



# West Valley Bulletin Board

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## Willamina's 2026 4th of July Grand Marshall Sararose Harris

**First Grade Teacher, tutor and Volunteer!**

**"Teaching them to read!"**

For over 25 years, Sararose Harris taught first graders at Willamina Elementary School. That was followed by another nearly 20 years of tutoring and volunteering at the school with a passion to help students read.

She was born September 25, 1926 as Sararose Davis in Prairie City, Oregon. She grew up in Prairie City, John Day and Canyon City area during the Depression but states she never remembers being hungry. She survived measles, mumps and chicken pox. She recalls she caught chicken pox before starting school from her sister and was disappointed because she thought the spots would look like chickens! She knows all about hand-me-downs growing up with four siblings, and no toys at Christmas. Finding an orange in their Christmas sock back then was a real treat. She remembers helping her father at the creamery growing up and the heartbreak of los-



**Sararose Harris**

ing her mother at a very young age to cancer. The first money she ever earned "really earned" was keeping house for her dad and babysitting for strangers. "I got 25 cents for an all-nighter." Next, her dad hired her to keep the books for the creamery and write checks for the farmers whose cream they turned to butter.

In 1946 at a New Year's dance in Canyon City, she met the love of her life, Robert (Bob) Harris. Three months later they were

engaged. Her father asked what he did for a living and she told him that he had just returned from the service (Navy Radioman) and hadn't found a job yet. They were married on March 10, 1946 in Prairie City, Oregon. The couple have four children: Susan, Tim, Nancy and Larry. Sararose finished up college in her forties and in 1970 she went in search of a job teaching first graders. This landed her an interview with then school superintendent, Don L. Mitchell in Willamina. The rest is history. They moved to Willamina 1970. Bob eventually retired, and she just kept on teaching. They attended the Willamina Christian Church where she also taught Sunday school for many years. Her favorite days of the year are Christmas and the 4th of July – quite fitting for the Grand Marshall honor.

Sararose shared a few of her favorite sayings: "Always remember, today's caterpillar will be tomorrow's butterfly. Love is like a butterfly: it goes where it pleases and pleases wherever it goes." Another is: "Want a warm, bright experience; keep the Christmas tree light in your heart. God is love – share your love and you are sharing God." Her daughter, Nancy (Harris) Noack helped put together a book of Sararose's life and times entitled, "Grandma Was Quite a Gal" and was given to family and friends. She kept scrapbooks and pictures of all her first-grade classes which have been donated to the Willamina Museum of Local History. Sararose will be escorted in the Willamina Old Fashioned 4th of July parade by retired Willamina & Sheridan pharmacist, Bob Burr in his 1931 Model A Ford convertible.



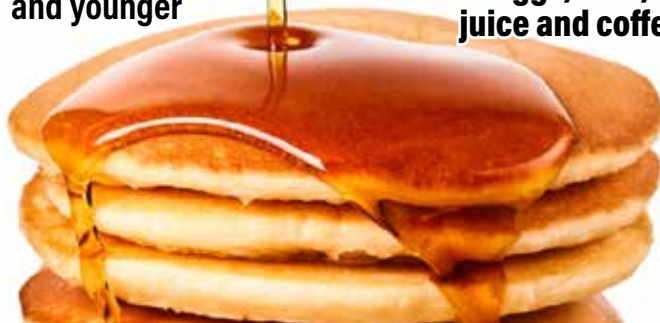
Sararose and her children (left to right), Larry, Nancy, Susan, Sararose, and Tim.

## Kiwanis 4th of July Pancake Breakfast



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# Willamina 4th of July

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## Schedule of Events

### Saturday, July 4th

|                                            |                                   |                                 |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Kiwanis Breakfast .....                    | 7-11 am .....                     | Willamina High School Cafeteria |
| 4th of July 5K Walk/Run .....              | 7:15 am Registration .....        | Willamina Elementary School     |
| Logging Show Check In .....                | 7:30-9 am .....                   | West Valley Community Campus    |
| Logging Show & Silent Auction Begins ..... | 10 am .....                       | West Valley Community Campus    |
| Arm Wrestling Weigh In.....                | 8 am - 10:30 am .....             | Garden Spot Park                |
| Arm Wrestling .....                        | Noon .....                        | Garden Spot Park                |
| Flag Raising .....                         | 9 am .....                        | LDS Church, 900 NW Willamina Dr |
| Car Show Registration .....                | 9 am - Noon .....                 | West Valley Community Campus    |
| Car Show Judging .....                     | Noon - 1 pm .....                 | West Valley Community Campus    |
| Car Show Awards .....                      | 3 pm .....                        | West Valley Community Campus    |
| Vendor Row.....                            | 9 am - 4 pm .....                 | NW and NE B Street              |
| Thornhill Art Show .....                   | 9 am - 4 pm .....                 | R&N Studio, Polk Street         |
| Horseshoe Tournament Registration.....     | 9:30 am .....                     | West Valley Community Campus    |
| Horseshoe Tournament .....                 | 10 am - 4 pm .....                | West Valley Community Campus    |
| Museum Open.....                           | 10 am - 4 pm .....                | SW D Street                     |
| Elephant Ears.....                         | 10 am (while supplies last) ..... | Willamina Free Methodist Church |
| Free Kids Zone.....                        | 11 am - 4 pm .....                | Willamina Free Methodist Church |
| Parade Registration .....                  | 4 - 5 pm .....                    | Willamina Middle School         |
| Parade Judging .....                       | 5 pm .....                        | Willamina Middle School         |
| Parade Starts.....                         | 6 pm .....                        | Willamina Middle School         |
| Music .....                                | 4 pm - Dusk .....                 | West Valley Community Campus    |

WVCC: West Valley Community Campus (Old High School)  
266 SE Washington St, Willamina

**FIREWORKS AND NATIONAL ANTHEM WILL BEGIN AT DUSK**

West Valley Community Campus - Please help clean up when you leave!

**No parking on Main Street after 4 p.m. on July 4th For Parade**  
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# A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

Dear Sheridan Community,

Improvements funded by the 2025 Sheridan Schools Bond have officially begun!

On Monday, June 22, immediately following Sheridan Hometown Days, crews moved into the parking lot and other spaces around Sheridan High School to begin their work on the three projects that will be completed this summer:

- SHS roof repairs
- SHS Parking lot repairs and repaving
- SHS Exterior lighting

Two contractors were selected this spring through a competitive bidding process to complete this summer's work:

Haworth, Inc. has a long history of commercial projects as well as some public buildings, including McMinnville High School CTE. They were one of seven bids received on the SHS parking lot work. Most of Haworth's work includes building construction as well as site work. They are locally-based in McMinnville and representatives noted that multiple employees live in Sheridan, a factor that we communicated as a priority in our Bond projects. The work will be funded with Bond proceeds at contract price of \$460,680.

A total of three bids were received for work on the SHS roof, with the final award going to Umpqua Roofing Company, which has worked on multiple school-based roofing projects. Roofing work will also be completely funded from Bond Proceeds, at a contract price of \$486,000.

Sheridan's project manager, R & C Management, noted that the bids for these types of projects have been highly competitive across the state this spring, which has driven many of the bids down.

Please be aware that access to the Sheridan High School parking lot, as well as other areas around the high school will be very limited over the summer months. Crews expect work to be completed before staff return to schools in the second half of August.

We continue to be very grateful to our community for passing the 2025 Bond measure that is allowing these improvements to take place, and will continue to report on progress in order to fulfill our pledge for transparency with regards to these projects.

Sincerely,  
Dorie Vickery Ed. D.  
Superintendent

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

## Forthill Restaurant to Host Car Show on July 18

Car enthusiasts are invited to bring their classic cars, hot rods, and motorcycles to Forthill Restaurant & Lounge for its "Caffeine & Gasoline" Cruise-In on Saturday, July 18.

The free event will take place from 8 to 10 a.m. and offers participants an opportunity to show off their vehicles while visiting with fellow automotive enthusiasts in a relaxed setting.

Complimentary coffee and doughnuts will be available during the event, and guests may also purchase breakfast from Forthill's breakfast menu.

Organizers say the cruise-in is all about enjoying good company and great conversations, with no awards or judging—just a chance to admire a variety of vehicles and spend the morning with fellow car lovers.

The event is free to attend for participants and spectators.



## Warm Fuzzies

The Hometown Days Program for 2026 is spectacular. The photos are large and sharp. The wide selection of articles are well written and represents many years of our city celebration. Marianne Thomson did a great job and the Bulletin is an asset and strengthens our community. Keep up the great work.

~Donna Bride

## West Valley All-Church Singalong Set for July 12

The All-Church Singalong has been a regular tradition in the West Valley since the late 1960s, bringing area congregations together every three months to sing and strengthen fellowship.

The next singalong date has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday, July 12, at the Grand Ronde Methodist Church, 8703 Grand Ronde Rd, in Grand Ronde.

Singalong coordinator Maxine Gayken encourages anyone interested to attend and join in the singing. Special performances, both vocal and instrumental, are welcome, but not required.

Churches interested in hosting a future singalong are encouraged to contact her at 971-241-2408.



## West Valley Bulletin Board

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AND SAFE  
4TH OF JULY

## WEST VALLEY COMMUNITY CAMPUS

### 4th of July at the West Valley Community Campus

Food court and Beer garden 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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## Ballston Picnic Continues 85-Year Tradition

The Ballston community gathered Sunday to continue a tradition that has connected generations of residents, former residents, and friends for nearly 85 years.

Held beneath the park's sprawling trees, the annual Ballston Picnic brought together dozens of attendees for an afternoon of conversation, games, raffles, and a potluck meal featuring fried chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, fruit salads, baked beans, homemade banana bread, blackberry cobbler, and a variety of homemade side dishes and desserts.

While children and families enjoyed lawn games and swings throughout the afternoon, much of the gathering centered on reconnecting with old friends, sharing memories, and welcoming newcomers with ties to the community.

The tradition began on Aug. 17, 1941, when the first Ballston Old Timers Picnic was held with a potluck dinner in the grove. According to Ballston historical records, the event was later sponsored by the Ballston Community Club and continued through 1959.

"It's been a really long time," organizer Ann Gage said with a laugh. "It used to be called the Old Timers Picnic," Gage said the gathering evolved over the years as 4-H support in hosting the event waned and participation by young people in the organization declined.

"It evolved into more of a reunion for folks who had lived and gone to school in the area," Gage said. "It remains an opportunity for people who have had any sort of affiliation with Ballston to continue to share stories and history of the community."

Held each year on the last Sunday in June at 1 p.m., the Ballston Picnic welcomes current residents, former residents, alumni, families, and anyone with a connection to the community. The annual gathering continues a tradition that has endured for generations, bringing people back to celebrate the community's past while ensuring its stories and history are shared with future generations.



One young attendee of the picnic enjoys some time on the swing after finishing off her potluck plate of food.



Attendees pick through the potluck offerings as they fill their plates during Sunday's annual Ballston Picnic.



Construction crews began work on the Sheridan High School bus pickup area and parking lot immediately after Sheridan Hometown Days. The project is one of many improvements being funded through the school bond approved by voters last year.



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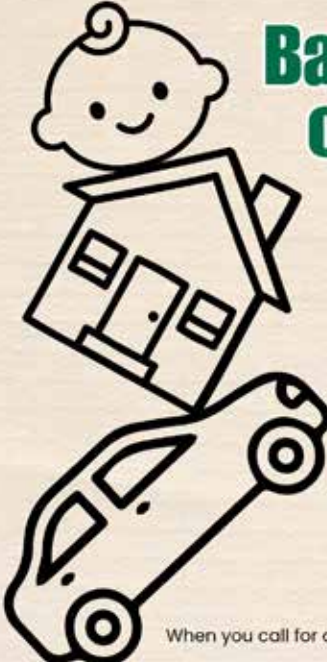
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# Pleasant Weather, New Events and Old Favorites Fill

Light rain showers alternated with breaks of blue sky throughout Saturday's Willamina Mud Drags, with Mother Nature providing just enough moisture to help keep the course muddy while racers and spectators enjoyed another day of horsepower, mud, and friendly competition.

The annual event featured 71 trucks competing in the main mud drag classes, while side-by-side competitors raced in both the traditional drag races and on the debuting short-course track. The event also introduced its first-ever spectator raffle race, featured exhibition runs by the Oregon National Guard, and offered plenty of muddy fun during the Kids Dash for Cash. The new short-course track added a second challenge for side-by-side competitors. After competing in the traditional drag races, drivers returned to tackle the new layout, which sent them around an extended oval before bringing them back to the drag pit for the finish, giving spectators a different style of racing to enjoy.

Competition remained intense throughout the day as racers battled for trophies and prize money across numerous divisions. Bob Ireton, of Kelso, Washington, turned in one of the day's standout performances by winning both the Open and Super Modified classes aboard his 1947 Willys "Scorpion." Matt Phillips, of Gervais, added a victory in the 8 Cylinder Road & Trail division and finished second in Modified, while Total Destruction Racing Team drivers earned several class victories and podium finishes throughout the afternoon.

One of the day's newest attractions gave a lucky spectator the chance to experience the mud from behind the wheel. Nicole Neccus, attending the Mud Drags for the first time in nearly 20 years, had no idea her friend, Matt Brown, had secretly purchased raffle tickets in her name as a joke. Confused as officials repeatedly called her name over the loudspeaker, Neccus soon discovered she had won the event's inaugural raffle race. With Brown riding alongside,

the first-time mud drag driver powered through the course, finished second, and collected a \$50 prize.

The Oregon National Guard also joined the festivities with its Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV), first making an exhibition pass down the drag pit before taking on the new short course. There, the JLTV squared off against a modified Suzuki Samurai in a head-to-head exhibition that demonstrated the military vehicle's impressive off-road capability. While the JLTV handled the muddy terrain with ease, the lighter, purpose-built Suzuki proved to be the faster machine around the course.

The Kids Dash for Cash once again produced plenty of smiles as youngsters sprinted through the muddy course. Once the race was over, many discovered the mud had claimed their shoes, prompting trips back onto the course to retrieve them, while others needed a helping hand from volunteer staff to pull them free from the sticky conditions.

The expanded schedule and new attractions added another chapter to one of the community's signature summer events, giving competitors new challenges while providing spectators with plenty of memorable moments throughout the day.

Complete results from Saturday's Willamina Mud Drags are as follows:

Open: 1. Jeff Lockwood, McMinnville, 1932 Ford "Never Enough" (Total Destruction Racing Team); 2. Bob Ireton, Kelso, Wash., 1947 Willys "Scorpion" (Independent); 3. Scott Berry, McMinnville, 1998 Chevy S-10 "Bad Barney" (Independent). Trophies and prize money sponsored by JL Trucking, LLC.

Super Modified: 1. Bob Ireton, Kelso, Wash., 1947 Willys "Scorpion" (Independent); 2. Josh Hermens, McMinnville, 1986 Toyota pickup (RIP Racing); 3. Garratt Stookes, 1942 Willys Jeep "Junkyard Dog" (Independent). Trophies and prize money sponsored by B & T Automotive. Modified: 1. Jazmin Dawkins, Tillamook, 1995 Chevy S-10 (Total Destruction Racing Team); 2. Matt Phillips, Gervais, 1990 Toyota pickup "Punished" (RIP Racing); 3. Cliff Roselle, Grand Ronde, 1985 Chevy Blazer "ZR2" (Total Destruction Racing Team). Trophies and prize money sponsored by Davison Auto Parts and McMinnville Les Schwab.

8 Cylinder Road & Trail: 1. Matt Phillips, Gervais, 1990 Toyota pickup "Punished" (RIP Racing); 2. Cliff Roselle, Grand Ronde, 1985 Chevy Blazer "ZR2" (Total Destruction Racing Team); 3. Chris Lucia, Amity, 1986 Toyota (Total Destruction Racing Team). Trophies and prize money sponsored by [Sponsor].

8 Cylinder Stock/6 Cylinder Modified: 1. Jack Scott, McMinnville, 1980 Toyota pickup "Nitro Drag" (Independent); 2. Edwin Glines, Roseburg, 1986 Jeep (Independent); 3. Justin Hamilton, Coquille, 1998 Jeep Cherokee (Independent). Trophies and prize money sponsored by Boyer Speed.

6 Cylinder Stock/4 Cylinder Modified: 1. Isaak Johnson, McMinnville, 2000 Jeep Cherokee "Hank" (Hell Bound Racing); 2. Loren Sullinger, Aurora, 1992 Jeep "Little Mud Digger" (Independent); 3. Tom Haight, Grand Ronde, 1999 Toyota Tacoma "Green Machine" (Independent). Trophies and prize money sponsored by RC Plus & Hobbies.

4 Cylinder Stock: 1. Cassidy Craviotto, Sheridan, 1988 Toyota "I.F.S." (Independent); 2. Tom Haight, Grand Ronde, 1999 Toyota Tacoma "Green Machine" (Independent); 3. Shane De-weese, Sheridan, 1986 Toyota "Betty" (Independent). Trophies and prize money sponsored by Willamina Chamber of Commerce.

Modified Powder Puff: 1. Kara O'Brien, St. Helens, 1986 Ford "Miss Behavin" (Total Destruction Racing Team/Miss Behavin Racing). Trophy and prize money sponsored by Hampton Lumber. Road & Trail Powder Puff: 1. Nicole Cawley, Tillamook, 1985 Chevy Blazer (Total Destruction Racing Team). Trophy and prize money sponsored by Warnicki Repair.

8 Cylinder Stock Powder Puff: 1. Danielle Bange, Myrtle Point, 1998 Jeep (Independent); 2. Alysha Moore, Camas Valley, 1979 Toyota "Frankie" (Independent). Trophies and prize money sponsored by Rotary Club of the West Valley.

4 & 6 Cylinder Powder Puff: 1. Penny Brewer, Grand Ronde, 1998 Jeep Cherokee (Independent); 2. Alysha Moore, Camas Valley, 1979 Toyota "Frankie" (Independent); 3. Tina Hammond, Sheridan, 1980 Toyota pickup (Total Destruction Racing Team). Trophies and prize money sponsored by Mary Jane

## Our Natural Neighbors

**Photo and column  
submitted by  
N. C. Raetsel**



**Scientific Name**

**Lynx Rufus**

**Common Name**

**Bobcat**

**Conservation Status**

**Least Concern**



Smallest of the four lynx species, our bobcat measures 24–40 inches long, excluding the 4–8 inch tail. It stands 19.5–23.5 inches in height at the shoulder and weighs 15–33 pounds. On average males are about 10 percent longer and 25–50 percent heavier than females. 1 to 6 kittens are born annually in April through early May; with the typical litter averaging 3. The lifespan of Lynx Rufus is typically 10–12 years. Bobcats are extremely adaptable hunters. Although they prefer to prey on rabbits & hares, they will also eat deer, beaver, bushy-tailed woodrats, squirrels, salmon, reptile eggs, small pets, chickens, geese and other ground nesting birds, such as turkeys. Bobcats are not above scavenging for carrion. As with human fingerprints, no two bobcats have the exact same coat pattern; their unique spotted and striped markings allow researchers to identify individuals.

# The Annual Willamina Mud Drags With Fun For All

Hollinger.

Factory Side-by-Side: 1. Michael Venoy, Can-Am (Independent); 2. Matt Hembree, Willamina, 2024 Kawasaki (Independent). Trophies and prize money sponsored by TNT Motorsports.

Modified Side-by-Side: 1. Chris Dizick, Grand Ronde, 2018 Can-Am (Total Destruction Racing Team); 2. Ben Johnston, Tillamook, 2023 Polaris (Total Destruction Racing Team); 3. Jody

Brewer, Grand Ronde, 2021 Polaris (Independent). Trophies and prize money sponsored by One Eyed Trucking.

Short-Course Side-by-Side: [Results to be added.]

Kids Dash for Cash — 5 and Under: 1. Niko Escobedo, Grand Ronde; 2. Graceland Johnson, McMinnville; 3. Brayton Griffith, Willamina. Sponsored by Steve and Debbie Abrames. 6-7 Years: 1. Travis McKee, McMinnville;

2. Wilder Stuck, Grand Ronde; 3. Brady Downs, Willamina. Sponsored by Mike and Marcie Gass. 8-10 Years: 1. Chevelle Owen, Willamina; 2. Emerson Davies, Lincoln City; 3. Carter Ashley, McMinnville. Sponsored by Mike and Marcie Gass. 11-13

Years: 1. Mason West, Coffee County, Tenn.; 2. Darius Nelson, Lafayette; 3. Madalynn Hamilton, Coquille. Sponsored by Mike and Marcie Gass. 14 and Over: 1. Jaxson Harris, McMinnville; 2. Ethan Faulkner, Dallas; 3. Aspen Jay, Dallas. Sponsored by Mike and Marcie Gass.



Nicole Neccus makes her first-ever run through the mud during the inaugural spectator raffle race while Matt Brown rides along after secretly purchasing the winning raffle ticket in her name.



Jeffrey Lockwood carries a young racer to firmer ground after the mud proved too much to walk through alone.



The mud wins this round as a youngster recovers their shoes that were swallowed by the course following the Kids Dash for Cash.



The Oregon National Guard Joint Light Tactical Vehicle kicks up mud while making an exhibition run on the new short-course track.



Mud flies as two side-by-side racers navigate the first turn on the debuting short-course track at Saturday's Willamina Mud Drags.

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## First Federal Annual Free Picnic To Be Held in Sheridan July 9

Summer is officially here, and that means it's time for one of our favorite traditions!

Join your local First Federal branch this summer for Picnics in the Park(ing Lots), a free community lunch where their team serves up hot dogs, pie, ice cream, and plenty of friendly conversation.

Whether you're stopping by on your lunch break, bringing the kids for a summer treat, or catching up with neighbors, they would love to see you there!

### Picnic Schedule

- Sheridan: July 9
- Home Office: July 16
- Newberg: July 23

From  
11 AM - 2 PM

Bring your appetite, say hello to their team, and enjoy a little summer fun with your community.

## 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 pick-up by contacting Nichole at 971-241-0313.



## Horoscopes July 1-6

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you are a powerhouse this week. Your energy levels will remain steady as the days go on, and people will notice your drive. Channel this energy into something positive.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

It's your week right now, Taurus, and the stars want to indulge. Indulge in something luxurious and enjoy yourself. You have earned the right to some pampering.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Use your gift of gab to mend a relationship issue that stemmed from a misunderstanding, Gemini. Expect some invitations to come your way and a surprise text mid-week.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

You are feeling extra sensitive to others' energy right now, Cancer. It is alright to decline social invitations to protect your peace of mind. A creative breakthrough may emerge while alone.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Don't shy away from the microphone or the spotlight, Leo. Whether it is at work or in your personal life, your charisma will be your greatest asset this week. You will be the star of the show.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Decluttering can go a long way to making you feel better, Virgo. Clear your desk to clear your mind. Once the physical chaos is gone, you may find the answer to the problem you have.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, the scales start to tip toward your personal life instead of your professional one this week. Focus on your spouse or special someone and make time for extra moments together.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Let go of a habit or a resentment that no longer serves you, Scorpio. Just like a snake sheds an old skin, you'll feel lighter and ready to tackle anything.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You might be ready for a trip, Sagittarius. Even if you can't take a flight right now, explore a new neighborhood or try a different restaurant you've been meaning to check out.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

A small adjustment to your budget now may lead to a big payoff later on, Capricorn. Your financial discipline is a superpower this week, so stick to the plan.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Others are finally catching up to all of your big ideas, Aquarius. Pitch that unconventional plan you have been holding back and you'll likely have some fans.

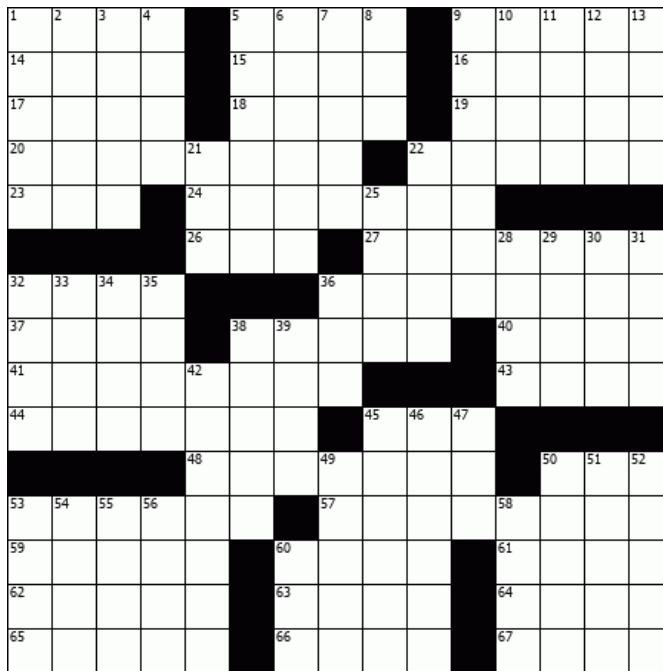
### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pay attention to any coincidences that pop up during the next several days, Pisces. The universe is trying to tell you something about your next move.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### Across

1. Resorts
5. Citi Field players
9. Church walkway
14. Jaunty
15. Responsibility
16. Bar seat
17. Dalai \_\_\_\_
18. River in Egypt
19. Mexican coins
20. Polar water formations
22. Far off
23. Media mogul \_\_\_\_ Turner
24. Wandering
26. Briny deep
27. Beseech
32. Too
36. "The Texas Chainsaw \_\_\_\_"
37. Burden
38. Corrode
40. Leg front
41. "Annie" song
43. Pea holders
44. Oppressive
45. Solar body
48. Perform surgery
50. Enjoy the slopes
53. Nab
57. Canadian city
59. Distributed cards
60. Decorate again
61. Ventilates
62. U.S. symbol
63. Takes advantage of
64. Mirth
65. Smudge
66. Warped
67. Bed support



### Down

1. Bowling woe
2. \_\_\_\_ and quiet
3. Carrying weapons
4. Wild attempt
5. Actress Marilyn \_\_\_\_
6. Mystery
7. Oklahoma city
8. Wind dir.
9. Facets
10. Gossip bit
11. Mediocre (hyph.)
12. Burglar's booty
13. Differently
21. Navy officer (abbr.)
22. Remove soap
25. \_\_\_\_ Sea Scrolls
28. Scrape roughly
29. Canyon feedback
30. Parched
31. Perfect gymnastics scores
32. Choir member
33. Water bird
34. Alike
35. Bloodhound's clue
36. Cut the lawn
38. Burst forth
39. Stood up
42. Male chicken
45. Make sorrowful
46. Ultimate
47. Keanu Reeves role
49. \_\_\_\_ Witherspoon of "Sweet Home Alabama"
50. Calm
51. "M\*A\*S\*H" locale
52. Map detail
53. Fruit beverages
54. Paper quantity
55. Fury
56. \_\_\_\_ Fitzgerald of jazz
58. Reminds excessively
60. Buff

## Kiwanis Volunteers Clean Up Highway

Volunteers with the Willamina Kiwanis Club gathered Saturday morning outside Coyote Joe's to clean up a stretch of Business Highway 18, collecting litter from the roadside from the Park & Ride near Highway 22 west of Willamina to Pittman Road east of town, excluding Main Street through Willamina.

Among those volunteering were former Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick, current Superintendent Mike Gass, longtime Willamina Bulldog coach and athletic director Jerry Buczynski, Sheridan Fire District Administrator Marguerite Alexander, Howard Alkire, Greg Anderson of EXP Realty, Ila Skyberg, and students from the Willamina FFA chapter.

Following the cleanup, participants were treated to breakfast provided by the Willamina VFW Hall.

The roadside cleanup is one of three major annual events organized by the Willamina Kiwanis Club, alongside its Fourth of July pancake feed and the annual fishing derby at Huddleston Pond.

The cleanup reflects the mission

of Kiwanis, a global volunteer organization dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. In addition to supporting youth through programs and fundraising, local Kiwanis clubs carry out service projects and activities that benefit children, families, and the communities they serve.

Those interested in learning more about the Willamina Kiwanis Club or getting involved can contact Marguerite Alexander at the Sheridan Fire Hall at 503-843-2467 or by email at [malexander@sheridanfd.org](mailto:malexander@sheridanfd.org).



**The results of the Willamina Kiwanis Club's roadside cleanup stacked along Business Highway 18 after volunteers collected dozens of bags of litter from the adopted route on Saturday.**



Five members of the Willamina Kiwanis Club gather outside Coyote Joe's before the club's annual roadside cleanup on Saturday. Pictured (from left) are Mike Gass, Jerry Buczynski, Marguerite Alexander, Carrie Zimbrick, and Greg Anderson. Additional volunteers joined the cleanup at other locations along the route.



## General Colin Powell (1937–2021)

Colin Powell is one of only a handful of individuals to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom twice (once with Distinction). Beyond his profound strategic impact on national security and foreign policy, his leadership style, defined by the "Powell Doctrine" of clear objectives and decisive action, was always grounded in deep humility and respect for the democratic process.

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*-- General Colin Powell*

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

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### ~Story Time~

July 3,10,17,24,31 • 10:30 am

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### ~Adult Craft~

July 11 @ 12pm

Movie & snack for kids while adults craft

### ~ Summer Reading programs~

Ages 13-18

July 1• Make your own terrarium ..... 1:30 pm

July 8• Make a patch ..... 1:30 pm

July 17• Human Battleship Ages 1-18 ..... 3 pm

July 22• Intro into embroidery ..... 1:30 pm

July 30• DIY reversible coffee sleeve ..... 1:30 pm

### ~ Teen Time~

July 10• Teen Game Day ..... 3:30 pm

July 29• Teen Movie Day ..... 3:30 pm

### ~Performance in the Park~

July 14- Red Yarn 4:30 p.m.

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# COMMUNITY

## July 2026

|                  |                 |                                                            |            |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Thursday</b>  |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 2            | 6 pm            | Sheridan Revitalization                                    | Sheridan   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 4            | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ | Willamina 4th of July Celebration (See Schedule of Events) | Willamina  |
| <b>Monday</b>    |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 6            | 6 pm            | Sheridan City Council                                      | 120 S.W.   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 7            | Noon            | Kiwanis                                                    | 825 N.E.   |
| Jul 7            | 2-4 pm          | Grand Sheramina Food Bank                                  | 120 N. B   |
| Jul 7            | 4:30 pm         | Book Club                                                  | Willamin   |
| Jul 7            | 6 pm            | Friends of Sheridan Library Meeting                        | Sheridan   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 8            | 6 pm            | Willamina 4th of July Committee                            | Willamin   |
| Jul 8            | 6 pm            | West Valley Rotary Evening Meeting                         | Bennie H   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 9            | 4-5 pm          | Yamhill County Youth Advisory Council                      | Sheridan   |
| <b>Friday</b>    |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 10           | 9 am-3:30 pm    | Veterans Summit                                            | Uyxat Po   |
| Jul 10           | 5 pm            | Marcellus Norwest Veterans Powwow                          | Uyxat Po   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 11           | 10 am-4 pm      | Buell Grange School Supply Drive                           | Buell Gra  |
| Jul 11           | 10 am-3 pm      | Saturday Market                                            | West Val   |
| Jul 11           | 10 am-3 pm      | MakerSpace Lab                                             | Willamin   |
| Jul 11           | 1 pm & 7 pm     | Marcellus Norwest Veterans Powwow                          | Uyxat Po   |
| Jul 11           | 5:30 pm         | Tree of Giving Bingo Fundraiser                            | 143 S.W.   |
| Jul 11           | 6 pm            | Astronomy Club                                             | Willamin   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 12           | 10 am-4 pm      | Buell Grange School Supply Drive                           | Buell Gra  |
| Jul 12           | 1 pm            | Marcellus Norwest Veterans Powwow                          | Uyxat Po   |
| <b>Monday</b>    |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 13           | TBD             | Elder Honor Day                                            | Spirit Mo  |
| Jul 13           | 6 pm            | Sheridan Boosters                                          | 433 S. Br  |
| Jul 13           | 7 pm            | Sheridan Planning Commission                               | 120 S.W.   |
| Jul 13           | 7 pm            | Willamina School District Meeting                          | Willamina  |
| Jul 13           | 7 pm            | American Legion                                            | 125 N. B   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 14           | 6 pm            | Willamina City Council                                     | 825 N.E.   |
| Jul 14           | 6:30 pm         | Sheridan Fire Board                                        | 230 S.W.   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 15           | 6 pm            | Sheridan School District Board                             | District C |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 16           | 6 pm            | West Valley Fire District Board Meeting                    | 825 N.E.   |
| Jul 16           | 6 pm            | Sheridan Parks & Recreation Meeting                        | 120 S.W.   |
| Jul 16           | 6:30 pm         | Toastmasters                                               | Willamin   |
| <b>Friday</b>    |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 17           | 8-9:15 am       | Sheridan Chamber Breakfast                                 | Sheridan   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 18           | 8-10 am         | Caffeine & Gasoline Cruise-In                              | Forthill F |
| Jul 18           | 10 am-3 pm      | MakerSpace Lab                                             | Willamin   |
| Jul 18           | 6 pm            | Astronomy Club                                             | Willamin   |
| <b>Monday</b>    |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 20           | 6 pm            | Sheridan City Council                                      | 120 S.W.   |
| Jul 20           | 7 pm            | VFW                                                        | 771 N.E.   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 21           | 1 pm            | Lunch Bunch (to-go lunches)                                | Sheridan   |
| Jul 21           | 2-4 pm          | Grand Sheramina Food Bank                                  | 120 N. B   |
| Jul 21           | 6:30 pm         | Willamina Library Board Meeting                            | Willamin   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 22           | 7 pm            | Free Church Concert                                        | Willamin   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 23           | 5 pm/6 pm       | Willamina Library Board Session/Meeting                    | Willamin   |
| Jul 23           | 6 pm            | West Valley Fire District Board Meeting                    | 825 N.E.   |
| <b>Friday</b>    |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 24           | 9 am-5 pm       | Willamina Citywide Garage Sale                             | Willamin   |
| Jul 24           | 5-7 pm          | Churches United Community Dinner                           | Sheridan   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 25           | 9 am-5 pm       | Willamina Citywide Garage Sale                             | Willamin   |
| Jul 25           | Noon-2 pm       | Mending Library                                            | Willamin   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 28           | 6 pm            | Willamina Planning Commission                              | 825 N.E.   |
| <b>Friday</b>    |                 |                                                            |            |
| Jul 31           | 10 am-4 pm      | Chachalu Friday Marketplace                                | Chachalu   |
| Jul 31           | 5-7 pm          | Churches United Community Dinner                           | Sheridan   |

# CALENDAR

## Weekly

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Museum of History          |  |
| nts) ★★★★★★                |  |
| Mill St., Sheridan         |  |
| Main St., Willamina        |  |
| ridge St., Sheridan        |  |
| Public Library             |  |
| Public Library             |  |
| Christian Church           |  |
| Huie's Backroom            |  |
| High School                |  |
| www Grounds                |  |
| www Grounds                |  |
| ange Hall                  |  |
| ley Mercantile             |  |
| Public Library             |  |
| www Grounds                |  |
| Monroe St., Sheridan       |  |
| Public Library             |  |
| ange Hall                  |  |
| www Grounds                |  |
| Mountain Casino            |  |
| ridge St., Sheridan        |  |
| Mill St., Sheridan         |  |
| School Library/Live Stream |  |
| ridge St., Sheridan        |  |
| Main St., Willamina        |  |
| Mill St., Sheridan         |  |
| Office/Web                 |  |
| Main St., Willamina        |  |
| Mill St., Sheridan         |  |
| Public Library             |  |
| Museum                     |  |
| Restaurant & Lounge        |  |
| Public Library             |  |
| Public Library             |  |
| Mill St., Sheridan         |  |
| Main St., Willamina        |  |
| United Methodist Church    |  |
| ridge St., Sheridan        |  |
| Public Library/Zoom        |  |
| Free Methodist Church      |  |
| Public Library/Zoom        |  |
| Main St., Willamina        |  |
| United Methodist Church    |  |
| Public Library             |  |
| Main St., Willamina        |  |
| Museum                     |  |
| United Methodist Church    |  |

### Monday:

Early Literacy Adventures  
Willamina Public Library 9:30am  
Sheridan Summer Meals (Mon-Thur)  
Sheridan City Park 11-11:20am  
Faulconer-Chapman 11:30-11:50am  
Sheridan High School 12:05-12:25pm

### Celebrate Recovery

Willamina Free Methodist Church 6pm  
Scout Meeting

Sheridan All Prep, Sheridan 7pm  
P.I.F. AA Meeting (Mon, Wed, & Fri)  
Sheridan All Prep 7pm

### Tuesday

NA Meeting,  
Light House Church, Grand Ronde 6pm  
Yoga

Swan Hall, 242 NE Main St., Willamina 6pm

### Wednesday

Willamina Chamber of Commerce (EID 1st Wed)  
Coyote Joe's 8am

Bridge Learning Play Group (Age 0-5)  
430 SW Monroe St, Sheridan 9:30 - 11:30am

Creative artists and artisans  
Willamina Christian Church 10am-2pm

Sheridan Rotary Meeting  
Sheridan School District office, Sheridan Noon

Willamina Food Pantry, Civic Club,  
340 B Street, Willamina 4-6pm

### Thursday

Community Showers  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Sheridan 1-4pm

Bingo  
VFW Hall, Willamina 5:30pm

Mill Creek Road Band Live Music w/Potluck (Free)  
Buell Grange, Mill Creek Rd. Sheridan 6-8pm

NA Meeting,  
Light House Church, Grand Ronde 6pm

### Friday

Grand Ronde Food Bank Distribution  
9765 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde 10am-2pm

Grand Ronde Community Clothes Closet  
9765 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde 9am-Noon

American Legion Bingo  
125 N Bridge St., Sheridan 5:30pm

Cornhole  
Ft. Hill Restaurant, 8655 Ft. Hill Rd 6pm

### Saturday

Sheridan Museum of History,  
142 S. Bridge St, Sheridan 10am-3pm

Willamina Museum of History,  
188 D St, Willamina 1-4pm

Tina Miller Youth Center  
172 NW 4th Street, Willamina 3-6pm

Odd Fellows Bingo  
143 SW Monroe Street, Sheridan 5:30pm

Narcotics Anonymous (Emmanuel Lutheran)  
315 W. Main St., Willamina 7-8pm

### Sunday

Willamina Museum of History Open  
188 NE D St., Willamina 1-4pm

Tina Miller Youth Center  
172 NW 4th Street, Willamina 1-4pm

Yoga  
Swan Hall, 242 NE Main St., Willamina 5pm

NA Meeting,  
Light House Church, Grand Ronde 6pm

Open Mic Night  
Wildwood Hotel and Lounge 6pm



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### Tricky United States Trivia

- 1)What was the only state to ever have been ruled by a queen?
- 2)What does the U.S.'s motto "E pluribus unum" mean?
- 3)What was the original capital of the U.S.?
- 4)Which was the first state to be admitted to the union?
- 5)What is America's longest highway?
- 6)Which state is Juan Ponce de León credited with discovering?
- 7)During the Gilded Age, who was the richest American and the country's first billionaire?
- 8)Why was the U.S. Secret Service officially formed in July 1865?

Find the answers in next weeks issue



## GO, USA!

While making your way through the maze, write down each letter you encounter along the correct path. These letters will spell out three words that pertain to the United States of America.

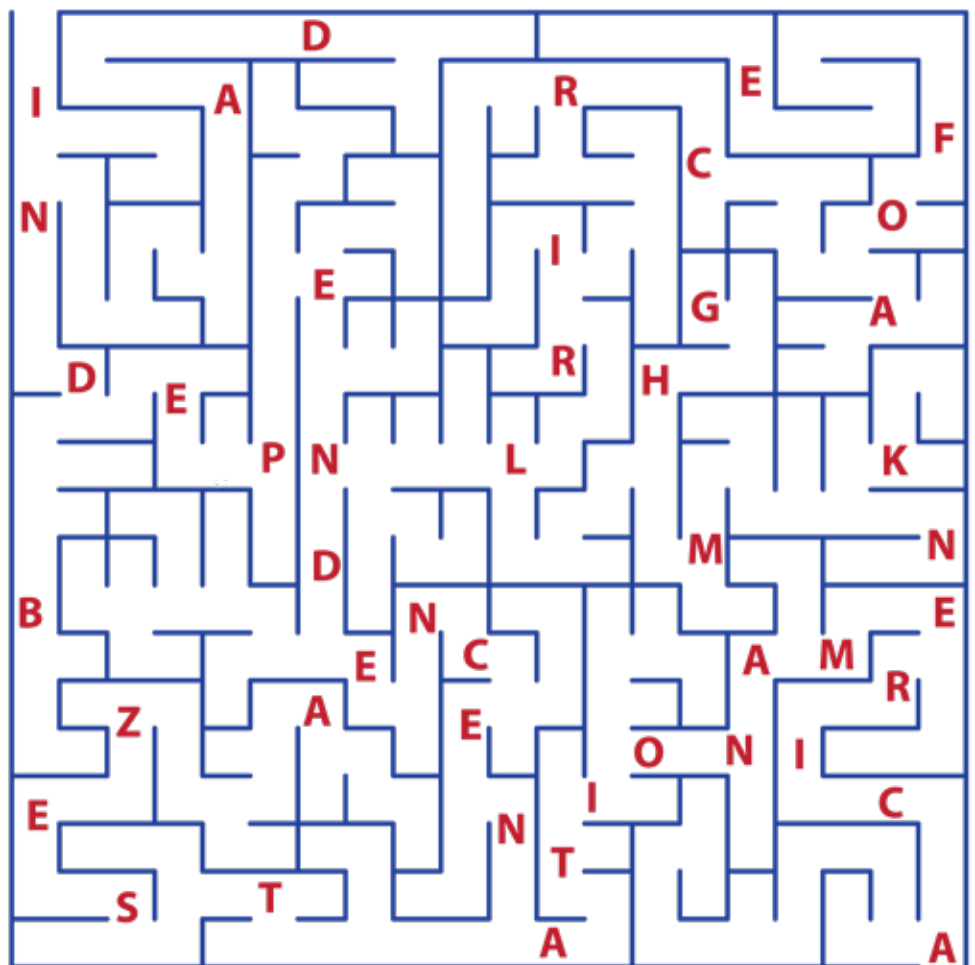
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Start



Finish





## Word Scramble

Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to 4th of July. Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.

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D R A P A E

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D R U P O

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T R I S P I

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T A N N O I

What is a firecrackers favorite snack?

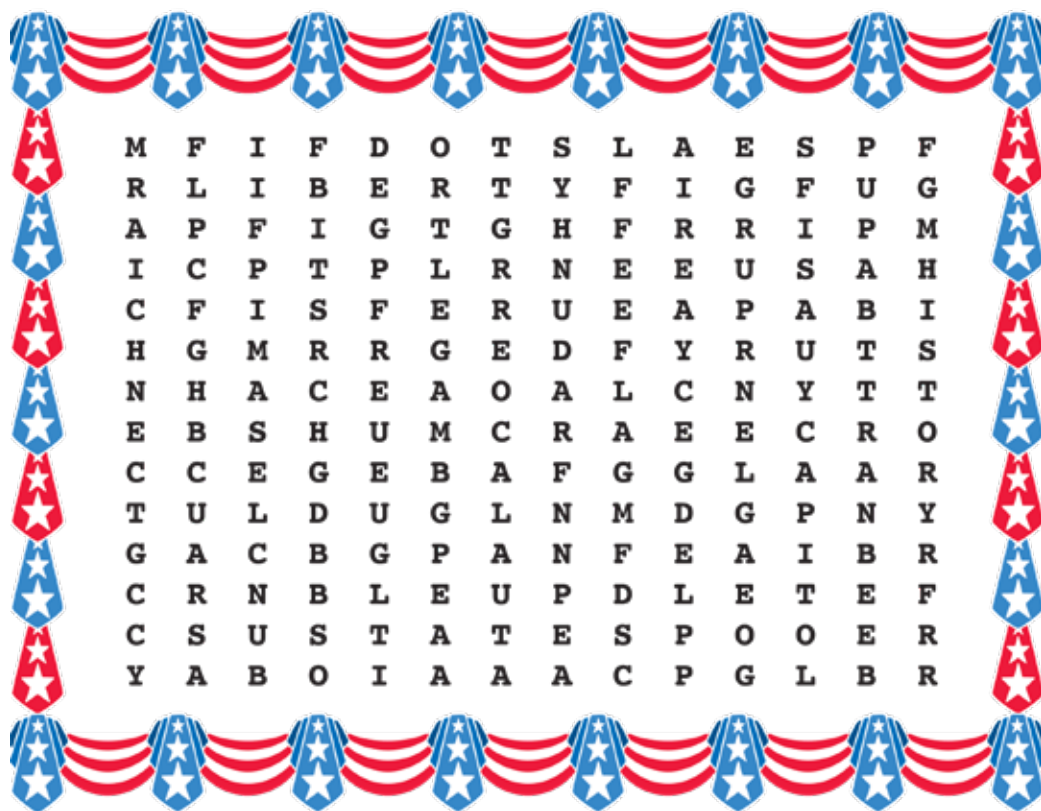
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**Last weeks answers**  
Kibble, Pooch, Food, Heel,  
Guide, Bulldog

There are Five differences between the two pictures can you spot them all?



## USA WORD SEARCH



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SATURDAY JULY 11TH - 1 & 7 PM GRAND ENTRY  
SUNDAY JULY 12 - 1PM GRAND ENTRY



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

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## Mayor for a Day Takes a Seat at City Hall

After winning the Mayor for a Day contest at Faulconer-Chapman School, Jaelyn Shenk got a firsthand look at how local government operates, spending the day with Mayor Cale George and Deputy City Recorder Angela Ault on a behind-the-scenes tour of Sheridan City Hall.

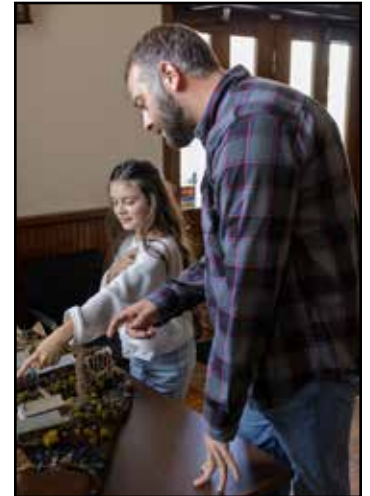
The visit began in the council chambers, where Shenk took a seat in the mayor's chair at the council table and had the opportunity to sound the council gavel before beginning a tour of the city's center of government.

George and Ault introduced Shenk to the daily operations of City Hall, showing her how the front office serves residents who come in to pay utility bills, ask questions, and access city services. They also took her into the records room, where shelves and filing cabinets demonstrated the extensive recordkeeping required to keep the city running.

Using maps and planning materials, George explained city limits, future growth, floodplain areas, and local codes, giving Shenk a glimpse of the many responsibilities involved in leading a community. As the tour continued, he encouraged her to consider what she would add to the city if she were mayor. While she was initially unsure, the conversation soon turned to activities for young people, and Shenk quickly warmed to the idea of bringing a

pool back to town, saying, "We need to get a pool in here because things like the pond, you can't swim in that."

Later, as George and the other staff pointed out some of the attractions Sheridan once had, including a movie theater and soda stand, Shenk listened as the group talked about how the town had changed over the years. After hearing about those former gathering places, she summed up her thoughts with a simple observation, saying, "They should have kept all that."



Mayor Cale George points out details on the miniature of the historic Yamhill Milling-Power & Light Company as Jaelyn Shenk examines the display at Sheridan City Hall.



Jaelyn Shenk holds the council gavel after taking a seat in the mayor's chair at the Sheridan City Council table during her tour.

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## BRNW Makes First-Ever Stop in Sheridan

A sea of tents filled much of Sheridan City Park on Friday, while U-Haul trucks, portable toilets, and other support vehicles lined the park's perimeter, drawing the attention of local residents.

What appeared to be an impromptu campground was actually overnight lodging for Bicycle Rides Northwest (BRNW), an Oregon-based nonprofit that has spent nearly four decades organizing fully supported bicycle tours throughout the Pacific Northwest. This year's route began in Corvallis before winding through Alsea, Waldport, Lincoln City, and Otis, crossing the Coast Range via Blaine Road and Bible Creek Road, dropping into Willamina, and arriving for the evening.

"We've been doing this for 39 years, and I like to look for places that we haven't been, because we bring money into the town," the event director said, adding that this was the organization's first stop in Sheridan.

The organization uses its tours as an opportunity to give back to the communities that host overnight stops. As part of that effort, the City received a \$2,000 grant that City Manager Preston Polasek said will be used to upgrade the park's restroom facilities.

"They were really welcoming," the event director said. "Everybody here has been great. The public works people here are fantastic. They've been so cooperative, and they're happy to help." Polasek said he hopes the riders enjoyed their stop in Sheridan and will "adventure our way again" during a future tour.

The nonprofit's tours are designed to let participants focus solely on the ride while volunteers and support crews handle nearly every other aspect of the journey. Riders' luggage is transported between overnight stops while the organization provides campsites, three catered meals each day, snacks, rest stops, mechanics, shower facilities, yoga,

and optional massage services, allowing participants to focus on riding an average of about 65 miles each day. Tours are held twice each summer throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and parts of Northern California.

"It's really focused on just getting away from your life, and all you have to do is sort of eat, sleep, and ride," the event director said. "It's really fun for these folks."

BRNW attracts riders from throughout the United States and frequently welcomes cyclists from overseas who travel to experience the Pacific Northwest. While there were no international participants this year, the rider who traveled the furthest came from more than 3,100 miles away.

Approximately 180 to 190 cyclists stopped in Sheridan, shy of BRNW's 300-rider limit for each tour. The organization's July tour in Washington has already sold out.

The average rider for this tour is 66 years old, with 86 cyclists in their 70s, six in their 80s, and one rider who is 92 years old. "These are lifelong athletes," the event director said. "They're tough." About 75 percent of participants return year after year, often encouraging friends and family to join them. The event director said many riders have grown older alongside the organization while continuing to embrace the challenge of riding hundreds of miles each summer.

After their stop in Sheridan, the cyclists packed up camp Saturday morning and completed the final leg of their journey back to Corvallis.



## Willamina's Annual City-Wide Garage Sales

Friday & Saturday, July 24 & 25  
Registration for being included in the Willamina City Wide Sale begins July 6. There is a small fee to help with advertising costs and being placed on the map. There is a choice of having individual sales, or a group or business sale. Please contact Ginny Wymore with any questions at :ginnywymore@gmail.com. Registration forms will be available at Willamina City Hall and Willamina Library through July 16. This is the eleventh annual sale hosted by the Willamina Economic Improvement District.



## Community Invited to Sapphire Open House

Community members are invited to an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, at Sapphire at Sheridan, 1350 W Main St., to tour the senior living community and learn more about the services it provides.

The event will feature light refreshments, music, and an opportunity to meet staff, visit with residents, and network with members of the community in a relaxed setting.

The open house is free and open to the public. For more information, call Sapphire at Sheridan at 503-843-7799.

## 2026 Coastal Hills Art Tour Call To Artists

The 33rd annual Willamina Coastal Hills Artisans and Quilt Tour "Call to Artists" begins June 30th and will conclude on Friday, September 4, 2026.

**The annual downtown Willamina walking Art Tour is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, November 13 & 14, 2026.**

All professional artisans and crafters from the West Valley area are invited to participate in the tour. Culinary arts are being added to the tour this year. All art must be the original work of the artist and be for sale. Entry fees vary depending on individual or group participation. Details and guidelines are in the application and prospectus, which will be available at the Willamina City Hall, Sheridan City Hall, and both Willamina & Sheridan Public Libraries. Your may also contact Cris Darr (503)-550-1582 email: crisdarr06@gmail.com or Ginny Wymore (503)-435-9180 email: ginnywymore@gmail.com.

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## Head Start of Yamhill County Fall Program Starting In Sheridan August 31, Recruiting Teachers For Two Locations

Head Start of Yamhill County has openings for their fall program in Sheridan, which begins August 31st. This year they are offering bus services and two PreK classroom options, in addition to their Early Head Start program for expectant families, infants, and toddlers.

Start of Yamhill County offers free, bilingual services for children aged 0-5 in a comprehensive, family-focused, early childhood development program with year-long services as needed including meals, diapers/pull-ups, and transportation. They serve families who meet Federal Poverty Guidelines and have a limited number of spots for families who are considered over-income. Families who receive SNAP or TANF are automatically eligible. Families who are considered homeless, including living with family or friends, are also automatically eligible. Children experiencing Foster Care or those who are being raised by grandparents or relatives are also often automatically eligible. At least ten percent of the children served experience disabilities, and Head Start supports their work with specialists. Children do not need to be toilet trained to participate in the program. Head Start partners with local school districts to provide smooth transitions from the preschool program to kindergarten. They serve fami-

lies throughout Yamhill County at facilities located in McMinnville, Newberg, Lafayette, and Sheridan.

The Early Head Start program serves pregnant moms and children aged 0-36 months with weekly visits, and family socializations. The Head Start preschool program provides high-quality classroom experiences, four days a week for children 3 and older as of September 1st. Head Start's services for children support critical language, literacy, and emotional development so that children are prepared to enter kindergarten well-adjusted and ready to learn. Enrollment for families transitioning from Early Head Start to the PreK program are prioritized over those applying as first year participants, and fall openings exist in the EHS program as well.

Head Start is unique because they promote parent education and involvement, support with self-sufficiency skills building, health, nutrition, and specialized support services with all participants. They are also available for crisis support and walk alongside families to navigate systems in the community to meet their needs. Many of their staff are bilingual and have been parents or grandparents in the program. They are a human development organization— they help families to be successful!

Head Start of Yamhill County was established as a stand-alone, private, non-profit agency in 1995 and has a long history of successfully providing Head Start services to children and families. They are committed to the belief that parents are children's first and most important teachers. What they believe, and what families share that they appreciate about their model, is that their focus is getting children and families ready for school and life's successes. Birth certificates are not required for enrollment!

Head Start is also recruiting for teachers at the Sheridan and McMinnville Centers. Job Descriptions and applications are available on the website.

Head Start of Yamhill County: (503) 472-2000, 1006 NE 3rd St Ste A, McMinnville, OR 97128. [www.yamhillheadstart.org](http://www.yamhillheadstart.org). 1500 West Main, Sheridan.



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## JBO Minors End Season with Victory

Willamina's Minor JBO baseball team had an answer — and then some — every time the Forest Grove Vikings grabbed the lead, rallying for a 14-10 victory in their season finale. The win snapped a three-game losing streak, improved the Bulldogs to 7-5, and sent them into the district playoffs on a winning note.

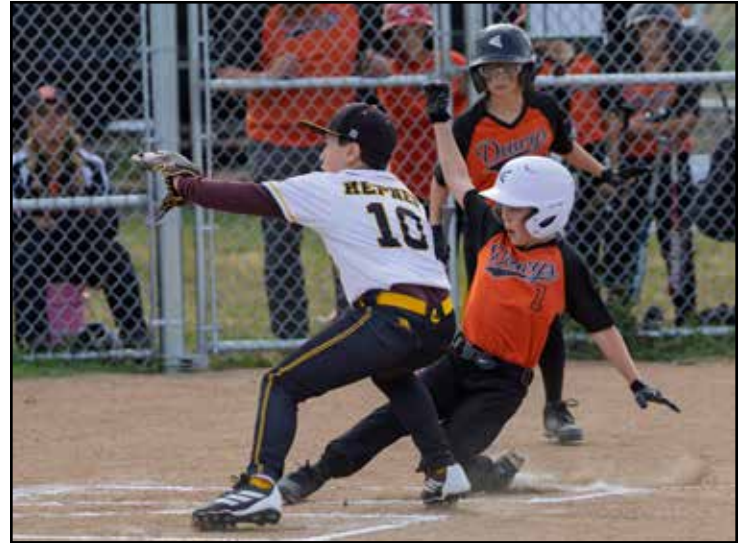
Forest Grove jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the opening inning, but Willamina quickly responded with four runs in the bottom of the first to move in front. Neither team scored in the second before the Vikings reclaimed the lead with a four-run third, only to see the Bulldogs answer with five runs of their own to regain control. After Forest Grove tied the game at 9-9 in the fourth, Willamina delivered the decisive blow with another five-run inning to take a 14-9 advantage.

Willamina's offense combined seven hits and eight walks, but it was the Bulldogs' relentless baserunning, swiping 31 bases, that kept the Vikings on the ropes from the first inning to the final out.

Carter Sharp closed out the victory on the mound, striking out five batters over the final three innings. Forest Grove mounted one last threat in the fifth, but Sharp stranded two runners to preserve the four-run lead and secure the win.

Monte Gallagher led the Bulldogs at the plate, going 2-for-2 with

two RBIs and two runs scored. Sharp reached base twice, scored three runs, and added a strong relief performance on the mound, while Nick Bruns-Casey, Kason Bowlin, Wyatt Brunner, and Riley Gallagher each collected a hit as Willamina heads into the district playoffs with a season-ending victory.



Blake Ceballos (1) slides safely across home plate on a passed ball during the first inning of Willamina's 14-10 victory over the Forest Grove Vikings in the regular-season finale.

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## J. D. WELCH LAYS COMPLAINT, ASKS THOMAS TO ACT

Wide local interest centers on a hearing held before Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, at Salem Monday afternoon relative to a proposed reduction of freight rates on the Willamina & Grand Ronde railroad.

Initiative in the matter was taken by J. D. Welch, of Grand Ronde, holder of extensive bodies of timber. Welch was accompanied to Salem by A. P. Klees, manager of the Gebhardt-Klees Lumber Co., Mr. Sundquist, manager of the New Grand Ronde Lumber Co., and others interested, who attended the hearing.

Welch told the commissioner that he thought the freight rate of \$20 per car on lumber charged by the W. & G. R. railroad company was exorbitant, and asked some relief, it is said. He contended that the Miami corporation, owners of the railroad, are charging rates based on a valuation of \$603,000.00. He alleged that this valuation is excessive. Competent engineers that gave him estimates recently said the railroad could now be built for approximately \$275,000.00, Welch declared.

Welch said that besides himself, the owners of five sawmills served by the railroad line would

like to see it placed under interstate commerce regulations, through sale or lease of the property to a large railroad company, or in some other manner, if possible. If this cannot be done, mill owners may offer a plan to operate their own train over the W. & G. R. railroad that they believe will save them \$15 per car, it was said.

A substantial saving on freight rates would be a big stimulus to local mill operations, relieving the unemployment situation materially, it is pointed out.

Commissioner Thomas may call a public hearing on this matter within the near future, it was said.



## Strength of Local Team Surprise to Many Fans

Baseball fans were treated to an interesting game on the local grounds Sunday. Grand Island's peppy nine came here and played a Willamina team composed of players of this city and Grand Ronde. At the end of the scheduled nine innings the score was tied, 6 to 6. It took two more innings to decide the winner, Grand Island making four runs and Willamina one in the 11th, making the final score 10 to 7. Games like this will keep up interest in baseball. Many fans were surprised at the strength of the local team, and will want to see them in action again soon.

## Hay Crop Falls Off Slightly

While the State College says the hay crop of Oregon and the country generally is 10 percent or more below normal, reports given The Times by farmers indicate the local yields of alfalfa and other hay crops will be normal, or very slightly under normal. The moisture now in the ground is favorable to heavy second cuttings of alfalfa, but hay that was down has been considerably damaged by the frequent showers the past two weeks.

## NEPHEW OF LOCAL MAN NORTHWEST GOLF CHAMPION

(Old Grand Ronde, by M. Petersen)

Frank Dolp, of Portland, who defeated Dr. O. F. Willing at Tacoma Saturday, winning the Pacific Northwest amateur golf championship, is a nephew of Joseph Dolp, well-known farmer of the Old Grand Ronde neighborhood. Young Dolp defeated

Wilhelm for the Oregon championship three weeks ago. He plays a marvelous game, sport writers in the daily press declare. Two steam shovels are working on the Salmon River Cut-Off road near the August Ford place, 3 miles east of Otis, preparing to hard-surface the highway. While this work is being done, motorists going to the Lincoln county beaches may go via Tillamook highway and Hebo.

The writer recently made a trip over the Weymouth Crowell 20,000-acre holdings on foot, for the first time in eight years. The wonderful improvements that have been made were a great surprise. Men were busy with tractors and plows, putting large acreages into cultivation. This fine soil is chiefly black loam, and will produce almost any kind of crop successfully. The potato crop this year promises great returns. Miles of fences have already been built on this property, and if it is subdivided there would be room for scores of farm families. Running water could be supplied to every tract. There is a grand opportunity for home-seekers here.



## Eggs Need More Care

Extra care given to eggs during hot weather will produce quick, sure returns, since it will result in better quality and higher prices for the product. Miss Cora Cooke, extension specialist in poultry of Minnesota, suggests particularly keeping the eggs clean. This can best be done by keeping the henhouse clean, by supplying plenty of nests and gathering the eggs often. If eggs should get dirty, however, they should not be washed as this will remove the protective covering from the shell.

## CLEANERS, DYERS OPEN SHOP HERE

The New Way Cleaners, Dyers and Hatters, is the name of a new concern that started business in Willamina Tuesday. The proprietor is W. H. Hagar, of Oklahoma City, Okla., who recently came here with his wife.

Mr. Hagar has had fifteen years experience in this line of business, and offers the public a complete service in cleaning, pressing and dyeing clothes, and cleaning and blocking hats. He is starting business temporarily at the Newland Furniture Store, where he will be located until a suitable building has been secured. He will be assisted in the shop by Mrs. Hagar.

The Hagars came to Oregon and have been visiting with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carpenter, at Grand Ronde, for several days. Seeing an opening here, Mr. Hagar decided to go into business. They will start housekeeping in a few days, it was stated.

## FIRE DESTROYED SMITH RESIDENCE

Fire, believed to have originated from a defective flue, razed the W. W. Smith two-story farm residence on the McMinnville-Tillamook highway eight miles west of this city Wednesday evening of last week. Very little furniture or other household goods was saved from the flames. The total loss is estimated at \$3500, partly covered by insurance.

The blaze was first discovered by Mrs. Smith soon after it started around the flue on the upper story. Smith was not home, and in attempting to carry water fast enough to extinguish the fire it got out of control before Mrs. Smith realized the extent of its menace. When help arrived attempts to save the building proved futile, and an effort was made to save the furnishings, but was only partially successful.

The Smith residence was one of the better class of farm homes in the district. It is reported that a new house will be erected on the site immediately.

## LANDOWNERS ARE BARRING BERRY PICKERS, IS SAID

Criticism has been directed at some farmers and other owners of brush and cut-over lands who have forbidden persons seeking wild blackberries to enter their premises.

Reports reaching The Times indicate that there is a great abundance of blackberries this year and that tons of them will go to waste unless landowners are more liberal in their attitude toward trespassers.

Owing to widespread unemployment and low wages, it is a hardship on many working people to be unable to obtain the wild berries.

It is considered only natural and quite proper that landowners should reserve enough berries for themselves and their friends, but it is sincerely hoped that they will not permit unneeded berries to go to waste.



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## Cultural Kickoff for Summer Reading

The Sheridan Public Library launched its Summer Reading Program with a vibrant cultural performance by Paradise of Samoa, a Salem-based nonprofit Polynesian dance troupe dedicated to preserving and sharing the traditions of the Pacific Islands.

Founded by Samoan dancer and cultural leader Tuaopepe "Tasi" Keener, Paradise of Samoa was created to help young members of the Samoan community connect with their language, dance, and culture while welcoming participants of all backgrounds. The troupe features dozens of dancers and volunteers who perform traditional dances from Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, Tahiti, New Zealand, and Hawaii, often accompanied by live music and narration.

The summer entertainment series continues on Tuesday, June 30, with UNIT SOUZOU presenting a music and dance performance at 4:30 p.m. Red Yarn will follow on Tuesday, July 14, with a puppet performance at 4:30 p.m.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program is open for readers of all ages. Participants in every age group will be eligible for a raffle basket prize, with winners drawn at the conclusion of the program. Children and teens will also have weekly reading check-ins, where they can spin a prize wheel for additional rewards.

The Summer Reading Program concludes with an End of Summer Reading Party on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sheridan City Park.



Paradise of Samoa dancers perform during the Sheridan Public Library's Summer Reading Program kickoff. The performance opened the library's summer reading series, with additional performers scheduled through August.

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