping, and throwing through track and field.

The event is open to children aged 12 and younger and is scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at the Willamina School track. The event is free for Bulldog youth track participants. Other participants are asked to bring a \$10 donation for entry on the day of the meet.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn skills in the long jump, javelin, shot put, and the 50 m, 100 m, and 400 m races, as well as the 4x100 m relay.

Coaches and volunteers look forward to welcoming area youth for an evening of fun, fitness, and learning on the track.

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Huff, Spencer Lead Bulldogs at Home Meet



Willamina's Davin Spencer records a personal-best throw of 42.70 meters to win the javelin during an SD-2 track meet at Willamina.

Willamina hosted a six-way track and field meet on Thursday, with Blanchet Catholic running away with the titles in both the boys (320 points) and girls (343.5 points) divisions.

The Bulldog girls team claimed second place with 63 points, edging third-place Scio, which finished with 61 points. The boys' team secured bronze with 98 points, finishing just 6.5 points shy of second-place Scio. Individual Bulldogs capturing top spots included Davin Spencer in the javelin with a throw of 42.70 meters, while Katrina Huff won the 200 meters in 28.64 seconds and added a runner-up finish in the 100 meters.

The boys' 4x400 relay team of Wyatt Hubbell, Ryan Beauchamp, Elisha Stanton, and Jacob Bazy also topped the field with a winning time of 3:50.94. Shane Mathers delivered a strong showing in the field events, finishing just behind Spencer in the javelin with a throw of 42.14 meters and placing second in the long jump with a mark of 5.75 meters.

The top-five finishers in each event for Willamina are as follows:

Boys Races:

3000m: 2nd-Kisor Savage

11:19.82. **4x100 relay:** 2nd-Willamina (Wyatt Hubbell, Ryan Beauchamp, Devon Wright, Jacob Bazy) 48.37. **4x400 relay:** 1st-Willamina (Wyatt Hubbell, Ryan Beauchamp, Elisha Stanton, Jacob Bazy) 3:50.94; 3rd-Willamina (Issac Emery, Kisor Savage, Micah Bruckner, Dylan Smith) 4:13.89.

Boys Field Events:

Shot put: 5th-Billy DeLoe III 11.07m. **Discus:** 3rd-Billy DeLoe III 33.30m; 4th-Shane Mathers 32.31m. **Javelin:** 1st-Davin Spencer 42.70m; 2nd-Shane Mathers 42.14m. **Pole vault:** 5th-Micah Bruckner 2.59m. **Long jump:** 2nd-Shane Mathers 5.75m.

Girls Races:

100m: 2nd-Katrina Huff 13.69. **200m:** 1st-Katrina Huff 28.64; 3rd-Emilee Turner 31.17. **400m:** 4th-Briar Clemmer 1:09.09. **800m:** 4th-Libby Warnicke 3:10.87. **4x400 relay:** 3rd-Willamina (Briar Clemmer, Katrina Huff, Emilee Turner, Cheyenne Haller) 4:59.68.

Girls Field Events:

Shot put: 5th-Madyson Warnicke 7.85m.




Willamina's Emilee Turner competes in the 400-meter run during an SD-2 track meet hosted by Willamina High School.

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Lady Dawgs Hold Ground in Tough SD-3



Lainee Barton's one of two home runs during the Lady Dawgs' 2-1 week in league play. Willamina is tied for third place in Class 3A Special District 3. (Photo courtesy of Debbie Lockwood)

The Willamina Lady Dawgs came just shy of reaching the .500 mark overall at the halfway point of the 2026 season, sitting at 6-7 overall, with five of those losses coming early in the year — including two against Class 4A teams ranked No. 2 and No. 4 in the 4A state standings. But the bigger story may be where they stand in league play. Willamina sits tied for third place in Special District 3 (SD-3) with a 4-2 league record, competing in what is likely one of the toughest leagues in Class 3A softball.

Dayton, currently ranked No. 1 in the state, holds the top spot in SD-3, while Scio and Yamhill-Carlton round out the upper tier of the standings, ranked No. 6 and No. 7 in the state, respectively. Willamina, currently ranked No. 16, is tied with Scio for third place in league play. Together, the top four SD-3 teams hold an average state ranking of 7.5 — notably stronger than the next closest league, whose top four teams are ranked No. 3, No. 11, No. 12, and No. 18, averaging 11.

Last week, the Lady Dawgs opened with back-to-back wins, defeating Salem Academy 15-4 and Santiam Christian 8-1 before running into a tough Scio squad, falling 18-7.

The highlight of the week, however, belonged to Lainee Barton and her bat.

Barton appears to have found a favorite target — the left-center field fence. She sent one ball sailing over that spot with two runners on against Salem Academy, then returned to nearly the same location later in the week to launch another home run against Yamhill-Carlton, this time with one runner aboard.

Through 37 plate appearances this season, Barton is batting .344, collecting four singles, four doubles, one triple, and two home runs — numbers that continue to make her one of the Lady

Dawgs' most reliable offensive threats.

With the toughest stretch of league play still ahead, Willamina remains firmly in the hunt, proving it can compete in one of the deepest leagues in Class 3A softball.

Midway Report Not Good for Bulldogs

Good news and bad news greet the Willamina Bulldogs as they reach the halfway point of the 2026 baseball season.

The good news — the Bulldogs are not sitting at the very bottom of the OSAA 3A rankings.

The bad news — they aren't far from it.

Willamina currently sits at No. 40 out of 42 ranked teams in the division, holding an overall record of 0-12 as a very young roster continues to find its footing at the varsity level.

Through the first 12 games of the 24-game season, the Bulldogs are averaging just over two runs per game while posting a team batting average of .220. Opponents, meanwhile, have averaged more than 21 runs per game and are hitting .439 against Willamina pitching.

The closest contest of the sea-

son so far came in a 9-2 loss to Eddyville Charter. The toughest outings included two 29-run losses against Gaston and Yamhill-Carlton.

Last week's schedule offered little relief.

Willamina opened the week with a twin bill against Santiam Christian, falling 19-0 and 17-1. Bob Larsen accounted for the Bulldogs' lone RBI of the series and went 2-for-3 at the plate across the two games.

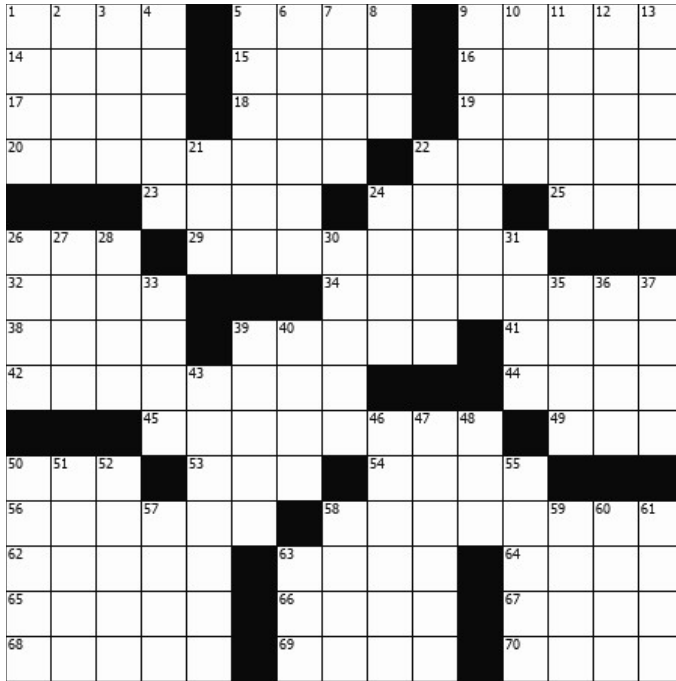
The week closed with two games against Taft, where the Bulldogs were held hitless in both contests, dropping the games 14-0 and 26-0.

With half the season still ahead, Willamina remains in search of its first win of the year — and the kind of breakthrough moment that can help a young team build confidence for the stretch run.

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| 9. Art's board | 35. Parched | 58. ____ cream |
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Model Swap Meet Draws Hobbyists From Across Oregon

The Willamina VFW Hall hosted an International Plastic Modelers' Society (IPMS) swap meet Saturday, organized by the Salem IPMS chapter. Founded in 1978, the chapter is nearing its 50th anniversary, and the event marked the third time the club has brought a swap meet to the West Valley.

IPMS is an international organization of hobbyists interested in building plastic model kits. The organization is divided into national branches, and within those, local chapters such as the one based in Salem.

Local clubs regularly meet to

showcase their latest builds, display models, and discuss ongoing projects. The organization also hosts shows throughout the year, with competitions serving as one of the highlights, along with vendors selling a wide variety of model kits. Some special-interest groups focus on particular models, time periods, or manufacturers.

This year at the VFW, 11 vendors set up shop, some with multiple tables stacked 3 to 4 feet high with boxed models, offering ample variety for seasoned hobbyists and potentially sparking interest among first-time buyers.

Approximately 75 individuals attended the event on Saturday, with participants traveling from across Oregon, including from as far away as Christmas Valley — a roughly 259-mile trip to the Willamette Valley.

Like many other meets, attendees had the opportunity to vote in the best model competition. Michael Tsoumpas won the People's Choice Award for the Civilian Category, while Dan Hall was voted best in the Military Division. Modelers are also looking ahead to the upcoming convention on Sept. 12, when IPMS will host the Oregon Modelers Jamboree at

the Linn County Expo Center.

Daniel Tonkin, president of the IPMS Salem Model Club, described the size of the convention with enthusiasm.

"Oh boy! Big is all I can say about it," Tonkin said.

Those interested in learning more about IPMS or the Salem club can find information on Facebook at @ipmssalem. The club also hosts virtual build nights via Zoom at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and Tonkin can provide interested participants with the link.



One of many detailed models entered in the contest during the Salem IPMS Swap Meet at the Willamina VFW Hall on Saturday.



Michael Tsoumpas poses with his People's Choice Award after winning the Civilian Category during the Salem IPMS Swap Meet held Saturday at the Willamina VFW Hall.



Dan Hall poses with his People's Choice Award after winning the Military Division during the Salem IPMS Swap Meet held Saturday at the Willamina VFW Hall.

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Word Scramble

Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to National Babe Ruth Day (April 27). Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.



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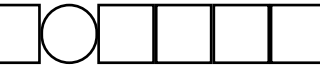
Where did Ruth make his major league debut?



N A B B O I M



N E A K Y E



R E E G G O

Last weeks answers
Income, Refund, Salary, Itemized, Inflation

Sheridan/West Valley Garden Club Taking A Field Trip To Aumsville

The Sheridan / West Valley Garden Club met in March at Shirley K.'s house to decorate pots of blooming plants for Sapphire at Rivers Edge (formerly Sheridan Care Center.)

The Easter themed flowers were placed on the dining tables for the residents' enjoyment.

On April 28 club members will be taking a field trip to Godfrey's Garden Center in Aumsville, east of Salem. This nursery has a wonderful selection of plants at reasonable prices. The gardeners plan to meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, April 28, at the Nazarene Church to car-pool to Godfrey's. They will stop for lunch before returning to Sheridan. If you would like to join them, please call or text 503.720.9589 to let them know.

More Ways Available to Donate For Falconer Students Carnegie Dream

Many of you read last weeks story about Falconer Chapman student Haylee Jenne and her amazing opportunity to play at Carnegie Hall.

A donation account has been setup at First Federal Bank so anyone can go in to the branch to donate to her directly.

The Sheridan Education Fund is also taking donations for her that can be tax deductible. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation you can do so at the Sheridan School District office in front of Sheridan High School. Just make the check out to the Sheridan Education Foundation with the memo to Learning Beyond The Classroom. Emily Molloy or Elaine Burke can take the payments and issue a receipt for tax purposes.

Comic Making Series Returning To Willamina Library Starting In May

Willamina libraries third Annual Comic Making Workshops with Garrett Ley are starting May 2on free comic book day.

Designed for youth and teens ages 8-19. Registration is required for both the Free Comic Book Day workshops and the Comic Creators Workshop Series.

To register, email Sarah Frost at frosts@ci.willamina.or.us with the name and age of the participant.

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MRS. AMERICA WINS THE WAR

Bonzo will have to start scratching — and he can blame his new dog troubles on a shortage of rotenone.

Rotenone is a chemical widely used as an ingredient in sprays and soaps for dogs, cats, and other household pets, as well as a household insecticide. Now all such users are prohibited. Unfortunately, the source of rotenone is certain woody plants grown mainly in Malaya and the Netherlands Indies, and our present supplies must be conserved for use as a spray for specified food crops.

A lot of Mrs. Americas, handy with the needle, have been asking about putting the cuffs on hubby's trousers at home. But if you have any such plans, you are breaking the law as much as if you walked off with a necklace from Tiffany's.

The War Production Board prohibits any person (and the penalties are severe) from putting cuffs on trousers — that means manufacturer, retailer, custom tailor, and you, the customer's wife.

TO BROADCAST WAR BOND PROGRAM

The following telegram was released for publication today in the interest of the war program. Quote Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of Agriculture, Claude R. Wickard, and leaders of business and labor organizations will speak on a special broadcast Thursday night over the blue network from 10:00 to 10:30 P.M. E.W.T. The broadcast will be devoted to discussion of the National War Bond Quota System and the Ten Percent Payroll Savings Plan. A special guest of the program will be the hero Navy pilot, Lieutenant Commander Edward Henry O'Hare, who was promoted from the rank of Lieutenant. Other speakers on the broadcast will include William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, Phillip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations; W. P. Witherow, president of the National Association of Manufacturers; John W. O'Leary, chairman of the Executive Committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce, and T. C. Cashen, chairman of the Railway Executives Association.

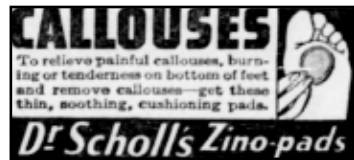
If you can't get bananas for dessert some evening, it may be because they have been used to launch a ship for victory.

A subchaser went down to the sea on a cushion of seven tons of bananas. With fats and oils in the critical material class, bananas have proved a worthy substitute for greasing the ways.

A little insect of northern India and your recording of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony have always been closely connected, but it takes a war to point out how.

The principal ingredient of phonograph records is shellac, which is refined from the resinous substance secreted by tiny insects on the twigs of certain trees. Virtually our sole supply of shellac comes from India. So it is not surprising that record production must be cut 70 per cent and other shellac uses drastically limited. As for your future supply of Freddy Martin or Bing Crosby, manufacturers are experimenting with substitute materials and will also try reclaiming old records.

In the first concrete war demand made of them, the housewives of America came through. Largely thru their efforts, the crisis in the wastepaper shortage has been passed. Now the urgent need is for scrap rubber. Look around again for old tires, inner tubes, hot water bottles, rubber bath mats, old raincoats, and rubber jar rings. Reclaimed rubber has a big role to play in winning the war.



Disappearing Island

Falcon Island in the South Pacific is unique in that it has vanished and reappeared three times since its discovery in 1865, says Collier's. Being built up by the ashes of volcanic eruption and then destroyed by wind, rain, and ocean current so many times, Falcon is such a geographical curiosity that it has been visited by scientists from all over the world, most of whom preferred to examine it, because of poisonous gas, from the deck of their ship.

4TH DRAFT REGISTRATION

Time: Monday, April 27, 1942. Registration Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Place: Fire Hall.

Those required to register: All men who attained their forty-fifth birthday on or before February 16, 1942, and who have not attained their sixty-fifth birthday on April 27, 1942.

"Every male citizen of the United States, and every other male person residing in the continental United States or in the Territory of Alaska or in the Territory of Hawaii or in Puerto Rico, other than persons excepted by Section 5 (a) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 as amended and by Section 208 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941, is required to and shall on April 27, 1942, present himself for and submit to registration before a duly designated registration official or selective service local board having jurisdiction in the area in which he has his permanent home or in which he may happen to be on that day if such male citizen or other male person on February 16, 1942, has attained the

DATES SET FOR SUGAR SIGN UP

All retail stores, restaurants, and other industrial users or retailers of sugar are to register at Willamina Union High School in the principal's office on Tuesday, April 28 and Wednesday, April 29 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

All trade outlets for sugar in the Willamina Union High School district and the New Grand Ronde district are requested to come to the high school at Willamina to secure their blanks and to register.

The blanks may be secured prior to the date of the required registration, but they are not to be turned in until the official registration days, April 28 and 29, as above mentioned.

R. Y. Neely will conduct the sugar registration, and he will be assisted by L. N. Riggs. At this time, only retail stores, hotels, restaurants, apiaries, hospitals, canneries, bakeries, and other industrial users are to register. Registration for civilians will be conducted through the elementary schools during the first week of May.

forty-fifth anniversary of the day of his birth and on April 27, 1942, has not attained the sixty-fifth anniversary of the day of his birth, and has not heretofore been registered under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, and the regulations thereunder: PROVIDED, That the duty of any person to present himself for and submit to registration in accordance with any previous proclamation issued under said Act shall not be effected by this proclamation."



FELLOWSHIP DINNER FRIDAY

The Butler women's society will hold their regular fellowship dinner Friday evening, May 1, at the Butler church. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. For an enjoyable evening come and bring a covered dish.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE URGES ATTENDANCE

For the best support of the war effort, the school of engineering at Oregon State College should not have any decrease in student enrollment next year.

The dean of engineering has been notified by General H. G. Windsor of Seattle, in charge of the Pacific Northwest program of training within industry under the War Production Board. This does not mean that there should be a general rush to the school of engineering, according to officials but it does mean that those high school seniors and present engineering students who had planned to take engineering courses will serve their country best by starting or continuing in college until otherwise directed by the government. The country is faced with a grave shortage of men with engineering training, they say.



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- Friday, May 8, 2-6 pm
- Saturday, May 9, 9 am-2pm

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