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HTD Map and Event Schedule Inside

Hometown Days June 19 & 20 2026

*Preserving the past,
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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
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with any questions.

2026 Hometown Days Parking Plan Announced

Sheridan Hometown Days is finally here, bringing helicopter rides, a bustling vendor market, live music, and that classic community spirit to our downtown streets. While the excitement is high, nothing dampens the festive mood quite like circling for a parking spot.

Before you load up the car, here is everything you need to know about navigating downtown parking for the big event.

If you are one of our fantastic local registered vendors setting up a booth for the celebration, you have a free, exclusive, stress-free parking option at the Virginia Garcia Health Center lot.

This lot is reserved exclusively for registered vendors. Please ensure your vendor confirmation is clearly displayed on your dashboard.

Paid parking will be available from 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. at Sheridan High School.

Festival-only public parking will be available in a designated area at Morgan Street Park. This zone is reserved exclusively for Hometown Days public parking. It is an excellent alternative if the high school lot fills up early, providing families with a safe place to park and walk into the downtown corridor.

Duck King Coronation Leads Off Duckie Races

The Rotary Club of the West Valley's annual Duckie Race will return Friday, June 19, at First Federal to help kick off the Sheridan Hometown Days celebration, offering an afternoon of family activities, food, prizes, and a chance to win cash.

The event begins at noon with the Duck King coronation, where Dehvin Druery will be crowned for his winning duck name, "Flappy Gilmore."

Nora earned second place in the naming contest with "Quaxly."

Coloring contest winners JJ Spicer and Lily Olivares will each receive a free ride punch card.

Free children's races, with prizes awarded to winners, are scheduled for 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 p.m. Throughout the afternoon, attendees can enjoy food, candy, and soda from the Rotary food cart, along with music and other activities. Any child who submitted a coloring sheet may stop by the Rotary cart to pick up a free duck to keep.

The featured Big Cash Race is scheduled for 5 p.m. Duck race tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20, with the holder of the first-place duck ticket receiving 50 percent of the proceeds. Tickets will be sold until 15 minutes before the cash race.

Sheridan Chamber of Commerce

Continental Breakfast

8-9:15 am

Friday, June 19

West Valley Mercantile
342 S. Bridge St., Sheridan



Join us this Friday to discuss your business and learn about others in our area. This meeting is the perfect way to spread the word about what you have to offer.

All Chamber members and potential Chamber members are invited to join this fun group of business owners, managers, and citizens who want to strengthen our business community by building stronger relationships.

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Public Notices

Would you like to serve your Community? Please consider applying for a VACANCY on our PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Sheridan City Council invites applications from people with a keen interest in improving park and recreational opportunities. This volunteer and voting-member position is part of a committee that discusses issues and makes recommendations to the City Council on park improvements and related policies. If you have questions, please contact the City Manager or Deputy City Recorder prior to submitting a Parks & Recreation Committee application by calling 503-843-2347. Applications are due no later than July 13, 2026, 3:00 pm. A first review of applications will occur on July 16, 2026, at the Parks and Recreation meeting. Applications may be returned by email to orodela@cityofsheridanor.com, faxed to 503-843-3661, or delivered to City Hall in person.

For Sale

"Riddle in the Middle" - What is Dutch rodent spread? Answer in the window at Main Street Books revisited, 142 E. Main St., Sheridan.

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Free Stove - Glass flat top Frigid-aire. Works well, but could use a little cleaning. Call/Text 503-883-1188. (f6/17)

The mayor's seat and three Sheridan City Council positions will be up for election in the November 3, 2026, General Election.

The newly elected officials will be sworn in at the first council meeting held in January of 2027.

The mayor is elected for a four-year term, and the City Councilors are elected as at-large positions for a four-year term.

Mayor Cale George's seat will be on the ballot, along with council seats currently held by Ian Houston, Juliann Allen, and Lucy Hebert.

According to Sheridan's City Charter, to be considered for Mayor or City Council positions, candidates must have resided within Sheridan's city limits for at least one year preceding the election and must be qualified voters in the state of Oregon.

Application packets will be available at City Hall or the City of Sheridan website <https://www.cityofsheridanor.com/General Election Process & Candidate Information>

Applicant forms must be submitted to City Recorder Omega Rodela at City Hall. The first day to file for candidacy is June 3, 2026. The County filing deadline for incumbents is August 18, 2026.

Volunteers Needed

Northwest Senior and Disability Services is seeking volunteer help at our Sheridan location to deliver meals to home bound seniors and help in our kitchen. We deliver meals three days a week and would like additional help at least one day a week. Our volunteers are eligible for a hot meal on the days they work and mileage is reimbursed. Please feel free to call (503) 843-2000 and learn more.

For Rent

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

The mayor's seat and three Willamina City Council positions will be up for election in the November 3, 2026 General Election.

The newly elected officials will be sworn in at the first council meeting held in January of 2027. The Mayor is elected for a two-year term and the City Councilors are elected as at-large positions for a four-year term.

Mayor Vickie Hernandez's seat will be on the ballot, along with council seats currently held by Jennifer Pederson, Karl Klym, and Michael Alger.

According to Willamina's City Charter, to be considered for Mayor or City Council positions, candidates must have resided within Willamina's city limits for at least one year preceding the election and must be qualified voters in the state of Oregon.

Application packets will be available at City Hall or the City of Willamina website <https://www.willaminaoregon.gov/elections/>. Applicant forms must be submitted to Deputy City Recorder Krystal Stevens at City Hall. The first day to file for candidacy is June 3, 2026. The recommended deadline for submitting candidate signature sheets to the Deputy City Recorder is August 11, 2026. The County filing deadline for incumbent candidates is August 18, 2026. The deadline for non-incumbents is August 25, 2026.

Garage Sales

Garage Sale- June 19, 20, 21. Outdoor furniture, wishing wells, 50 plants \$5 and up, cedar benches, cedar rocking bench, cedar picnic tables and bench, yard ornaments such as tin men, giraffe and elephant. 215 S.W. Harrison, Sheridan

Garage Sale - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday and Saturday, June 19-20. 603 NE Bockes Lp, Sheridan (one block north of Sheridan City Park.

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Obituaries



Jody LeAnn (Marsyla) Akhbari
Oct. 26 1967-May 16, 2026

Jody LeAnn (Marsyla) Akhbari passed away peacefully on May 16, 2026, at the age of 58. She was born on October 26, 1967, in Anaheim, California, to Arlen Lee Marsyla and Victoria Dianne (Tingle) Marsyla Davis.

Jody spent her childhood in Oregon after moving there with her family in the summer of 1984. Throughout her life, she embraced new adventures and opportunities, living in Orangevale, California, beginning in 2007, Roseville, California, beginning in 2012, and New York City be-

ginning in January 2022. She attended Liberty Christian School and Willamina High School before continuing her education at Long Beach Community College and Linfield College. Jody worked as a Pharmacy Technician, serving others with dedication and care throughout her career.

On June 24, 1990, she married Abdolghani "Ghani" Akhbari. Together they welcomed two children, Keyan Amin Akhbari and Ariana Victoria Akhbari, who remained the center of her world throughout her life.

Jody was known for her vibrant personality, generous spirit, and unwavering honesty. She loved live entertainment, theater, music, travel, and reading murder mysteries. An avid fan of 1980s music, Halloween, and the beauty of the night sky, she approached life with enthusiasm and curiosity. She also enjoyed good food, especially dining out, and held a special fondness for Der Wienerschnitzel, her favorite fast-food restaurant.

Family and friends will remember Jody for her sense of humor, strong personality, and adven-

turous spirit. She knew what she wanted in life and pursued it wholeheartedly. She was a devoted mother who fiercely loved and protected her children. Even through illness, she demonstrated remarkable courage and strength. She passed away knowing she was deeply loved by her family and friends, all of whom were blessed to know her.

Jody was preceded in death by her mother, Victoria Davis, and partner Christopher Udell.

She is survived by her children, Keyan Akhbari and Ariana Akhbari; her grandson, Atlas Ghani Akhbari; her former husband, Ghani Akhbari; her stepdaughter, Nadia Clevenger, and grandchildren Vera and Ford Clevenger; her father and stepmother, Arlen and Kitty Marsyla; her sister, Julie Hemstreet; her stepfather, Mark Davis; and many extended family members and friends who will miss her dearly. A graveside memorial service will be held at Buck Hollow Cemetery on Thursday, June 18, at 1:00 p.m.

Jody's memory will live on in the hearts of all who loved her.



James Belt Lash
Also known as Jimmie and Jim
May 29, 1946 - May 23, 2026

On May 29, 1946 Jim Belt Lash was born to his parents William and Margaret Lash.

Jim grew up in Gilchrist, Oregon with his dad, mom, and sister Sharon. He graduated from Gilchrist High School. While in Gilchrist he worked for the Forest Service and helped his Dad plow the roads at night from snow. Jim retired from CH2M Hill after 45 years as a Construction Engineer.

Jim and Vonnice coached their kids in soccer, basketball, and softball. He enjoyed traveling with his wife of 55 years in their fifth wheel trailer. He also enjoyed fishing, bowling, and golf.

Jim is preceded by his mom Margaret (Peg) Lash, his dad William (Bill) Lash. He is survived by his wife Yvonne (Vonnice) Lash, sister Sharon Krupicka, and his kids Eric and Tammy Lash.

The family will be having a memorial service at Southwest Hills Baptist Church at 9100 SW 135th Ave, Beaverton, OR on July 18, 2026 at 1:00 pm.



Christina "Tina" Stutzman
Aug. 18, 1943 - May 11, 2026
submitted by family

Christina "Tina" (Davis) Stutzman, 82, lived a life shaped by love—love she gave freely and love she received in abundance. Born on August 18, 1943, in Portland, she was raised by her parents, Harold and Christina Davis.

Her compassion and steady kindness guided her towards a career in nursing. She earned her degree in practical nursing from Girls Polytechnic and be-

gan working as an LPN. It was there that fate placed Freeman Stutzman in her path, and from that moment forward, their lives were intertwined. They were married on January 27, 1967.

Their love was not loud or dramatic—it was steady, loyal, and deeply rooted. Together they built a life defined by hard work and partnership, managing their businesses side by side for more than 59 years.

After working in Fountain Valley, California, for 12 years, they moved to Independence. In 1981, they purchased an A&W restaurant, which they operated until 1999. Along the way, they traveled, fished, and explored new places, always happiest in each other's company.

Tina's world was brightest when she was surrounded by family. She and Freeman raised two sons, Tom and Terry, and later welcomed their wives, Tanya and Karin, into the family. She adored her 4 grandchildren—Tori, Ty, Michael, and Megan—who loved

her deeply in return. Tina had a special place in her heart for children, and in her honor, the family asked that donations be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in lieu of flowers.

In her final years, Tina experienced a different kind of love story—one defined by devotion and unwavering care. No one was more important to her than Freeman, who tended to her every need, every day, with patience and tenderness. His care was the purest expression of love, and it will forever be a part of Tina's legacy.

On May 11, 2026, Tina slipped peacefully into God's hands, leaving behind a lifetime of memories that her family and friends will cherish forever. Though she has gone ahead, the love she shared—especially the love she and Freeman built—remains unbroken.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:30 p.m. on June 27 at Cornerstone Church, 4395 Independence Hwy., Independence, Ore., where her story will continue to be honored by those who loved her most.

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A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

Dear Sheridan Community,

Thank you for trusting us with your students over the past year. The 2025-26 school year saw the return of some of our favorite annual events, including music concerts and the FCS fishing trip, as well as new opportunities for Sheridan students, such as swim lessons and vision services. Staff also spent time this year preparing for work that will be funded by our 2025 Sheridan Schools Bond and navigating the new regulations around cell phone use in our schools. Overall it was a great year for Sheridan students and staff!

Following are just some of the things we will be working on during the summer months:

Summer Food Options

"Grab-and-Go" Meals for ages 1-18 will be provided each week, Monday through Thursday, from June 22 to August 7 at three locations in Sheridan:

- Sheridan City Park: 11-11:20AM
- Faulconer-Chapman: 11:30-11:50
- Sheridan High School: 12:05-12:25

Lunch will be provided, as well as breakfast for the next day. Parent or student must be present in order to receive their meals.

Registration info for Fall

Registration information for the 2026-27 school year, as well as inter-district transfer information, is currently being updated and will be posted to our website this summer. If you know a student who would like to attend Sheridan Schools this fall, please encourage them to contact the District Office (971-261-6959) with any questions!

2025 Sheridan Schools Bond work

Work on Sheridan High School parking lot, roof repairs and exterior lighting will begin on June 22, following Hometown Days.

Barbara Roberts CTEC / Fire Science Pathway

20 junior and senior level students from four school districts have expressed interest in taking classes focused on Fire Science this fall offered through the Barbara Robert CTEC program. We are excited to see this program roll-out to students using some of our available spaces while we continue to raise the funds to build a permanent facility for this program.

Sincerely,
Dorie Vickery Ed. D.
Superintendent

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

Back To Ballston Picnic To Be Held June 28

The Annual 'Back to Ballston' Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 28, at 1pm, at the Ballston Park. All young and old, old and new to Ballston Community are welcome.

Did you go to school in Ballston? Did you or anyone you know ever live in Ballston? Are you a new-comer? Have you been curious about the contents of the little school located in Ballston County Park? If you have answered "yes" to any of these questions, then please attend the annual Back to Ballston reunion picnic.

The Ballston Community Club will provide Fried Chicken, water and soda, and place settings. It is traditionally a potluck with the side dishes (salads, desserts, bread, etc.) provided by you, the attendee. There will be a raffle and lots of conversation and history.

This event is for all Ballston residents and former Ballston residents! It will be a grand reunion! The Ballston Community Club will share news of our activities! For further information, text Laura- 503-456-7298

Food Series to Feature Coyote Joe's June 30

Coyote Joe's will be featured by America's Best Restaurants Roadshow, an online food series whose hosts travel the nation sharing the stories, recipes, and signature dishes of featured restaurants.

As a little bonus for customers who stop by during the visit, Coyote Joe's will give \$15 gift certificates to the first 40 customers through the door beginning at 9 a.m. on June 30, when the Roadshow crew is scheduled to record the segment.

America's Best Restaurants Roadshow will also award two \$25 gift cards to commenters on the announcement post published on Coyote Joe's Facebook page on June 8. Additional details about the visit are expected to be announced before the filming date.



Sheridan Public Library

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

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

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~Story Time~

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

June 26

Enjoy a story and craft!



Hometown Days June 19,20

~ Teen Time ~

June 24 • Teen Movie Day.....3:45 pm

~Teen Game Days~

June 18 - 3:30 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.

~Adult Craft~

June 13 at noon

~ Nintendo Switch ~

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

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

~ Performances in the Park~

June 23 • Paradise of Samoa4:30 pm

June 30 • Unit SouZou.....4:30 pm

Check out our WiFi Hotspots!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday June 21



The following businesses salute and thank all dedicated hardworking Dad's for the important part they play in strengthening families and our community.

Many thanks to everyone who shared these photos of their smiling, handsome fathers and grandfathers!

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Our Natural Neighbors

**Photo and column
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Scientific name
Cathartes Aura

Common name
Turkey Vulture

Conservation status
Least Concern



The turkey vulture is a scavenger, feeding almost exclusively on carrion. These birds, weight 2 – 5 pounds, have a wingspan of 68 – 72 inches and can live as long as 16 – 20 years.

Turkey vultures do not build nests, rather lay their eggs directly on cliff ledges, in caves or hollow logs, and even in abandoned buildings. After an incubation period of about 38 – 41 days, they typically hatch two chicks from late May to early June, with both parents sharing egg duty. Soaring effortlessly on pockets of hot air known as thermals, their flight maneuvers are a captivating sight to many observers. Turkey vultures lack a syrinx and are therefore capable of only a few vocalizations, such as hisses and grunts. These birds are easily identifiable by their bright yellow beaks & bald red heads, the characteristic that contributes to their common name, for it has been said that the turkey vulture head resembles that of a wild turkey. Like other raptors they have excellent vision, however, unlike many birds, turkey vultures are endowed with a keen sense of smell. In early autumn they migrate south for winter.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Is June 15, Signs To Pay Attention To

In recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation (DFR) urges Oregonians to watch for signs of elder financial exploitation. The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization launched recognition of the day in 2006 to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect, including financial abuse, of older people.

While anyone can fall victim to financial scams, older adults are disproportionately targeted, especially those who live alone or are socially isolated. According to the National Center on Elder Abuse, social isolation, loneliness, and declining health can increase vulnerability to exploitation.

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) reports that approximately 11 percent of people age 60 and older have experienced elder abuse. The NCOA says financial abuse estimates are about \$28.3 billion in losses each year for older Americans. "Financial exploitation is a devastating crime, and the number of cases continues to rise. The scams are incredibly sophisticated and ever evolving. With the number of devices and platforms at our fingertips, the opportunities for fraud are endless," said DFR Administrator TK Keen. "We must stay connected to our loved ones. We must remain vigilant to the most recent common scams that are perpetrated through crypto kiosks and gift cards," said Keen.

Elder financial abuse can be subtle and difficult to detect. Watch for these warning signs:

- A new and overly protective friend or caregiver, especially if the senior considers surrendering financial control to the person.

- Fear of someone or a sudden change in feelings about them.

- A lack of knowledge about financial status or reluctance to discuss financial matters.

- Sudden or unexplained changes in spending habits, banking activity, or estate planning documents.

- Unexplained checks made out to cash, unexplained loans, or unexplained disappearance of assets (cash, valuables, securities, etc.).

- Suspicious signatures on checks or other legal documents.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has some tips on how to avoid a scam as well. The FTC also recently produced a short video to help people avoid scams. The site has information on romance scams, tech support scams, unwanted calls and texts, and more.

If you believe someone is being financially abused, call Oregon's toll-free abuse reporting hotline at 855-503-SAFE (7233). You can also visit DFR's protect yourself from fraud website for resources to prevent, report, and recover from financial abuse.

Oregon's Senior Safe Act makes securities industry professionals mandatory reporters for suspected elder financial exploitation. Securities professionals, such as broker-dealers and investment advisors, should use DFR's file a suspected financial abuse report webpage when they suspect potential financial abuse of an Oregon senior.

DFR's consumer advocates are always there to help with questions or to file a complaint. You can reach them at 1-888-877-4894 (toll-free) or email dfrc.financialserviceshelp@dcbs.oregon.gov.

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The Purrfect Guide To Helping Cats Adjust To A New Home



Welcoming a new cat into the family is a milestone that can be exciting for adults and children alike. But relocating to a new abode can trigger a sensory overload for a new feline friend. Companion animals thrive on routine and can be territorial creatures. Therefore, moving them can be akin to a person navigating a jungle without a map.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says approximately 3.2 million cats enter U.S. shelters annually. That means millions of cats are in need of a new home each year. The American Veterinary Medical Association notes cats are now in roughly 25 percent of American households. Understanding the scope of cat ownership and how to help cats adjust to a new home is the key to a new home transition.

Limit access

A mistake some new cat owners make is giving a cat the full run of a home immediately. Instead, it is better to set aside a small, quiet space the cat can treat as a sanctuary. This room, like a spare bedroom or out-of-the-way laundry room, should be equipped with food, water, a litter box, and a scratching post. Including options for hiding, like a cardboard box or a covered bed, will help the cat feel safe. Cat owners also may want to place pieces of their clothing or a toy from another pet in the home so the cat can get used to everyone's scent profile.

Follow the "rule of three"

Spruce Pets says behaviorists often refer to the 3-3-3 rule or the "rule of three" to help pet parents set realistic expectations. The first three days will be the time when the cat decompresses. They may hide and refuse to eat as the move to a new home is processed.

The next milestone is at three weeks, when the cat begins to realize that this home is safe. This is when their true personality may appear, and they may be more inclined to explore their safe space.

By three months, the cat should feel a sense of ownership over the home and likely has built a solid bond with their humans.

Expanded exploration

Once the cat seems more confident, is eating regularly and greeting homeowners, it could be time to offer more freedom to roam. Opening the door from the safe space into the rest of the house will enable the pet to explore at their own pace. Pet parents should never force the cat to exit; let them do everything when they are ready. The ASPCA says that using synthetic pheromone diffusers in main living areas can mimic happy markers cats leave when they rub their cheeks on things. This helps send a chemical signal that the environment is safe, and may help the process along. Going slow, creating safe spaces and understanding a cat may initially be overwhelmed in a new home will help guide the transition when a cat is welcomed home.

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Honoring Jeremiah Denton *The POW Who Bluffed His Captors*

A Navy pilot shot down in 1965, Jeremiah Denton was held as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam for nearly eight years. In 1966, his captors forced him to participate in a televised interview for a propaganda film, intending to show the world that American POWs were being treated well. While pretending to agree with his captors' statements, Denton looked directly into the camera and repeatedly blinked his eyes in Morse code, spelling out the word T-O-R-T-U-R-E. It was the first definitive confirmation to U.S. intelligence that American prisoners were being systematically tortured.

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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.

Hampton Lumber Announces Free Recreational Permit Program for Forestland in Oregon and SW Washington

Hampton Lumber announced the launch of a free recreational permit program for public access to the company's forestlands in Oregon, as well as designated Hampton-owned forestlands in southwest Washington.

These forestlands have long been open to public recreation. The permit program will simply serve as a communication tool to provide clear, current information about access conditions, safety considerations, and expectations for responsible use.

Under the program, forestlands are available for fishing, hunting, hiking, and other uses consistent with permit rules and seasonal restrictions. Permit holders should be aware that Hampton will continue to close all public access during periods of high fire danger—typically during the summer months—to protect public safety, neighboring landowners, and forest resources. Camping, fires, dumping, and vandalism are never allowed on Hampton land, and permit holders are expected to pack out what they pack in and respect posted rules and re-

strictions.

"We're pleased to be able to continue offering public access to these forestlands, and we understand how much that access is appreciated by local community members," said Hampton Timberland Manager Paul Lulay. "This permit gives us a better way to stay in touch with people who use these lands so we can share timely information about conditions, closures, and what's expected to keep access safe and respectful."

Hampton forestlands and road networks within the permit areas are often interspersed with other private lands, some of which do not allow recreational access. Permit holders are responsible for understanding property boundaries and adjacent landowner access policies when recreating on Hampton land.

Permits are available through an online platform administered by My Outdoor Agent (MOA) and are issued upon application. All permit applications, account management, and public inquiries regarding access to lands in permit areas should be directed to MOA.

Hometown Days This Friday and Saturday

Last issue's crossword solution

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Nicole Pugh (left), president of the Rotary Club of the West Valley and co-owner of the West Valley Bulletin Board, receives the Paul Harris Fellow recognition during a Rotary Club meeting last Wednesday. Named for Rotary founder Paul Harris, the award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service and support for Rotary's humanitarian and community-focused mission through contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Make A Father's Day Meal Dad Can Savor



Families celebrate Dad in unique ways on Father's Day. Gifts are customary, but so is a delicious meal Dad will love.

Many dads will appreciate a meal that goes above and beyond the ordinary, preferably something that is hearty and delicious. These "Pecan-Stuffed Pork Chops" from "Jon Bonnell's Texas Favorites" (Gibbs Smith) are a great dish to serve family style when everyone gathers around the table for Father's Day.

Pecan-Stuffed Pork Chops

Serves 7-8

1 large rack of pork chops, bones in

4 tablespoons butter

1/2 yellow onion, chopped

2 ribs celery, chopped

5 cloves garlic, minced

1 1/2 cups chicken stock

1 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

2 cups panko bread crumbs

2 cups

2 cups roasted pecans, chopped

More kosher salt and pepper, to taste

Clean the rack of pork well and cut in between the bones to get thick individual pork chops. Cut a large slit down the back side of each chop and insert the tip of a knife 2 to 3 inches inside the chop to create a pocket for the stuffing. Do not poke completely through the pork or the stuffing will not stay in.

In a large saucepan, melt the butter and sauté the onion, celery and garlic until the onion has slightly softened. Add the chicken stock, salt and cayenne and bring to a light simmer. Pour the contents into a mixing bowl and add the panko bread crumbs and pecans. Mix together and let cool to room temperature. Stuff as much of the mixture into each pork chop as will fit (overstuffing is okay, too). Sprinkle both sides of each chop with salt and pepper to taste, then roast in a preheated 400 F oven for 12 minutes. Turn the chops over once and roast an additional 15 minutes. Check for doneness with a meat thermometer. Cook to medium, or 135 to 140 F.

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Veterans Sweat - Fly Fishing Demonstration

Live Guitar - Veteran Resource Tables

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Pilates Mini Classes - Necklace Making

And Remarks from the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs, Veterans Affairs, and Various partners who provide Veteran services



STAY THE WEEKEND FOR THE 2026 MARCELLUS NORWEST VETERANS POWWOW
 FRIDAY JULY 10TH - 5PM ROYALTY OUTGOING & CROWNING - 7PM GRAND ENTRY
 SATURDAY JULY 11TH - 1 & 7 PM GRAND ENTRY
 SUNDAY JULY 12 - 1PM GRAND ENTRY



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Office of Tribal Government Relations

Schedule of Events

9AM: REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST
 10:30AM: OPENING CEREMONY
 10:30AM - NOON: PRESENTERS
 NOON - 1PM: LUNCH & GUITAR DEMO
 1-3PM: PRESENTERS & ACTIVITIES
 3:30PM - CLOSING

SCAN ME FOR TICKETS





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FOR EVENT TIMES AT EACH LOCATION

HOMETOWN DAYS GRAND PARADE
WILL BEGIN AT 5 P.M. ON SATURDAY,
JUNE 20, FROM FAULCONER
CHAPMAN SCHOOL. THE PARADE
WILL END AT SHERIDAN CITY PARK.
THE DOTTED PATH ON THIS MAP
SHOWS THE PARADE ROUTE.

Faulconer-Chapman
School
(Parade Starts Here)

Helicopter Rides

Nazarene
Church

Sheridan
High School
Multiple Events

Trinity Lutheran
Church

SHERIDAN ROAD

First Federal

West Valley
Mercantile

MILL ST.

MONROE ST.

Museum

WEST MAIN

EAST MAIN

American Legion

Sheridan
City Park
(Parade Ends Here)



SHERIDAN HOMETOWN DAYS

2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



THREE RIDES THIS YEAR!

Three rides and mid-way games will be located near the Sheridan High School gym. Save \$5 by purchasing your ride and game punch cards in advance at the West Valley Bulletin Board, or at First Federal.



HAY RIDES

Hay rides will run between all activity areas from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

KICK OFF SATURDAY WITH BREAKFAST

7 a.m.-Noon • Trinity Lutheran Church • 311 SE Schley St. • Sheridan

All-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage links, and juice • Adults \$10, Children 5-12, \$5
Kids age 4 and younger **FREE**. Cash or check only, please.

FRIDAY EVENTS

Sheridan Museum

Open Noon- 5p.m.

Oregon Old Time Fiddlers 1:30-2 p.m.
Bed Turning (featuring historic quilts) 2-3 p.m.

Sheridan City Park

Snow cones and cotton candy 2:30 p.m.
Bike Decorating and Rodeo 2 p.m.

First Federal

Coronation of Ducky Royalty 12 p.m.
Kids duck races 12:30-5 p.m.
Duck 50/50 Money Race 5 p.m.

**Kids parade starts at 6 p.m. Friday at
Sheridan City Park**

**Grand Parade Starts 5 p.m. on Saturday
at Faulconer-Chapman School.**

*Interested in helping? Email
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Event schedule subject to change, weather subjective.

Parade questions?

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*To register for the Art Show
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Vendor registration information

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SATURDAY EVENTS

Sheridan High School

Carnival Rides 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Carnival Games 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Vendors 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Motorcycle Event and Poker Run 8 a.m.
Bounce Houses 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Art Show 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Corn Hole Tournament 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Sheridan Museum

Open 11-5

All Class Reunion 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Blast from the past photo booth 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Sheridan City Hall

Sheridan History & Mysteries Walk.... 1 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene

917 S Bridge St.

Helicopter Rides 8 a.m. to dusk

West Valley Mercantile

Beer Garden 11 a.m.- 9 p.m.
Live Music 11 a.m.- 9 p.m.

First Federal

**Food booths featuring strawberry shortcake,
snow cones, corn dogs, walking tacos, funnel cakes,
cotton candy, and baked goods**

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
DTW Lite - Jazz Trio



4:00 - 5:15
COPPER MILL TRIO



6-9 p.m.
THE FUGITIVES

Free live music for all ages! Located in front of The West Valley Mercantile



Don Stuck
With love from all



John Voigt
Love Victor



**Happy
Fathers Day**

**To all the Super
Dads out there!**



Sheridan's Hometown Days

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

**JUNE 20 DURING
HOMETOWN DAYS**

SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL GYM

\$10 ENTRY FEE

REGISTRATION AT 10 A.M.

TOURNAMENT STARTS AT 10:30 A.M.

BLIND DRAW

ROUND ROBIN

WHEEL SPIN

PROCEEDS TO GO TOWARDS THE 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS!

Happy FATHER'S DAY

Word Scramble

Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to Fathers Day (June 21). Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.

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What are a dads favorite treats?

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Last weeks answers

Stripes, Flagpole, Banner, Stars, Patriots



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GOOFY



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LOVING
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MAGNETIC
MEMORY
PAPA
PATIENT
QUOTE
STEP
UNDERSTANDING
WISE

Students Wrap Up The School Year With Prizes, Pies, and Play

Students at Faulconer-Chapman School wrapped up the school year with two days of recognition, rewards, and fun before heading into summer vacation. During the assembly, Jaelyn Shenk was announced as Sheridan's Mayor of the Day. In her winning entry, Shenk proposed expanding food banks, attracting additional grocery stores, and helping people find shelter and warmth. As Mayor of the Day,

she will have the opportunity to visit City Hall and learn more about local government. City officials are also considering a mock swearing-in ceremony as part of the experience. Students were also recognized for achievements, personal growth, overcoming challenges, and other accomplishments throughout the year. Those recognized were invited to spin a prize wheel for rewards. Some

students selected prizes from a table of toys and other items, including one student who walked away with a new bicycle. Other rewards brought plenty of laughter and cheers to the gymnasium as students lined up to put temporary tattoos on staff or deliver a pie to awaiting

volunteers, some strikes landing with an audible thud. Others earned the chance to help with the grooming of Principal Adam DeLatte, getting a turn with the clippers for what was likely their first experience shaving a beard. By the end of the assembly, the work of the impromptu barbers left DeLatte sporting enough remaining facial hair that the rest of the job had to be completed at home.

On the final day of school, the celebration continued. With Mother Nature busy powering up her summer heat lamps for the days to come, students took advantage of a freak summer shower that hit the Faulconer-Chapman field, courtesy of the Sheridan Rural Fire District and its deluge truck that sprayed water high into the air, creating a cooling shower for students and staff brave enough to venture beneath the cloudless downpour. As students raced through the spray or found a puddle to play around in, snow cones, inflatable games, and other activities rounded out the celebration, providing a memorable sendoff before the start of summer vacation.



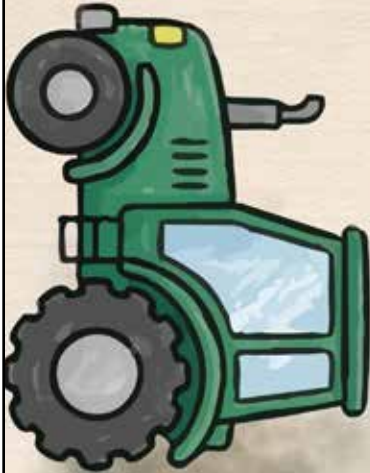
Students celebrate the start of summer vacation during Faulconer-Chapman School's final-day festivities, which included water activities, snow cones, and inflatable games.



Sheridan Mayor Cale George (left) congratulates Jaelyn Shenk after she was named Sheridan's Mayor of the Day at Faulconer-Chapman School.



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A Faulconer-Chapman student helps shave Principal Adam DeLatte's beard during the school's end-of-year assembly.



Students dash through a cooling shower created by the Sheridan Rural Fire District's deluge truck during Faulconer-Chapman School's final-day celebration. The water-filled sendoff became one of the day's most popular attractions.

Horoscopes June 17-23

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Management opportunities are coming your way, Aries. It is time to step up and take the lead. Your confidence has long been a strong character trait, so push forward.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, patience will pay off big time when a long-awaited piece of news finally arrives. The weekend is a perfect time for walking in nature or tending to the garden.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Your curiosity is leading you down a fascinating path right now, Gemini. This could spark a new interest. Stay flexible, as a last-minute change of plans might be in the cards.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, emotional clarity might help you address a minor concern with grace and ease. You often project a gentle strength that helps to draw people closer to you.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

It's time for your inner child to come out to play, Leo. Say yes to a game night or a creative pursuit. Joy will be the primary focus this week, leading you to have more fun.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, a breakthrough in your wellness routine may be on the horizon, leaving you feeling energized and refreshed. People might notice the glow and ask for your secret.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, artistic inspiration might just be everywhere you look this week. Whether gazing at the clouds or the buildings around you, you might be inspired to create something.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Transformation is in the air, Scorpio. You might be shedding an old habit for a better one. You may be stepping into a more powerful version of yourself soon enough.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, it's time to share your knowledge with others, which can bring you a sense of fulfillment that you might not have seen coming.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Career goals are moving forward at a steady, satisfying pace, Capricorn. Keep your eyes on the future and trust the process. You're doing amazing work.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Social activism or community work may give you a sense of purpose that is much-needed right now, Aquarius. Your ability to think creatively will help immensely.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Your kindness this week will create a ripple of positivity that flows right back to you, Pisces. Reach out to a friend in need when you have a moment.

Buell Grange Hosting School Supply Drive

The Buell Grange is accepting donations of school supplies to help support local students and classrooms ahead of the new school year.

Donations can be dropped off during the Buell Grange Market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 11-12 and Aug. 1-2 at 5970 SW Mill Creek Road in Sheridan.

Needed items include pencils, pens, highlighters, lined paper, notebooks, composition books, crayons, markers, colored pencils, hand sanitizer, tissues, and erasers.

Those unable to attend the collection dates can arrange a pickup by contacting Nichole at 971-241-0313.




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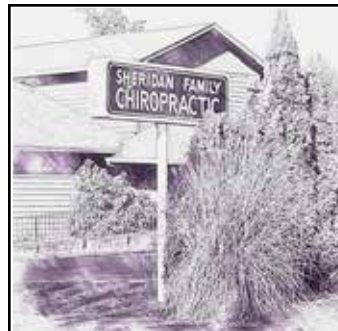
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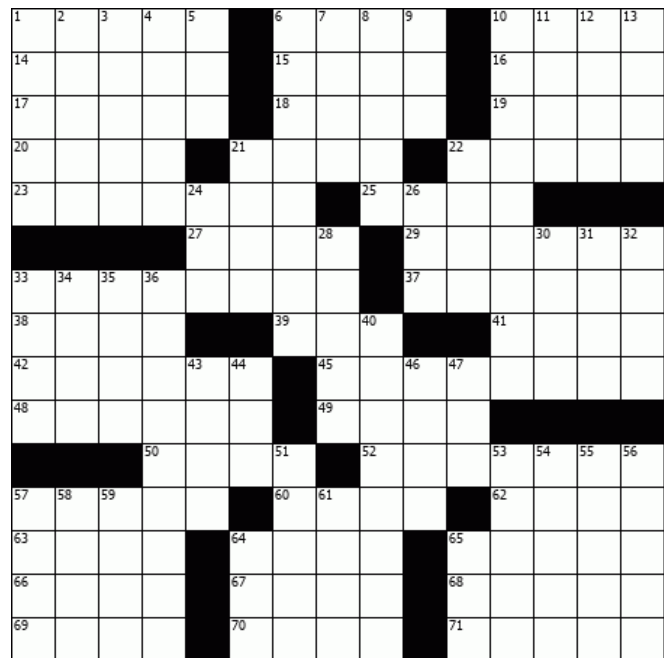
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18. Peruvian native
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20. "Moonstruck" actress
21. Big party
22. Tightwad
23. Opposite of western
25. Lyric verses
27. Pest
29. Gotten up
33. Sit as on a horse
37. George Harrison, e.g.
38. Purple flower
39. Take food
41. Space agency (abbr.)
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50. Spanish cheers
52. Go back over
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65. Skirt fold
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71. Purple flower



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| 8. Manly | 33. Knights | 57. Broker's advice |
| 9. Pitcher's stat | 34. Jogging gait | 58. Hint for Holmes |
| 10. New Orleans' state | 35. Ceremonial act | 59. Cry of sorrow |
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| 13. Scent | 43. Congers | 65. School group (abbr.) |
| 21. Actor ____ Pitt | 44. Forest female | |

Food Cart Rules, Budget Adoption Lead Council Agenda

The Willamina City Council held its regular meeting on June 9, addressing topics including Hampton Lumber noise concerns, food cart regulations, sewer-system enforcement issues, budget adoption, and surplus property.

Hampton Lumber Noise Update
In a June 6 email to the City, Hampton Lumber outlined several steps it has taken or is evaluating to reduce noise at its Willamina mill, which City Manager Bridget Meneley read to the council.

According to the update, Hampton has installed steel ramps so logs roll into place rather than dropping vertically, added weighted bars to slow log movement, and extended one ramp to further reduce log speed as part of its efforts to reduce noise generated during mill operations.

The company also reported it is evaluating additional sound-reduction modifications, investigating quieter backup alarms, and working on changes to the log feed climb system that require specialized electrical

equipment.

Meneley said the City and Yamhill County Sheriff's Office continue to receive complaints regarding mill noise. The City is seeking legal guidance regarding its authority and potential response options related to the complaints.

"We've reached out to our legal team to make sure that we're not operating outside of our jurisdiction and also look for guidance because we don't want their complaints to go unheard," Meneley said.

Mayor Vickie Hernandez expressed appreciation that Hampton provided an update on the issue and outlined efforts to address concerns.

Food Cart Standards Approved
Food carts and food cart pods will soon have a defined regulatory framework in Willamina after the City Council unanimously approved Ordinance 701, establishing new development-code standards governing their operation within the city.

Contract City Planner Holly Byron, of the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, said the ordinance establishes local standards for food cart operations and clarifies permitting and site requirements.

Under the ordinance, food carts will be allowed in commercial and industrial zones. Individual food carts and food cart pods will follow separate review processes, with food cart pods requiring additional site-plan review.

Byron said property owner authorization and site plans will be required before approval. The ordinance also establishes standards related to utility connections, wastewater disposal, fire safety, and operating requirements.

The City standards do not replace other permitting requirements. Byron noted that food cart operators will still be responsible for obtaining any required county, health, fire, and other applicable permits before beginning operation.

The ordinance was adopted following a recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission.

DEQ Reviews Sewer Overflow Incident

City Manager Bridget Meneley informed the Willamina City Council that the City received notice from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality on May 11 that the December

2025 sanitary sewer overflow, which affected the area around a lift station on Yamhill Street and reached Willamina Creek, had been referred for formal enforcement review.

According to information presented to the council, the overflow involved an estimated 102,928 gallons and originated from a lift station on Yamhill Street.

Meneley said the City reported the incident within the required timeframe and that previous overflow events had not resulted in fines. However, the DEQ notice classified the incident as a Class 1 violation and referred the matter to the agency's Office of Compliance and Enforcement for formal review, which could result in an enforcement order, civil penalties, or both.

Council President Rita Baller asked why the incident was being treated differently from previous overflow events. Meneley said staff believe that changes in agency personnel and enforcement practices may be factors, noting that other cities have also experienced increased scrutiny. Public Works Director Jeff Brown told council the overflow occurred during a significant rain event when water entering the sewer system exceeded the capacity of the lift station pumps. He said City crews responded and reported the incident as required.

Brown said the City continues to work on reducing inflow and infiltration into the sewer system, including rehabilitating manholes and installing additional equipment designed to keep stormwater from entering the collection system.

City officials also discussed ongoing efforts to secure outside funding for larger wastewater infrastructure improvements. Meneley said the City is pursuing grant funding and evaluating options that could help address long-term capacity concerns while minimizing impacts on local ratepayers.

Meneley said, "As Councilor Wilson pointed out last month, we also have to be responsible stewards to DEQ and to taxpayers' money. It's a fine dance." She added that future discussions could include a water rate review and water rate study.

Budget and Funding Actions
The council adopted the fiscal year 2026-27 budget totaling approximately \$11.75 million. The budget includes a permanent

property tax rate of \$4.2039 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Council President Rita Baller complimented staff on preparing a budget document that was easy to follow before the council approved the spending plan.

The council also approved a resolution electing to receive state revenue sharing funds for the fiscal year 2026-27. City Manager Bridget Meneley said the funds are distributed annually by the State of Oregon based on population and are included as a revenue source in the City's general fund.

Another resolution authorized budget transfers within the current fiscal year budget to address higher-than-anticipated expenses in the planning and parks departments.

The council approved transferring \$100,000 from the general fund contingency to cover additional planning-related expenditures, including legal, engineering, and planning services. Staff said the increased costs were driven by development activity, public interest in planning projects, and work related to FEMA National Flood Insurance Program requirements.

Council also approved a \$4,600 transfer from the general fund contingency to the parks department budget to cover additional expenditures of \$4,000 for salaries and wages and \$600 for payroll taxes.

The council's final financial action was approval of a budget amendment related to an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant for the Open Hills Bike and Play Park project. City staff said reimbursement funds associated with the project were received later than anticipated. The amendment allows the City to properly account for approximately \$490,155 in grant revenue received for the project.

Surplus Property Sale Planned
City staff reported that preparations are underway for a surplus property sale that may include a 2008 Jeep Cherokee and several surplus City Hall doors.

The items are expected to be listed through the City's website and social media channels as staff continue year-end fiscal activities and preparations for the annual audit.

Information, including meetings, agendas, and packets, can be found on the City's official website, www.willaminaoregon.gov.

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School District Awards Staff, Celebrates District Accomplishments

On June 10, Sheridan School District employees gathered for the district's annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon, where staff members were recognized for years of service and contributions during the 2025-26 school year.

During the luncheon, Superintendent Dorie Vickery highlighted several major developments from the past year, including the passage of a \$6 million bond and several com-

petitive grants supporting district programs and student services.

Vickery also recognized members of the district's CARE Team, a collaborative group of district staff and community partners that works to connect students and families with resources and address barriers to services. During the past year, the team focused on issues including vision care, food and clothing insecurity, technology

access, and substance-use prevention. Those efforts included the district's first vision clinic, which provided eye exams and prescriptions for students.

Recognized for five years of service were Buffie Bernards, Lureen Bogen, Sonia Cazarez Mendoza, Kaitlan Caraballo, Kathi Desnoyers, Alastair Green, Lisa Heatherly, Jody Hinkle, Makayla Hoop, Mina Hutchinson, Missy Love, Ken MacPherson, Autumn Murrow, Denise Paredez, Ron Rogers, Krysia Wakefield, and Gretchen McNeil.

Marking 10 years of service were Ryan Winship, Greg Goodman, and Angie Bryant.

Reaching 15 years of service were LeighAnne Michaelson

and Jeremy Brown.

Celebrating 20 years of service were Jessica Walters, Aaron Henderson, and Adam DeLatte. Honored for 25 years of service were Mitch Chadwick and Heather Gosen.

Following the service awards, Vickery described the nomination process for the district's classified and certified Employee of the Year awards, noting that nearly 40 employees had been nominated by their colleagues.

"We would like to recognize those people who were nominated because there were some great things that they said about each and every one of you," Vickery said. "I think it's good for us to acknowledge that you were nominated."

She added, "You guys come together, and you appreciate your colleagues. We have just so many people nominated, which is just a tribute to all of you."

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of Employee of the Year awards in five categories.

For Sheridan High School, Julia Holsti was named Educator of the Year, while Julia VanDerZanden earned the school's Classified Employee of the Year award.

For Faulconer-Chapman School, Mitch Chadwick was selected as Educator of the Year and Kathi Desnoyers as Classified Employee of the Year. Mike Bannick received the district's Custodial Services Employee of the Year award.

In closing remarks, Vickery thanked employees for their dedication to students and the community and referenced a message delivered by a commencement speaker during the district's graduation ceremony.

"I love the phrase, 'Be good humans,'" Vickery said. "That's what you guys do day in and day out."



Mitch Chadwick (center) poses with Faulconer-Chapman Principal Adam DeLatte (left) and Superintendent Dorie Vickery after being selected as Faulconer-Chapman School Educator of the Year during Sheridan School District's Staff Appreciation Luncheon on June 10. He was also recognized for 25 years of service with the district.



Mike Bannick was named Sheridan School District's Custodial Services Employee of the Year.



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THIEVES 'TAKE' PINBALL MACHINES AT RAINBOW

Thieves broke into the Rainbow Tavern, last night, and stole the contents of the pinball machines, but left unmolested the cash register behind the bar which was brightly lighted and visible from the street. Entrance was gained thru a rear window. The loss was discovered by John Kaufman, one of the owners, when he opened the tavern this morning. Amount of the stolen money was hard to determine, the proprietors said. The tills had been emptied a few days earlier. Chief of Police Harry J. Ullrich is investigating.

Mr. Rhoades said the intruders had apparently kicked in a panel of the door to the corrugated lean-to behind the main brick building and had then crawled thru a small window and over the walk-in cooler to gain admittance to the tavern room. Several

weeks ago, a set of keys, including a master key for the pinball machines, was stolen from the Pastime next door and it is thought this may have been the key used to open the machines. The Rainbow Tavern was recently sold by its present owners, Roy Rhoades and John Kaufman to Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Hutchinson, formerly tavern operators at Gardner. Since they sold their tavern there, they have been living at their home near Vancouver. Pending approval of their license application, they will take over here, July 1.

V. F. W. SENDING MANY TO STATE ENCAMPMENT

Willamina Post No. 4211, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be represented at the state encampment at Grants Pass the latter part of this week by Eugene Ritner, R. R. Stout, and Billy Wilhelm, delegates from this post. Mrs. Eugene Ritner will represent the V.F.W. Auxiliary. Mrs. Norman Agee was elected delegate, and Mrs. Ritner, alternate. However, Mrs. Agee will be unable to attend due to activities attendant upon the Auxiliary's part in the Phil Sheridan Days celebration at Sheridan this week.

Final plans were made at the post meeting, Monday evening, for participation in the Sheridan celebration. The post will enter a float and members will also assist W. H. Hibbert with the barbecue. The Auxiliary will maintain booths at which food will be served, both at the picnic park and at the rodeo grounds. Mrs. Archie Watson is the general chairman in charge of the booths. Mrs. Norma Lewis was chairman of the supper committee, Monday evening. In the absence of the post commander, Floyd Edmiston, and the auxiliary president, Mrs. Edmiston, Jacob Bartel presided at the post meeting and Mrs. Norman Agee at the auxiliary business session.

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Newcastle disease is frequently encountered in the middle west and east, says Dr. Dickinson, hence the attraction of low prices offered by some there may be more than wiped out by the disease hazard. This disease shows up with both respiratory gasping symptoms and nervous orders such as trembling and twisting of the neck. When presence of the disease is suspected the only way to check accurately is to take three or four birds to Oregon State college for a laboratory test.

NICOTINE ALKALOID DUST BETTER APHIDS CONTROL

Nicotine alkaloid dust shows promise as a substitute for nicotine sulphate in controlling aphids in hop yards, according to information from Oregon State College received by County Agent W. C. Leth.

Tests by OSC entomologists show that the alkaloid dust definitely is poisonous to hop aphids at concentrations of between three and one-half and four and one-half percent at the rate of 60 pounds per acre. Robert Every, Extension Entomologist, reports that the material probably is most effective as a contact dust. It is necessary to dust every row (every third center). Effectiveness of the nicotine alkaloid dust will depend on efficiency of machinery and application.

The aphid migration from prune orchards to hop yards is not yet completed. Every wrote, The infestation of aphids in some hop yards already is heavy, with

some individual hop leaves having as high as 200 to 300 of the pests. Because of this it may be necessary to apply control measures in heavily infested hop yards or sections of these yards before the migration is finished. The aphids produce a liquid called "honeydew" which is associated with the development of sooty mold disease, and aphid control will be needed as a protection against this condition. Some nicotine alkaloid dust is available but there may not be enough to take care of all needs, Every reported. Rain has prevented tests of several other insecticides, but these tests will be run as soon as the weather permits. Growers who have a supply of nicotine sulphate on hand should use it instead of the alkaloid dust.

SHERIDAN TO PLAY HOST AT ITS ANNUAL RODEO

Thousands of western Oregon people are expected to enjoy Sheridan's annual show this weekend when the annual Phil Sheridan Days and Phil Sheridan rodeo are presented. Highlight of the Phil Sheridan Days celebration, which will be making its thirteenth annual appearance, will be Friday and Saturday morning parades, and the annual free barbecue Saturday noon.

Cowboys from several western states will compete for \$2,000 in cash prizes at the Seventh Annual Phil Sheridan Rodeo Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

Saturday's parade will feature floats from business firms and organizations, and hundreds of horses from saddle clubs and posse groups.

Tigard's well known high school band will participate in the Friday morning parade and give a concert on the afternoon program at the park. Newberg's band will be one of the features in the Saturday parade, and will give a concert at the barbecue in the city park.

Barbecue chairman "Bill" Hibbert is planning to feed free beef sandwiches to 4,000 people at the annual barbecue, which made such a big hit with the Phil Sheridan Days and rodeo crowd last year.

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