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Willamina Students Honored in “If I Were Mayor” Contest

Fourth-grade students at Willamina Elementary School had a surprise guest on Wednesday, April 29, as Willamina Mayor Vickie Hernandez and Willamina City Manager Bridget Meneley visited the school to recognize winners of the annual “If I Were Mayor” contest. Winners were selected by a vote of the Willamina City Council during its regular session meet-

ing on March 10 from 24 submissions. The first-place entry will advance to the statewide competition. Scarlett Bressler earned first place, followed by Jack Wetherall in second and Robert Pratt in third. Each submission included a written response and drawings outlining what students would do as mayor.

Bressler’s winning entry proposed raising teacher salaries, bringing back a farmers market, adding an urgent care facility, and building more outdoor courts for recreation. She summed up her vision in large letters: “That, and a lot more stuff.” Other entries called for more parks and libraries, improved transportation and safety, cleaner streets, lower housing and grocery costs, and expanded recreational facilities. Mayor Hernandez praised the students’ creativity. “It was so cool to see how much thought these kids put into stuff and the things that they wanted,” she said.

The mayor added that many students highlighted the need for more recreation, including ideas for expanding facilities at the Oaken Hills Pump Track. During the visit, Mayor Hernandez and Meneley presented certificates and City of Willamina coins to the winners, including Bressler and Wetherall from Ms. Spencer’s class and Pratt from Mr. Overholser’s class, while also visiting Mrs. Dille’s classroom. Although there were no contest winners in Mrs. Dille’s class, the mayor stopped in to thank students for participating and brought cookies for each classroom, ensuring all students were included in the celebration.



Scarlett Bressler (center left) holds her first-place certificate with her mother Katie Brewster (left), teacher Ms. Spencer (center), Willamina Mayor Vickie Hernandez (center right), and City Manager Bridget Meneley (right).



Jack Wetherall (center left) poses with his second-place certificate alongside his mother Star Weatherall (left), teacher Ms. Spencer, Mayor Vickie Hernandez, and City Manager Bridget Meneley.

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Robert Pratt (left center) holds his third-place certificate with City Manager Meneley, Mayor Hernandez, and teacher Mr. Overholser (right).

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Ryan George Hicinbothom born March 15, 1967 in Hillsboro, Oregon, made his journey to Heaven on April 15, 2026. He will always and forever be greatly missed and deeply loved.

Ryan was a good man that adored his Grandchildren and loved his family and friends deeply. Ryan had a passion for Hunting Fishing, Cars, Harleys, BIG BOOMS and the great outdoors. He was always there for others and helped many.

Ryan was preceded in death by his father George Hicinbothom, mother Marilyn Hicinbothom, and brothers Richard and George Hicinbothom.

Ryan is survived by his sons, Ryan Hicinbothom, Bradley Hicinbothom, daughter-in-law Elena Donicht, grandchildren Madi Hicinbothom, Brayden Hicinbothom, Kaidy Purcell and Maliya Purcell, and Aunt's Janet and Barb. Many brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Services will be held, Saturday, May 16th at the Sheridan Baptist Church 643 E. Main Street, Sheridan, OR at 12:30 p.m. Followed by a potluck gathering at his shop in Willamina, OR.

Please join the family in celebrating Ryans life and the many ways he has touched all of our hearts.



Adam Bruce Greenlaw
Feb. 9, 1979 – April 26, 2026

Adam Bruce Greenlaw was born on February 9, 1979, to Loren Greenlaw and Kimberlee (Johnson) Curl. He passed away peacefully at home in Willamina, Oregon, surrounded by his immediate family, on April 26, 2026, following a courageously fought battle with cancer.

Adam spent nearly his entire life in Willamina Oregon. He graduated from Willamina High School in 1997. He and the love of his life, Amie Diane Brown, raised their children, Coty and Corey in Willamina. The two were married in 2015. Adam was an incredibly hard worker his entire life, working various jobs in the timber industry, to provide for his family. He finally retired from Coastal Fibre on April 21, 2026.

He dedicated much of his life to youth sports – especially coaching his son's teams for the Bulldog Mat Club and little guy football. Even after his sons became adults, Adam continued to be a mat-side and sideline standard. When not coaching or watching his nieces and nephews play various sports, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and spending time with his closest family and friends. He was a lifelong Beaver Believer and Bears fan.

He is survived by his wife Amie; his sons and daughters-in-law, Coty and Sydney, and Corey and Mo; his parents Kim and Eugene Curl, his father Loren Greenlaw; his grandmothers, Shirley Johnson and Royaline Cannon; his sister Amy Slivkoff and her children Aiden and Addisyn; his brother/cousin and his wife, Talon and Kerrina Mishler, and their children Talon Jr. (and his daughter Madelyn) and Tyler Mishler; cousins Megan Aldrich, Staci Johnson, Sean, Josh and Shannon Good, and Boyd Curl – and all of their significant others and children; as well as countless other family members, friends, and friends who became family. Please join the family in celebrating Adam's life, on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 11am at the Willamina High School gym, 1100 Oaken Hills Drive, Willamina, Oregon. Please bring your favorite dish and your favorite memories for a potluck reception immediately following the service.

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City Dog Park Soft Opening Set For May 30

The dog park located on Jefferson St. near the high school in Sheridan is nearly ready. The city announced the soft opening for May 30 with more details such as times and any event to come in the near future.

Sheridan Budget Committee Approves Proposed Budget

The Sheridan Budget Committee has approved the proposed budget for the 2026–2027 fiscal year. The budget includes funding for several key projects, including \$550,000 for the repaving of Sheridan Road, which is scheduled to be completed before the end of 2026. It also allocates \$60,000 for a sidewalk replacement matching program. Through this program, the city will cover up to 50% of the cost for homeowners who choose to repair or replace their sidewalks.

Additionally, the budget includes funding to integrate the Stoney Mountain Water Reservoir into the city's water system. Although construction on this 60-million-gallon reservoir was completed in 2009, it was never connected to the system. Once integrated, it will help reduce the city's reliance on water from the Yamhill River.

Other funded projects include completing work on Hebert Memorial Plaza and Morgan Street Park, finishing remaining improvements at South Side Park, and refurbishing the Sheridan Skate Park.

The budget also establishes a new fund for community organizations called Community Partners Contributions, which I hope will continue in future years. This year, \$5,500 will be distributed among the West Valley Rotary, Sheridan Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Churches United of the West Valley, and CERT. In addition, the city will continue offering quarterly community grants, with \$2,500 available every three months.

Art Conspiracy Close Up On Making Old Clothes New Again

The Art Conspiracy's class in Making Old Clothes New Again will be taught by Susan Pinto. Susan is a multimedia artist with 55 years of creative practice that has been inspired by dreams, meditation, and the random pieces life brings. She works in jewelry, painting, and collage. But it is her work as a creator of up cycled fashion that brings her to this class as part of the Art Conspiracy's 2026 Summer Arts Program. Students will go on a creative journey to explore their own creativity; and Susan will help them create new and even dazzling clothing from old. Students and donors alike will provide clothes that might otherwise be discarded. These new creations will be embellished with buttons, sequins, embroidery, old jewelry, and feathers among other intriguing additions. And these fabulous works of art the students will create will appear in a fashion show, mc'd by Tonya Nichols at the final presentation on the evening of June 26th. The public is invited to come and see what all AC students have created during the two week in depth program.

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 also available. To learn more registration materials are now available at local libraries and schools in Amity, Sheridan, and Willamina. They are also available on line at www.artconspiracywestvalley@gmail.org. West Valley students are given priority and registration for them begins on May 4th.

A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

Dear Sheridan Community,

Sheridan School District believes in addressing the needs of the whole child, and strives to remove barriers that can prevent students from learning.

We are very fortunate to have a vibrant Health Services team, District Nurse Rebecca Boris and Health Assistant Airan Ceballos, who work tirelessly to address vision, dental and hearing needs, in addition to the various individualized medical needs of our students.

At the beginning of this year, the Health Services team identified over 40 Sheridan District students who had not passed their vision screening for two years in a row and, due to the lack of vision services in the West Valley, have been unable to receive a comprehensive eye exam.

Based on this information the Health Services team has arranged for Pacific University Eye Vision Van to be onsite June 5 doing comprehensive eye exams for FCS and SHS students. (Appointments must be made in advance.) Exams are FREE for students on OHP/YCCO, however students with other insurance are encouraged to reach out and the Health Services team will help secure an appointment with another provider. SWEEP Optical will also be providing FREE glasses for students with appointments, as part of the clinic.

There are just a few appointment spots left - please reach out as soon as possible if your student needs vision services! We will start a waitlist once all slots are filled, with priority given to younger students who are still learning to read. Email Rebecca Boris to add your student to the list: rebecca.boris@sheridan.k12.or.us Twice a year this team also works with Capital Dental to provide students with sealants and basic dental exams. 48 sealants were placed this spring alone, with 2 students referred for further evaluation, however no students were identified with urgent needs, showing that these ongoing programs are working for our students.

The "Tooth Taxi" is scheduled to visit again this Fall (September 21-24), and will offer full dental exams, fillings, cleanings, procedures.

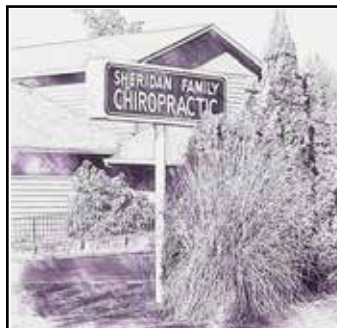
I am grateful for the work of our Health Services team and their commitment to the health of our students.

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Data Shows How Wild West Valley Spring Weather Can Be

Mother Nature can be off her rocker sometimes — and if the past weekend didn't prove it, the history books will.

According to historical records from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the West Valley is no stranger to wild weather swings, especially this time of year.

The swing in temperatures from Saturday to Sunday is just a small example of the kinds of changes that come with spring as the region works its way toward summer.

Historically, April is the most volatile month for weather changes. This year alone, four days in April saw swings of more than 30 degrees, with April 22 producing the largest shift at 37 degrees, from a low of 37 to a high of 74.

Sunday's temperature swing came just one degree shy of that mark, and the 87- to 89-degree high (depending on the source) was just a hair shy of the May 3 record high of 90 degrees, set in 1987.

One of the largest same-day temperature swings on record for May 3 occurred in 1976, when temperatures jumped from 34 to 72 degrees, a difference of 38 degrees — the kind of day where throwing on your thickest coat in the morning just to carry it around the rest of the day seemed like the right idea.

Temperature swings around May 3 can be just as dramatic from one day to the next. The largest increase from May 2 to May 3 occurred in 1987, when temperatures jumped from 56 degrees to 90 degrees, a 34-degree surge. The sharpest drop followed in 1999, when highs fell from 88 degrees to 57 degrees, a 31-degree decline.

With an average May 3 tempera-

ture typically ranging between 61 and 66 degrees, West Valley residents would likely agree that Sunday's clear and sunny skies are more pleasant than the coldest daytime high on record, 45 degrees in 1955.

The coldest May 3 on record dropped to 29 degrees in 1966, a reminder that winter-like conditions can still linger into spring. Rainfall has also varied widely over the years, with the wettest May 3 occurring in 1991, when 1.62 inches of rain fell during a strong storm system.

Despite these swings, no measurable snowfall has ever been recorded in May in the West Valley lowlands. The latest snowfall on record occurred on April 17 and has only been recorded twice — 0.5 inches in 1972 and trace snowfall recorded in 2022. Stepping beyond May 3, Willamina's weather history shows even more dramatic extremes. The hottest temperature on record came during the Pacific Northwest's historic heat wave, when temperatures reached 107 degrees on June 28, 2021.

The coldest temperature recorded was 1 degree on Dec. 22, 1972, during a severe arctic outbreak.

Heavy rainfall events, while most common in winter, can deliver significant totals, with the wettest single day on record occurring on Nov. 19, 1996, when 3.42 inches of rain fell. Snowfall, though typically modest in the valley, has produced notable events, including the largest single-day snowfall on Jan. 13, 1950, when 10 inches blanketed the West Valley. Temperature swings also stand

out in the historical record, with one of the largest 24-hour increases occurring between Feb. 2-3, 1989, when temperatures surged from 38 to 84 degrees, a 46-degree jump. The sharpest drop came between Aug. 7-8, 2001, when highs fell from 96 to 56 degrees, a 40-degree decline. Even within a single day, swings can be substantial, such as April 18, 1976, when temperatures rose from 30 degrees in the morning to 76 degrees by afternoon, a 46-degree spread. May 3 serves as a snapshot of that variability — a day where freezing temperatures, heavy rain, or near-summer heat have all occurred in different years.

For residents of the West Valley, it's a familiar reality: the weather rarely stands still for long, and some days can feel like they pack multiple seasons into just a few hours — as the saying goes around here, if you don't like the weather, just wait a couple of hours.





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May 8, 15, 22
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~LEGO Challenge~
May 15 3-5 p.m.
Bit of healthy competition, come build freely, or participate in the challenges of the month.

~ Teen Time ~
May 12 • Teen Book Club 4:45 pm
May 27 • Teen Movie Day 4pm

~Teen Game Days~
May 7, 21 - 3:30 p.m., May 15 2 p.m.
Board games, card games, video games, RPG's, whatever you want to play, try it at the library! We have a selection of games ourselves if you want to try something new. Starts at 3:30, but feel free to show up whenever we are open.

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100 Years Ago This Month: Historical Events From May 1926

The month of May has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in May 1926.

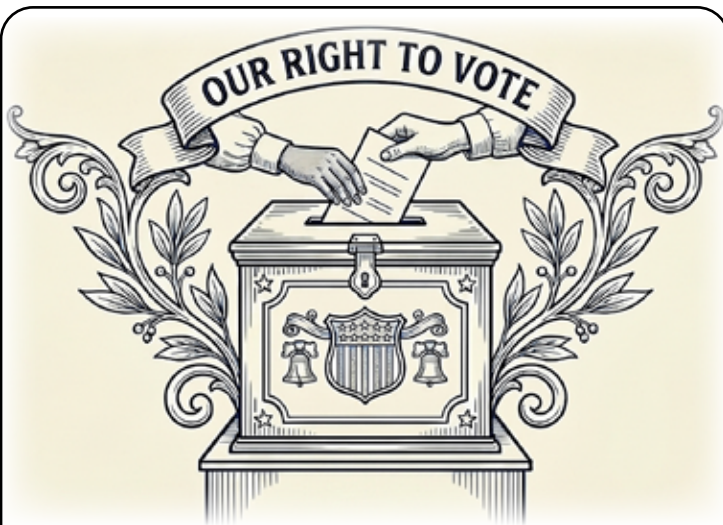
- The Ford Motor Company becomes the first major American company to introduce a 40-hour workweek and the two-day weekend on May 1. The reduction from 48 to 40 hours comes with no reduction in pay.
- A civil war breaks out in Nicaragua on May 2. The conflict begins when exiled members of the Partido Liberal political party land in the country with the intention of overthrowing the government.

- The Norge airship departs Gatchina near Leningrad on May 5. The Norge is bound for Vadsø, where it will be prepared to cross the North Pole.
- The first night landing of an airplane on the deck of a ship is accomplished in Britain on May 5. Royal Air Force pilot G.H. Boyce lands a Blackburn Dart on the deck of the HMS Furious.
- Russian inventor Leon Theremin demonstrates his experimental television system in the Soviet Union on May 7.
- English documentary producer and naturalist Sir David Attenborough is born in London on May 8.

- Explorers Richard E. Byrd and Floyd Bennett take off from Spitsbergen, Norway, in a monoplane on May 9. The men return nearly 16 hours later, claiming to have successfully completed a flight over the North Pole. However, a diary entry of Byrd's discovered in 1996 suggests the plane turned back 150 miles short of the North Pole due to an oil leak.
- On May 10, France becomes the first nation to ratify the 1925 Geneva Protocol. The protocol bans the use of poison gases and biological weapons in war.
- Hans Luther resigns as Chancellor of Germany after losing a vote of no confidence in the Reichstag on May 12.
- The New York Rangers, the Chicago Blackhawks and the Detroit Cougars are admitted to the National Hockey League on May 15.
- The Irish political party Fianna Fáil is founded on May 16. Eamon de Valera is the party's first president.
- Italian-born anarchist Severino Di Giovanni leads a group that bombs the United States Embassy in Argentina on May 16. The bombing is in response to the convictions of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, who were found guilty of murdering a guard and paymaster during an armed robbery of the Morill Shoe Company in Massachusetts in 1920.
- Christian evangelist and na-

tional celebrity Aimee Semple McPherson disappears on May 18. McPherson had last been seen swimming at Venice Beach, California, and initial speculation was that she had drowned. However, McPherson reappears in Mexico five weeks later.

- United States President Calvin Coolidge signs an act authorizing the creation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on May 22.
- One hundred and forty people are killed when the Mount Tokachi volcano in Japan erupts on May 24.
- Ukrainian nationalist leader and former president of Ukraine Symon Petliura is assassinated on a Paris street on May 25. The assassin, Jewish anarchist poet Sholom Schwartzbard, who had lost his family in pogroms of Jews that occurred in the Ukrainian National Republic in 1919, held Petliura responsible for the anti-Semitic violence in Ukraine.
- Miles Dewey Davis III is born in Alton, Illinois, on May 26. Davis would become one of the most influential and acclaimed musicians of the twentieth century.
- The opening ceremonies of the Sesquicentennial Exposition are held in Philadelphia on May 31. The exposition is a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the signing of the United States Declaration of Independence.



Your vote in the upcoming May 19 primary election is more than a civic duty—it is the direct expression of the democratic principles we cherish.

As we prepare for the 250th anniversary of the United States, we honor the legacy of this fundamental right by actively participating in the decisions that impact our community today.

By casting your ballot on crucial local issues - such as the Sheridan Rural Fire Protection District levy, Yamhill County Commissioner races, and important statewide measures like the proposed gas tax increase -you are helping to write the next chapter of our shared story.

The Sheridan Museum of History is committed to preserving the stories of those who have supported this important freedom.

Your voice, your choice, and your vote keep that history alive.

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

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At West Valley Community Campus (WVCC), we know that this project starts with people like you. Every act of kindness, every dollar, and every moment of your time brings us closer to achieving our mission to get the Grandstands repaired for our community. We know how important these Grandstands are for the yearly Willamina 4th of July event and how much fun it is for people to watch the logging show and the fireworks! The Grandstands are crucial for continuing to have future events and sporting activities at WVCC. We need your help! We can't do it alone! Please consider donating to achieve our goal!



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Easy Recipe for Children To Spice Up Brunch This Mother's Day

Children commonly like to give their mothers a break from cooking on Mother's Day. Youngsters may be eager to help out in the kitchen and whip up something that Mom is certain to enjoy. But many recipes can be complicated for younger children or others who might not be so adept with meal creation. However, with a few ingredients that families may already have on hand, it's possible to craft a delicious Mother's Day brunch. This recipe for "Wee Chicken & Waffles with Jezebel-Maple Syrup" from Denise Gee's "Southern Appetizers: 60 Delectables for Gracious Get-Togethers" (Chronicle Books) utilizes commercially available miniature waffles and popcorn chicken bites to create a chicken and waffles dish with a kick. Serve alongside mini muffins, deviled eggs, cheese and crackers, and other brunch dishes that are simple for youngsters and their little fingers to prepare.

Wee Chicken & Waffles with Jezebel-Maple Syrup

Serves 10 to 12, Three or Four Waffles Each

Jezebel-Maple Syrup

- 2 cups maple syrup
- 1/4 cup pineapple preserves
- 1/4 cup apple jelly
- 1 1/2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 40 mini waffles from a 10.9-ounce package, lightly toasted
- 40 pieces cooked fried popcorn

chicken
Finely chopped fresh Italian flat-leaf parsley or green onion for garnish (optional)

Hot sauce for serving

To make the syrup: In a large microwave-safe glass measuring cup with pour spout (one holding at least 3 cups) or a bowl, add the maple syrup, pineapple

preserves, apple jelly, horseradish, pepper, and salt; whisk to combine.

Microwave the mixture on high for 35 seconds. (You also can heat it in a small saucepan on low until the mixture is warm.) Stir and taste, adjusting the flavor if desired. Set the syrup aside.

Place the toasted waffles on a large serving platter. Top each waffle with a piece of chicken. Drizzle the chicken-waffle bites with about 1 teaspoon of the syrup. Garnish with the parsley, if desired, and serve with the remaining syrup and hot sauce.



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Ticks Are To Blame For Lyme Disease Transmission

The arrival of warm weather can be a welcome relief for those who experience a winter's worth of snow, ice and sub-freezing temperatures. While a spring thaw may usher in the return of flowers and more time spent outdoors, warmer seasons also mark the return of pests that can cause illnesses.

Tick territories are expanding
Ticks are prevalent in many

parts of the country and their territories are expanding due to climate change. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says tick territories are rapidly expanding into higher altitudes, and even stretching into Canada. Milder winters and increased wildlife hosts are two reasons. This has led to a surge in Lyme disease in recent years.

What are ticks?

The Illinois Department of Public Health says ticks are commonly thought of as insects, but they actually are arachnids like spiders. With two sets of four legs and sharp mouth parts that cut into the skin, ticks are parasites that feed on blood. Ticks are opportunistic feeders, and will attach to pets, wild animals and people. They do not jump or fly, but rather "quest;" waiting on vegetation to latch onto a passing host.

Ticks survive winter by living underground. As soon as the weather warms to 46 F (8 C), they become active again and start looking for food hosts. Ticks are usually active from March to November, says the National Institute of Health. When a person or animal brushes up against tall grass or shrubs, the tick will grab on. They don't normally bite right away, but seek areas of soft skin. Then the tick uses its mouth parts to cut into the skin and insert a feeding tube, which also serves as an anchor. It then feeds until it is full, often swelling up several sizes in the process. The NIH says sometimes a tick can stay latched on for up to two weeks if it isn't found and removed.

Disease vectors

Ticks are major vectors of disease. Unlike mosquitoes, ticks don't bite and then move on. When they bury their heads into the skin they can pass on illnesses; ticks can transmit bacteria, viruses and parasites into the blood. Several illnesses can be traced back to ticks, including Alpha-Gal syndrome, Anaplasmosis, Colorado Tick Fever, and Ehrlichiosis. However, most people are familiar with the connection between ticks and Lyme disease. The CDC says Lyme disease is almost exclusively transmitted through the bite of an infected black-legged (deer) tick. There



is no credible scientific evidence that Lyme disease spreads between humans via sexual contact, kissing or pregnancy.


Avoid ticks

Wearing long pants outdoors and inspecting the body for ticks can reduce the risk of being bitten by a tick. It's also important to check pets and use repellents, as companion animals can track ticks indoors where they can end up on people, too. Making backyards less hospitable to ticks also can help. Keeping the lawn short, removing brush and leaf litter, and creating a three-foot barrier of wood chips, gravel or mulch between wooded areas and lawns can keep ticks at bay.

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Joint Chamber Meeting Brings West Valley Groups Together

A packed crowd, a hearty breakfast, and a coming together of both the Willamina Coastal Hills Chamber and the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce highlighted Friday's chamber meeting between the two organizations.

The gathering was one of two annual joint meetings designed to bring the organizations together, focusing not only on their individual cities, but on the broader West Valley community as a whole.

Hosted at Coyote Joe's, owners Chris Deprimo and Danielle Volman — both members of the Willamina Chamber — welcomed nearly 40 representatives of local businesses and organizations. Attendees were treated to a breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, home fries, sausage, fresh fruit, and plenty of coffee.

The shared meal that each chamber provides at its meetings serves as both a draw for member recruitment and a longstanding tradition, offering time for networking and conversation before the meeting begins.

The Sheridan Chamber brought along one of its traditions, "Marianne's World Famous Trivia," — dubbed as such by its own members — with this meeting's questions centered on 1980s pop culture in anticipation of the chamber's upcoming 1980s-themed gala later this month.

Following trivia, the meeting moved into community announcements and rapid-fire business introductions, with each attendee given roughly one minute to speak due to the number of organizations represented.

One of the morning's notable announcements came from host Coyote Joe's, which shared that the television program America's Best Restaurants will visit the establishment on June 30 to film a feature.

Deprimo encouraged a strong community turnout for the event. "If you guys ain't doing anything, come on down and represent Coyote Joe's and Willamina, because we're doing a little feature of our little town, not just a restaurant," he said.

The final 15 minutes of the meeting were reserved for the Willamina Coastal Hills Chamber of Commerce to address attendees. Chamber member Ginny Wymore opened the segment by introducing new brochures highlighting local attractions in Willamina and surrounding areas, including the Grand Ronde Powwow, off-road vehicle trails, and area parks.

Speakers emphasized the importance of mutual support among local organizations, encouraging those who host or promote fundraisers to attend and support events organized by others. The chamber also highlighted several upcoming and ongoing

efforts, including its role in helping organize the annual Fourth of July celebration and the organization of its popular citywide yard sale, now entering its 11th year and scheduled for July 24-25.

Members also reported on the chamber's recent bark dust sale, which sold out by 10 a.m. on the second day. Organizers extended thanks to Walsh Trucking, Hampton Lumber, and the volunteers who assisted with deliveries and operations.

In emphasizing the collaborative nature of the region, chamber member John Glenski spoke to the strength of small communities working together.

"I think the thing that we all have in favor here is that we are small towns, but we are in a big community," Glenski said. "Look at all these people here that are willing to support us."

He also pointed to the role of local organizations such as the chambers, Kiwanis, and Rotary in sustaining that sense of connection.

As the meeting concluded, Willamina Chamber President Gary Brooks reminded attendees of an ongoing fundraiser at Coyote Joe's, where dollar bills pinned to the ceiling support the Willamina Fourth of July celebration, encouraging those present to contribute.



Gary Brooks (center) speaks with attendees during the Willamina and Sheridan chambers' joint meeting Friday at Coyote Joe's.

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Control Issues Continue to Bite Bulldogs

The Willamina Bulldogs endured another difficult time on the diamond last week, with a series of losses to Amity, Scio, Dayton, and Colton marked by a familiar pattern—early deficits driven by free baserunners and defensive miscues.

While the Bulldogs were nearly even with their opponents in hits across the five games, the difference came on the defensive side of the ball.

Willamina recorded 23 hits during the week, compared to 25 by its opponents. However, the Bulldogs issued 46 walks and hit 18 batters, while opposing pitchers combined for just

nine walks and two hit batters. Defensively, Willamina committed 28 errors compared to six by its opponents and allowed more than 30 pitches that squirmed their way past the catcher in situations that frequently advanced runners or brought in runs.

Those numbers translated into repeated big innings for opposing teams, with Willamina often facing large deficits early in games.

The trend continued Monday against the Colton Vikings, who entered the matchup ranked 42nd out of 46 teams in the 2A state standings. Despite what looked like an opportunity for Willamina to get their first win of the season, turned out to be the largest loss of the year, the Bulldogs getting battered at home 34-1.

Willamina, now 0-18 on the season, remains in last place in the OSAA 3A standings, with the only other winless team being the 0-17 Coquille Red Devils of the 3A-5 Far West League.



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Barton, Manley Power Bulldog Wins

The Lady Dawgs put together a dominant week at the plate, with junior Lainee Barton and freshman Keylee Manley leading the Willamina offense. The Bulldogs defeated Taft 16-4 at home before traveling to Blanchet Catholic and blanking the Cavaliers 14-0 to reach the .500 mark for the first time this season.

Barton swung the big bat of the week, going 4-for-6 with 10 RBIs and three walks.

Against Taft, she erupted for two home runs — including a grand slam in the second inning that gave Willamina a 6-1 lead — and added a triple to cap an eight-RBI performance. She added another triple against Blan-

chet Catholic, giving her four extra-base hits in six at-bats for the week.

Manley also turned in an outstanding week from the No. 3 spot in the lineup, going 3-for-7 with 8 RBIs. She delivered her biggest performance against Blanchet Catholic, recording two triples and driving in six runs to help break the game open.

Between them, Barton and Manley accounted for 18 of Willamina's 30 RBIs, producing 60 percent of the team's run production for the week. Barton alone drove in one-third of the team's runs.

Willamina's offense produced up and down the lineup in both games, totaling 16 runs on 16 hits in the Taft win. Bridgette Manley and Elizabeth Neese each added three RBIs to support Barton's big day.

The Bulldogs followed with another strong performance against Blanchet Catholic, scoring 14 runs on 12 hits. Keylee Manley's six RBIs led the way, while Barton added two more and continued finding holes in the defense for extra bases.

In the circle, Bridgette Manley handled the bulk of the work against Taft, striking out seven while working through multiple scoring threats to hold the Tigers to four runs, before Madison Blacketer came on in relief to record the final three outs. Against Blanchet Catholic, Manley and Keylee Manley combined to set the tone early with five strikeouts through the first three innings before Blacketer closed it out with a five-inning no-hitter, striking out the side in the final frame as the Bulldogs capped the week with a complete effort on both sides of the ball.



Lainee Barton connects for her second home run of the game in Willamina's win against Taft.



Keylee Manley fields the throw and tags a Taft runner at third base.

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West Valley Track Teams Stay Busy Ahead of District Meets

Local track teams had a busy week, with Sheridan, Willamina, and Delphian athletes spread across multiple meets on Thursday before regrouping at the Amity Invitational on Saturday, May 2.

Sheridan competed in a 2A SD2 meet at Corban, where the boys finished in the middle of the pack with 63 points as a team. Crosshill Christian, the host, swept both divisions, scoring 101 points on the boys' side and 128 on the girls'.

Chase Eichler and Zachery Dauvin led the Spartans. Eichler sprinted to first-place finishes in both the 100 meters (11.68) and 200 (24.66), while Dauvin dominated the distance races with wins in the 1500 (4:28.67) and 3000 (9:53.19).

On the girls' side, Sheridan placed fifth as a team.

Willamina also competed on Thursday at the 3A SD2 meet at Taft, where the Bulldogs placed third in both the boys and girls team standings. Host Taft captured first place in both divisions.

The boys' 100 meters featured a strong showing from Willamina, with Matthew Atherton winning in 11.5 seconds, while team-

mates Devon Wright and Wyatt Hubbell finished in a tie for third at 11.7.

Willamina's field events were highlighted by a 1-2 finish in the javelin, as Davin Spencer and Shane Mathers posted throws of 135-07 and 128-04.

Delphian traveled to Lebanon for its 2A SD2 meet at East Linn, where the Dragons delivered one of the most complete performances of the week.

Liv Curry turned in one of the top all-around efforts, winning the 300-meter hurdles, high jump, and long jump while adding a runner-up finish in the 100-meter hurdles.

Oli Beaugard, Delphian's sprint standout, won both the 100 and 200 and added a second-place finish in the long jump. He did not compete in the hurdles, where he currently holds the fastest times in the state in the 2A division.

Delphian's boys captured the team title with 120.5 points, while East Linn Christian finished second with 78. The Delphian girls placed second, finishing behind East Linn Christian.

The three programs came back together Saturday at the Amity Invitational on May 2,

where Delphian again turned in a strong showing, with both teams finishing third in the 16-team field. Beaugard won the 100, Avery Ott claimed the 400, and Curry added a victory in the 100-meter hurdles.

Willamina found success in the field and relays, with Billy DeLoe III placing second in the hammer and Atherton taking third in the long jump. Katrina Huff contributed on the girls' side, placing second in the 200 and third in the 100.

Sheridan's top finisher at Amity was Eichler, who placed third in the 100 meters.

The regular season will wrap up on Wednesday, May 21, and

Thursday, May 22, with Sheridan and Delphian competing in the 2A District Championships at Regis High School and Willamina competing in the 3A Conference Championships at Blanchet Catholic.

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City Hall Pollinator Plant Project Takes Root in Sheridan

A Sheridan City Hall landscaping project quickly made its way from council approval to holes in the dirt, as on Thursday, city staff, volunteers, and project leaders gathered to plant more than 100 plants to help beautify the grounds of the city's governmental offices.

The planting follows Sheridan City Council approval on March 25 of a landscaping plan presented by David Stearns of Treedemption Gardens. The project, estimated at \$4,760 and including one year of maintenance, was approved with the condition that total costs remain under \$5,000.

In the weeks leading up to putting plants in the ground, city officials and members of the Sheridan Parks and Recreation Committee discussed the project scope on April 22, emphasizing the need to move quickly to meet spring planting conditions.

"He was planning on planting in April," Dorothea Lee, a committee member and longtime professional gardener, said during the meeting, noting that waiting too long could push the planting to fall. "You can't plant anymore in this climate in June. It's too

late, it's too hot."

Despite not having a finalized planting plan in hand at that time, city leadership decided to move forward to meet the planting window, with city staff and volunteers already prepared to assist with installation. That effort materialized last Thursday, as a wide variety of plants were installed in front of City Hall under the direction of Stearns, many selected for both their visual appeal and their value to pollinators.

According to Stearns, the plantings include purple blazing star, lupine, ajuga, hollyhocks, sage, thyme, red hot pokers, asters, echinacea, black-eyed Susans, English and French lavender, milkweed, kinnikinnick, and yarrow.

"We're moving some purple blazing stars," Stearns said, pointing at the plants during the event. "They're really beautiful, stacking purple flowers. We're going to put them right next to the sign to kind of accentuate it. Willamina actually has them next to their City Hall sign, too, so I felt that was kind of symbolic."

In addition to the ground plantings, a Venus dogwood tree was

installed as a focal point of the project. The idea of a dogwood was raised by Parks and Recreation Committee member Lecia Myers, with Lee recommending the Venus dogwood for its suitability to Oregon's climate, resistance to disease, and white blooms, which typically appear in late spring and early summer, around the time of Hometown Days. The tree was also selected for its manageable size, generally topping out at about 25 feet, helping avoid conflicts with nearby buildings and infrastructure.

Committee members highlighted the broader purpose of the project beyond improving City Hall's curb appeal, emphasizing its role in supporting pollinators and environmental awareness. Reading from a datasheet on the tree, Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Kay Buckles

said, "I'm in," noting that the species attracts bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, while also producing fruit that supports birds and small mammals. "This isn't just beautification... this is a continuous concern for the environment," City Manager Preston Polasek said during the meeting, referencing the city's broader efforts to support pollinator health.

Ideas discussed during the meeting included adding educational elements such as signage or brochures to help visitors and students learn more about the plants and their role in supporting pollinators.

With the planting now complete, future plans for the area include relocating the memorial tree plaque, installing uplighting, and organizing a dedication event that should take place around Hometown Days.



David "Natty Dave" Stearns (right) and Sheridan Councilor Ian Houston (left) discuss plant placement during the pollinator-focused City Hall landscaping project on Thursday.

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Local Disaster Committee Invites Participation

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Dear Community Members, I hope this message finds you well.

I wanted to reach out and share a little more about the Community Disaster Response Committee (CDRC) and invite you to be a part of this important effort. What is CDRC?

The CDRC is community-based group focused on strengthening our preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities during emergencies and disasters. This includes everything from wild-fires and severe weather to power outages and other unexpected events that may impact our community.

Who can participate?

CDRC is open to everyone. We welcome individuals of all ability levels, skill sets, and ages from the community of Grand Ronde, Willamina, and Sheridan, as well as local businesses and their employees, and staff from CTGR and the Spirit Mountain Casino. This is not limited to Tribal members – we are building a whole-community approach and encourage participation from anyone who lives, works, or serves in our area.

Why Participate?

CDRC is designed to be flexible and inclusive – whether you have a lot of time to give or just a little, your involvement matters. Even limited participation helps build a stronger, more connected, and more resilient community. By working together, we can:

- Support one another during emergencies
- Identify and build on community strengths and resources
- Improve communication and coordination across our community
- Increase overall preparedness and confidence in responding to disasters

Highlights from our last meeting:

At our most recent meeting, we had a great discussion and began organizing our efforts into focused project areas. Key topics included:

- Establishing zone-based teams (Zones 1-13) to map out local resources, needs and gaps
- Identifying ways to improve emergency communications, including backup methods like

HAM radio

- Discussing access to clean water, food sources, and medical resources within each zone
 - Exploring transportation, fuel access, and heavy equipment availability during emergencies
 - Strengthening connections between zones for mutual support and coordination
- We also introduced several project teams that members can join based on interest:

- Training Project – Identifying and coordinating needed trainings (CERT, first aid, communications, etc.)
- Donations Project – Planning how to collect, manage, and distribute donated supplies
- Fundraising Project – Exploring funding opportunities to support preparedness efforts
- Communications Project – Building our HAM radio participation and emergency communication networks

Meeting Schedule:

- The last Wednesday of every month 6pm at the Willamina Fire Station
- The last Thursday of every month 12pm at the Grand Ronde Station
- Unless there are holiday, events or other conflict then we will move meetings either a week prior or the week after the last week of every month (we will give notice of these changes as they occur)

• We are working on a once-a-month weekend meeting/training for this group as an option as well. This may vary depending on conflicts and prior obligations.

• Next meeting dates are Wednesday April 22 at 6 PM at the Willamina Fire station and Thursday April 23 12 PM at the Grand Ronde Fire Station

Get Involved

There is a place for everyone in



this work. Whether you join a project team, attend meetings when you can, or simply stay informed, your participation makes a difference.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please feel free to reach out. We would love to have you involved. Thank you for your time and for helping build a safer, more resilient community.

Warm Regards,
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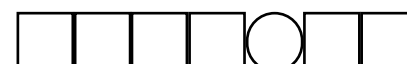
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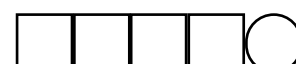
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Grilled Kebabs Made A Flavorful Addition To Any Backyard Barbecue

Grilling enthusiasts are always new to cook over an open flame. on the lookout for something While traditional staples like



steaks, hamburgers and hot dogs will never lose their favor among lovers of grilled food, expanding one's grilling repertoire can open doors to new flavors and ensure meal time is always something to look forward to.

Fans of foods cooked over an open flame who want to try something new and flavorful can try this recipe for "Grilled Pork and Mango Kebabs With Chili Sauce" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Grilled Pork and Mango Kebabs With Chili Sauce

Makes 4 Servings

For the chili sauce:

1/2 cups rice wine vinegar

1 tablespoon sesame oil

1 tablespoon fish sauce

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon caster sugar

2 red chilies, sliced

For the kebabs:

2 tablespoons whole grain mustard

1 cup pineapple juice

1 lime, juiced

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black peppercorns

1 1/4 pound pork tenderloin, trimmed of silver skin and cut into chunks

1 large ripe mango

Olive oil, for brushing

1 handful small mint leaves

1. For the chili sauce: Whisk together all the ingredients for the chili sauce in a small saucepan. Warm over a low heat, stirring until the sugar and salt have dissolved. Set aside until needed.

2. For the kebabs: Preheat a grill to a moderately hot temperature.

3. Stir together the mustard, pineapple juice, lime juice, salt, and pepper in a large mixing bowl. Add the pork, stir well to coat, and set aside until the grill is preheated.

4. In the meantime, halve and pit the mango. Cut away the skin before cutting the flesh into cubes.

5. Thread the pork onto the skewers, alternating with the mango flesh. Brush the grates of the grill with some olive oil.

6. Lay the kebabs onto the grill and leave to cook, turning occasionally, until the pork and mango are lightly charred all over, about 8 to 10 minutes.

7. Remove from the grill to a plate and let rest for 5 minutes, covered loosely with aluminum foil.

8. Scatter with mint leaves and serve with the chili sauce on the side.

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Twenty five local artists at 17 studios in the Amity area welcome all to experience the work of Amity community artists. This free event was founded by local Amity artists with a vision to bring the community together by sharing their creativity. Art lovers can meet the artists in their studios where they create, ask them questions and see how they work. Several artists will conduct demonstrations for the public about how they create their art. Tour maps are available on our website to print at www.amityartcollectivetour.com, or available at studios. The website allows you to click on the artists address to go to Google maps. Examples of the Artists' work are on the website.

These local artists offer a variety of paintings both in medium and style: pottery and ceramics, jewelry and metal work, wood cut, pastels, photography, mixed media, woodworking and blacksmithing, handmade books, and mixed media. There is a wide range of art and creative artists right here in the Amity area!

The artists, guest artists, and three student artists showing their work this year include: Marilyn Affolter, Dan Bower, Bobbi De Vorss, Deb Conrad, Anna Flores, Kim Hamblin, Heather Harris, BJB Hickerson, Edie Jessup, Deborah Johnson, Joanne Licardo, Dean McMullen, Clayton Moore Jr., Mindy Northrop, Shannon Ray, Jim Richards, Mike Santone, Joshua Simonson, JoAnn Sims, Penny Tucker, Toni Tyree, Gregory Valentine, Cassie Van Domelen, Larry Wheeler, Daniel Willis.

This year Amity art students will be showing their work at Amity Middle School (with appreciation to Darcy Hatch): Sadie Blake, Andrea Dennis, Kadence Taylor and more.

This is an opportunity to tour and purchase original artwork directly from the artists. The tour is free to attend, self-guided, and hosted from 11-5:00 on May 15, 16, and 17

For further information contact: bonnie@amityartcollectivetour.com, and www.amityartcollectivetour.com for artist information and maps.



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Gardening and strong mental health seemingly go hand-in-hand. A study published in 2018 in the journal *Clinical Medicine* found that exposure to plants and green space, and particularly to gardening, is beneficial to both physical and mental health. Penn State Extension says working with the soil and plants can help relax the mind and have a grounding effect on the gardener, as gardening can help to reduce stress, anxiety and even built-up anger. Gardening also helps a person connect to the current moment and not be caught up in their mind. Nearly all forms of exercise, gardening included, can lighten mood and lower levels of stress and anxiety. Also, routines, such as spending a certain portion of the day weeding or tending to gardening needs, creates a soothing rhythm to ease stress.

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Horoscopes May 6-12

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your energy is at an all-time high. If you've been sitting on a wild idea, Tuesday is the day to pitch it to someone. Your charisma is your superpower right now.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Expect a spotlight moment, Taurus. Whether it is a compliment from a stranger or a win at work, the universe will validate your hard work this week. Keep your chin up.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Adventure is calling you this week, Gemini. Even if it is a new coffee shop or a different route home, no voyage is too small. A spontaneous conversation midweek could lead to an opportunity.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Treat yourself, Cancer. The stars suggest that a little luxury could go a long way for your mental health right now. A small investment in your comfort will pay off in productivity.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

The mental or physical clutter in your life is finally clearing out, Leo. You will find a lost item or a solution to a nagging problem by the end of the week. The relief will feel good.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, your discipline is producing tangible results. Take a moment to look back at where you were three months ago. You have climbed higher than you realize. Celebrate the progress.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Your social calendar is buzzing right now, Libra. You are the main character in your friend group this week, and your ability to connect people will spark a brilliant new collaboration.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

A lingering tension with a loved one melts away this weekend, Scorpio. It will be replaced by laughter and mutual understanding. It's a great time for a reset.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your brain is a lightning bolt of innovation right now. Write down every thought you have, even if they seem weird. One of them will be a game changer.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, your intuition will be 100 percent accurate this week. Trust your gut on a new opportunity; it's leading you toward something that feels like home. Comfort is coming your way.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, this week you are shedding an old skin and it feels amazing. A boost in your confidence makes you feel untouchable in the best way possible. Own your power this week.

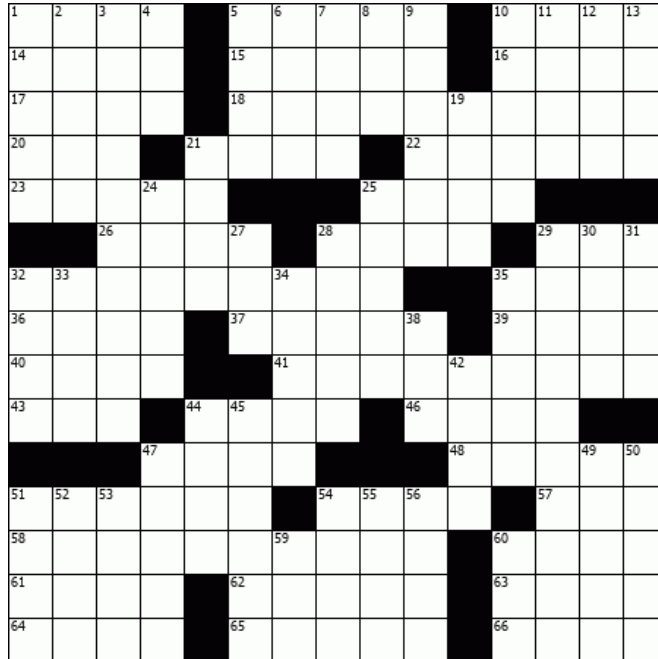
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, creativity is overflowing. Whether you are painting, cooking or solving problems, your flow state is easy to find. Expect a sweet message from someone you are missing.

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Across

1. Bastes
5. Setting
10. Buck
14. Mouse catcher
15. Baseball great Hank ____
16. Knitting stitch
17. Exclusively
18. Capital of Rhode Island
20. Frying liquid
21. Recipe units (abbr.)
22. Lubricate
23. Basil sauce
25. Among
26. Singer ____ Turner
28. Thunder sound
29. Noah's craft
32. Everlasting
35. Glance over
36. Chills
37. Kitchen garb
39. Common skin problem
40. Those folks
41. Orbiting object
43. Little one
44. Sugar source
46. Frog's kin
47. Price
48. Highly skilled
51. Biblical mountain
54. Univ. employee
57. Gun rights group (abbr.)
58. Temperance
60. Quit
61. December 24 and 31
62. Edgy
63. Window section
64. Cozy abode
65. Margins
66. Pub orders



Down

1. Small porch
2. Bert's buddy
3. NYC financial district (2 wds.)
4. Double agent
5. Undermines
6. Food fish
7. Love god
8. Election mo.
9. Mystery
10. Swiftiness
11. Salad fish
12. Circle parts
13. Joy
19. Plumbing problem
21. Hue
24. Intoxicated
25. Mete out
27. ____ loss for words (2 wds.)
28. Diamond weight
29. Happening by chance
30. Rave
31. Leg joint
32. Actor Brad ____
33. Repeat
34. Unexpected victory
35. Lettuce dish
38. Court divider
42. Bread unit
44. Wild pig
45. Real ____
47. Wave top
49. Inclined
50. Cassettes
51. So be it!
52. Ramble
53. Summer coolers
54. Metallic sound
55. Fragrant flower
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59. Danson or Koppel
60. Health club

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Comic Book Day Draws Readers and Inspiring Young Artists to Library

The Willamina Public Library welcomed comic book lovers of all ages on Saturday, May 2, for its annual Free Comic Book Day, organized by Willamina Library Board Chair and comic book artist Tyler Crook.

The event brought together comic artists, hands-on activities, and free comic books for the community, giving attendees the opportunity to explore both the reading and creation of comics.

Among the artists present

was Maria Capelle Frantz, of Portland, who got her start in comics at age 14 and now creates fantasy comics for middle-grade readers. Frantz shared examples of both completed and in-progress work, including a long-term project she has been developing for several years.

For Frantz, comic creation is a methodical process that begins with collecting ideas, then narrowing them down to the one that resonates most.

“If I’m thinking about it for longer, it usually means that that’s a story I’m the most excited about and that I need to make,” she said.

From there, she develops the full story before moving on to thumbnail sketches, penciling, inking, and coloring — a workflow that can take years to complete for a single book.

For many young attendees, the chance to interact directly with artists like Frantz provided both inspiration and a better understanding of how comics are made.

While Free Comic Book Day serves as an introduction, it also acts as a stepping stone for the library’s upcoming “Comic Creators Series,” led by comic artist Garrett Ley. The six-part workshop program will run from 12 to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, May 16 and May 30, June 13 and June 27, and July 11 and July 25.

Ley’s workshops will focus on story structure and the foundations of comic strip writing, helping participants develop their own projects over multiple sessions.

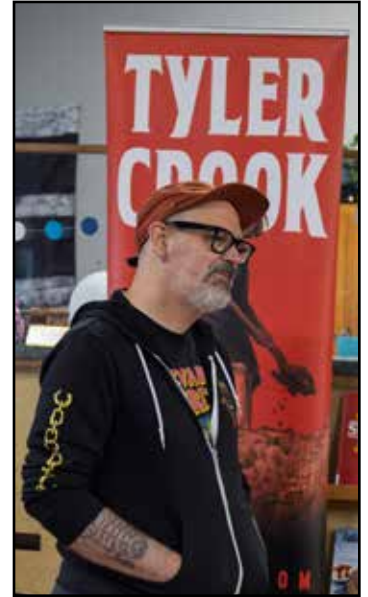
The series is open to youth ages 8–19, and space is limited, with registration required

through the library.

With a mix of artist interaction and continued programming, the library’s comic-focused events are providing West Valley youth with new opportunities to explore both reading and creating comics.



Comic artist Maria Capelle Frantz, of Portland, showcases her work during Free Comic Book Day at the Willamina Public Library.



Comic artist and Willamina Library Board Chairman Tyler Crook talks with community members during Free Comic Book Day in Willamina.

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FIRE DESTROYED CAPITOL BOY SCOUTS LOOKING TO BUILDING LAST THURSDAY SUMMER CAMPS

Just after getting The Times in the mail last Thursday evening, we learned that the state capitol building in Salem was in flames. The fire started in the basement from some unknown cause and soon swept through the structure, entailing a loss of well over \$2,000,000 to the state, besides the destruction of early-day relics, the value of which cannot be estimated.

For a time it was thought that

many state records had been destroyed, but when the ruins were sufficiently cooled to permit the opening of the vaults it was found that most documents were unharmed.

The state board of control held a meeting yesterday and discussed the feasibility of salvaging the north wing and repairing it for temporary occupancy. This would require more than \$3000, and the economical advantages are questionable.

SERA officials estimate that it will take about four months to raze the old building and the cost will be approximately \$46,300, of which the state would pay \$15,450, \$8760 of which would go into the workmen's compensation fund; the bulk of the cost would be paid by the SERA. The board authorized the construction of an 8-foot fence around the building and the destruction of all trees and shrubs within 100 feet of the charred walls. Governor Martin estimated that it will be a year before actual construction on a new building gets under way. In the meantime we may look forward to much propaganda for the relocation of the site. Already a movement is on foot to have the state capitol moved to Portland.



NEW MANAGER OF ELECTRIC CO.

Arthur L. Strickland, new manager and vice-president of the Yamhill Electric Co., was in Willamina last Friday, looking over the plant here and getting acquainted with this section of his field. For the past eight years Mr. Strickland has held a similar position with the Molalla Electric Co., being located at Aurora. The appointment of a new manager was necessitated by the death April 17th, of R. J. Moore, who had held the position for the past twenty years, and was president of the company. Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland General Electric company, is the new president of the Newberg company.

MILK WAS FARMERS' BEST MONEY CROP

Sale of raw milk brought more cash to Oregon farmers during the last decade than did sale of wheat, according to statistics for cash income from Oregon farm production during the year 1933, compiled by John S. Dennee, Agricultural Statistician, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Portland.

During those ten years, the cash income accruing to Oregon farmers from the sale of raw milk to condensaries, creameries, cheese factories, distributors and other agencies brought to the farmers a cash income estimated at an average of \$18,355,000 a year.

During the same ten years, wheat brought \$15,949,500 cash per year to Oregon farmers. For the first decade in over a half century, the cash income from wheat now takes second position to that from any other one raw crop. The night-and-morning milkings yield a larger cash return than the annual harvest from the great wheat operations with their vast ranches and tractor equipment. Wheat has suffered more than any one crop in the diminution of cash return during the decade. Next to wheat, it is hogs that have diminished most in yield of cash income; apples have suffered nearly as severely.

Hops have been the one crop that shows an advance. The cash income was maintained at a fairly high sum during the dry years, and leaped to record-breaking proportions in the year following repeal. The hop crop is the only crop which shows up in 1933 with the highest cash income for the decade.

Boy Scouts of Portland Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, are turning their eyes toward summer camping. The Scouts in our community are a part of this large fifteen-county Boy Scout council. Five different camps will be operated for the scouts of this territory.

First and foremost will be Camp Merriwether, an eight week summer camp, located on the coast in Tillamook county. It enters its tenth season this summer, with plans well laid for a large attendance, and a most vigorous Boy Scout program.

The camp is one of the finest Boy Scout camps in America, having an area of 488 acres of forested coast land with one and one-half miles of ocean frontage and a beautiful eight-acre fresh water lake.

The camp will be under the personal direction of G. H. Ober-touffer, the Scout Executive and Camp Director, with a staff of 25 camp leaders to manage affairs for the group of 200 scouts who will be in attendance each of the four two-week periods commencing on June 19.

In addition four small one-week camps will be held in different parts of the council for those who cannot attend Meriwether. These camps will be a more simple type of camp, with the

scouts doing their own cooking under trained leadership. At all the camps there will be swimming, hiking, campfires, scout advancement, pioneering, and other Boy Scout activities.

For Scouts in Yamhill and Washington counties this camp will be at a location in the Tualatin valley.



MAY DAY PROGRAM AT CHURCH WAS ENJOYED

A large crowd gathered at the M. E. church on Wednesday evening to participate in the May Day Program of which Mrs. Parker was chairman.

The program opened with a song by the audience. Little Shirley Harpole had been chosen as the queen and after reciting a little piece, Bobby Shetterly in the role of prime minister crowned the little queen and they occupied the throne chairs all evening with the dignity of their elders.

All the numbers on the program were well rendered and each one deserves praise for their work, but our space is limited and we are unable to give the program in detail.

After the program all retired to the dining room where ice cream, cake, pie, coffee and punch were sold. Each five cent purchase entitled the purchaser to a vote for the most popular lady in Willamina. This caused much merriment and among the younger generation much scheming, especially among the boys. When the counts were tallied there was great excitement, and the count finally gave Miss Elizabeth Graham the honor of being the most Popular lady in Willamina with 204 votes to her credit. She was presented with a delicious cake.

This entertainment, besides giving entertainment to all who attended, netted the Ladies' Aid a little better than fifteen dollars. The Sunfreeze Company and the Sheridan Creamery donated the ice cream and the Red and White store donated the coffee.

THEATRE OPENED WITH FREE SHOW SATURDAY

Although W. E. Robbins had trouble in getting the equipment installed and had to cancel the afternoon performance, Saturday, they had everything in working order by evening, and showed to packed houses. "The Silver Streak" was the feature film and shorts were shown in addition.

By Sunday evening he had all the rough spots smoothed out and everything working fine, and when we say fine we mean that the projection and sound were without fault.

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