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One Final Encore: Musicians Honor Allen Ingram at Open Mic Tribute

Music had always been one of the ways beloved local musician Allen Ingram spoke to the world, and his family, fellow musicians, friends, and music lovers returned that in kind Sunday evening, hosting a special Wildwood Open Mic Night celebrating the life of the late artist.

Ingram, a longtime Willamina-area musician, was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2018, though doctors later told him he had likely been living with symptoms for several years before that diagnosis.

Rather than retreat from the spotlight, he leaned into it, transforming his love of music into a mission to raise awareness and support others facing similar challenges.

Over the years, Ingram became known not only for his classic rock, country, and folk-inspired

playing but also for his determination to make sure no one faced Parkinson's disease alone. Through benefit concerts and community events, he helped connect individuals and families with support services and encouraged greater understanding of neurological conditions and the people living with them.

While the night was filled with live performances, the most powerful and moving moments came when a video of Ingram himself appeared on the television screen.

As the familiar sound of his playing filled the room, the crowd listened quietly, many watching with smiles mixed with pride, gratitude, and tears in remembrance of watching him play live, some raising a toast to him as if Ingram himself were watching. For those who knew him, it

felt less like watching a recording and more like welcoming him back to the stage for one final performance.

In true reflection of Ingram's mission, it would feel incomplete not to share once more where those battling Parkinson's disease, and their families, can turn for help. Throughout his journey, Ingram worked closely with Parkinson's Resources of Oregon, a nonprofit organiza-

tion that provides information, education, counseling, support groups, and wellness programs for individuals living with Parkinson's disease. The organization serves communities across Oregon and SW Washington and offers assistance regardless of a person's ability to pay.

For those seeking more information about available services, can visit their website at www.parkinsonsresources.org.



Family, friends, and fellow musicians watch a video of Allen Ingram performing one last encore during a special open mic night honoring his life, music, and long battle with Parkinson's disease.

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Willamina Arbor Day Project Targets Algae at Huddleston Pond

The City of Willamina celebrated Arbor Day on Friday, April 24, working on a project that moved forward a joint environmental goal shared by city staff, council members, and the community to reduce the amount of algae that has continued to plague Huddleston Pond, its ecological system, and its anglers in recent years.

After concerns were raised about the amount of algae in the water, Willamina City staff researched possible countermeasures, including chemical treatments, mechanical removal, and Arbor Day-friendly floating islands, which became the focus of last Friday's celebration.

The idea of the floating islands

was first brought forth by City Manager Bridget Meneley during a City Council meeting in September of last year, with the thought that the water-bound plant cover would help reduce water temperatures in the pond, slowing the growth of algae and other aquatic weeds. During that session, the council directed the city to reach out to Oregon State University to help develop a long-term pond management plan, including identifying plant species best suited for use on floating islands.

Seven months later, after extensive research and planning, city staff, along with councilors, community members, and even a commissioner, spent the sunny Arbor Day morning assembling

and placing 12 of those islands, which can now be seen floating around Huddleston Pond.

The floating islands are built on forms made from durable, lightweight materials that support aquatic plants growing above the water's surface. The roots extend downward through openings in the floating structure into the pond water below. As the roots grow, they remove nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, which are primary contributors to algae growth.

In addition to nutrient removal, the islands provide shade across portions of the pond's surface, helping reduce water temperatures and limit sunlight reaching the water. The submerged root systems also provide habitat for

microorganisms that break down organic material, improving water quality. The plants growing on the islands also contribute to healthier oxygen conditions, helping prevent large algae die-offs that can rapidly reduce oxygen levels in the water.

While not as rapid a treatment as chemical methods, this environmentally friendly solution is intended to improve over time as the plants mature, making for less-happy algae, happier fish, and much happier fishers.



Councilor Craig "Captain" Johnson prepares aquatic plants for placement into floating island containers during Willamina's Arbor Day project.



Jill Silver-Gibson works with children Rarity, Roulette, and Abigail to plant aquatic vegetation for floating islands during Willamina's Arbor Day event at Huddleston Pond on April 24.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Winding Down and Gearing Up: Final Push and Campus Changes

The school year is rapidly drawing to a close, and we are entering the final, exhilarating month! Students across all grades are engaged in their final academic push, demonstrating impressive commitment as they finish strong.

Celebrating Student Success

We are so proud of the academic success our students have achieved this year, a clear testament to their dedication to improvement. This commitment was recently highlighted by the induction of new members into the Junior National Honor Society at the middle school level.

Our students are currently tackling the rigorous Oregon State Testing, and we want to commend them for the great maturity and seriousness with which they have approached these assessments this year.

Key Dates and Important Campus Updates

Please remember that Monday, May 4th, is a no-school day for students.

When students and families return on Tuesday, May 5th, you will notice significant changes to our campus layout as we begin preparations for our exciting construction projects:

WES (Elementary School): The original Main Entrance is changing to the Bus Lane Entrance. There will be minimal change for students, but visitors must follow new signage.

High School/Main Office: The entrance is moving from the front to the rear of the building. Visitors must follow designated signage around the campus.

This temporary disruption is necessary to ensure our new main entrances are ready and fully operational by August, when families return for the new school year. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we navigate these changes.

Construction Timeline

While the new entrances will be ready this summer, our classroom addition project will take a bit longer, with a projected completion timeline of Spring 2027.

We have been profoundly moved by the commitment of our local partners and the generous donations of materials being generated. This community support is vital, allowing us to stretch our budget and maximize the benefits for our students.

Future Students Welcome!

We are also gearing up to welcome our newest group of students! We are currently planning our annual Kindergarten Registration and Preschool Transition meetings. If you require any information regarding registration or transition meetings, please contact the office immediately.

With "spring" in my step!

Mike Gass, Superintendent

Willamina Elementary School 503.876.2374

Willamina Middle/High School 503.876.2545

School District Office 503.876.1500

Art Conspiracy Announces Its 2026 Summer Arts Program

The Art Conspiracy brochure for the 2026 Summer Arts Program is ready for release. Starting this week the brochures will be available on the website at www.art-conspiracywestvalley.org. It will also be available at area school and libraries, as well as other locations in the West Valley. The program will be held at Sheridan High School, Monday thru Thursday from June 15th to June 25th. There will be a final presentation the evening of June 26th with exhibits of student work, a fashion show, and performances by the theater classes. The public is invited. The class lineup for this year is: Create Your Own Board Game, Collage Card Collections, Printmaking, Theatre Workshop, Improv, Comics and Manga, Making Old Clothes New Again, Watercolor, Smart Phone Photography, and Handbuilding with Paperclay. For further information please call Monica Setziol-Phillips at 503-798-7003 or Marguerite Alexander, Register, at 503-843-4104.



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.

City Dog Park Soft Opening Set For May 30

The dog park located on Jefferson St. near the high school in Sheridan is nearly ready.

The city announced the soft opening for May 30 with more details such as times and any event to come in the near future.



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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Sold-Out: Chamber Bark Dust Sale Fuels Community Projects Across West Valley



News Release Willamina Coastal Hills Chamber of Commerce

The Willamina Coastal Hills Chamber of Commerce sends a special thanks to Hampton Lumber, Walsh Trucking, the cities of Willamina and Sheridan, and many community volunteers for a very successful bark dust sale on April 23-25 in Willamina.

Nice weather helped and a multitude of pre-orders and deliveries contributed to the success of the sale and they were sold out by 10:00 am on Saturday.

The annual sale benefits the whole community with beautification in spring cleanup of yards in the Willamina, Grand Ronde, Sheridan area.

The chamber funds raised are donated back into the communities with projects and events such as: the 4th of July festival and fireworks, Mud Drags, City wide sales and cleanup day, Christmas Lights parade, food banks, school activities, downtown beautification, City signs and banners, advertising and much more.

A huge thank you to our faithful volunteers: Greg Summers and Mike Lake on the loaders; Ben Byam, Don Hoffman, Ted Lake, Jeff Brown and Justin Riggs drivers; and all of our ride along assistants and tellers. Special thanks to the City of Willamina for taking the pre-orders again this year.

The Willamina Chamber is currently meeting at Coyote Joes lounge every Wednesday at 8:00 to 9:00 am. The meetings are open to all interested in working together to promote our west valley community.

Gary Brooks, President, Danielle Vollman, Vice-President, Rolly Heuser, Bark Dust Coordinator, Ginny Wymore, Secretary, and Alyssa Green, Treasurer.



Sherwood High School students end up testing the load capacity of the floating dock at Huddleston Pond during a school fishing field trip. The outing was one of two trips offered this year to give students a break from the monotony of classroom work. Volunteers from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife were on hand to clean fish for students who were uncomfortable doing so, while also providing lessons on fish anatomy and fishing techniques.

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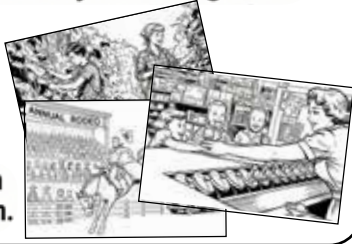
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Sheridan City Council Boosts

The Sheridan City Council held its regular session meeting on April 20. Here are some key topics discussed during the meeting.

Rodent Concerns: During public comment, one resident reported to the council a rat problem she and other neighbors are now dealing with following the cleanup of a rat-infested property on nearby Blair Street. She asked the City to address the current problem and, in the future, take steps to ensure rodent issues are addressed prior to property cleanups so the problem does not spread to neighboring homes. City officials stated they would investigate options, noting infestations such as this are generally the liability of the individuals living on or owning the premises.

Traffic Safety: Another resident, appearing for a second time before the council, again requested speed bumps be installed on Sheridan Road to slow traffic in the area, citing concerns that someone might be seriously injured or killed. Councilor Lucy Hebert stated that she had the issue on her list of concerns for the evening. City Manager Preston Polasek said speed bumps are not currently planned for Sheridan Road improvements and noted the issue is primarily a law enforcement matter. With Yamhill County Sheriff Sam Elliott and Undersheriff Brandon Bowdle present at the meeting, the resident was encouraged to speak with them. Council President Jim Buckles added that the issue could be referred to the council and city manager for inclusion on a future agenda, so meeting time could be set aside to fully discuss the concern.

Library Week: The City Council read a proclamation in support of the Sheridan Library and National Library Week, held April 19-25, 2026. Council President Buckles commented on the library's continued success, noting increased participation in programs and emphasizing the library's importance as a community resource. Sheridan Library Director Gwen Gorham thanked the council for recognizing the library and the work staff put into providing programs and services to the community.

Sheriff Report: Sheriff Sam Elliott delivered the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office annual report covering July 2024 through June 2025. Despite population growth within Sheridan, calls for service have slightly decreased over the past several years, while case totals and case resolution rates have remained fairly consistent. Elliott explained that responses to calls are handled by both contracted city deputies and deputies assigned to the county's West Rural District. He also reported that the Special Investigations Unit executed five search warrants within Sheridan during the reporting period, all related to child sexual abuse material investigations.

Budget Appointments: The council approved two citizens for service on the City's Budget Committee. Judy Adams was reappointed to a one-year term ending Dec. 31, 2026. A second vacant position was filled by Larry Deibel, who recently retired from the Sheridan School District Board and currently serves on the Sheridan School District Bond Oversight Committee. His appointment will run through Dec. 31, 2028.

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Plaza Budget, Fills Vacant Seat

Sewer Project: Council members approved engineering services associated with the Yamhill Street sewer main replacement project, part of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) wastewater improvements. The approved engineering contract totaled \$45,471. City Manager Preston Polasek reported that the project scope change has been accepted by Business Oregon, allowing environmental review and design updates to move forward, with completion deadlines extended into 2027.

Memorial Plaza: Council approved updates to Phase II of improvements at Hebert Memorial Plaza, increasing the project budget from \$57,314 to a new projected total of \$142,314. The increase includes additions of a drain pipe extension estimated at \$10,000, rip-rap installation at \$40,000, and handrail installation estimated at \$35,000. The work is expected to build on improvement projects already scheduled at the site to address drainage, erosion control, and safety needs.

Water Contract: Additionally, the council approved a sole-source contract with GSI Water Solutions to complete a drinking water source protection project funded through a \$50,000 grant. The project will be completed in partnership with the cities of Willamina and Amity and is intended to develop long-term water source protection planning through August 2027.

Grant Awards: Council reviewed applications for the City's \$2,500 community grant program. After discussion, the council approved the distribution of five grants for \$500 each to Sheridan Ro-

tary, Churches United for West Valley, Sheridan Revitalization Movement, Art Conspiracy, and West Valley Community Campus. Requests submitted by the Sheridan High School volleyball program and a Christmas decoration committee were deferred.

Council Appointment: The council interviewed two applicants, Larry Payne and Julianne Allen, for a vacant city council position. Both candidates answered questions from council members regarding their motivations for serving, their willingness to participate in upcoming budget work, and whether they would seek election to retain the seat. Following the interviews, the council voted to appoint Julianne Allen to fill the vacant council position for the remainder of the term, which expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Sheridan Library Director Gwen Gorham speaks to the Sheridan City Council following the proclamation recognizing National Library Week during the April 20 meeting.



Julianne Allen (left) is congratulated by Mayor Cale George (right) after being appointed to fill a vacant Sheridan City Council seat during the April 20 meeting.

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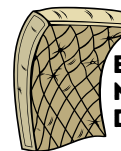
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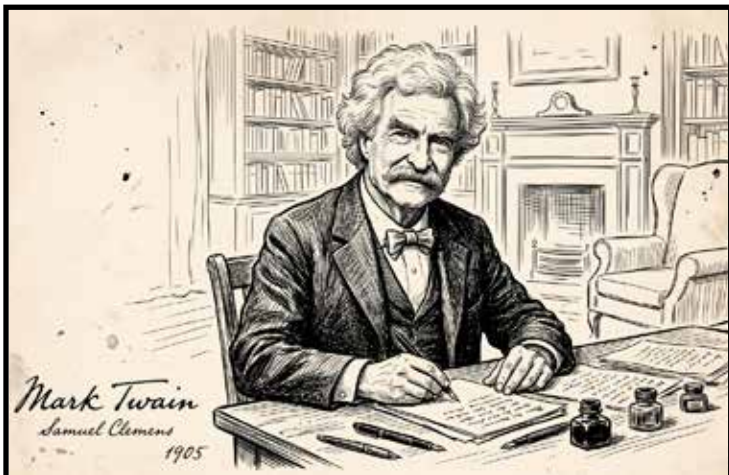
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Mark Twain, the pen name of Samuel Langhorne Clemens, stands as one of the most significant figures in American literature, renowned for his humor, wit, and incisive social commentary. Often hailed as the “father of American literature,” he is best remembered for his iconic novels, including *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (1876) and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (1884), the latter of which is considered a masterpiece that transformed the American literary landscape through its innovative use of vernacular and a powerful examination of race and morality.

Twain’s unique voice and keen observation of the human condition, drawn from his varied experiences as a steamboat pilot on the Mississippi River, a journalist, and a widely traveled lecturer, made him a globally recognized and beloved author.

He used satire effectively to critique societal hypocrisies, leaving an enduring legacy as a sharp-eyed chronicler of Gilded Age America.

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.

Day Trips Make Mother's Day Special



Mother's Day 2026 will be celebrated across the United States, Canada, Australia, and many other countries on Sunday, May 10. Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May, and has been since 1914, when President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation establishing the day as a national holiday. There are plenty of ways to celebrate mothers, grandmothers, and stepmothers, including with gifts and celebrations. However, gift givers also may want to trade wrapped presents for a shared experience. Consider day trips or overnight excursions as options for treating Mom to something special. Here are some day trips that can make lasting memories.

- Wine country: For moms who love wine, a visit to a nearby vineyard is an elegant way to celebrate. However, there's also the option to travel to historically popular and well-regarded wine regions, such as Napa Valley, Sonoma County or Willamette Valley in the western United States. An even more epic adventure can be a trip to key regions in Europe like Bordeaux, France, Tuscany, Italy, or Rioja, Spain.

- Historic sites: Moms who are

history buffs can travel to areas of the country that are known for their historical significance. Boston, with its hop-on-hop-off trolley tours, provides an up-close look at sites that shaped the American Revolution. Williamsburg, Virginia, and nearby Jamestown also offer a historical touch. Colonial Williamsburg is a living-history museum where actors in period costume depict daily Colonial life. At Jamestown, walk in the steps of Captain John Smith and Pocahontas and explore a unique locale in American history.

- Peace in nature: Some mothers find that nature is their happy place. A garden tour or a visit to the nearest botanical garden is a great choice. Many beautiful flowers peak in early May, including late tulips, lilacs and azaleas. Roses also may start budding around this time. Butchart Gardens in Canada is a 55-acre National Historic Site known for its Sunken Garden, and can be a lovely spot to tour. Another option is the Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania, which boasts formal gardens, meadows and large indoor conservatories.

- Coastal escape: When treating Mom to some "vitamin sea," a day trip to the coast cannot be beat. A walk on the sand certainly can be a winning choice, but activities like a Mother's Day brunch cruise on a riverboat or ferry can elevate the excursion. Letting mom experience different day trips can be a special way to set this Mother's Day apart.

Last issue's crossword solution

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Easy Homemade Strawberry Cheesecake



Desserts are a welcome treat after a delicious main course. Homemade desserts can be particularly flavorful, and that freshness can make the final course something to really look forward to.

Those tasked with prepared a homemade dessert have plenty of options to consider, including this recipe for "Strawberry and Vanilla Cheesecakes With a Ginger Cookie Base" from Lines+Angles.

Strawberry and Vanilla Cheesecakes With a Ginger Cookie Base
Serves 6

- 4 1/2 ounces ginger cookies, crushed
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons caster sugar, divided
- 11 ounces Greek vanilla yogurt
- 3 1/2 ounces cream cheese, soft-

- ened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 8 ounces strawberries, hulled and diced
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 - 1 handful small mint leaves, to garnish
1. Stir together crushed cookies, melted butter, and 1 tablespoon sugar in a mixing bowl until cookie crumbs are moist. Divide between 6 serving glasses and chill until needed.
 2. Combine Greek yogurt, cream cheese and vanilla extract with remaining caster sugar in a mixing bowl, beating until sugar has dissolved, about 2 minutes.
 3. Divide mixture between glasses, spooning on top of biscuit base. Cover and chill for 1 hour.
 4. When ready to serve, puree half the strawberries with lemon juice in a food processor.
 5. Spoon on top of cheesecakes and garnish with remaining strawberries and mint leaves.

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May 2026

Friday			
May 1	8-9:15am	Joint Willamina/Sheridan Chamber Breakfast	Coyote J
May 1	9-1:30pm	Kindergarten Roundup	Faulconer
Saturday			
May 2	9am-4pm	Spring Bazaar	Sheridan
May 2	10am-3pm	MakerSpace Lab	Willamina
May 2	6:00pm	Astronomy Club	Willamina
Sunday			
May 3	9am-4pm	Spring Bazaar	Sheridan
Monday			
May 4	6pm	Sheridan City Council	120 SW
May 4	7pm	American Legion	125 N Br
Tuesday			
May 5		===== Cinco de Mayo =====	
May 5	Noon	Kiwanis	825 NE M
May 5	2-4pm	Grand Sheramina Food Bank	120 N Br
May 5	6pm	Friends of Sheridan Library Meeting	Sheridan
May 5	6pm	Willamina City Council	825 NE M
Wednesday			
May 6	6pm	Willamina 4th of July Committee	Willamina
May 6	6pm	West Valley Rotary Evening Meeting	Bennie H
May 6	6pm	Sheridan School District Board	District C
Thursday			
May 7	1:30pm	Municipal Court	120 SW
May 7	4-6pm	Sheridan FFA Plant Sale	Sheridan
May 7	6pm	Sheridan Revitalization	Sheridan
Friday			
May 8	2-6pm	Sheridan FFA Plant Sale	Sheridan
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May 9	7am-1pm	Prime Bark Dust Sale	37495 SW
May 9	9-2pm	Sheridan FFA Plant Sale	Sheridan
May 9	10am-3pm	Saturday Market	West Vall
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May 9	Noon	Fendall Hall Mother's Day Fashion Show	37515 SW
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May 10		===== Mother's Day =====	
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May 11	7pm	Willamina School District Meeting	Live Stre
May 11	7pm	American Legion	125 N Br
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May 12	Noon	Kiwanis	825 NE M
May 12	6pm	Willamina City Council	825 NE M
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May 13	4:30-6:30pm	Be Wildfire Ready	9615 Gra
May 13	6pm	Willamina 4th of July Committee	Willamina
May 13	6pm	West Valley Rotary Evening Meeting	Bennie H
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May 14	5-6pm	Free Line Dancing at the Buell Grange	5970 Mil
May 14	6:30pm	Toastmasters	Willamina
Friday			
May 15	8-9:15am	Sheridan Chamber Breakfast	Sheridan
Saturday			
May 16		===== Armed Forces Day =====	
May 16	4-6pm	4th of July Fundraiser - Painting Class	Willamina
Monday			
May 18	7pm	Sheridan City Council	120 SW
May 18	7pm	VFW	771 NE M
Tuesday			
May 19		===== Oregon Primary Election =====	
May 19	12:30-5:30pm	Red Cross Blood Drive	Willamina
May 19	1pm	Lunch Bunch (to go lunches)	Sheridan
May 19	2-4pm	Grand Sheramina Food Bank	120 N Br
May 19	6:30pm	Willamina Library Board Meeting	Willamina
Wednesday			
May 20	6pm	Sheridan School District Board	District C
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May 22	5-7pm	Churches United Community Dinner	Sheridan
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May 25		===== Memorial Day (Federal Holiday) =====	
May 25	Noon	Memorial Day Observance	Grand Ro
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May 30	9am-Noon	Willamina Citywide Cleanup	500 SE A
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May 30	6-9pm	Sheridan Chamber Gala	Southsid

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Monday:		
Early Literacy Adventures	9:30am	
Willamina Public Library		
Celebrate Recovery	6pm	
Willamina Free Methodist Church		
Scout Meeting	7pm	
Sheridan All Prep, Sheridan		
P.I.F. AA Meeting (Mon, Wed, & Fri)	7pm	
Sheridan All Prep		
Tuesday		
NA Meeting,		
Light House Church, Grand Ronde	6pm	
Yoga		
Swan Hall, 242 NE Main St., Willamina	6pm	
Wednesday		
Willamina Chamber of Commerce (EID 1st Wed)		
Coyote Joe's	8am	
Bridge Learning Play Group (Age 0-5)	9:30 - 11:30am	
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Creative artists and artisans		
Willamina Christian Church	10am-2pm	
Sheridan Rotary Meeting		
Sheridan School District office, Sheridan	Noon	
Willamina Food Pantry, Civic Club,		
340 B Street, Willamina	4-6pm	
Thursday		
Community Showers		
Trinity Lutheran Church, Sheridan	1-4pm	
Bingo		
VFW Hall, Willamina	5:30pm	
Mill Creek Road Band Live Music w/Potluck (Free)		
Buell Grange, Mill Creek Rd. Sheridan	6-8pm	
NA Meeting,		
Light House Church, Grand Ronde	6pm	
Friday		
Grand Ronde Food Bank Distribution	10am-2pm	
9765 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde		
Grand Ronde Community Clothes Closet	9am-Noon	
9765 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde		
American Legion Bingo	5:30pm	
125 N Bridge St., Sheridan		
Cornhole	6pm	
Ft. Hill Restaurant, 8655 Ft. Hill Rd		
Saturday		
Sole Sisters Walk/Run	7:45am	
Southside Park, Sheridan		
Sheridan Museum of History,	10am-3pm	
142 S. Bridge St, Sheridan		
Willamina Museum of History,		
188 D St, Willamina	1-4pm	
Tina Miller Youth Center		
172 NW 4th Street, Willamina	3-6pm	
Odd Fellows Bingo		
143 SW Monroe Street, Sheridan	5:30pm	
Narcotics Anonymous (Emmanuel Lutheran)		
315 W. Main St., Willamina	7-8pm	
Sunday		
Willamina Museum of History Open	1-4pm	
188 NE D St., Willamina		
Tina Miller Youth Center	1-4pm	
172 NW 4th Street, Willamina		
Yoga	5pm	
Swan Hall, 242 NE Main St., Willamina		
NA Meeting,	6pm	
Light House Church, Grand Ronde		
Open Mic Night	6pm	
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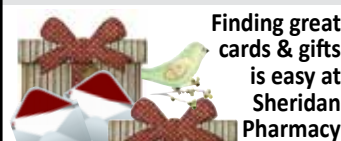
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West Valley Sports

Dragons Run Away With Top Spot at Spartan Meet

The Sheridan Spartans hosted a 2A five-way district track meet last week, welcoming cross-town rivals the Delphian Dragons to their home track.

The Dragons dominated both the girls and boys divisions, grabbing the podium's top spot in each thanks to strong performances across the board. Tai Jefford led the Delphian boys' effort, racing to first place in the 400 meters while also placing second in the 100 and third in the 200 to help power the Dragons to the team title.

Mila Marvin and Avery Ott led the charge for the Delphian girls.

Ott sprinted her way to victories in both the 200 and 400 meters, while Marvin showcased her versatility with wins in the 3000 meters and the high jump, giving the Dragons a strong edge in multiple events.

Sheridan's Zachery Dauvin and Chase Eichler delivered impressive finishes in both the short and long races, but their efforts weren't enough to lift the boys' team from the bottom of the standings, as the Spartans finished fifth overall.

Eichler turned in a sprint double, racing to victories in both the 100 meters and 200 meters, while Dauvin surged ahead of the pack in the 3000 meters and battled to a runner-up finish in the 1500.

Ella Prach delivered one of the top field performances for Sheridan, claiming second place in the shot put and third in the discus to lead the Spartans in the throwing events.

Top-three performances for Sheridan and Delphian were as follows (PB — Personal Best; SB — Season Best):

Boys Results:

100 Meters: 1st-Chase Eichler (S) 11.74SB, 2nd-Tai Jefford (D)

12.06SB, 3rd-Ronald Menard (D) 12.17PB. **200 Meters:** 1st-Chase Eichler (S) 24.86, 2nd-Jack Kennedy (D) 25.26SB, 3rd-Tai Jefford (D) 25.66SB.

400 Meters: 1st-Tai Jefford (D) 54.70SB. **800 Meters:** 1st-Damir Yaremych (D) 2:28.39PB. **1500 Meters:** 1st-Boston Brown (D) 4:23.15SB, 2nd-Zachery Dauvin (S) 4:24.55PB. **3000 Meters:** 1st-Zachery Dauvin (S) 9:52.62.

300m Hurdles: 1st-Oli Beauregard (D) 40.35SB. **4x100 Relay:** 1st-Delphian (D) 47.57, 2nd-Delphian (D) 47.99, 3rd-Sheridan (S) 49.22. **Discus:** 3rd-Quentin Thornsberry (D) 102-00. **Javelin:** 1st-Nico Barram (D) 126-06, 3rd-Luke Falkow (D) 109-00. **Triple Jump:** 2nd-Elliot Adams (D) 37-01.50SB.

Girls Results:

100 Meters: 1st-Lily Olivares (D) 13.51, 2nd-Piper Gibson (D) 14.33, 3rd-Amy Ke (D) 14.76.

200 Meters: 1st-Avery Ott (D) 28.30. **400 Meters:** 1st-Avery Ott (D) 1:02.99. **3000 Meters:** 1st-Mila Marvin (D) 12:11.00PB.

300m Hurdles: 1st-Brunella Plascencia (D) 57.35PB, 3rd-Alondra Casillas (S) 1:06.20PB. **4x100 Relay:** 2nd-Delphian (D) 56.76, 3rd-Delphian (D) 1:00.74.

Shot Put: 2nd-Ella Prach (S) 26-06.25, 3rd-Emily Dryer (S) 25-05.00SB. **Discus:** 3rd-Ella Prach (S) 63-04PB. **Javelin:** 1st-Mila Vysotska (D) 89-01, 3rd-Amy Bianchi (D) 78-04. **High Jump:** 1st-Mila Marvin (D) 4-06.00, 2nd-Joy Hwang (D) 4-04.00, 3rd-Addie Kathrein (D) 4-00.00. **Long Jump:** 1st-Amy Ke (D) 14-09.50PB, 2nd-Hope Ulery (S) 12-07.00PB, 2nd-Rylee Wells (D) 12-07.00.



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Delphian's Boston Brown takes grabbed the inside lane ahead of Sheridan's Zachery Dauvin during the 1500 meters. Brown crossed the finish line just one second ahead of Dauvin.



Sheridan's Hope Ulery lands in the pit during the long jump, where she tied teammate Rylee Wells for second place at Sheridan's 2A five-team track meet.

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Field Events and Relays Highlight for Bulldogs at Jefferson Track Meet

The Bulldog track team competed in a 3A four-way meet at Jefferson last week, with the boys tying host Jefferson for second place, while the girls finished fourth, just 4.5 points behind Taft.

Shane Mathers delivered one of the meet's top all-around performances, capturing first place in the long jump while adding a runner-up finish in the javelin and a third-place showing in the pole vault to lead the Bulldogs in the field events.

Briar Clemmer also turned in a strong and versatile performance, racing to second-place finishes in both the 400 meters and the 300-meter hurdles, while helping power the Bulldogs' 4x100 relay team to a first-place finish.

Top-three performances for Willamina were: (PB — Personal Best; SB — Season Best):

Boys results:

400 Meters: 2nd-Wyatt Hubbell 56.2PB. **800 Meters:** 2nd-Dylan Smith 2:32.7. **4x100 Relay:** 2nd-Willamina 47.0. **4x400 Relay:** 1st-Willamina 3:53.2.

Shot Put: 3rd-Billy DeLoe III 36' 0.5". **Discus:** 1st-Billy DeLoe III 118' 0.5". **Javelin:** 2nd-Shane Mathers 126' 9". **High Jump:** 1st-Dylan Smith 5' 0"PB. **Pole Vault:** 2nd-Micah Bruckner 9' 6", 3rd-Shane Mathers 8' 6"PB. **Long Jump:** 1st-Shane Mathers 19' 2", 2nd-Devon Wright 19' 0", 3rd-Elisha Stanton 18' 5"PB.

Girls results:

200 Meters: 2nd-Katrina Huff 28.3. **400 Meters:** 2nd-Briar Clemmer 1:10.8. **3000 Meters:** 1st-Libby Warnicke 15:04.3PB. **100m Hurdles:** No Willamina Top 3 finishers. **300m Hurdles:** 2nd-Briar Clemmer 57.7PB, 3rd-Cheyenne Haller 59.7PB. **4x100 Relay:** 1st-Willamina 1:00.0.

Shot Put: 3rd-Madison Warnicke 24' 10". **Javelin:** 3rd-Arianna Gnos 67' 4"PB.

Adverse Weather, Pirates Put the Squeeze on Bulldogs

Mother Nature and a pair of tough Dayton squads teamed up to put a damper on Bulldog ballplayers last week, with rain limiting Willamina to just one game each on the big and little diamonds.

The Lady Dawgs took the field only once, squaring off Monday against the state's top-ranked 3A squad, the Dayton Pirates. Willamina's defense battled hard through the first four innings, with Madison Blacketer taking the hill against the powerful Pirates lineup. Blacketer allowed just five hits and struck out five, but a pair of costly first-inning errors allowed Dayton to jump out to a 2-0 lead right out of the gate. The Pirates tacked on another run in the third to stretch the lead to 3-0 heading into the fifth.

That's when Dayton broke things open. The Pirates began finding gaps in the defense, plating six runs in the fifth inning and adding two more in the sixth to pull away.

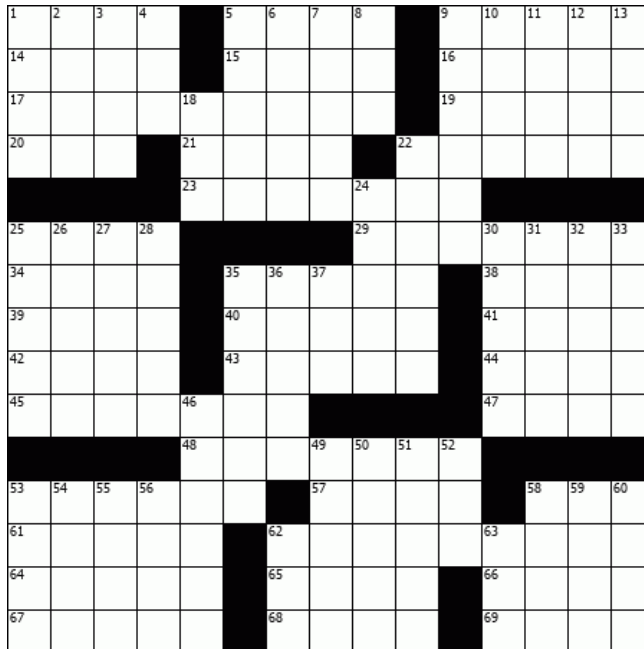
Willamina's offense, meanwhile, struggled to find its rhythm at the plate. The Lady Dawgs didn't put their first ball in play until the fourth inning after opening the game with nine straight strikeouts. By the final out, Willamina had struck out 16 times in 19 plate appearances, falling 11-0 in their lone contest of the week. The loss leaves the Lady Dawgs sitting at 6-8 overall and 4-3 in league play, holding sole possession of fourth place in the league standings behind Dayton, ranked No. 1 in the state in 3A, Yamhill-Carlton, ranked No. 6, and Scio, ranked No. 7.

The Bulldogs' baseball squad also ran into a buzzsaw against a sharp Dayton defense. Carter Felton delivered Willamina's only hit of the day, but the Bulldogs couldn't generate any additional offense as Dayton rolled to an 18-0 victory, dropping Willamina to 0-13 on the season.

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25. Playbill listing
29. Main dishes
34. Detest
35. Prophetic signs
38. Egg-shaped
39. Persia, now
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41. Unfurnished
42. Folk knowledge
43. Lock of hair
44. Unemployed
45. As a substitute
47. Sparrow's abode
48. Enliven
53. Sullen
57. Pain
58. Married woman (abbr.)
61. Go-between
62. Play host
64. Stale
65. Falsehoods
66. Andean mountain native
67. Male voice
68. Lose brightness
69. Chirp



Down

1. Lose one's footing
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3. Platoon
4. Acquire
5. Flower feature
6. Select group
7. Oahu greeting
8. Light brown
9. Mouse ____ Little
10. Heavy weights
11. Circle sections
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13. Christmas carol
18. CBS rival
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25. Spicy dish
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28. Belief
30. Batman's sidekick
31. Escape
32. British noblemen
33. Ice pellets
35. Gasoline classification
36. ____ Gras (Shrove Tuesday)
37. Before, to Keats
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50. Performed
51. The ones here
52. Always, in verse
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Journey of Heroes Trip Honors Three-War Marine Veteran

Last year, Thomas Baker Sr., a Marine Veteran from Grand Ronde who served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, was selected for the "Journey of Heroes," a program jointly organized by Wish of a Lifetime, the charitable affiliate of AARP, and the Vital Life Foundation.

The two organizations teamed up to honor senior Veterans with an all-inclusive, four-day trip to Washington, D.C., giving participants the opportunity to visit the war memorials created in their honor. At the time of his selection, Baker Sr. was among approximately 45,000 of the more than 16.4 million Americans who served in World War II still living.

The journey began years earlier when his son, Thomas Baker Jr., also a Marine Veteran with 20 years of service, continuing a long family tradition of military service that includes a grandfather who served in the Army during World War I, arranged a special birthday experience for his father.

For his father's 96th birthday, Baker Jr. arranged for him to fly in a World War II-era biplane through the Freedom Flights

program. The experience was so meaningful that Baker Jr. arranged a second flight for his father's 100th birthday.

It was during those events that Freedom Flights staff introduced the family to the Journey of Heroes program. Though Baker Sr., who had spent much of his life traveling, was content to stay close to home in his later years, he agreed to the trip after learning his son would accompany him. The two applied and were selected for the trip scheduled to depart on April 27, 2026.

However, before the trip could take place, Baker Sr. became ill with pneumonia and died within a week.

After his passing, organizers reached out to Baker Jr. with an unexpected offer.

"They contacted me and said they'd like me to go and represent him," Baker Jr. said. "They knew my background, and they wanted me to go in his honor."

With the two reserved seats already arranged, the board of Marquis Companies authorized Baker Jr. to invite a guest. He chose his lifelong friend, Jerry Hargitt, an Air Force Veteran, to join him on the trip.

The pair will travel with other Veterans from across the Pacific Northwest on the four-day itinerary, which begins early each morning and runs throughout the day with scheduled tours, ceremonies, and memorial visits.

The program handles all logistics for participants, including baggage check-in, expedited TSA screening, meals, lodging, ground transportation, and a specialized Alaska Airlines charter flight to Washington, D.C. The aircraft is modified with reduced seating to provide additional space and accommodate passengers who require wheelchairs, which are also provided during travel.

While in Washington, D.C., the group will visit the National Mall and several major memorials, including the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the Changing of the Guard ceremony. Additional stops include the National Park Service stables, the Udvar-Hazy Center, and the Franklin D. Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr., and Thomas Jefferson memorials.

Although Baker Jr. has visited the capital region before, he

said this trip will carry special meaning.

"During the '80s, I got orders five times, but they were classified, and I never went to D.C. — I was going to Central America," Baker Jr. said. "When I was later stationed at Dam Neck, Virginia, most of my time traveling to D.C. was spent working at the Pentagon. I did the Run to the Wall twice and saw the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial from a distance, but that's about all I saw."

To honor his father's memory, Baker Jr. will carry a meaningful memento during the trip — a hat recognizing his father's military service.

"I've got a hat that I got him probably 25 years ago," he said. "It says World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. I got it from a Sergeant Major I met at a gun show in Albany. After I told him about my dad, he drove back to Eugene and brought the hat to me, asking only that I send him a photo of my dad wearing it."

"Which I did, and my dad never took that hat off."

For Baker Jr., one of the most meaningful moments of the trip will come when he reunites with his son, who works outside Washington, D.C., and meets his 6-year-old grandson in person for the first time.



Marine Veteran Thomas Baker Jr. (right) stands with lifelong friend and Air Force Veteran Jerry Hargitt (left) at Baker's Grand Ronde home prior to departing for Washington, D.C., where the pair are participating in the Journey of Heroes trip honoring Baker Jr.'s late father.



Thomas Baker Sr., a Marine Veteran who served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, salutes while seated in a World War II-era aircraft during a Freedom Flights experience arranged by his family.

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

You approach a task with wisdom and insight this week, Aries. Your measured approach paves the way to finding a solution that will benefit all involved.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

It is key to treat yourself this week, Taurus. A purchase or experience could bring you long-term joy. Just be careful about spending too much.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, you are full of clever solutions more often than not. If there is a problem, you're often the one who can crack it. This will be the case this week as well; your knack is put to the test.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, let others in and reap the rewards of a welcoming attitude. Your social circle expands and others embrace opportunities to spend time with you.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, start a project you have been thinking about as soon as possible, especially when the creative spark ignites. If you wait too long, the inspiration may vanish.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you are surprisingly relaxed about something that used to stress you out a lot. Growth looks good on you, so remain committed to any positive changes you have implemented.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Romantic feelings or friendships seem to flow easily right now, Libra. Any connections you make will feel balanced and purposeful. Prioritize those who bring you the most joy.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you are engaging every bit of energy you have to go into deep work mode. You will be focused and unstoppable for the next several days. Others may not see you for a while.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, good news or good timing show up just when you need it. It might provide the inspiration needed to start a project you're excited about.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Family life is going very smoothly right now, Capricorn. Stability will prevail in the days ahead. Embrace the peaceful atmosphere and encourage others to follow suit.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Share your perspective with all who are ready to listen to your story, Aquarius. Keep in mind that your voice carries weight and you have the ability to spur change.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Your financial confidence grows, Pisces. You might see a salary increase at work, so now is the time to consider implementing some notable financial changes.

Word Scramble

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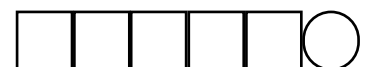
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New Funding Boosts Sheridan School District CTEC Project

State and federal leaders joined local educators and students this week to celebrate a major funding milestone for the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center, a project that aims to expand career pathways for rural students across Yamhill and Polk counties.

In a phone call from Rep. Salinas on Monday, April 20, to Sheridan Superintendent Dorie Vickery, Rep. Salinas informed Vickery that she was able to procure \$850,000 in additional funding for the Sheridan School District project that aims at preparing students from multiple rural school districts for technical careers in manufacturing, diesel tech, truck driving, fire science, emergency medical technician, and agribusiness.

During the phone call, Vickery stated that the funds were coming in at a great time as the current pool of funding were starting to run low. "We really want to get our students started, and we're looking at starting some pathway's next fall."

Vickery said that this funding will help the school district focus on getting the fire-tower opera-

tional and get some of the site improvements completed so the district can put in a site, section off the main building where the construction is going to take place, and get the fire-science pathway started.

On Friday, Rep. Salinas took the time to travel to Sheridan, joined Former Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts, a graduate of Sheridan High School and for which the CTEC is named after, and Oregon State District 10 Representative David Gomberg, who represented the Sheridan area prior to district remapping in 2021, District 23 Rep. Anna Scharf, and Yamhill County Commissioner Kit Johnston to present the check to the Sheridan School District.

State Rep. David Gomberg, who helped secure early funding for the project, noted that while he does not always see eye-to-eye with his republican counterparts, said, "Here in Oregon, we have found a way to work constructively together. We have our differences, but we celebrate our similarities, and when we come together, the results are things like this, transforma-

tive changes in our Oregon communities."

Former Governor Roberts addressed the crowd, expressing how excited she was to be there. "I graduated from Sheridan High School 71 years ago, and I'm still a Spartan," Roberts said. "We're going to make this center happen, and we're going to change the lives of thousands of young people in Yamhill and Polk County. This is our chance to change the communities, the people, and the future, and I'm proud to be part of it."

Superintendent Vickery outlined the years of planning behind the project, all starting with the purchase of the property on Jefferson street in 2021.

"This was a big hurdle, because in the state of Oregon, you don't find rural CTECs," she said, mentioning students in larger districts like Salem-Keizer, who have over 100 different career pathways to choose from.

Further contributions helped push the project forward, including \$1.4 million from the Yamhill County Commissioners as part of the design phase, \$125,000 in a CTE revitalization grant, \$100,000 from the Oregon Department of Energy for truck driving simulators, with truck and trailer so that the training can be taken to other school districts, another CTE revitalization grant, this time for \$500,000, for the firefighting training tower, and a \$1 million gift from Hampton Lumber, which spurred the project from design phase to a full set of construction plans.

The project is underway, with the district still seeking out more construction funding. "We need to look at what are best opportunities," said Vickery. "We're storing a lot of stuff here and we need to get it in the hands of our students. So this fall, we are going to be starting a fire science pathway."

She reported that she's met with local fire chiefs from the districts that will have students involved in the training.

The district is also aiming at getting the truck driving simulators in the hands of the students, which could be as soon as soon as this semester's break. "So the Start Learning Now Campaign, we want to take that, get our students going, while we continue to seek out the funding for the construction of the building."


Congresswoman Salinas praised the efforts of the school district, local leaders, private sector, and support from local, county, state, and federal government to see the district's vision come true. None of this comes together without the community — it starts there," Salinas said. "It does not matter that we got money from the state legislature, the county commissioners, private companies — we all came together and said this is important. When we put the right tools into our young people's hands, they will go far," Salinas said. "This took leadership from the school district, support from the state, local leaders, the private sector, and federal funding to get to this point."



U.S. Rep. Andrea Salinas stands with Sheridan School District students while presenting an \$850,000 federal funding check to support the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center during an event held at the future site of the building on Friday.



Former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts, a Sheridan High School graduate and namesake of the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center, speaks during the funding announcement event held on Friday.



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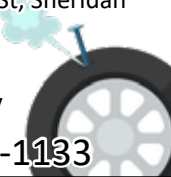
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Elmer, Starr Outline Short Session Results at Willamina Forum

Willamina Mayor Vickie Hernandez on Thursday evening welcomed community members to a special town hall featuring Oregon House District 24 Rep. Lucetta Elmer, House Republican Leader, and Oregon Senate District 12 Sen. Bruce Starr, Senate Republican Leader.

Rep. Elmer opened the town hall by explaining that this even-numbered year, marked Oregon's short legislative session, used to complete unfinished legislation from longer sessions held in odd-numbered years.

Despite describing the session

as "a little crazy," Elmer highlighted several infrastructure investments made across Yamhill County communities. Those included \$1.5 million for McMinnville's Northeast Gateway project, \$1.8 million for water system improvements in Carlton, and nearly \$1.6 million to replace Lafayette's Canyon View pump station.

Elmer also pointed to a statewide funding change benefiting county fairgrounds. Lawmakers restored the full 1% lottery fund allocation for fairgrounds, which she said will provide about \$500,000 each biennium (every

two years) to support maintenance and improvements.

"That's where community happens," Elmer said of rural fairgrounds. "They now have the ability to plan projects and invest long-term."

Another funding measure included about \$1.8 million to combat Japanese beetle infestations affecting Oregon nurseries and agricultural producers. Starr emphasized what he described as challenges faced by Republican lawmakers serving in the minority, noting Republicans hold 12 of the 30 Senate seats while representing largely

rural areas, approximately 75% of the state's land mass, adding that the Republicans are in a superminority in both the House and Senate. "We do our best to advocate on behalf of our constituents, advocate on behalf of the principles that we represent, and we push back against the tax increases, the new regulations that get passed," Starr said. "We do the best we can, but being the superminority, the majority can move those bills pretty much when they want to, and they do."

Starr also explained that Oregon's tax code is tied to the federal tax code. The "Big Beautiful Bill" signed into law last year, he said, affected the Oregon budget by creating what lawmakers described as an \$800 million shortfall.

While others opposed that shift, Starr said he views it differently. "No, that's a good thing. Let's leave \$800 million in the pockets of Oregonians," Starr said.

He added that lawmakers maintained some provisions related to the federal legislation, such as those affecting taxes on tips and overtime, but disconnected the Oregon tax code from other federal codes, including those related to bonus depreciation for businesses and interest on automobile loans.

"It basically put about \$311 million that would have been in taxpayers' pockets back into the government," Starr said, adding that he believes the decision was short-sighted given current business conditions in Oregon. Starr also addressed the movement of Measure 120 from the November election to the May ballot and urged residents to participate in upcoming elections.

During the question-and-answer portion, residents raised concerns about education standards, population decline in Oregon, and funding used for ADA-accessible sidewalk ramps being constructed throughout Willamina and Sheridan along Business Highway 18.

Throughout the evening, Elmer and Starr also highlighted several bills they said were stopped during the session, including proposals related to mortgage interest deductions, long-term care oversight boards, and certain insurance regulations.

The forum concluded with encouragement from the legislators for residents to remain engaged in state government and vote in upcoming elections.

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'Springtime' Theme of Annual Mothers Tea Friday at School; Girls State Delegates Told

"Springtime" was the theme for the annual Mothers Tea held Friday afternoon at Faulconer Grade School with large colorful honey bees being an important part of the decorations, along with the spring blooms. Seated as the Queen Bee or Girl of the Year was Miss Peggy Goughnour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Goughnour. She was presented with a beautiful arms bouquet and wore a crown for the afternoon. Announcement of Boy of the Year was also made, George McMahill, son of Mrs. Mary McMahill. Mrs. Ted Richter, who was presented with a gift from the Girls League, introduced all the Girls of the Month and made announcements of the Boys of the Month. For October, Peggy Goughnour and George McMahill; November, Pam Denton and Bruce Rogers; December, Karen Henton and Dennis Barstad; January, Janet Matusch and Gary Chrisman; February, Susan Potter and Bill Hubble; March, Jo Ann Warren and Jim Wheeler and April, Judy Hulett and Gary Crowe. Selected for Girls State in June were Patti Krauhoefer, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary; Charlotte McMahan sponsored by the Rebekah Lodge and Linda Latham sponsored by the Parent Teachers Organization. Their alternates

are Jeannie Cruickshank, Nancy Kaufman and Marilyn Vaughn. Selection is based on leadership, scholarship, physical fitness and character.

New officers installed in a special ceremony for next year were Donna Chapman, president; Diane Wheeler, vice president; Diane Ridgeway, secretary and Diane Hays, treasurer. Miss Charlotte McMahan was installed as president of the Girls Athletic Association.

Mrs. Maurice Adamson provided organ selections, also played for the style show. The "Girls League Song" was sung by the Triple Trio, Judy Hulett, Marlys Yoder, Donna Sloan, Lorraine Belieu, Susan Thompson, Marilyn Blanchard, Lorene Sutzman, Yvonne Raebuck and Ellen Hostetler. Later in the program, they sang "Green Cathedral". "Frivolites" was played as a clarinet duet by Dolores Belieu and Sandee Langley.

Girls in the sewing classes instructed by Mrs. Ted Richter fashioned the garments they had made, which included sport wear, cottons, nightwear, suits, cotton and wool coats and an evening gown. This year the fashion show was spiced a lit-

High School Spring Concert Set Friday At Faulconer School

The Sheridan high school music department, under the direction of Robert Belieu, will present its "Spring Musical" at Faulconer Grade School Friday evening April 26th starting at 8 p.m.

The program will consist of music by the band and choir. Some of the music by the band will be selections from the sound track of "Victory at Sea"; the "Civil War Medley"; "The Blue and Gray"; Highlights from "My Fair Lady"; "March Fueme"; "Grand Festival"; "Overture" and "Begumi for Flutes" which will feature Nancy McKibben, Kae Billington, Patti Thompson, Judy Sloan, Gloria Long, Ellen Cook, Julie Ellis and Nancy Yoder.

The choir will sing Happy Wanderer, To Thee We Sing Halls of Ivy, Cherubim, Paper Reeds and My God and I, also other selections.

tle with the unusual. Joan Neely started the show by modeling a tea gown, completely covered with Lipman's tea bags. She also had a necklace and ear ring set of the bags and wore a Lipton tea box as her pill box hat. Others were a gown of newspaper with matching shoes and a dress trimmed in stripped candy canes. Mothers of high school students were presented with a carnation corsage, and everyone attending received programs and enjoyed tea cookies and punch afterwards.

National Library Week Being Observed

This being National Library Week, April 21st through the 27th, attention is focused on library services as newspapers, radio and television generously give their facilities to acquaint, or reacquaint the public with library facilities. Many patrons of the Sheridan City Library would probably agree that they vigorously observe National Library Week all year long. However, it is hoped many residents who have not previously used the services of the library will become regular patrons during this week. Sheridan has an outstanding library for a town its size; a library board that remains active and city officials that see the need for a good library and see that funds are available for adding books each year.

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The Red Cross executive chairman of the county is Jack Coleman of McMinnville. This blood is not sold to those needing it, but there is a cost for administering it in the hospitals, where accidents occur, or wherever it is needed. Our appreciation to the large staff who assisted. auxiliary for the visit was Mrs. Glenn Hill.

Daylight Time Changes Bus Schedule

A reminder that spring bus schedule changes will, in some areas, go into effect Sunday, April 28, when daylight saving time becomes effective in a number of western states, comes from Leonard Hespach, Greyhound representative here.

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Because understanding our community starts with lived experience.



JASON FIELDS

FOR YAMHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONER

I didn't grow up with stability.

My father struggled with addiction. My mother faced mental health challenges. I spent time in foster care and experienced firsthand how important it is for our community to support families in crisis.

That experience shaped who I am—and why I care deeply about making sure county services actually work for the people who need them most.

Jason

We all want a county that supports people, strengthens families, and creates opportunity.

- ✓ **Supporting Families & Essential Services**
Strong support for mental health, addiction recovery, and programs that help families stay together.
- ✓ **Smart Solutions for a Changing Economy**
We need new revenue—but we should pursue innovative solutions, not higher taxes on working families.
- ✓ **Investing in Our Community**
Exploring a year-round amphitheater and modern fairgrounds to bring in new revenue, support local businesses, and fund services like parks, public safety, and community programs.

SMALL BUSINESS OWNER - YAMHILL COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE - CPRD BOARD DIRECTOR



I believe in bringing people together, listening first, and finding solutions that work for the whole community—not just one group.

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