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Fendall Hall Hosts Annual Mothers Day Tea and Fashion Show

By Alyssa Green

Fendall Community School annual Mother's Day Tea & Fashion Show was an event not to be missed. This year's fashion show theme was the 1950's and celebrated the many important contributions women made not only in politics but in the sciences and the new aerospace technology. Women filled a critical labor shortage, particularly in industries such as manufacturing, healthcare, and education. Many women with mathematical talent were employed as "human computers," a critical role for the rising aerospace and research industries. Their contributions helped to fuel economic growth and prosperity. We celebrate those women. In addition to the fashion show, a presentation by Monica Setziol-Phillips on the

history of tea, including where tea is grown, and a brick of tea, similar to what was thrown overboard in the famous Boston Tea Party. Guests were treated to a brunch of quiche, breakfast casserole, several salads, and luscious desserts. A beautiful quilt featuring a jukebox and hand-embroidered records with song and artist, made by the Fancy Work Quilters, was auctioned off, as was a lovely flower picture and a tea package courtesy of Monica Setziol-Phillips. The fashion show featured women's business attire, evening gowns, casual & sportswear, including clam diggers and the famous poodle skirt. Fendall would like to thank Marge Gutbrod for the loan of her handmade dresses that were displayed, Jency Rososco for her period tablecloths, Joyce Elmer's

wonderful hats that were worn by the models, and the Tina Miller Thrift Store for the many outfits that were used. Without the help of our incredible models, MC Recca Maze, and all the people who decorated, cooked, baked, served, greeted, and assisted our guests, we couldn't make this special event happen. We also thank the generosity of our guests in donating to Fendall

for ongoing projects. This year, we were able to showcase our new deck that previous fundraising events made possible. If you missed the event, be sure to mark your calendars for next year: May 8, 2027. The Mother's Day Tea and Fashion Show is held every year on the Saturday before Mother's Day. Next year's theme will be the 1960's & 1970's. We'll see you there!



Standing left to right, Angie Hunt, Kim Greene, Sandy Temple, Kat Ljungqvist, Susan Richmond, Amanda Melhoff, Hazel Melhoff, and Sophia Johnson volunteered their time as models for the fashion show. Not pictured are Alyssa Green, who also modeled; Jeri St. Ong, who organized the event; and Recca Maze, who served as MC.

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West Valley Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremonies

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Memorial Day • Monday • May 25

- 8 a.m. Grand Ronde Ceremony
- 9 a.m. Willamina Cemetery
- 10 a.m. Buck Hollow Cemetery
- 11 a.m. Green Crest Memorial Park in Sheridan



Obituaries



Eugene Earl Graham

Jan. 27, 1953 - May 10, 2026

On Jan 27, 1953 Eugene Earl Graham was born to his mom Elsie Louise Spofford and dad Owen Earl Graham. He grew up in Wood Village, Oregon with his mom and dad and siblings Rodney, Elaine, Sandra and Terry. Growing up he was an active member of the Boy Scouts in which he did 2- 50 mile hikes with his Dad. He went on to achieve Eagle Scout. He went to high school at Reynolds High School where he graduated from. After high school he went on to Chemeketa Community College where he earned a degree in Firefighting, also where he met Gail Joslin and was married to for 37 years and had their children Bryan, Danielle,

and Mathew. He spent 11 years volunteer fire fighting with 8 of those spent at Lafayette Fire Dept. Eugene's career was being a truck driver, going on many adventures and seeing many parts of the country. During this time is where he met his wife Connie Robinson whom he spent 8 years married to and retiring at their home in Sheridan, Oregon where he loved watching his grandchildren and great grandchildren growing up. Eugene enjoyed being an active member of SCA as well as hunting and fishing whenever he could.

Eugene is preceded in death by his sister Sandra, his father Owen, his mother Elsie, and his brothers Rodney and Terry. He is survived by his children's mother Gail Graham and his wife Connie Graham. His sister Elaine Graham-Chatfield. His children Bryan, Danielle (Chris), Mathew, and his step-son Jacob Beauman. His grandchildren Alex, Skyler, Luke, Wyatt, Promise, Callie, and Leaya as well as his 7 great grandchildren Blakelee, Brynlee, Bowen, Nolan, Lillian, Keenan, and Theo. The family will be having a private gathering this Summer to take him to his final resting place of Paulina Peak, OR.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

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Sheridan AllPrep 2026 Graduates

Congratulations to the Class of 2026! Your hard work, resilience and determination have brought you to this milestone, and our community is proud to celebrate alongside you. As you step into the next chapter, may you carry forward the lessons, friendships and memories that helped shape your journey. We wish each of you confidence, opportunity and fulfillment as you pursue your dreams and discover where life leads next.



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A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

Dear Sheridan Community,

Last week I was able to attend a number of Senior Project presentations and once again found myself amazed by the time and energy our students put into the community each year.

Senior Projects are a unique requirement for graduation from Sheridan High School. Each Senior must choose a project that requires a minimum of 30 hours of their time to complete, with additional class time spent on research and their final presentation.

Here are a few highlights of this year's projects:

Ivy Mirabito, Madison Blacketer, and Alondra Casillas organized the annual Dig Pink Volleyball event. They designed and sold shirts to raise money to help support breast cancer survivors. They raised \$2,217 and were able to donate the money directly to a person in the community who is currently fighting breast cancer.

Quinton Kelly & Logan Bergan organized and planned the Keegan Smith Memorial Basketball game. This event raised awareness for suicide prevention with funds going to support the annual Keegan Smith Memorial Scholarship.

Lucas Brewster & NeVaeh Stewart worked with the Red Cross to organize 3 blood drives this year. They collected a total of 87 units.

Other projects included work in support of track, drama, football, art and cheer programs, in addition to the Tree of Giving program over the holiday season and literacy initiatives.

In addition to their projects, seniors must research careers and make a plan for life after high school. Walking through the details of this process results in many of our students identifying scholarships, college campuses, apprenticeship programs, and other financial aid opportunities they may not have been aware of otherwise.

Senior Projects are one way we encourage our graduating seniors to start thinking outside of the walls of Sheridan High School and into their community. We love seeing where students decide to focus their time and we look forward to seeing how they use their skills to impact our community for years to come.

Sincerely,
Dorie Vickery Ed. D.,
Superintendent

Sheridan School District
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During Older Americans Month ODHS Highlights Wellness And Prevention

News Release from Oregon
Dept. of Human Services

Each May, Older Americans Month honors the contributions of older adults and highlights the importance of strong community connections. This year's theme, Champion Your Health, encourages older adults to take action to support their health and prevent health issues, advocate for their needs and make informed choices that support their well-being. U.S. Census Bureau estimates indicate that there are now more Oregonians aged 65 and older than 18 and under. As the population ages, the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) continues to explore how it can strengthen its programs and resources to support older adults.

"When older adults have the information they need and timely access to resources to take charge of their well being, they can continue to contribute to their families and communities with strength and purpose," said Nakeshia Knight-Coyle, Ph.D., Director of the Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) within ODHS. "Our role is to ensure the systems around them make that possible."

Several ODHS initiatives and programs reflect this commitment and support older Oregonians in championing their well-being:

- ODHS partners with Area Agencies on Aging throughout the state to help older adults access nutritious meals, connect with others and reduce loneliness. Home-delivered meals, often called Meals on Wheels, provide ready-to-eat

meals delivered directly to people's homes. Congregate meals for adults aged 60 and older are served in locations such as senior centers, community centers, churches and schools. To learn more about home-delivered meals, congregate meals and other food resources, visit NeedFood.Oregon.gov.

- The Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) of Oregon is a statewide information and referral network that helps older adults and people with disabilities access long term services and community resources such as food, transportation and family caregiving resources. Call 1-855-673-2372 (toll-free) or visit the ADRC website at www.ADRCofofOregon.org to find help or learn more.

- The ODHS Brain Injury Program provides resources, connections to services and advocacy to help individuals better understand and navigate the effects of brain injuries. The program, which launched in 2025, is designed to help people access the support that best fits their needs. The Brain Injury Program can be reached at 1-833-685-0848 (toll-free). Help is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- ODHS licenses and inspects settings that offer long-term care for older adults and people with physical disabilities. The recently updated licensed long-term care settings search website provides provider profiles, inspection reports, and information on substantiated violations and regulatory actions so people can make informed choices about their long-term care and where they choose to live.

Governor Tina Kotek's 2026 proclamation honoring Older Americans Month also reaffirms Oregon's commitment to ensuring that older adults are valued, visible and connected to the supports they choose. As Oregon recognizes Older Americans Month, ODHS encourages community members to learn more about the many ways older adults enrich our state and the resources available to support their well-being and independence.

To explore this year's theme, Champion Your Health, visit the federal Older Americans Month website.



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Local School Bands Earn State Jazz Honors

The music programs at Willamina School District and Sheridan School District earned statewide recognition this spring, with both schools placing at the Oregon Music Education Association State Jazz Championships held on May 8 at Mt. Hood Community College.

During a May 14 concert at Willamina High School, band director Ryan Lewis announced that Willamina placed third in the 3A division at the event, capping off a qualification process that started in February.

Willamina earned qualifying scores at the Clatskanie High School Jazz Festival on Feb. 11, where the advanced band tied for first place in the 3A division and entered the statewide tape pool process used to determine championship invitations.

According to Lewis, 49 schools across seven leagues competed in the 3A classification, but only four schools were invited to perform at the state championships.

Lewis said students also participated in a clinic led by the University of Oregon's premier jazz group, the Oregon Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Paul Kruger.

"I am exceedingly proud of our students because of the difficulty of even making it into the tape pool, let alone being invited to perform at this prestigious event," Lewis said. "Not only did we qualify and get invited to play, but we also took third overall in our division. That is a major accomplishment, and it is undeniable that Willamina has one of the best bands in the State."

In addition to announcing the state finish, Lewis announced

the winners of three music awards during the concert, all of which went to seniors this year. Wyatt Warnicke received the John Philip Sousa Award, recognizing outstanding musicianship, dedication, dependability, leadership, and positive conduct.

Trey Danforth received the Louis Armstrong Award for outstanding achievement in jazz. Lewis noted that Danforth previously received the John Philip Sousa Award in 2025.

Joshua Rocco received the Director's Award for dedication to the band program and service to fellow band members.

Meanwhile, Derek Tripp announced that Sheridan captured first place in the 2A division at the same state festival after also advancing through the tape pool qualification process.

Tripp said Sheridan earned scores of 67, 71, and 75 during the qualifying round, with the 75 meeting the state-qualifying standard. Sheridan later improved those marks at the state championships with scores of 77, 78, and 79.

Tripp said Sheridan and Clatskanie were the only two 2A schools that performed at the state championships.

"I am really proud of the students, especially since many of them have been working hard for up to eight years, because some started in fifth-grade band and are now seniors," Tripp said. Sheridan's state-performing ensemble included flutists Lillian Eichler, Isabella Dickey, and Zoey Bullard; trumpeters Angel Dryer, Hunter Klingler, and Lakota Blacketer; tubist Ryan Jenne; and drummer Eamon Lewis.



Willamina High School band members, from left, Wyatt Warnicke, Joshua Rocco, and Trey Danforth are recognized by band director Ryan Lewis as recipients of the John Philip Sousa, Director's, and Louis Armstrong awards during a concert at Willamina High School.

Hometown Days

June 20

Music Line-up



11:00- 12:30
Recca Maze
& musical guests



12:45 - 1:30
Joseph Dowd
and guest Jedd Schrock



1:40 - 2:30
Skittish



2:45 - 3:45
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4:00 - 5:15

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Force. As of December 2025, the Army had more active-duty troops (447,455) than any other branch of the American military. The Navy (339,602) had the second most active-duty troops, while the Air Force (315,317) was the third largest branch in terms of active-duty troops.

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Bulldogs Still Searching for First Win Entering Season Finale Against Amity

The Willamina Bulldogs enter the final game of their season Thursday against Amity, sitting at 0-22 overall. Willamina coaches entered the season knowing the focus would need to be more on player growth than wins. Several Bulldogs entered high-school baseball with limited organized experience beyond youth baseball, and without a junior varsity program in place, many players were forced into varsity competition against experienced 3A opponents.

Willamina closed the year against Country Christian/North Clackamas Christian, Blanchet Catholic, and Amity.

Early last week, the Bulldogs fell 14-1 against Country Christian/North Clackamas Christian. Nico Zito recorded an RBI single, while Deven Wright scored Willamina's run after reaching base on a dropped third strike and later swiping home.

Mid-week, the Bulldogs wrapped up their home schedule with a 26-0 loss against No. 12 Blanchet Catholic. Dominic Zito started on the hill before Olivia Mecham, Carter Felton, Dominic Cole, and Matthew Meckel combined to finish the game in relief as coach Ty Hurl carefully managed pitch counts throughout the contest.

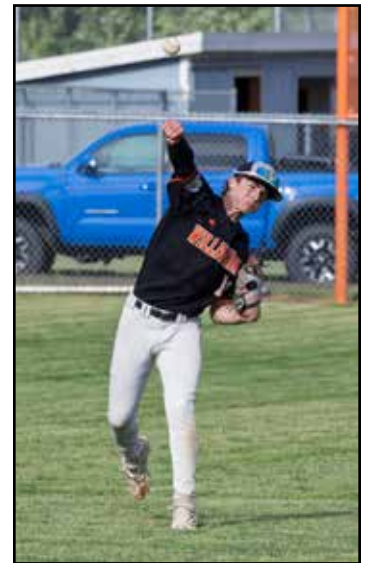
Willamina faced the Cavaliers again Friday, falling 18-0. Riseeuw delivered the Bulldogs' lone extra-base hit with a fifth-inning double, while Zito struck out two batters during his outing on the mound.

Over the three-game stretch, the Bulldogs used nine pitching appearances while navigating OSAA pitch-count and mandatory rest requirements. Across

those contests, Willamina pitchers allowed 32 walks and 36 hits, while the Bulldogs committed 16 defensive errors.

So far, Olivia Mecham has reigned as the queen of the hill for the Bulldogs this season, leading the team with 33.2 innings pitched, while Dominic Zito has followed with 23.2 innings. Overall, 12 of Willamina's 15 players have seen time on the mound this season.

Although the Bulldogs have yet to break into the win column, the program is expected to return much of its core next spring. Willamina graduates two seniors from this year's roster, Devon Wright and Bob Larsen, while 13 players are expected to return next season.



Willamina's Dominic Zito throws to first base for an out during the Bulldogs' game against Blanchet Catholic. Zito recorded multiple defensive outs during the contest.



Matt Meckel was the fifth Bulldog to take the mound in Willamina's 26-0 loss to the Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers on Wednesday.

Dragons Chase District Titles as Bulldogs, Spartans Eye State Berths

Track athletes from Willamina, Sheridan, and Delphian will look to extend their seasons this Thursday and Friday, May 21-22, as district championship track and field meets begin across the state. The Dragons and Spartans will compete at the 2A Special District 2 Championships at Regis High School, while Willamina will travel to Blanchet Catholic for the 3A-3 PacWest Championships.

Under OSAA rules, the top two finishers in each event automatically qualify for the state championships at Hayward Field in Eugene.

Athletes may also qualify by reaching state qualifying standards or earning wildcard spots based on district-final performances.

Delphian Positioned for Strong 2A Showing

Delphian enters the 2A district meet as a legitimate contender to sweep both the boys' and girls' district team titles, thanks to impressive performances across nearly every event group.

On the boys' side, Oli Beaugard headlines the Dragons, ranked first statewide in both the 110-meter hurdles and 300 hurdles, while also entering districts as one of the top runners in the 100 and 200 sprints.

Mark DeVries gives Delphian another major weapon in the jumps, while Nathan Cloutier enters among the district's top middle-distance runners. Delphian also enters with one of the state's top relay programs, ranking second statewide in the boys' 4x400 relay and fifth in the boys' 4x100 relay.

The Delphian girls appear equally dangerous.

Lily Olivares enters as one of the district's top all-around athletes, ranking among the leaders in the girls' 100, 200, hurdles, and relays. Olivares currently sits third statewide in the girls' 300 hurdles. Liv Curry also gives the Dragons another major hurdle threat while tying for the best girls' high jump mark in 2A this season.

Delphian's girls' relays also enter state-contender territory, ranking second statewide in the girls' 4x400 relay and third in the girls' 4x100 relay.

For Sheridan, Chase Eichler appears to hold the Spartans' best shot at an automatic state berth after climbing near the top of the district rankings in

the boys' 100 meters. Zachery Dauvin also enters the boys' distance races as a strong contender in both the 1,500 and 3,000.

With only two possible contenders for state championship qualifications, Sheridan looks to land toward the bottom of the pack in district team scoring.

Bulldogs Eye State Berths at PacWest Meet

At the 3A level, Willamina may not have the depth to challenge for a team championship, but the Bulldogs still enter the PacWest meet with several athletes capable of making state runs.

Sophomore Katrina Huff enters as one of Willamina's top hopefuls after moving into third in the PacWest rankings in the girls' 100 meters. Only Taft's Laney Lee and Blanchet Catholic's Bella Vargas sit ahead of Huff entering districts.

Senior Matthew Atherton enters the boys' long jump ranked fifth in the conference, while junior Davin Spencer sits fourth in the boys' javelin and sophomore Billy DeLoe III ranks third in the boys' discus.

Willamina also brings additional depth with Shane Mathers ranking among the conference leaders in the boys' javelin, long jump, triple jump, and pole vault.

Willamina appears capable of finishing around fifth or sixth in the overall district team standings.



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Willamina Clinches Third Consecutive Playoff Birth in Loaded 3A-SD3 League

The Lady Dawgs are headed to the state playoffs for the third consecutive season after finishing the regular season with a 12-11 overall record and a 10-6 mark in the highly competitive 3A-SD3.

The Bulldogs enter the postseason ranked No. 16 in the latest OSAA rankings after navigating one of the toughest leagues in Class 3A softball. The 3A-SD3 featured five teams ranked inside the state's top 20, including three top-10 programs — both among the highest totals of any 3A softball league in Oregon.

Willamina also earned recognition in the latest OSAA coaches poll, checking in at No. 10 in the state after previously being unranked. The coaches' poll also featured fellow 3A-SD3 programs Dayton at No. 2, Yamhill-Carlton at No. 3, and Scio at No. 6.

Willamina spent the final two weeks gaining postseason-caliber experience, facing off against Dayton and Scio while also sweeping a pair of games against Amity.

The Bulldogs opened the stretch early last week with a 17-6 loss against No. 6 Scio. Camille Crowe led the Bulldogs offensively in the matchup, driving in a run and later scoring during Willamina's three-run rally in the third inning. Emma Brunner also helped fuel the comeback effort with an RBI single during the same inning.

Mid-week, Willamina answered with a dominant 16-0 win over Amity. Paige Baker paced the

Bulldogs by recording the first varsity home run of her career while also adding a double and multiple RBIs. Lainee Barton turned in another big performance alongside Baker with a home run, double, and multiple RBIs of her own.

Late last week, the Bulldogs suffered a 17-2 loss to No. 3 Dayton. Keylee Manley provided one of Willamina's top offensive moments with a single and a run scored in the third inning. Paige Baker also contributed an RBI sacrifice fly as the Bulldogs continued battling against another top-ranked opponent.

Monday, the Bulldogs closed the regular season with another convincing win over Amity, 17-1. Cicity McKenna collected two doubles and drove in multiple runs, while Keylee Manley added a triple and a double. Paige Baker also stayed hot at the plate with two doubles and a single, while Emma Brunner delivered a two-RBI triple. Bridgette Manley started in the circle before Madison Blacketer struck out five batters in relief.

If current state rankings remain unchanged, Willamina will open the state playoffs on May 25 against No. 17 Pleasant Hill, with the winner advancing to face the state's top-ranked team, which is currently South Umpqua.

Last season, Willamina entered the playoffs as the No. 5 seed, receiving a first-round bye before falling to No. 12 Glide in the second round.

Hometown Days

June 19 & 20 2026

Preserving the past,
protecting the future.

Parade Schedule

Friday June 19 Kids Parade..... 6 pm

Walking parade for kids, bicycles, and friendly pets. At Sheridan City Park following the bicycle decorating and more!

Saturday June 20 Grand parade 5 pm

Line-up starts at 4 pm at Faulconer-Chapman School, the parade ends at Sheridan City Park.

No pre-registration necessary for either parade.

Just show up ready to have fun! Email bulletinwestvalleynicole@outlook.com with any questions.

Willamina City Council Discusses Code Enforcement

The Willamina City Council held its regular session on May 12 at the West Valley Fire District station. Here are some key topics discussed at the meeting.

During public input at the beginning of the meeting, Ila Skyberg thanked Public Works Director Jeff Brown for his work preparing the city's hanging flower baskets. Skyberg noted Brown spent significant time on his hands and knees clearing winter debris from the basket mounting holes.

"It's an awful lot of work, and he just takes it with pride, and we really do appreciate you," Skyberg said.

Code Enforcement, Cleanup Efforts, and Community Concerns: Concerns over a citywide code-enforcement notice drew discussion during Tuesday night's meeting as residents and city officials debated how nuisance violations should be handled ahead of the summer season and Fourth of July fire concerns.

The notice reminded residents about city ordinances regarding junk, debris, overgrown vegetation, and other nuisance violations, warning that violations

can carry fines of up to \$300 per day. City Manager Bridget Meneley said the city has distributed similar notices annually for the past three years, but emphasized the city focuses on education and voluntary compliance rather than citations.

"I don't think there's anyone that would appreciate some city team member coming to their home with a heavy hammer," Meneley said, adding that city staff also live alongside the residents impacted by the enforcement process. Meneley noted that only one citation has been issued during the past three years because the city tries to work with families whenever possible.

Meneley also said city staff regularly coordinate with public works regarding cleanup concerns on city-owned properties. Discussion additionally centered on past volunteer cleanup efforts involving residents, churches, and other community members. Meneley said the city's insurance representative advised staff against directly organizing or participating in those efforts in official capacities because of potential legal-liability concerns,

despite praising the community-minded approach.

"I would encourage someone to take lead and form a volunteer committee that the city staff can volunteer with outside of their city hall hat," Meneley said. "We can't organize it because of our job, even though we want to work alongside them."

Additionally, Meneley said city employees could still volunteer privately if community-led cleanup groups were organized independently from City Hall. Council discussion also touched on the difficulty of balancing enforcement with compassion for residents facing financial, health, or housing challenges.

City Manager Meneley stated that the City will receive more than \$3,000 in grant funding from Recology for their upcoming City Cleanup Event. In addition, Councilor Craig "Captain" Johnson announced that the city received a \$1,000 contribution from the Willamina Chamber, to help offset the estimated \$6,000 cost associated with the upcoming citywide cleanup event.

The citywide cleanup event is scheduled for May 30 from 9 a.m. to noon and will include dumpster access, electronics recycling, mattress disposal, scrap-metal collection, and assistance removing junk vehicles from properties. Water Project Hearing:

Mayor Vickie Hernandez held a public hearing regarding the completion of the city's water-intake relocation project partially funded through a 2022 Community Development Block Grant. City officials said the portion of the project funded through the \$1.731 million federal grant has been completed, and the hearing was required as part of the grant closeout process.

Housing, Infrastructure, and Utility Planning:

In other business, the council approved initiating updates to Wil-

lamina's development code to comply with recent state housing legislation, including House Bills 2001, 2003, 3395, and 2258, along with Senate Bill 1537. The bills are already in effect statewide, with the council's action authorizing the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments to use previously awarded Department of Land Conservation and Development grant funding to update Willamina's local development code to reflect those state-mandated changes. The work is projected to be completed by the end of the year.

The proposed updates are intended to align the city's development code with statewide housing laws aimed at reducing barriers to residential development and streamlining approval processes, shifting some decisions to the staff level while avoiding permit fees and wait times associated with the Planning Commission process. During discussion, councilors questioned what would happen if the council chose not to approve the measure. City Manager Bridget Meneley explained the city would still be required to follow the state regulations regardless of whether local codes were updated, requiring city staff to continue consulting with the city planner for compliance with state housing laws, adding additional time and cost to development applications. Meneley also noted that if the city did not take advantage of the grant-funded opportunity, future code updates could potentially become a city-funded expense.

Discussion during the meeting also touched on infrastructure concerns connected to future housing growth. Councilors discussed whether the city's sewer system can continue supporting additional development without major upgrades, while Meneley noted the city is pursuing a high-

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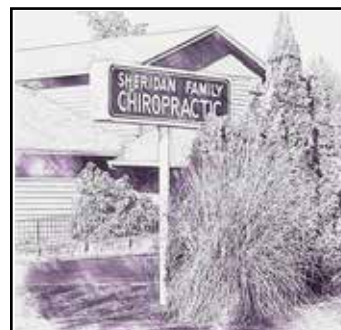
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ly competitive \$20 million grant opportunity that could fund improvements to sewer lift stations and several additional wastewater-system priorities identified in the city's wastewater master plan. Meneley said the city is also trying to avoid future Department of Environmental Quality fines tied to overflow events during major storms.

Councilor Michael Alger also discussed long-range winter weather forecasting during council comments, referencing weather-modeling projections and Pacific Ocean climate patterns that have suggested the possibility of another significant winter season later this year. Alger said he has been put on notice by three different biologists advising him not to have any cattle on his ranch near Lincoln City because of changing water conditions and flooding concerns. Alger added that one of the biologists has committed to providing weekly updates regarding possible El Niño — or even “super El Niño” — conditions being projected by long-range climate models for the coming winter.

Alger used the example to question whether Willamina's wastewater-treatment ponds are prepared for similar large-scale weather events and flooding scenarios.

“If we got it on that side of the coastal hills, we're going to have it on this side,” Alger said. “Are those ponds ready for this?”

During council comments, dis-

cussion also continued regarding the city's delayed water-rate study and long-term infrastructure planning.

City Manager Bridget Meneley said the city continues working through the delayed water-rate study process, which has been impacted by consultant staffing changes, ownership transitions, and additional engineering-review requirements. Meneley said the city is currently conducting flow-monitoring work involving Hampton Lumber, followed by additional analysis by FCS and project engineers.

Meneley said the updated goal is now to bring the water-rate study before the council in August or September, followed by community-engagement sessions. Earlier projections had targeted a summer presentation, but the timeline shifted because of the additional monitoring and review work.

Additionally, Meneley explained the city is evaluating several possible “one-stop” project scenarios that could bundle together multiple long-term infrastructure needs into a single funding approach rather than completing projects individually over many years.

Discussion included concerns over how future water and utility-rate increases could impact residents, particularly if large infrastructure projects move forward simultaneously. Meneley said the city is continuing to explore grant opportunities in

hopes of reducing the burden on ratepayers.

At one point during the conversation, Meneley joked that the city may need “Lady Luck” on its side while pursuing outside funding assistance for the major infrastructure projects under consideration.

Transit, Tourism, and Staffing Updates:

Councilor Johnson, who serves as the city's liaison to the Yamhill County Transit Authority, also provided updates on revised bus schedules and routes serving Willamina and surrounding communities. Johnson noted regular riders have already begun adjusting to the updated departure times.

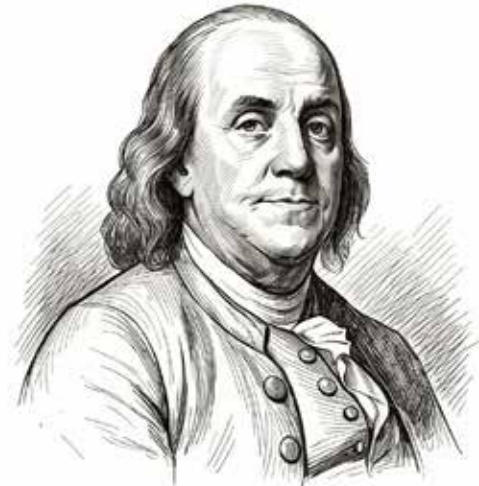
Meanwhile, Meneley said the city recently interviewed applicants to fill vacant parks and seasonal positions after public works staffing shortages left crews stretched thin during the

spring-maintenance season.

The city is also preparing for increased summer tourism and Fourth of July activity, including a planned June 30 visit from a YouTube restaurant program featuring Coyote Joe's restaurant.

Election and Mayor Comments: During her mayor's report, Hernandez reminded councilors and residents about upcoming election-filing deadlines for city positions. Hernandez noted she is currently undecided about seeking another term as mayor, but said she is “leaning pretty heavily” toward not running again due in part to plans to travel following her husband's retirement next year.

For further information, including agenda packets on current meetings and minutes from previous meetings, visit the official City of Willamina website at www.willaminaoregon.gov.



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Horoscopes May 20-26

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Slow down to smell the roses, Aries. You've been running at full speed, and your body is asking for a break. A low-key evening at home will recharge your batteries for a big weekend.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Creativity hits you in an unexpected place, Taurus. It might even come while you're doing chores. Explore a new idea thoroughly, as it might be the creative spark you've been looking for.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

A misunderstanding is cleared up by a simple phone call, Gemini. Don't let a text message stew in your mind. Direct communication is the only way to keep your peace of mind this week.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Focus on your workspace, Cancer. A little reorganization and some new decor will shift the energy and help you focus. You'll be surprised how much your environment affects your output.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Your generosity is noted, Leo. Helping a colleague or friend with a thankless task will earn you major karma points. Expect a small, pleasant surprise to come back to you.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, steer clear of over-analyzing a recent social interaction. You did fine, and people enjoyed your company. Focus on the future instead of replaying the past on a loop.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

A financial risk might be tempting, but the stars suggest sticking to the plan for now, Libra. Focus on "slow and steady" gains rather than "get rich quick" schemes this week.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

You're feeling extra protective of your time, Scorpio, and that's okay. Saying "no" to an invitation isn't a rejection of the person; it's an investment in your own mental health.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Laughter is your best medicine this week, Sagittarius. Seek a person who always makes you giggle. A lighthearted approach to a serious problem will reveal the simplest solution.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Your reputation is preceding you in a good way, Capricorn. Someone in a position of power has their eye on your work. Keep your standards high; the payoff is closer than you think.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, an old hobby is calling your name. Dust off those tools or that camera. Reconnecting with a past passion will give you the emotional boost you've been looking for.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Trust the timing of your life, Pisces. Something you wanted didn't work out, but that's because something better is currently in the works. Keep your heart open and your head up.

Ham And Quinoa Salad Makes For Light But Filling Fare

Salads make for a great meal when people are looking for light yet filling fare. Salads also offer a lot of versatility, and just about any ingredient can be added to a salad or even serve as the base of a salad. For example, this recipe for "Ham, Fennel and Quinoa Salad" from Lines+Angles features a base of quinoa. When paired with diced ham, the quinoa makes this delicious dish a little more filling than a more traditional salad.

Ham, fennel and quinoa salad

Makes 4 servings

8 ounces quinoa, rinsed and drained

1 fennel bulb, thinly sliced

4 slices cooked ham, about 6 to 8 ounces, diced

2 ounces roughly chopped pecans

1 1/2 ounces baby salad leaves

Salt

Freshly ground black pepper



corns

For the dressing:

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1 teaspoon honey

1 tablespoon white wine vinegar

3 tablespoons olive oil

Put the quinoa in a saucepan with 3 cups of water and a big pinch of salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 15 minutes, or until all of the liquid has been absorbed. Spread out on a plate and leave to cool for 10 minutes.

Toss the cooled quinoa with the

fennel, ham, pecans, and baby leaves.

To make the dressing, whisk the mustard, honey and vinegar together, then whisk in the oil. Season to taste with salt and pepper, then toss with quinoa salad.

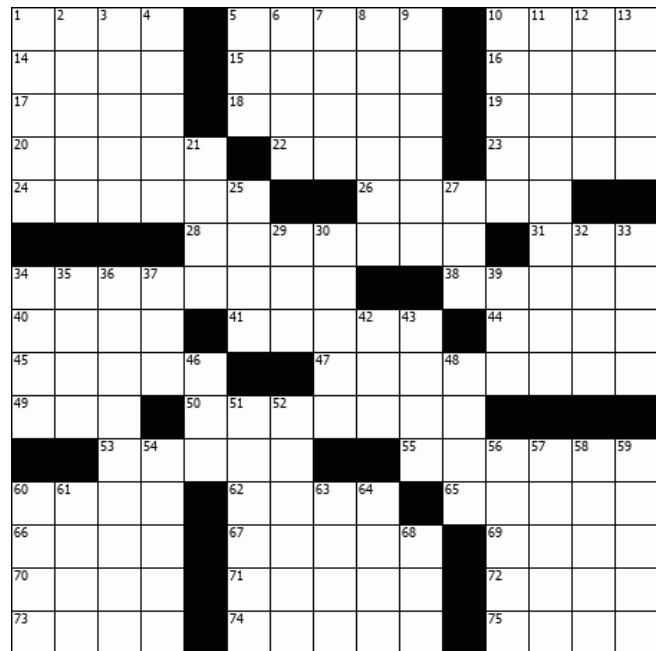
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47. Most in want
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71. Fixed gaze
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73. Mouth edges
74. Racetrack animal
75. Cherished



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9. Manor
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12. Original thought
13. Forest creature
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**Sheridan Senior Turns Solar Idea Into
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With a rolling cabinet, solar panel, and battery-powered setup, Sheridan senior Hunter Klingler put his engineering ambitions in motion through a solar-powered cart he built for his senior project, designed to provide portable energy wherever it is needed.

For Klingler, the project also served as an early step toward a future career in electrical engineering.

"I was curious about how to set them up, and I figured it related to my future career as an electrical engineer," Klingler said. "Solar panels seemed like a cool, interesting idea."

The project centered around a movable charging station built inside a wooden cabinet equipped with wheels, removable shelving, and a mounted solar panel. Inside the cabinet, Klingler installed a battery, solar charge controller, inverter, and the wiring necessary to power plugged-in electronics.

Klingler said the original concept was inspired by the idea of creating a portable power source that could be used where electrical outlets may not be available.

"At first, it was just charging things up to save a little bit of energy," he said. "Maybe there's not an outlet nearby, so you can just roll this up and charge a Chromebook."

He added that the setup could also be useful at sporting events, campsites, and other outdoor activities.

Much of the equipment used in the project was already available at home, including the solar panel, battery, and some wiring components. Klingler estimated the cabinet materials alone totaled a little more than \$100.

The cabinet itself was built in the Sheridan High School shop using available tools and materials provided through the school's shop program.

Along the way, the project encountered a few bugs — literally — when insects infested the unfinished cabinet while it was being stored.

"The reason why it's painted at all is because in the middle of the project, bugs infested it," Klingler said. "I decided to give it a bit of a makeover, so that way, no bugs would be too interested in it."

The cabinet was eventually painted light blue, a color Klingler said he chose simply because he liked how it looked.

While the charging station was originally designed as a school project, Klingler said he now sees the potential for broader uses beyond the classroom, including camping trips, sporting events, and other situations where portable power may come in handy.



Sheridan senior Hunter Klingler stands beside the portable solar-powered charging cart he built for his senior project.

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Snap Interviews Required for All Households Starting June 1, 2026

News Release

Oregon Dept. of Human Services

Starting June 1, 2026, all SNAP households must complete an interview when they apply for or renew their monthly food benefits.

This change returns SNAP to standard federal rules, which require interviews for all applications and renewals. These rules help make sure benefits are accurate and reflect each household's current situation. An interview must be completed before benefits can be approved.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, some households were allowed to skip renewal interviews. This temporary flexibility ends May 31, 2026.

This includes households that previously did not need an interview, such as those where:

- All adults are age 60 or older or meet the SNAP definition of disability, and

- No one in the household has income from work.

For some people, this may be the first time they complete a SNAP interview when renewing their benefits.

Interviews are a standard part of SNAP. They help:

- Confirm information.
- Prevent errors.
- Make sure people receive the correct benefit amount.
- Connect people to the full benefits and services they may qualify for.

What this means for people

People applying for or renewing SNAP benefits will need to complete an interview before their benefits can be approved or renewed.

"These updates help make sure people receive the correct SNAP benefits for their current situation," said Jessica Amaya Hoffman, SNAP Director at ODHS. "We know adding another step may be challenging. Our staff are here to help answer questions and support people in the way that works best for them. Completing the interview and providing documents when requested helps us process benefits correctly and connect people to the full amount they qualify for."

What people can do now

- Make sure ODHS has your current contact information.
- Watch for mail, email, text messages, or phone calls from

ODHS about your interview.

- Respond to messages from ODHS to avoid delays.

- Connect with ODHS in the way that works best for you—online, by phone, or in person.

- Learn more about SNAP at Oregon.snap.gov.

Ways people can contact ODHS Online: Through a ONE Online account.

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Storms Fail to Tackle Willamina Flag Football Tournament

Youth football teams from across the Mid-Willamette Valley packed the fields at the Willamina School District campus on Saturday for a spring tournament despite Mother Nature's clap-on, clap-off mentality for the sun and rain.

The event brought together approximately 350 players on 27 teams competing in divisions K-2 (kindergarten through second grade), 3/4 (third and fourth grade), 5/6 (fifth and sixth grade), and 7/8 (seventh and eighth grade). Teams traveled from the Dallas, Independence, Salem, and Willamina areas to compete throughout the tournament.

Daniel Helfrich, director of the Willamina Youth Football Club, alongside his wife, Kristina Helfrich, estimated that between volunteers, players, parents, and spectators, approximately 2,000 people attended the event throughout the day. He also said this year marked the first season of spring flag football for the Willamina program. The tournament opened with round-robin play to determine seeding for the championship brackets. Willamina teams battled through pool play, with

both the 3/4 squad and 5/6 team earning the No. 7 seed in their respective divisions. Both squads exited the tournament in the first round, with the 3/4 team falling to Dallas, while the 5/6 squad was eliminated by Salem Academy.

Championship matchups saw West Salem defeat Central of Independence 28-14 in the 3/4



Willamina 5/6 team member Bentlee Bernabe zeros in on a pass during the flag football tournament held in Willamina.

championship game before adding another 28-14 victory over McKay in the 5/6 title contest. In the 7/8 championship game, the Dallas Dragons edged Salem Academy 14-7.

Helfrich credited the efforts of parents, coaches, and volunteers from several participating programs — many of whom spent the day coaching teams, helping with field operations, cooking food, and assisting with tournament logistics — for helping the event run smoothly despite difficult weather conditions. He said many attendees complimented the organization and atmosphere of the tournament.

He also thanked the Willamina School District for helping make the event possible. He noted the district allowed the youth football organization to use the fields without rental costs, which many other schools do not, helping keep expenses manageable for the local program.

Volunteers from Willamina Youth Football Club and the McKay Royal Scots program operated barbecue and concession stands throughout the day, with proceeds from those sales helping fund equipment, uniforms, and practice jerseys. The

Willamina School District also operated a separate concession stand during the tournament, with those proceeds benefiting school programs.

Despite several rain showers and gusty weather conditions that had a few pop-up tents threatening to move in and join a couple of the contests during the tournament, players, coaches, and families remained enthusiastic throughout the day as games continued across the campus fields.

"My wife was in the middle of flipping burgers when one of the legs (of the pop-up) went flying past her face," Helfrich said. "She grabbed it and held on to it, still flipping burgers."

Helfrich also credited Hunter Newton — affectionately nicknamed "The Commissioner" by Daniel — as the primary organizer of the tournament, describing him as the person who handled much of the scheduling and administrative work behind the scenes.

Organizers said fall league activities are expected to begin in early August, while spring league play is scheduled to return next March. Additional information about the program can be found through the Willamina Youth Football Facebook page.



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Colton Gnos turns upfield after making a catch in the rain during a 5/6 youth flag football game that drew around 350 young athletes.

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Sheridan Fire District Outline Rural EMS Struggles at Chamber Meeting

The Sheridan Rural Fire Protection District hosted the recent Sheridan Chamber of Commerce meeting on Friday, where district representative Rob Foster discussed staffing challenges, ambulance funding, and future recruitment efforts while also encouraging support for the district's local option levy currently before voters.

Foster, speaking on behalf of the firefighters' union, said the district is attempting to balance emergency coverage with limited staffing and rising operational demands.

"We're asking for more money, and we hate doing that," Foster said. "We're trying to provide a minimal service in finding this balance."

Foster said the district currently operates with two line staff a day 24/7 plus two admin staff members weekdays and covers roughly 145 square miles between Sheridan and Willamina, south toward Highway 22, and east toward the former Pine Tree Patio area between Sheridan and McMinnaville. He said staffing reductions have limited firefighters' ability to remain active in community outreach because of increased station duties while the department works to

maintain emergency coverage across the large rural area.

The department is also working to expand CPR and first-aid training opportunities in the community. Foster credited Marguerite for helping provide American Heart Association-certified instruction and said the district is seeking grant funding to help offset certification costs. He also encouraged residents interested



Rob Foster of the Sheridan Fire Protection District speaks during Friday's Sheridan Chamber of Commerce meeting.

in budgeting or finance to support the district by participating in budget committees.

Foster described Sheridan as a "stepping stone" department where younger firefighters often gain experience before moving to larger agencies, but said Sheridan currently has an unusually experienced workforce.

"I am the least experienced firefighter that you have," Foster said. "And I've been doing this for 13 years."

During a question-and-answer session, Foster said the Sheridan School District's Career and Technical Education Center training tower could help attract younger firefighters, though staffing levels and limited equipment still create training challenges. He said the department hopes to build a resident firefighter program that could work alongside the high school CTEC program to help retain local recruits after graduation.

Foster also discussed the finan-

cial strain of ambulance operations, explaining that ambulance service functions as a pay-for-service system rather than through dedicated tax funding. Sheridan has provided emergency medical transport within its Ambulance Service Area since the 1970s or 1980s under assignment from Yamhill County. Foster said the district's six-member union has become increasingly active at the state level despite the department's small size, helping raise awareness about the financial and staffing challenges facing rural fire and ambulance providers. Foster said state requirements mandate 24-hour ambulance staffing with at least one paramedic and one EMT on duty, while ambulance calls can also leave limited personnel available for simultaneous fire responses. "You can send a \$2,000 bill and get paid \$400 and some odd bucks," Foster said of Medicare and Medicaid ambulance reimbursements.



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- On **Friday, May 22nd**, join us for **Public Works in the Park** from **1 P.M. to 3 P.M.**

Come and enjoy the festivities at Sheridan City park Friday, May 22 1-3 p.m.

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DEWEY BITTERLY ASSAILS FOES

Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York pulled no punches in assailing the present administration when he spoke before a crowd of hundreds of people in Sheridan, yesterday morning.

"Peaceful constructive spending in building the nations of Europe so they can stand on their own feet" is our job, Mr. Dewey said adding that we must do it like "hard-headed American businessmen instead of soft-headed saps." He declared that we were farther away from peace than ever after spending \$20 billion and preparing to spend \$17 billion more.

Governor Dewey praised Oregon's magnificent scenery and said he had never seen any part of the country with such promise of a glowing future as had the northwest, where opportunity, he declared, was simply unlimited. (He tactfully refrained from any mention of a rather painful subject even when some audacious youngster in the audience, during the speaker's eulogy, shouted "What about the weather?")

Scoring Congress for cutting the McNary dam appropriation from \$40 million to \$27 million, Governor Dewey said this amount should be restored this year so the dam can start delivering power by 1953. Any less will mean a year's delay, he said, even though the appropriation is granted later. Stressing the importance of power development, the Governor prophesied that during the next five years we would face a serious power shortage.

He reiterated his stand in opposition to Harold Stassen's plan for outlawing communism. Convict men for their criminal acts, he said, but never prosecute a man for his opinions, adding that communists were worms and worms prosper underground. Keep them in the open and don't make martyrs of them, he said, and they can do no harm.

"I know all about communists," Dewey said. "I've got the fanciest collection of them in New York, you ever saw. They fight me all the time and they help me by being against me. They come out to his farm in caravans, a hundred cars at a time, he said, chanting their songs and making their threats - "the noisiest, nastiest bunch of people imagin-

able."

"Under our form of government, you have a right to come here to listen to me, or to a Democratic speaker, or to Henry Wallace, or a communist, or any other crackpot," Mr. Dewey declared and was roundly applauded amid a burst of laughter. He warned that any attempt to outlaw Communism would endanger our right of free assembly.

V.F.W. PLAN FLOAT FOR SHERIDAN DAYS

Tentative plans for a float in the Phil Sheridan Days parade were made at the V.F.W. meeting, Monday evening. Plans also were made to sell bonds at the Grand Ronde rodeo this weekend. Paul Holt of the Willamina Barber Shop reported a sale of \$700 in bonds this week. These are the non-interest-bearing bonds the Post is selling for the building project.

Norman Agee was appointed Poppy Day chairman and will have charge of the sales in Sheridan. Mrs. Floyd Edmiston, Auxiliary treasurer, will be in charge in Willamina and will be assisted by Miss Caro Huddleston, the V.F.W.'s Poppy Queen and a number of high school girl assistants.

The Post and Auxiliary enjoyed a potluck supper at the hall, Monday evening, prior to their meeting.

Miss Lois Bailey and Miss Bea Currey were appointed Auxiliary members of the building committee by Auxiliary President Dorothy Agee. Miss Florence Blanchard was initiated as a new member.

The Post and Auxiliary are planning to attend the district jamboree in McMinnville, Saturday evening, and will furnish a number on the program.

F.B.I. MAN SPEAKS

The Kiwanis Club will hear a speaker from the Portland office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, next Tuesday evening when they entertain their wives and guests at a dinner meeting at the Willamina union high school. This will be an interclub meeting and delegations are expected from Taft, McMinnville and other clubs.

At the noon luncheon, Tuesday, Dr. Victor E. Johnson spoke on one of the Kiwanis' favorite subjects, "It's Fun to Live in America," and told of the unusual advantages for recreation we enjoyed in this country. K. E. Shetterly was chairman of the program committee. Peter Zimmerman of Yamhill was a guest of C. S. Harris and complimented the Kiwanis Club on its effort to arouse interest in public affairs.

He said he believed the salvation of our nation lay in encouraging such interest, especially in the younger generation.

ELECTION TOPS IN IMPORTANCE

With the eyes of the world on Oregon tomorrow, voters will go to the polls with the knowledge they may be making history. This is the first time this state has ever had such prominence in a presidential election and the outcome of the Dewey-Stassen contest in Oregon may influence the nation's and indeed the world's future to a great extent.

Nearer home there are contests among state candidates — Douglas McKay and John E. Hall being the main contenders for the governorship. In Yamhill county Carl Francis, R. H. C. Bennett and Peter Zimmerman will contest for two seats in the state legislature, and there are contests in both parties for county sheriff. Republican for commissioner and two for county coroner. The remainder of the county candidates are not opposed in the primaries.

In Polk county there are contests in the Republican ticket for commissioner, sheriff and assessor. Lyle Thomas, Polk county representative in the state legislature, is opposed by Belle Rodger. Independence Herman Van Well, county judge, is opposed on the Democratic ticket by M. Jack Power.

Mr. Zimmerman cited the development of hydro-electric power as one of the most important of today's projects. The Columbia River, he said, had been developed to an extent of ten percent with at least ninety percent of its potential power not yet used while at the same time we were drawing heavily on our exhaustible sources of power and fuel.

A. D. Newby, president of the club, will attend the national convention in San Francisco, June 6-10.

A large group attended the special Kiwanis night service at the Free Methodist church, Sunday evening, when the pastor, the Rev. Wesley Graves, spoke on the subject of Good Sportsmanship and Obeying the Rules of the Game. A male quartette from Newberg sang and E. H. Moehlmann of the Club led the group singing.

FIREMAN'S DANCE IS FRIDAY NIGHT AFFAIR

The Willamina Firemen will hold their seventh annual dance, May 21, Friday evening, at the American Legion hall in Sheridan. This is the most important social event of the year for the firemen and it is also about their only financial undertaking during the year. Funds go to provide necessary equipment and insurance.

Dick Schmidt, Al Felton and C. F. Benefiel are members of the committee in charge of arrangements for the affair. Music will be by Bird's orchestra as it has been in the past. Tickets are \$1.00 each and the Firemen are putting on a ticket selling campaign this week.

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