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Willamina Bulldog Graduate Named President of Roberts Wesleyan University



Dr. Nicholas J. Willis
Willamina 1996 Graduate

On May 5, Roberts Wesleyan University, a Christian-based center of higher learning in

Rochester, New York, announced the appointment of Nicholas J. Willis, Ph.D., as the institution's next president. He will officially begin his duties on July 1.

Dr. Willis graduated from Willamina High School in 1996 before earning his undergraduate degree from George Fox University. He later attended Texas Tech University, where he earned his doctorate in mathematics in 2005.

Before accepting the role, Willis served as a partner and consultant with TG Three, a firm specializing in strategic consulting for Christian colleges and universities. In that role, he advised institutions on enrollment strategy, financial sustainability, and mission alignment. He also previously served as a tenured mathematics professor and faculty senate president at George

Fox University.

Debbie Schmidt, chair of the university's Board of Trustees, praised Willis' leadership during the announcement.

"Dr. Willis is a thoughtful and Christ-centered leader with a deep commitment to academic excellence and the mission of Roberts Wesleyan University," Schmidt said in a statement.

Willis said he looks forward to working alongside students, faculty, staff, and the broader university community as he begins

his presidency.

"I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve as the next president of Roberts Wesleyan University and Northeastern Seminary," Willis said. "I am eager to listen, learn, and build alongside this community in the days ahead."

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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.

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Obituaries



Richard Paul "Dick" Jordan Sr.
April 20, 1944 – May 6, 2026

Richard Paul "Dick" Jordan Sr. of Sheridan, Oregon, passed away on May 6, 2026, at the age of 82.

Dick was born on April 20, 1944, in San Francisco, California, to Merle Charles Jordan and Pauline Mildred Mae Henriksen. He grew up in Sheridan, Oregon, and graduated from Sheridan High School in 1962.

On August 2, 1963, Dick married the love of his life, Verna Lea Martin, in Willamina, Oregon. Together they built a life centered on family, friendship, and community. Dick worked for Copeland Lumber Yards from 1962 to 1970 before following in his father's footsteps into the real estate business in 1970, where he remained until his retirement in 2008.

In his younger years, Dick had a passion for boat and ski racing – he was an avid water skier who loved spending time on the water competing and spending quality time with his family and friends. Many years he participated in the Port Angeles International Race that ran the 17 miles one way, and then back, between Port Angeles WA and Vancouver BC. He won numerous races throughout his career, including the National Drag Boat Races in 1972. In 1980, he traded in his racing boat for a fishing boat, beginning a new chapter filled with time on the water with friends, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren – something he truly loved. In this he impacted his grandchildren – instilling a love for time together on the ocean, fishing, and piracy in generations of Jordans. Dick dedicated much of his life to dedicating youth programs

and serving his community. He organized Sheridan's first Little Guy Football program and the Sheridan Little Guy Wrestling program, known as Top Gun, and helped establish Tri-Cities Little League Baseball. He was actively involved in the Sheridan Rotary Club, Jaycee Club, Columbia Speed Boat Club, the American Power Boat Association, the Sheridan Museum of History, and the Yamhill County Historical Society. Dick was also a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where he raised his family in faith, and served as treasurer for many years.

He will be remembered for his sense of humor, his gift for storytelling, the quirky songs he wrote for his family, and the lasting friendships he built throughout his life.

Dick is survived by his wife of 62 years, Verna Jordan; his son and daughter-in-law, Tim (Adam, Brandon, Devin, and Alex) and Kori Jordan; his daughter and son-in-law, Poli and Russ Vandewettering (Kaylea, Kelsi, Kourtney and Kirsten); his son Andy Jordan (Tryston, Chad, Sarah, and Christian); Dick Jr's children (Jennifer, Tyler, Katie, Tanner, Hannah, and Savannah); his honorary daughter and son-in-law Chiharu and Ben Wessel (Christopher and Chloe). He is also survived by his great-grandchildren; (Dick) Hailey; (Tim) Rylan, Zaylee, Hayden, Zayd; (Poli) Benjamin, Sophia, Emmett, Evelyn, Caiden, Logan, Adeline, Amelia, with two more on the way; (Andy) Monica, Axell, Oakland, Odin; his sister and brother-in-law, Debi Jordan Scheidler and Chuck Scheidler; his brother and sister-in-law, Merle and Peggy Jordan; and his many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Pauline Jordan; his son, Dick Jordan Jr.; his brother, Bob Jordan; his sister, Karen Jordan Wren; and his parents-in-law, Andrew and Frances Martin.

Funeral services will be held on May 15, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 311 SE Schley Street, Sheridan, Oregon. One of Dick's greatest passions was preserving the stories and history of his hometown. To honor his memory, memorial contributions may be made to the Sheridan Museum of History.



Dennis Walter Donicht
Aug. 24, 1942 - May, 1, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Dennis Donicht, age 83, of Sheridan, Oregon.

Dennis spent many years working as a logger, a career that reflected his strength, resilience, and deep connection to the woods he loved so much. He found peace among the trees and carried that same steady, grounded spirit into his everyday life.

Above all, Dennis was a proud father to his four daughters, Becky Donicht, Elena Donicht, Amanda Long and Julie Gamez, who meant everything to him. He was not just a dad, but a constant source of love, guidance

and support. He will always be remembered as the best dad – someone who showed up, worked hard and was always there for his family no matter what.

Dennis was also a loving grandfather and will be remembered as the best grandpa to his grandchildren. He cherished the time he spent with them and created memories that will be carried on for generations.

Dennis had a gift for bringing joy to others. He had a way of making people laugh and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

In his free time, Dennis loved fishing, hunting, gardening and being outdoors, where he felt most at home. He especially loved his garden and his flowers, and he also had a special love for his animals. Whether casting a line, heading out to hunt, tending to his garden, caring for his animals, or simply spending time in the woods, those moments brought him true happiness.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Walter Donicht; his mother, Helen Donicht and his sister Karen Moroney.

He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy lives on in the love he gave and the memories he created with those closest to him.



Eileen Anne Barrios
April 28, 1930 - April 11, 2026

Eileen Anne Barrios 95, died quietly in her room at the Rock of Ages Memory Care Facility in McMinnville, Oregon on the evening of April 11, 2026.

Born on April 28, 1930 in Peckham, England, Eileen was the only child of Harry and Win-

ifred (Dove) Burden.

Eileen spent happy hours growing up in London, England. She was present in the Peckham/London area during the Battle of Britain years.

She eventually moved to the United States in 1947 and settled in Hanford, California. It was there in 1950, that she married John Patrick Barrios. He was a former American soldier who had met in London at the end of World War 2.

John and Eileen raised two sons, Ken and Randy.

John Barrios died in 1965 and Eileen never remarried. Son Randy died in 2022. Eileen is survived by Ken and (Natalie) and grandson Joe Barrios. Eileen is preceded in death by the passing of her first grandson, Daniel, in 1988 at the age of four.

Eileen received salvation through Jesus Christ in 1972. Her Lord and Savior is Good! He was merciful and gracious to Eileen her long life.



A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Building Our Future: A District Update

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our entire school community for your incredible adaptability as we begin our construction journey. Change can be challenging, but your patience is helping us build a better environment for our students.

Construction & Campus Navigation

As work progresses, please continue to follow all posted signage and stay extra vigilant for students crossing campus as they navigate new paths to their classrooms.

Triplett Wellman has begun demolishing several existing entries. Once final details are secured, we will transition into the "put-back" phase and begin new construction. Despite the dust and fences, we are still successfully hosting our end-of-year events, and we appreciate our visitors for their flexibility in navigating our adjusted parking areas.

Student Achievement & Academic Growth

Our students continue to shine. Please join me in celebrating our High School Band, which placed in the top three of their classification at the Oregon State Music Competition this past week.

On the academic front, state testing is officially "in the books." Early results are very encouraging, showing that our students are making significant progress. Growth is our ultimate goal, and these results indicate that our hard work is paying off.

Budget & Fiscal Responsibility

The budget committee recently finalized our outlook for the upcoming school year. Our primary focus has been on identifying savings within various accounts to ensure we remain fiscally responsible.

While many districts across Oregon are facing significant hurdles, Willamina is currently in a stable position. For the coming year, we are "pulling in the wings" on discretionary spending to keep any necessary reductions away from our staff and students for as long as possible. We are mindful that future years may bring challenges—specifically, PERS increases and declining enrollment—but we are planning to meet them head-on.

Looking Ahead: Summer Learning & Kinder Roundup

We have some fantastic news regarding the future of our academic support: Willamina has received summer learning funding for the next three years! This grant is a game-changer as we work to close the achievement gap and provide quality learning time for our students during the break.

Missed Kinder Roundup?

Last week's Kinder Roundup was a great success. If you have an incoming kindergartner and were unable to attend, please reach out to Willamina Elementary for a personal registration session. We can't wait to meet our newest Bulldogs!

Stay Connected: Parents, please remember to check your ParentSquare account regularly for detailed information regarding summer programs and upcoming events.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and our students!

Sincerely,
Mike Gass, Superintendent
Willamina Elementary School 503.876.2374
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Faulconer-Chapman Students Reel in Fun During Annual Fishing Field Trip

Last Thursday, students from the 3rd through 5th grades at Faulconer-Chapman School (FCS) were treated to the school's eighth annual field trip to Southside Park for a day of fishing and romping around the park's playground.

Organized by FCS teacher Mitch Chadwick and Principal Adam DeLatte, the outing brought together 166 students, with half the group dropping line before the lunch bell and the other half after.

Volunteers from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) were also on hand to help the kids with proper baiting, casting, landing fish, and other fishing techniques throughout the day.

The pond had been stocked prior to the event, and the kids certainly benefited from it. Some students hauled around large Ziploc bags packed with rainbow trout, with several fish reportedly nearing or exceeding 20 inches in length. Other kids were left wondering what to do after catching their limits, with plenty of time to spare.

Great weather also played a part in the enjoyment of the day for

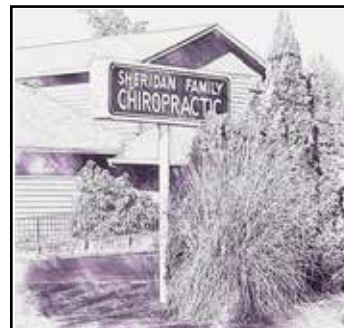
students and volunteers alike. FCS staff thanked Chadwick and DeLatte for organizing the function, as well as ODFW volunteers, for providing their time and expertise to help make the event a successful outing for the students.



Riley Griffith had a successful day of fishing, struggling to carry the weight of the bag full of large rainbow trout she caught at Southside Park Thursday.



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Angler Education Instructor Don Wiley (left) and Fish Biologist Buddy Phibbs (right) spent the day assisting students during FCS's annual fishing field trip.



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BLM Announce Fire Restrictions in Oregon

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On May 14, fire restrictions will go into effect for all Bureau of Land Management administered lands throughout Oregon and Washington. The BLM and U.S. Wildland Fire Service leaders encourage all visitors to be aware of active restrictions and closures as warmer, drier weather sets in around the Pacific Northwest.

These fire restrictions help reduce the risk of human-caused fires. Starting May 14, the use of fireworks, exploding targets or metallic targets, steel component ammunition (core or jacket), tracer or incendiary devices, and sky lanterns.

"We are increasingly concerned that 2026 could rival the most extreme years on record for heat and dryness in the Pacific Northwest," said Jeff Fedrizzi, U.S. Wildland Fire Service, Assistant Chief of Operations, for the Pacific Northwest.

"Every visitor must understand that even one small spark can lead to a costly and destructive fire in these high-impact conditions."

People who violate the prohibition may be fined up to \$100,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 12 months. In addition, those found responsible for starting wildland fires on federal lands can be billed for the cost of fire suppression.

For more information on seasonal fire restrictions and fire closures, please see www.blm.gov/orwafire.



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Art Conspiracy Close Up On Teacher Sonia Allen

Sonia Allen is one of Art Conspiracy's most popular teachers. She has been a valuable addition to the Summer Arts Program. She brings a fresh take to her classes each year. Sonia's classes are intriguing, creatively challenging, exciting, and tons of fun. Last year she introduced a class called Create Your Own Board Game. It was a hit. So it is being offered again this year. Sonia says "The Board Game class promises to be a blast. We'll start by examining commercially produced games, seeing how they are set up, and discussing what makes a game fun to play. After that, it's off to the races. Students will brainstorm options for their own games, working with teacher and partners to think through their ideas. Once an idea is nailed down, boards will be designed, rules and playing cards drafted, and students will run through their games to trouble shoot and refine any issues."

The 2026 Art Conspiracy Summer Arts Program will be held at Sheridan High School, Monday thru Thursday June 15th to June 25th. It is open to students age 9 thru high school. There is a tuition fee and financial aid is available. Registration materials are available at schools in Amity, Sheridan, and Willamina and at local libraries and available on-line at www.artconspiracywestvalley@gmail.com.



Game made by Graciela Ornelas, photo by Sonia Allen.

Sheridan Road Repairs, Holiday Decorating Highlight May 4 Meeting

On May 4, the Sheridan City Council held a work session. These were some of the key takeaways from the meeting.

Members of the Sheridan Small Town Bazaar, Tammy Turpin and Tolva Hill, spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting, explaining that their organization operates separately from Sheridan's larger holiday festivities and focuses on organizing the town's holiday and spring bazaars. Turpin said last year was the first year the group was able to give back to the community using booth rental proceeds, contributing nearly \$900 from the latest bazaar.

The group has also focused on Christmas decorating efforts, recently helping provide funding for the "Deck the House" competition. Members said they are exploring ways to expand holiday decorations throughout Sheridan, including wrapping downtown utility poles with garland and lights, a project estimated to cost approximately \$1,700 for 10 poles. Hill asked if the City would help support the project financially.

"We're bringing people into this town with our bazaar. We do the best that we can," Turpin said. "We're excited to keep it going, and we would love to help out any way that we can."

Mayor Cale George voiced support for the effort, saying community groups often play an important role in creating local events and town improvements. George said the City would still want to contribute to the garland project.

"We are not accepting your idea (funding help) about the garland," City Manager Preston Polasek told the group, adding that the City will fully cover the project so the organization can concentrate its money in other areas of community improvement.

Later in the meeting, council members discussed long-awaited maintenance work planned for Sheridan Road, including road repairs and future traffic-calming considerations. City officials said more than \$500,000 is proposed in the upcoming budget for road maintenance work expected to begin this summer.

Residents voiced ongoing concerns about speeding along Sheridan Road and suggested temporary speed bumps or additional traffic-calming measures. City officials said any permanent traffic-control devices would require engineering review and council approval.

Public Works Director Kie Cottom said traffic-calming decisions should be based on engineering data and national traffic safety standards, noting that cities rely on what is known as the "85th percentile" when evaluating traffic speeds and roadway safety.

"There are national standards for setting speeds, traffic calming, and the entire nation uses that," Cottom said. "I don't think council needs to come up with a solution tonight. I think we need to give the engineers data so they can make a recommendation."

Cottom also noted that speed bumps are generally not supported by emergency medical services and said other traffic-calming options could still be considered once traffic data is collected. The City is currently considering a mobile radar trailer to gather traffic speed and volume information.

The meeting also included updates on downtown redevelopment efforts, including discussions with the new owners of the former Heider and Huntley buildings, as well as ongoing conversations with FEMA regarding possible floodplain reassessments within Sheridan.



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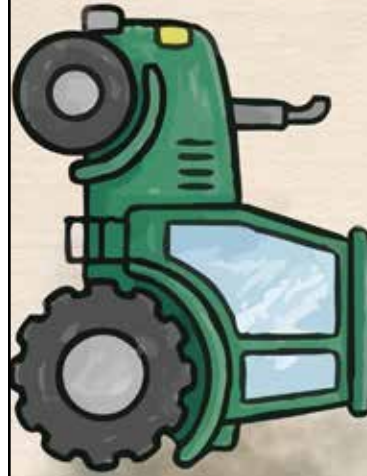
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Atherton, Huff Lead Bulldogs at Newport

The Willamina Bulldog track team traveled to Newport High School on May 5 to compete in the LCSO Track and Field Meet. Host Newport controlled the five-team competition, capturing both the boys and girls team titles with scores of 236 and 268, respectively. Willamina's boys battled their way to third overall, while the Lady Bulldogs secured fourth.

Despite the strong field, several Bulldogs delivered standout performances. Katrina Huff paced the Lady Bulldogs by sprinting to victory in the 100 meters with a personal-best 13.08 before racing to a runner-up finish in the 200 meters in another personal-best time of 27.78.

The girls' 4x100 relay team of Emilee Turner, Alice Erickson, Briar Clemmer, and Huff also raced away with first in 54.51. Turner later topped the field in

the 400 meters at 1:07.92, while Clemmer added a third-place finish in 1:11.39.

On the boys' side, Matthew Atherton turned in one of the meet's top all-around efforts, soaring to first in the high jump at 5-8 and leaping to another title in the long jump at 19-9. Shane Mathers chipped in a third-place finish in the long jump at 17-5.5.

Billy DeLoe III powered the throwing events for Willamina, uncorking a personal-best toss of 128-0 to claim the discus title while also taking third in the shot put at 36-8.

Willamina also closed strong in the boys' 4x400 relay as Elisha Stanton, Kisor Savage, Ryan Beauchamp, and Wyatt Hubbell combined to capture first in 3:50.36. Hubbell additionally clocked a personal-best 54.83 to finish second in the 400 meters.

Bulldogs Rally Past Eagles in League Game

With two full weeks remaining in the regular season, the Willamina Bulldogs softball team continued navigating an important stretch of league play with matchups against the Yamhill-Carlton Tigers, Salem Academy Crusaders, and Santiam Christian Eagles.

Willamina opened the week on May 4 with a 7-2 loss to the No. 3-ranked Yamhill-Carlton Tigers before rebounding two days later with a 17-1 victory over Salem Academy.

The Bulldogs then closed the stretch with a key 4-2 league victory over Santiam Christian in one of the team's tighter and more defensive battles of the season.

Bridgette Manley set the tone early in the circle, striking out the side in the opening inning and helping hold Santiam Christian scoreless through the first four innings. Willamina's defense repeatedly came through in key moments as the Eagles stranded runners in both the second and third innings.

Willamina broke through first in the fourth inning after Lainee Barton doubled and later scored

on a passed ball to give the Bulldogs a 1-0 lead.

Santiam Christian answered in the fifth inning when Eagles' Violet Krueger connected on a two-run home run that gave the Eagles a 2-1 lead. The Willamina coaching staff disputed the umpires' ruling, claiming the ball crossed third base in fair territory but drifted foul prior to clearing the fence, which under OSAA rules would result in a foul ball.

The Bulldogs responded in the bottom half of the inning. Camille Crowe and Rebecca Neese reached base before Cicily McKenna drove in the tying run on a fielder's choice. Moments later, Barton delivered a two-run single to center field to put Willamina back in front, 4-2.

Willamina's defense continued to hold in the closing innings, including a double play turned by Crowe and Keylee Manley in the sixth inning that helped preserve the lead.

Following the week's games, Willamina improved to 8-4 in league play and 10-9 overall while sitting 17th in the OSAA 3A rankings with two full weeks remaining in the regular season.



National Pizza Party Day May 15

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Bridgette Manley (right) lets out a roar after scoring on a two-run single by Lainee Barton that gave Willamina a 4-2 lead over the Santiam Christian Eagles. Paige Baker (center) and Rebecca Neese (left), who also scored on the play, move in to celebrate.

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Bulldogs Drop Second Matchup With Vikings

After falling 34-1 to the Colton Vikings earlier in the week, the Willamina Bulldogs returned to face Colton again on May 6, this time on the Vikings' home field. The Bulldogs struggled through a difficult opening inning as Colton used walks, errors, and aggressive baserunning to quickly build a large lead.

Dominico Zito led the Bulldogs with two hits, while Matthew Meckel and Bob Larsen also collected hits. Willamina continued to battle in the contest when Meckel and Zito both reached base before Emery Warnicke and Deven Wright each drove in runs on groundouts, scoring the Bulldogs' only two runs in the top of the fifth inning as Willamina fell 23-2 to the Vikings.



Though winless so far this season, the Bulldog baseball squad is still finding ways to have fun as coach Ty Hurl rides into in-field practice atop a majestic inflatable unicorn sprinkler.

Spartans Battle Through 18-Team Invitational

Sheridan's track and field teams competed in the Junction City Invitational on May 9, with the Spartan boys placing 11th overall and the Lady Spartans finishing 15th in the 18-team meet. Sheridan senior Chase Eichler delivered the Spartans' top performance of the meet, winning the boys' 100 meters in a season-best 11.39.

The Sheridan boys also earned a fifth-place finish in the 4x100 relay as Eichler, Riley Matlack, Lakota Blacketer, and Sylar Snook combined for a time of 48.76.

Freshman Riley Matlack posted a couple of personal bests, taking sixth in the long jump with a leap of 18-8.25 and finishing sixth in the high jump after clearing 5-6.

Sylar Snook added a seventh-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles in 49.16.

Dragons Earns Pair of Runner-Up Team Finishes

The Delphian Dragons competed at the Jim Mucken Memorial Invitational on May 8, with both the boys and girls teams placing second behind host Blanchet Catholic. Senior Liv Curry led the Lady Dragons with one of the meet's most impressive all-around performances, winning both the 100-meter hurdles in 15.95 and the 300-meter hurdles in a season-best 49.50. Curry also placed second in the high jump after clearing 4-10, giving her the second-best overall outing of any athlete at the meet behind only Kaleb Moore of Junction City High School, who took top spots in three events.

Delphian's boys squad had several event victories and runner-up finishes throughout the meet.

Nico Barram and Henry Gullo led the Dragons in the field events, grabbing both top spots in the javelin, Barram throwing his way to first with a personal-best throw of 152-1, and Gullo at his heels with a second-place toss of 147-4.

Nathan Cloutier paced Delphian on the track, placing second in both the 400 meters in a personal-best 52.28 and the 800 meters in 2:03.22. Boston Brown added a runner-up finish in the 3,000 meters with a season-best 9:22.23, while Neo Dirou placed third in the 1,500 meters in a personal-best 4:42.03.

Mark DeVries captured the boys' long jump title with a leap of 20-4, while the Dragons took third in

the boys 4x100 relay as DeVries, Vladimir Bunchuk, Lachlan Wydro, and Barram combined for a time of 45.18.

Vadym Pushkin added third-place finishes in both shot put at 43-2.75 and discus with a personal-best throw of 121-6.

Avery Ott added a pair of top-three sprint finishes for the Lady Dragons, placing third in the 200 meters and second in the 400 meters at 1:02.60.

Amy Guy captured the girls' triple jump title with a season-best mark of 32-4.5, while Amelia Peterson won the javelin with a throw of 121-1. Mila Vysotska added a third-place finish in the javelin with a personal-best throw of 106-1.

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Willamina FFA Honors Award Winners, Seniors at Banquet

On Saturday, the Willamina Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter held its 72nd annual banquet to recognize and celebrate its students' achievements over the past year.

The event highlighted district, state, and national accomplishments as well as honoring the group's seniors, the chapter presenting them with their graduation cords.

FFA Advisor David Neese said the 2025-26 school year was extremely successful, with the Willamina chapter surpassing 30 awards, noting it was the first time the chapter had reached that mark since he took on the role of advisor.

Among the chapter's top honors handed out at the banquet was the presentation of the State FFA Degree to Rebecca Neese. Neese was also elected as the 2026-27 Lower Willamette District President.

Joseph Goodwin received the Star Chapter Farmer Award. Goodwin also earned Overall Reserve Grand Champion honors at the state Tractor Driving Career Development Event after placing first at districts.

The chapter also celebrated its participation in the 2025 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, where students attended leadership workshops and convention sessions alongside FFA members from across the country.

Additional major honors included Elizabeth Neese being awarded the 2025-26 Star Greenhand honor and Carter Helms earning the Star Discovery Degree.

At the Polk County Fair, chapter members earned a number of championships and other top placements. Elizabeth Neese earned multiple honors, including Overall Small Animal FFA Master Showmanship Champion, Overall FFA Champion Poultry Showman, and Advanced and Overall FFA Champion Caviar Showman. Landon Risseeuw was named Overall Champion FFA Swine Showman, while Joseph Goodwin earned Novice FFA Poultry Showman Champion honors.

The chapter also recognized members for district and sectional competitions. Its Parliamentary Procedure team, led by chairman Ekias Sabin and including floor members Even Loika, Madyson Vandegrift, Tidus Sabin, Bryson Smith, and Rebecca Neese, placed second at districts and third at sectionals. Honorary Chapter Degrees were presented to Russ and Mandy Jahn for their support of the chapter and its activities throughout the year.

Major Awards Presented:

Rebecca Neese received the State FFA Degree. Joseph Goodwin received the Star Chapter Farmer Award. Elizabeth Neese was named the Star Greenhand recipient. Carter Helms earned the Star Discovery Degree. Honorary Chapter Degrees were presented to Russ and Mandy Jahn.

Joseph Goodwin earned Overall Reserve Grand Champion honors at the State Tractor Driving Career Development Event. Rebecca Neese was elected the 2026-27 Lower Willamette District President.

National FFA Convention Participants: Ekias Sabin, Tidus Sabin, Rebecca Neese, Elizabeth Neese, Stephen Sanchez-Haller, Joseph Goodwin, Keylee Bagby, and Madyson Vandegrift.

Additional Awards and Recognitions:

Discovery Degree Recipients: Danica Dufresne and Lizzy Wilson.

Greenhand Degree Recipients: Dylani Armstrong, Cassidy Dascomb, Daniel Carr, Jerom Emang, Kyleea Garner, Makyla Garner, Issac Houston, Joe Lapple, Evan Lockwood, Evan Loika, Abigail Lulay, Carter Felton, Elizabeth Neese, Kayleb Rankin, Lucas Roselle, Bryson Smith, and Emery Warnicke.

Chapter Degree Recipients: Keylee Bagby, Dominic Cole, Cassidy

Dascomb, Jarom Emang, Isaac Herzberg, Evan Loika, Elizabeth Neese, Rozco Owens, Lukas Roselle, Bryson Smith, and Nico Zito.

District Floriculture Team Third Place: Ezri Bailey, Rozco Owens, Cassidy Dascomb, Makyla Garner, and Kylea Garner.

District Veterinary Science Team Second Place: Rebecca Neese, Elizabeth Neese, Madyson Vandegrift, and Keylee Bagby.

District Parliamentary Procedure Team Second Place and Sectionals Third Place: Ekias Sabin, Even Loika, Madyson Vandegrift, Tidus Sabin, Bryson Smith, and Rebecca Neese.

Agricultural Sales Team Fourth Place at Districts: Rebecca Neese, Ekias Sabin, Dylani Armstrong, Rozco Owens, Carter Helms, and Elizabeth Neese.

Joseph Goodwin earned first place at District Tractor Driving. Elizabeth Neese earned third place in beginning division soils judging.

Carter Helms placed fourth at the state FFA knowledge test. Cassidy Dascomb placed fourth in district creed speaking.

Seniors Receiving FFA Graduation Cords:

The following graduating seniors were recognized during the banquet and awarded FFA graduation cords:

Paige Baker, an eight-year FFA member who found success showing animals at the Polk County Fair and serving as a chapter officer.

Madison "Mady" Vandegrift, a five-year FFA member who helped the chapter's Parliamentary Procedure team earn third place at sectionals.

Evan Loika, a four-year FFA member and key part of the Willamina horticulture program and annual plant sale.

Kylee Williams, a longtime FFA member who found success showing chickens, turkeys, and rabbits while participating in numerous chapter activities.



Willamina FFA officers for the 2026-27 school year pose following their installation ceremony at the chapter's annual banquet.



Kylee Williams smiles while holding back tears during her senior farewell speech at the Willamina FFA annual banquet.

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George Mason University. Zappia joins a select group of students from across the country to participate in an intensive, week-long study of leadership in environmental science and conservation. Zappia was chosen based on academic accomplishments and a demonstrated interest and excellence in leadership in the sciences and conservation studies. George Mason University along with partner, the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, are excited to welcome the nation's young scholars to Washington, D.C. With distinguished faculty, guest speakers, and direct access to elite D.C. practitioners, the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment offers aspiring environmentalists and student leaders an unpar-

alleled experience. The week-long program is held at George Mason University's state-of-the-art campus. The Summit will encourage and inspire young leaders who desire a unique experience focused on successful careers in this dynamic industry. The Washington Youth Summit on the Environment will be held June 28 to July 3, 2026.

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

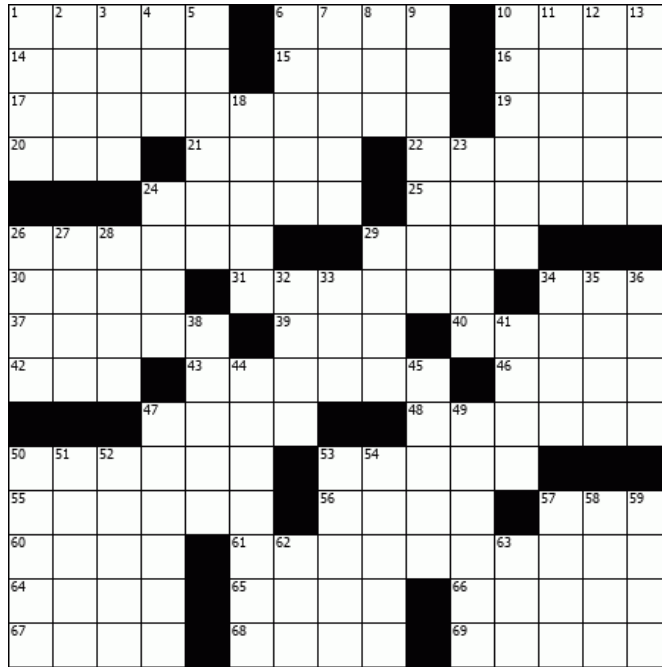


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37. Deep fear
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43. Declare
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47. Initial stake
48. Incapable
50. Inferior
53. Performer
55. Go by
56. Teen's dance
57. Lakers' league (abbr.)
60. Ballot
61. Ambition
64. Long story
65. Stubborn animal
66. "___ disturb" (2 wds.)
67. Fasting season
68. Soothsayer
69. Plant stalks



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5. Menace
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7. Go inside
8. High card
9. Bureaucratic delay (2 wds.)
10. Hurry
11. Fall bloom
12. Ogles
13. Slight error
18. Baseball blunder
23. Turn aside
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38. Copenhagen natives
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52. Glossy fabric
53. Granny Smith, e.g.
54. Town's announcer
57. IX
58. Cannon sound
59. Industrious insects
62. Take to court
63. Toddler

Horoscopes May 13-19

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, a professional door you thought was locked is actually just heavy. Push a little harder. Your honesty is exactly what a stalled project needs to move forward.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Financial clarity is coming your way, Taurus. You might discover a subscription you don't need or a better way to save for that big-ticket item. Your future self will thank you.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Your words have extra weight this week, Gemini. Use them to bridge a gap between friends or to draft that important email. A sibling or close neighbor has some surprising news for you.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Don't ignore your dreams right now, Cancer. Your subconscious is trying to solve a puzzle while you sleep. Keep a notepad by the bed; a "Eureka!" moment arrives soon.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

You're the glue holding your team together this week, Leo. While you're busy leading, don't forget to delegate. You'll find that people are more than willing to help if you seek assistance.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

A change in your daily routine brings a massive boost to your mood, Virgo. Try a morning workout or a different lunch spot. Breaking the cycle opens the door for a fresh perspective.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Romance is leaning toward the intellectual this week, Libra. A deep conversation about your values or goals will bring you closer to a partner or a new interest.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, whether it's your home life or a long-term project, pay attention to the small details and you will prevent a headache later. A family member offers some sage advice.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Your curiosity is your best asset this week, Sagittarius. Take a deep dive into a topic that usually bores you -you'll find a hidden connection that benefits your career.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Patience is your mantra, Capricorn. You're waiting for an answer, and while the silence is frustrating, the result will be worth it. Use the downtime to refine your current strategy.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

You are a magnet for eccentric people this week, Aquarius. Em-

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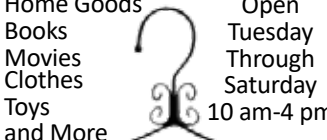
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Bulldogs Host Local Youth Track Day

On May 6, the track at Willamina School District became the highlight of the day for many young and future athletes during a Run, Jump, Throw (RJT) event. Willamina track coach Heather Hughes, who organized the event, said kids ranging from pre-K through 12 years old participated, with kindergarten and pre-K athletes making up the majority of the participants. USA Track & Field teamed up with The Hershey Company to give children a hands-on learning activity introducing them to

the basic running, jumping, and throwing skills used in track and field.

Race events included the 50-meter, 100-meter, and 400-meter sprints, as well as a mixed 4x100-meter relay in which participants teamed up with high school track-and-field athletes. Field events included long jump, shot put, and javelin. For safety concerns and to better match the size and strength of the younger athletes, javelins were replaced with softer, less-pointed replicas and, in some cases, softballs. Shot put events also swapped the traditional 12- and 9-pound metal balls for more manageable softballs and tennis balls for most younger participants.

High school track-and-field athletes stepped up as youth coaches during two practices leading up to the event, with some also participating in individual events during the RJT.

McMinnville-based EMPWR Nutrition Group, a nutrition bar manufacturer, donated protein bars to give away at the event for athletes and families to try, while the Parent Teacher Student Organization sponsored snack bags.

Hughes said, "This was a great community-mentoring event for the track program, and funds raised go to the team for their seasonal events."



A young athlete soars in the air during the long jump event at the Willamina Run, Jump, Throw event.



Future track stars race down the track while checking each other's position during a sprint event at the Run, Jump, Throw event.



Two young athletes sprint toward the finish line during a race at the Willamina Run, Jump, Throw event Willamina High School.

Linda Latham Crowned Queen For May Day

Sheridan High School May Queen Linda Latham was crowned before a capacity crowd Saturday morning in the high school gym, featuring decorations befitting her reigning highness.

Her crowning opened a day full of activities in the annual May Day observance, including the Queen's luncheon, a baseball doubleheader in the afternoon and the Queen's Ball Saturday night.

Reigning over the day of festivities in the Queen's court were

Postal Service Shift Outlined For Sheridan

Foot deliveries of mail in Sheridan will remain on present schedules, according to Postmaster Cliff Bride, who said effective Wednesday, May 6, some cutbacks in postal service were put into operation in the community's post office.

Bride out that starting yesterday (Wednesday) there will be no delivery of parcel post packages to business or residential addresses on Wednesdays. He said complete service will be continued on the Mounted Route and both Rural Routes.

Businesses and individuals expecting important packages on Wednesdays may pick them up at the post office during the regular hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday parcel post delivery will not be affected by the cutback, Bride said, and special delivery parcel post and Air parcel post items will continue to be delivered six days per week.

Bride said no change is anticipated for delivery of letters and other priority mails. Collections at post office boxes in outlying areas will be unchanged, with the exception of somewhat later collection on Wednesdays than listed on timecards.

Effective this Saturday, May 9, Bride said only one window will be open at the post office on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to noon. This window will handle general delivery service, stamp business and parcel post mailings. No money orders are to be issued on Saturdays and no applications for money orders may be accepted by rural carriers on Saturdays.

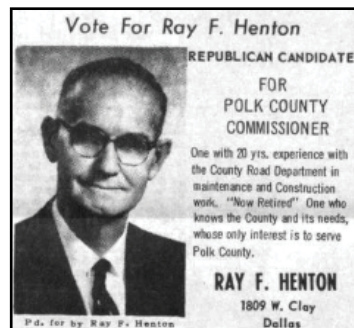
Maid of Honor Patti Krauthoeder, Junior Princesses Neddy Hyder and Betty Lou Bauman, Sophomore Princesses Clarice Potter and Patty Schufa and Freshman Princesses Polly Pelzer and Sylvia Jones. Retiring queen was Joanne Warren.

Escort for Queen Linda was Allan Brown, while her attendant was Erin Ball. Train bearers were Kevin Dellart and Stan Ivie. Student Body President Ed Brandt served as escort for the retiring queen. In the processional past the May Day crowd Princess Polly was escorted by Doug Latham; Princess Sylvia by Robert Perry; Princess Patty by Curtis Chamberlain; Princess Clarice by Terry Reid; Princess Betty Lou by Terry Chrisman; and Princess Neddy by Larry Elsele. Ken Plemmons served as escort for Maid of Honor Patti.

Crown bearer for the queen was Richard Posey and Jill Jones was flower girl. The sceptre bearer, Malcolm Ash, was accompanied by flower girl Theresa Stuck. Flower girls preceding the princesses in the processional were Brenda Williams and Cindy Eshelman.

Preceding the queen to her throne was a group of madrigal singers, Jerry Jackson, Chuck Cinnamon, Rich Wren, Link Spooner, Scott Kyle, Maurice Yoder, Joe Brickell and Verne Lochner. Presenting the musical fanfare, under the direction of Robert Belleu, were Donna Sloan, Wanda Nisly, Dennis Marceaux, Betty Manary and Bill Stuck.

President Ed Brandt presented the welcome and Retiring Queen Joanne crowned Queen Linda. Following the crowning, Allen Brown read the queen's proclamation and fourth graders from Chapman and Faulconer schools presented an intricate May Pole winding exhibition.



Willamina Tire Center Bought By Boehler Firm

Sale of Jim's OK Tire Service to the Boehler Tire & Carloading Service was announced this week by Carl Boehler. The firm is located on East Main street in Willamina.

Boehler, who operated his business in Sheridan until purchase of the Willamina operation from Jim Monaco, said he still will handle Cates tires for both cars and trucks in his "complete tire service center." He said the firm will be open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

A resident of the Willamina area since 1946, Boehler had been in business in Sheridan about one

Mom, Daughter Model For Show

Among models for the big Extension service "Suds and High Fashion" laundry clinic and fashion show April 29 in McMinnville were Mrs. Marge Gutbrod and her daughter, Cynthla. Mrs. Gutbrod represented the Mill Creek Extension unit.

Attended by more than 200 Yamhill county homemakers, the clinic and show included a description of fibers and fabrics found in today's laundry baskets and a discussion of laundry problems.

Wash and wear dresses and sports clothes were featured in the fashion show.

Fiber identification is an important clue to care of modern day fabrics says Mrs. Roy. At one time the homemaker had only four natural fibers to identify - cotton, linen, wool and silk. Now in addition to the four natural fibers, there are 16 man-made fibers. To add to the homemaker's confusion, manufacturers of each of the fibers have their own brand or trade name. There are also many blends of fibers and many special finishes applied to today's fabrics.

Homemakers were cautioned not to use chlorine-type bleaches in water containing iron, as it may cause brown or yellow deposits on the clothes. It was pointed out that using the correct measured amount of detergent helps to prevent yellowing and graying of clothes.

and one-half years. Monaco had operated the OK Tire Service for nearly three years.

Extensive remodeling of his building is planned by Boehler, who also said he plans to put a service truck into operation to handle road service calls from truckers and motorists.

While in Sheridan, a major portion of Boehler's business was in the line of servicing air-inflated dunnage bags for companies throughout Oregon, Washington and California. The bags are used by plywood, appliance and paper companies to prevent shifting of loads. With the increased space in the Willamina location, Boehler said the emphasis of his business and service will be in the tire line, including the sales and service of new and retread tires.

Boehler and his wife, Laura, who is employed at the Northwest Veneer plant, have four grown children. Two of their sons, Paul and Buzz, live in Portland, where they work, while a third son, Dave, lives in Eugene. Their daughter, Linda, is a housewife in Portland.

Council Votes \$100 For Phil Sheridan Days

Members of the Sheridan City Council Monday night approved a \$100 grant to the Phil Sheridan Days committee of the Chamber of Commerce to aid in financing the huge June 19-21 celebration event.

Among other items of business at the regular council session was appointment of Ade Pelzer to the city's budget committee to replace Ron Hendricks, who is moving his family to Cottage Grove. First public meeting on the city's 1964-65 budget is scheduled for May 18.

Approval was given a motion that a 3-man judiciary committee approve all ordinances before they are accepted since the council thinks new laws in the city are being passed with insufficient study.

A request from Floyd Mode to use city water was approved by the council on condition Mode install his own water line. He lives on West Mill street, outside the city limits.

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