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2026-27 Grand Ronde Royalty Court Announced

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde announced its 2026-27 Royalty Court during the Tribe's Annual Contest Powwow. The court will serve as cultural ambassadors and youth leaders throughout the coming year.

The court includes Senior Miss Grand Ronde Queen Leloo Quenelle; Junior Miss Grand Ronde Queen Ulali Quenelle; Junior Miss Grand Ronde Princess Graciela Omelas; Little Miss Grand Ronde Queen Safia Ben El Aali; Little Miss Grand Ronde Princess Amira Ben El Aali; and Tiny Tot Princesses Kova Speer, Josie Craig, Briar Ashley, and Aiyana Woodward.

Throughout their year of service, members of the Royalty Court will participate in Grand Entries at powwows, share Tribal traditions at community and public events, and honor ancestors and Veterans while carrying the Tribal name forward.

Annual Contest Pow Wow Photo Spread Inside



Chibron Tomeo from Colville Washington.



Liam Beebe of the Blood Tribe, winner of the Men's Fancy Hackles vs Feathers Special.



Ila Mercier, Grand Ronde's Junior Miss Veteran Queen, participates in a dance with the Canoe family.

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**Nestucca River Campsite
Closed After Bear Siting**
News Release from Bureau
of Land Management Ore. &
Wash. August 13th.

SALEM, Ore. — A mother bear and her cub have been aggressively looking for food in and around Fan Creek Campground, on the Nestucca River Corridor, roughly twenty-five miles west of McMinnville. In the interest of public safety, Bureau of Land Management officials have temporarily closed the campground.

"The bears have been threatening to visitors, and they do not seem to be afraid of humans," said Janet Satter, Tillamook Field Manager. "For everyone's safety, the campground is closed for the time being."

"We are reaching out to visitors with impacted reservations, and we thank them for their flexibility and for respecting this temporary closure," Satter added.

The BLM offers alternative camping options along the Nestucca River Corridor, at Dovre and Alder Glen campgrounds. Both sites take reservations.

BLM officials are working with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to address the public safety risk.

The BLM always urges visitors to take extra precautions in bear country. Simple actions—like giving bears space, securing food and knowing what to do before you enter public lands—can protect visitors and bears. If you encounter a bear, stay calm, speak in a steady voice, back away slowly and do not make sudden movements. Visitors should report bear encounters to BLM field offices as soon as it is safe to do so.

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Obituaries



Allen Cecil Gross

Oct. 12, 1952 – Aug. 3, 2026

Provided by Friends/Family

Allen Cecil Gross, lovingly known as Al by all, was a proud Vietnam veteran and United States Marine. He joined the Marine Corps on May 8, 1973, and carried great pride in his service throughout his life. His favorite flavor of crayon was orange, "Once a Marine, always a Marine."

Al grew up on the family farm off Deer Creek with his brothers, Harry and Bill. He loved running, hunting, and fishing on the farm and in Deer Creek.

After serving in the Marines, he worked alongside his father, Cecil Allen Gross, with Gross and Son Logging. He also spent several years working as a logger in Alaska.

Al returned home from Alaska and found sobriety. He was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous and spent 27 years helping others find recovery and a new way of life through the steps. He also dedicated himself to sobriety work within the tribal community and helped keep the Grand Ronde meeting open for the past 20 years, even if it meant setting up and sitting alone.

Being sober allowed him to be present for his mother, Delores, before she passed, something that meant a great deal to him.

Al had a big heart for helping others. He was a beloved and true friend, a rock to those he loved and those who loved him, and the kind of person who would stay all night to talk you off a ledge and remind you of your value when you forgot.

He loved his daughter, Athena Nelson, with all his heart, and he loved his granddaughters, Kylee and Kyndra Nelson. Although they were not as close as he would have liked, he was always proud of the people he watched them grow into from afar.

Al was also a beloved and only grandfather figure to his best friend Eby's boys, Jonathan and David, and a father figure and partner in crime to her. His love and presence touched their lives deeply, and he will be deeply missed.

He loved riding his Harley and the freedom and peace he found feeling the wind on his face. He loved the excitement of fast cars and always looked forward to the next adventure. He loved target shooting with his best friend and her son, teaching the boy to shoot, telling stories, laughing, and bantering. He shared his whole heart.

Al's love for the family farm will continue through his nephews, Andy and Tyler, and his beloved daughter, Athena. He'd be happy to see the farm cared for and passed on to the next generations.

Al left this world knowing that he was not alone — that he was loved, cherished, and cared for. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Once a Marine, always a Marine. Services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the Tribal Lodge, Salmon Way, Grand Ronde. The service will be pot-luck style.

Information about the later date for the scattering of Al's ashes can be obtained by texting Eby Morgan at 714-610-5771.



Krina (Miazgowicz) Kukita

March 23, 1944 - Aug. 12, 2026

Born in London, England. Her American Father a B-17 crew member during World War 2 who was killed during a mission over Europe. Left by her Mother, she was adopted by her Father's best friend (who was also a B-17 crew member) and his British wife. After the war she and her mother migrated to Canada (her Father had earlier been ordered back to America), later entering America and reuniting with her adopted father. Together they lived in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and Florida. They later moved to California where she grew up and attended school. After school she worked various jobs before starting her own business. In California she met and married her husband Kerrie in 1984. The persisted severe recession of the 1982 and her retired parents moving to Oregon, she moved to Oregon in 1985; first to Estacada and finally making Sheridan their

home; but her Husband continued working in California for the next 7 years keeping a long distance relationship; finally moving to Oregon in 1992. Later health issues kept her home, and finally moving into a Nursing Home in McMinnville. She passed away in her sleep 3 years later due to Bone Marrow Cancer. Her remains will be cremated and interred at Green Crest Memorial Park, Sheridan, Oregon.

"Grief is the price we paid for love. But I would gladly paid the price again to be with you once more."

REST IN PEACE

Memorial

Memorial Service for Mayvis Marie Sloan

A long-time resident of the Fort Hill/Willamina area will be August 29, 2026, 10 AM, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheridan. 311 SE Schley Street, Sheridan, Oregon 97378. There will be a short reception following the service. All are welcome.



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Request For Proposal

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
MUNICIPAL FINANCE
SOFTWARE
RFP #2026-02
SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
BY 3:00 P.M. PST
POSTED: CITY OF SHERIDAN
WEBSITE
www.cityofsheridanor.com
ON: August 7, 2026.**

A. PURPOSE

The City of Sheridan is requesting proposals for municipal finance software including conversion and implementation services, ongoing training and technical support for the system. The software will utilize fund accounting and integrate, manage and support Accounting and Utility Billing.

The City of Sheridan will hereinafter be referred to as the "City." Respondents to the RFP shall be referred to as "Vendor(s)." The Vendor to whom the contract is awarded shall be referred to as the "Contractor."

B. SCOPE OF SERVICES

All financial accounts, payables, and payroll are managed through the Administration Department and led by the Finance Director. The municipal finance software must have the capacity to help manage multiple accounts, track spending, prevent budget overruns, facilitate with forecasting, and generate reports required for compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The City desires a system with a broad range of flexible financial reports such as budget to actuals, grant accounting, project level accounting, and month/year end, reconciliation

reporting capability. The City will need a software package to accommodate the following minimum requirements: 23 full-time, 3 part-time, and 1 contract employee, 8 employees use the financial system, no more than 8 concurrent users, 500 general ledger accounts, 7 bank accounts, 1400 vendors, 1600 water meters, 3rd party system for online utility payments, and will require a module to export and import data files.

The system should include all the following comprehensive, fully integrated systems or modules: General Ledger, Bank Reconciliation, Budget Preparation, Cash Receipting, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Utility Billing, Municipal Court, Fixed Assets, Data Export and Import, Alternate 1: Payroll (Vacation, Sick Leave, Multiple Bank Accounts). The City currently utilizes Tyler Tech ERP Pro 10 software for all of the modules listed above, except for fixed assets. The proposal must include the conversion of our existing data from the current system into the vendor software. However, the City reserves the right to modify the level of detail and/or number of fiscal periods that are converted based on the City's budget and/or time requirements.

The City currently has a payroll module that is used for processing semi-monthly payroll for twenty-six (26) employees. The payroll module must accommodate payroll, track vacation and sick leave, and record benefit histories. It must also produce accurate pay stubs with all types of compensation issued and leave types and current accruals shown. Staff are also currently weighing the costs and benefits of contracting out payroll. To help facilitate this decision, the City requests that vendors provide information and pricing that includes a payroll module and a separate explanation for how the accounting software may integrate with a contracted payroll service.

Any alternate solutions that meet or exceed the outlined requirements can be submitted for consideration. The City of Sheridan is interested in all details of other innovative and original ideas above and beyond those discussed in this Request

for proposal. These should all be quoted separately, providing separate pricing for purchase/acquisition, training, data conversion, additional modules, or added services, and annual support.

C. PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Proposals will be evaluated using the following evaluation criteria. Vendors should submit all information necessary for the City to evaluate the proposal based on these criteria. At a minimum, vendors should provide product information and specifications of each module (including any IT requirements, such as internet speed and server capacity), list of all municipal clients within the state of Oregon and other similar sized cities, and pricing broken down by purchase/acquisition, training, data conversion, and annual support for each module specified in this RFP.

Evaluation Criteria Maximum Points

Product features and functionality 30, Demonstrated capacity and experience 30, References from other product users 20, Price 20

Maximum Total Points: 100

D. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The City Manager, Finance Director, and Fiscal Specialist shall review and evaluate proposals based on the proposal requirements and evaluation criteria identified in this RFP. The highest-ranked proposal will be recommended for award to the City Council for a final decision. A contract will be negotiated with the selected vendor, which may include additional modules if determined to be in the best interest of the City. It is the desire of the City to have a contract finalized no later than October 9, 2026.

E. REQUIREMENTS

It is the City's express desire to enter into a contract which includes all services necessary to achieve the project goals whether or not the services are specifically outlined in this RFP. In addition, the preferred firm will be required to present its proposal to an employee group. The selected vendor may be required to sign an agreement which incorporates parts of this RFP and the selected vendor's Proposal. The agreement will also require that the selected vendor comply

with applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations.

F. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked "Municipal Finance Software, RFP #2026-02" addressed to:

Mailing: Delivery:
Amber Mathiesen
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director
City of Sheridan
120 Mill Street
Sheridan, OR 97378
Amber Mathiesen
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director
City of Sheridan
120 Mill Street
Sheridan, OR 97378

All submissions must be physically received by the City on September 8, 2026, by 3:00 p.m. If you have specific questions, please contact Amber Mathiesen via email or phone:

Amber Mathiesen
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director
City of Sheridan
503-843-2349
amathiesen@cityofsheridanor.com

The City of Sheridan reserves the right to reject any and all proposals with or without cause, and has the right, in its sole discretion, to accept the proposal it considers most favorable to the City's interest. The City reserves the right to seek clarification of any proposals submitted, and/or require evidence of technical, managerial, financial, or other abilities prior to selection. The City of Sheridan may make an award based upon initial proposals received without discussion of such proposals with the submitting entity. This announcement is not an implied contract and may be modified or revoked without notice.

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Grilling enthusiasts know there's no limits when it comes to foods that can be improved when cooked over an open flame. The unique flavor profile of foods cooked on the grill is impossible to match, and that's perhaps one reason why grilling devotees are willing to try their hand at grilling anything. Perhaps no food is less associated with grilling than a banana. But this recipe for "Grilled Bananas Stuffed With Marshmallows and Chocolate Squares" from Lines+Angles is proof that all foods can be given a new and

flavorful life when cooked over an open flame. Come your next backyard barbecue, surprise guests when it comes time to serve dessert with this flavorful and indulgent treat.

Grilled Bananas Stuffed with Marshmallows and Chocolate Squares

Makes 4 servings

4 unpeeled ripe bananas

2 milk chocolate candy bars (Hershey's recommended)

1/2 cup miniature marshmallows

1. Set the grill up for direct grilling and preheat to medium heat.

2. Slit each banana lengthwise through the peel, making sure not to cut all the way through. Open the peel and banana wider to form a pocket.

3. Unwrap the candy bars and separate the chocolate squares. Stuff each banana with marshmallows, followed by chocolate squares.

4. Grill for 5 to 8 minutes, or until marshmallows and chocolate are melted. Serve and enjoy.

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A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

Dear Sheridan Community,

We are looking forward to welcoming your students back to our schools this fall! With so many events coming up I am using our space this week to ensure parents and students have the information you need to start the year off smoothly:

Registration

It is not too late to register your student for the 2026-27 school year. If you have a student who will be attending Sheridan Schools this fall, please contact the appropriate office to start the registration process:

Faulconer-Chapman (Grades K-8): 971-261-6960 | Mon-Thurs, 8am-3pm; Fri, 8am-1pm

Sheridan High School (Grades 9-12): 971-261-6970 | Mon-Thurs, 8:30-3pm; Fri, 8:30am-2pm

We highly encourage new AND returning students to check-in with their student's school prior to the start of the year. For new students, Registration forms and Inter-District Transfer forms can also be found online in advance: <https://www.sheridan.k12.or.us/resources/forms/>

Fall Athletics

SHS Fall sports include Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country and Cheerleading.

FCS Fall sports include Football (Grades 7 & 8), Volleyball (Grades 7 & 8) and Cross-Country (Grades 6, 7 & 8). Students interested in participating in sports can reach out to Athletic Directors for more information:

SHS | Roman Balun (971-261-6970)

FCS | Jeremy Brown (971-261-6960)

Sheridan-based Sports Physicals Sports physicals are available through Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center in Sheridan. Call for appointments: 503-876-8564. They are located at 222 SE Jefferson Street.

Volunteers

Parents, Guardians and Community members who are interested in volunteering with Sheridan Schools in the coming year are encouraged to complete their paperwork as soon as possible as applications can take a few weeks to process. Volunteer paperwork can be found at:

<https://www.sheridan.k12.or.us/volunteer/>

First day of school: Monday, August 31 (Grades K-6 and 9-12)

Tuesday, September 1 (All students attend, first day for Grades 7 & 8)

We are looking forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,
Dorie Vickery Ed. D.
Superintendent

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

Willamina Council Session: Mayor to Run Again, Klym Resigns, ADA Ramps

The City of Willamina held their regular council session on Aug. 11. Here are some topics that were covered during the meeting.

Mayor Vickie Hernandez told the Willamina City Council that she has decided to run for mayor again, after previously indicating that she would not seek another term.

Hernandez described two possible ways a future term could unfold: serving only part of the term and resigning around July, August, or September 2027, or serving the full term while being away from the City for some months. Under the full-term option, the discussion included participation by Zoom and the possibility of Council President Rita Baller presiding during periods when Hernandez is absent. The council approved Hernandez's ability to participate in meetings by Zoom while she is away.

Those options prompted questions about the City charter's absence rules and whether an extended absence from the City would require additional approval. Council members discussed consulting legal counsel and doing more research into the charter before determining how the longer-term arrangement would work.

Councilor Karl Klym submitted his resignation from the council on July 31, citing health reasons

and his inability to consistently participate in council meetings and duties. In his letter, Klym said serving on the council had been a privilege and that he was grateful for the opportunity to work with the council and contribute to decisions affecting Willamina. He said he cares deeply about the community and believes residents deserve active representation, adding that he hopes to serve again in the future when his health allows.

Council President Rita Baller said she was sad to see Klym leave and described him as a benefit to the council, expressing hope that he will recover and be able to return.

Rather than accept Klym's resignation immediately, the council tabled the matter for one month at the request of Councilor Michael Alger. Alger said he wanted a chance to talk to Klym to see whether he might reconsider before the council accepted his resignation.

Deputy City Recorder Krystal Stevens reported that the City received the records it had requested regarding Stoney Mountain Reservoir. The documents totaled 1,600 pages, and Stevens said she had sent council members an electronic link to the records and could provide printed copies upon request.

Baller said she would need a printed copy if she was going to

read through the records and report back to the council, saying, "I'm not doing it on my phone, so you'd have to print it for me. That little screen gets really old really quick."

Another effort to make city information easier to access for City Staff and residents came from Quang Truong of Urban Form, who presented an online zoning and property-information service being used across Yamhill County. The service brings zoning maps, development information, property records and other information together in one online location, allowing users to search by address and see information such as zoning designations, allowable uses, height limits and previous permits.

The service is currently available to Willamina at no cost after the initial contract expired. Truong said he has kept the site live while regional officials work on a new agreement, but updates have been paused because they require staff time. A proposed regional agreement covering 11 jurisdictions would cost \$30,000 annually, with the cost divided among participating communities. The proposed funding would allow the service to continue receiving updates.

Mayor Hernandez said the service could save city staff time and resources by reducing the need to contact an engineer or search through multiple manuals, notebooks, and websites for property information. She said homeowners could use the service to find information about projects such as fences or additions without having to come to City Hall and ask staff to look it up. The city is waiting for the regional arrangement and cost-sharing details to be finalized before deciding whether to continue participating.

ODOT's ADA ramp and sidewalk work, which has been progressing in Sheridan, is expected to move into Willamina within about two weeks, Public Works Director Jeff Brown reported. The work will improve ADA access along Main Street. Separate from the ADA project, ODOT is working on the design of two enhanced crosswalks, one near the former department store crossing to the grocery store and another near C Street, as well as improvements near the bus stop to improve access for people using walkers.

Councilor Johnson reported on the Yamhill County Transit Authority, saying the advisory board

had been told it needed new officers and that he had been asked to remain vice chairman. He also said he expects the new buses to begin service in Willamina soon. Johnson also reported that the fundraiser at Coyote Joe's, where customers can pin money to the ceiling to support the Willamina Fourth of July fireworks, is ongoing. The fundraiser gives community members an opportunity to support the organization while patronizing the local restaurant. Mayor Hernandez reported that she and City Manager Bridget Meneley had recently met with the mayor and city manager of Sheridan as part of the two cities' ongoing effort to stay in contact and look for opportunities to work together. Sheridan officials were interested in Willamina's National Night Out event and discussed partnering on the event next year rather than creating a competing celebration. One possibility would be for Sheridan to have a table at Willamina's event as the two cities look for ways to come together. The cities also discussed Christmas decorating, with Sheridan officials considering improving their holiday display this year and possibly taking part in a decorating competition with Willamina in the future.

Information provided by City Manager Bridget Meneley, who was on authorized absence from the council session, outlined the City's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) annual update to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for the Willamette Basin Mercury TMDL. Willamina is a designated management agency under the plan and is responsible for implementing strategies to reduce mercury entering waterways. The City has done so through continued education and outreach efforts, including school visits and information distributed through utility bills and online. City efforts also include weekly street sweeping, catch-basin cleaning, ditch maintenance, and planned tree planting near waterways. A public works training session scheduled for Aug. 24 will cover stormwater, erosion and sediment control, pollution prevention, and identifying and reporting illicit discharges.

The next City Council meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the West Valley Fire District Hall, 825 NE Main St., Willamina. Agendas and meeting packets are available on the City's official website, www.willaminaoregon.gov.

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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. Deadline for application is Friday, September 4, 2026.

Kickoff Party to Launch Fireworks Fundraising

Community members are invited to help kick off fundraising for Willamina's 2027 Fourth of July fireworks celebration during the 2027 Kickoff Party on Saturday, Aug. 22, at Garden Spot Park.

The family-friendly event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. and will feature an old-fashioned community barbecue, games, raffles, and live music by KJ Chance.

Organizers will serve grilled chicken meals with salad and watermelon for \$15 per plate, with proceeds benefiting the 2027 Willamina Fourth of July fireworks display.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the first Grand 50/50 raffle of the 2027 fundraising campaign, with ticket sales beginning during the event.

Organizers encourage residents to come out, enjoy an evening of food, music, and family activities, while helping support one of the community's annual Independence Day traditions.

Sheriff's Office Seeks Possible Victims in Willamina Child Exploitation Case

News Release from Yamhill Co. Sheriff's Office August 13th.

In spring of 2026, Yamhill County Sheriff's Office's Special Investigations Unit initiated an investigation into online child sexual exploitation crimes that occurred in rural Willamina, Oregon. Detectives determined that in February of 2026, Jeremy Lee Tish allegedly contacted a minor for the purposes of sexual exploitation.

On August 10, 2026, deputies located and arrested Tish outside of Willamina. He was booked into the Yamhill County Correctional Facility where he was held on Luring a Minor (ORS 167.057) and Attempted Using a Child in Display of Sexually Explicit Conduct (ORS 163.670).

During the investigation, detectives learned that Tish has potentially been involved in Future Farmers of America events in the Polk County area and may have had additional online contact with minors.

Due to the nature of the allegations and his possible online access to minors, investigators

are concerned there may be additional victims.

Anyone with information related to this case, or other potential incidents involving Jeremy Tish, is urged to contact Yamhill County Sheriff's Office's Special Investigations Unit at (503) 474-4920 (Det. Z. Rodriguez) and reference case 26YC0694.

In accordance with Oregon House Bill 3273, the Sheriff's Office is releasing Tish's booking photo to assist in identifying any additional criminal activity.



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A Family Place Offers Free Family Assistance at Willamina School Branch

A Family Place in Willamina is looking to connect more West Valley families with a range of free services designed to support parents, young children, and families facing everyday challenges.

A program of Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW), A Family Place provides family support, home visiting, early childhood education, parenting education, diapers and children's clothing, as well as connections to other community resources. The Willamina location serves families from throughout the West Valley, including Willamina, Sheridan, and Grand Ronde.

"We're really trying to get word out in this area," Krista Hill, Outreach Interventionist at LCSNW, said during a recent visit to the Willamina location. The organization has participated in local events, including Hometown Days and National Night Out, as it looks for additional ways to reach families who may benefit from its services.

One of the most accessible

offerings is the diaper bank, which provides free diapers to community members. Diaper distribution is available Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Hill also said staff may be able to arrange a delivery when transportation is a significant barrier.

A Family Place also offers early childhood programs. Its relief nursery and family support services work with families with young children, while therapeutic classroom programs serve children from about age 2 through kindergarten. Transportation is available, and services are provided at no cost to participating families.

Hill said the program currently has six children enrolled in one classroom and has room for five additional children. Another classroom has at least four openings as children move between age groups.

Home visiting programs provide another option for families. Healthy Families works with families beginning as early as the prenatal period and can continue for several years. Other home-visiting services

can begin with infants and continue until a child reaches the appropriate age for classroom programming.

Parent education classes are offered in Sheridan and Willamina, with schedules available through Mid-Valley Parenting. The classes focus on supporting caregivers and strengthening parenting skills.

Mental health services are also available through clinicians who work out of the local office. LCSNW also offers income management and healthy relationships programs, along with assistance with basic needs such as housing and utilities and other family support.

While many services are available at no cost, some have qualifying requirements. Those can include financial stress, living in a multigenerational household, depression or other mental health struggles, or other sources of stress affecting a family.

For those who are not in need

of assistance but would like to give back, A Family Place accepts donations and welcomes volunteers. The organization accepts donations of diapers, wipes, maternity clothing, and children's clothing. Volunteers are also needed to help organize clothing donations and assist in the classroom.

Community members can also support the program through its Amazon wish list at tinyurl.com/WillaminaFamilyPlace, where they can purchase needed items. Donations can also be dropped off in person during the diaper bank's Thursday hours.

A Family Place is located at 1100 NE Oaken Hills Drive on the Willamina High School campus, next to the Virginia Garcia Clinic. Families interested in services can call or text 971-241-9258 or email AFPReferral@lcsnw.org. More information about A Family Place and its services is available at familyplacerelief.org.

Word Scramble

Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to National Banana Split Day (Aug 25). Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.



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Sheridan Teen Publishes Second Book

Local teen author, Bryan Bonds, has added another milestone to his growing writing career, publishing his second book on August 7.

Bonds, a Sheridan High School student who was profiled in the West Valley Bulletin earlier this year after publishing his first book, *The Last Red Hope*, has now released *Red, White, and Crowned*. The novel is the first in a new series Bonds plans to continue. His first book may also have made him Sheridan's first teen author to publish a book, although that distinction could not be definitively verified.

The story is an alternate history set at the dawn of the 19th century, in which the American Revolution creates a powerful Kingdom of America. Under President Aaron Burr, the young nation begins expanding its influence across North America, eventually bringing it into conflict with the Crown Dominion of Canada.

What begins as a territorial struggle grows into a global war as Britain, France, Prussia, Austria, Denmark-Norway, and Russia become involved. The fighting eventually spreads across North America and Europe, with battles reaching as far east as Moscow and St. Petersburg.

As the war ends, the victorious powers gather in Washington to determine the future of the world. The resulting Treaty of Washington redraws national boundaries, creates new independent nations, expands the territory of some powers, and dismantles old empires.

The Kingdom of America emerges as one of the world's major powers, but the end of the war does not necessarily mean the end of conflict. With the former allies no longer united against a common enemy, the new world

order creates its own tensions.

For Bonds, the novel represents another step in a writing career that began when he was a freshman. His first novel, *The Last Red Hope*, was published last November through Barnes & Noble Press, a print-on-demand publishing platform.

Bonds has already started work on a third book. Unlike *Red, White, and Crowned*, the upcoming story will be a stand-alone novel rather than part of the new series.

The project came at the request of one of Bonds' history teachers, who challenged him to take on the story.

Red, White, and Crowned is available for purchase online through Barnes & Noble and other book retailers. The book can be purchased from Barnes & Noble at <https://tinyurl.com/BondsNewBook>.



Red, White, and Crowned, the second book by Sheridan High School student Bryan Bonds, was published on Aug. 7. The alternate-history novel is the first in a new series.



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Horoscopes Aug. 19-25

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Make the most of every opportunity that comes your way this week, Aries. You may not get many chances to test your mettle in the weeks to come, so it's important to act now.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, something that started out as a part-time venture could turn into much more. Figure out if this is the path you see yourself going and then make your move.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Let loose and have fun for a change, Gemini. Don't delay when others want to invite you out for a night on the town or even a brunch. Say "yes."

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

There's a lot going on right now and it may have your head spinning, Cancer. Delegate some of your workload if you can. Don't be too hard on yourself.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, it is important to remember that your online presence never goes away. Watch what you post and be mindful of what you support in social media groups.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Family matters require your undivided attention this week, Virgo. You must dig in deep to address them. There are two sides to every story.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, just when you started to lose hope, the new horizon you were seeking comes into view. It is well-deserved.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, if you find yourself with too much extra time on your hands, why not volunteer with the community to pass the time? This can be a great way to meet people.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

When plans change on a dime, you are ready to roll with the new situation, Sagittarius. Higher-ups may get a peek at your quick thinking, which can land you a promotion.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

It's time to make amends with someone who did you wrong, Capricorn. Life is too short to hold grudges, and this person has since mended their ways.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

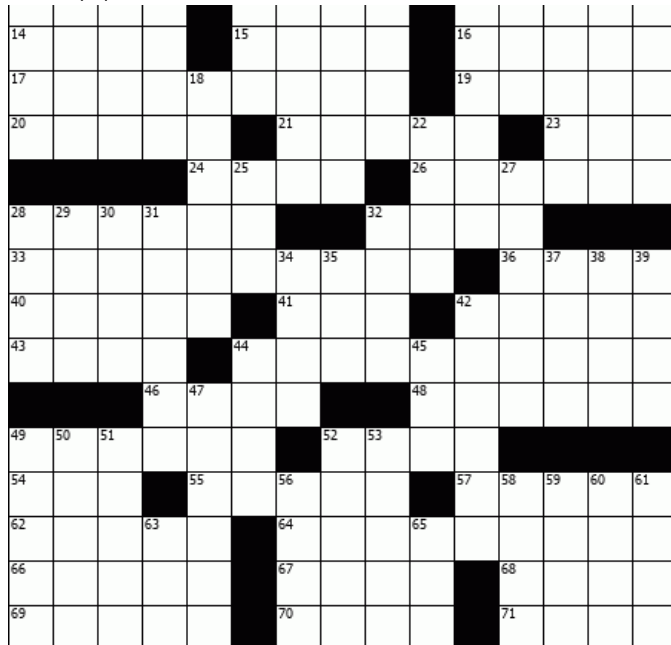
Unless you take swift action, you could be heading for a financial free-fall, Aquarius. Start to pull back spending for a while and see if the situation will right itself.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you are on fire lately. There's seemingly nothing you touch that isn't turning to gold. This trend will continue, but try not to let it go to your head.

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1. Sunbathe
5. Pollution problem
9. Stockpile
14. Smooth
15. Vatican leader
16. Showed again
17. Modern convenience
19. National bird
20. Goodbye (Fr.)
21. Motionless
23. Apply
24. Female sheep
26. Distress cry (2 wds.)
28. Pinball parlor
32. Practice boxing
33. Having a backbone
36. Top cards
40. Reed instruments
41. Altar response (2 wds.)
42. Tiny
43. California wine valley
44. Friendly toward guests
46. Chair
48. Flung
49. Relate again
52. Mexican coin
54. Slip up
55. Clock feature
57. Silly ones
62. Brag
64. Work together
66. ____ Murphy of "Shrek"
67. Division term
68. Track shape
69. Malicious looks
70. Ownership paper
71. Hardens



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1. Greek consonant
2. Ardent
3. 18-wheeler
4. Leg joint
5. Mineral spring
6. "Brokeback Mountain", e.g.
7. Unwraps
8. Richard ____ of "Pretty Woman"
9. Vocalist ____ Franklin
10. "Cry ____ River" (2 wds.)
11. Dispute
12. Hot sauce
13. Show contempt
18. Certain leathers
25. Spider's handiwork
27. Serious plays
28. English river
29. Singer ____ McEntire
30. Farm yield
31. Military command (2 wds.)
32. Street sign
34. Uproar
35. Commercials
37. City vehicles
38. She, in Marseille
39. Sleigh
42. Curly or Moe
44. Corridor
45. That thing's
47. Delights
49. Rise up
50. Wash away
51. Commerce
52. Likely
53. Overact
56. Citric ____
58. God of love
59. Icicle's spot
60. Medical "at once!"
61. Lampreys
63. Knight's title
65. Pea case

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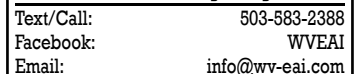
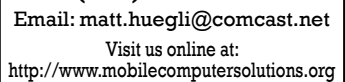
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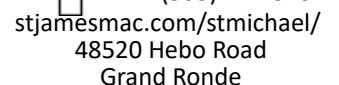
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Jenne Performs With Band Honors Series at Carnegie Hall

Haylee Jenne is heading into her freshman year at Sheridan High School with a pretty impressive musical experience already behind her.

The recent Faulconer-Chapman School eighth-grader spent part of her summer in New York City, where she performed trombone at Carnegie Hall as part of the

WorldStrides Middle School Honors Performance Series.

Jenne made the trip late last month with her mother, Saricia; father, Michael; and brother, Ryan, after being nominated by band teacher Derek Evers, submitting an audio audition, and being accepted into the program. The program brought Jenne together with about 100 student performers from across the United States, Canada and Mexico. Many came from larger schools and communities, while Jenne said there were only a few other students from small towns.

"It was just being with a bunch of other people that do have skill, like higher skill level, that really boosted my confidence," Jenne said, describing how playing alongside musicians with years of experience and natural talent changed how she viewed her own abilities.

Jenne found herself holding her own among the seven trombonists, sitting third chair overall and moving into second chair for some selections. On one particularly fast passage, Jenne became the "ghost" player, actually performing the part while the first-chair trombonist mimed playing it.

For Saricia, seeing Haylee perform at that level was especially meaningful because her daughter had not always recognized her own ability.

"She did not believe in the talent that she had going into this," Saricia said. "I feel like she has taken so much from this experience and now she kind of proved to herself that she is good enough to be an actual musician later on in life, if this is what she wants to do."

The students spent roughly seven to eight hours a day rehearsing at the New Yorker Hotel. Carnegie Hall itself was saved for the big reveal, with the students entering the performance space for the first time when it was time to prepare for the concert.

The music was only part of the adventure. Between rehearsals, the group saw "Aladdin" on Broadway, and Jenne particularly enjoyed hearing the live musicians playing beneath the stage. New York provided plenty of other memorable moments, too. At Apollo's Bagels, it wasn't the world-famous bagels that wowed Haylee. Instead, freshly squeezed orange juice made by feeding whole oranges through a machine became her favorite food discovery of the trip. "It was good orange juice," Haylee said.

The family also visited Joe's Piza, a New York institution they recognized from a Spider-Man movie, and stayed an extra day so Jenne could see the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, Central Park, and the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. A separate tour took the family to the New York Public Library.

For someone accustomed to a small community, the sheer size of New York was an experience of its own. "Portland felt small after going to New York," Haylee said. "It was weird."

The trip was possible because the community back home decided Haylee's opportunity was worth investing in. The family raised nearly \$5,000, with most of the money coming through individual donations. Local churches, the Rotary Club of the West Valley, Churches United for West Valley, the school board, and others also contributed.

Jennifer Lynea of Simply Bling'N also helped, allowing the family to use her equipment to make and sell magnets and keychains, with the profits going toward the trip.

The school board's contribution could also help lead to a new program for students pursuing opportunities outside the classroom. While the district's contribution did not cover the entire cost of Jenne's trip, the family said it could help open similar doors for future students.

For Haylee, however, the biggest takeaway from New York was finding herself surrounded by peers who were just as serious about music as she was.

The students had already begun forming their own groups, and Saricia said Haylee initially struggled to find her footing socially. As the days went on, she began connecting with a few of the other musicians, and those connections helped ease some of her anxiety before the performance. By the end of the trip, Haylee said, "I opened up more than I thought I would."

Saricia has seen that growth in other ways, too. Haylee has always been shy and sometimes has difficulty verbalizing what she is feeling, but, as her mother put it, "She gets to show her emotions through her music."

Haylee said she is thankful to Evers for nominating her and to the community organizations and members who helped make the trip possible.

For a girl who had never imagined herself among musicians from across the country, the trip to New York gave Haylee a chance to test herself and come home with a better understanding of what she might be capable of. The experience has also left her looking for more opportunities to challenge herself, particularly through state-level programs and honor bands in Oregon.



Haylee Jenne poses with her program materials during check-in for the Honors Performance Series.



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Haylee Jenne (center) performs with the WorldStrides Middle School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Mobile Unit Due For X-Rays Here Thursday

Area citizens will be able to take advantage of the free Yamhill county chest x-ray program when a mobile unit "sets up shop" at Agee's Marketeria in Sheridan from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today (Thursday), according to county health officials. The unit then will be located at Ellingsworth's Super Market in Willamina from 3 to 6 p.m. this afternoon.

Health officials have pointed out that if everyone took advantage of the free x-ray program tuberculosis could be "stamped out." Besides early pulmonary tuberculosis, they said, a chest x-ray also is valuable in detecting other respiratory diseases such as emphysema and pneumonia, as well as other chest disorders such as cancer and certain heart conditions.

Everyone in the Phil Sheridan County who is 21 years old or over is urged to take advantage of the free x-ray program, including men and women. Smokers also should be sure to have an x-ray, health officials said. Anyone, they pointed out, who has had a positive tuberculin condition should have their chest x-rayed annually. Persons

between 15 and 21 should have a slip signed by parents or guardians.

Assisting with the operation of the X-ray unit in Sheridan and Willamina will be volunteers from the two communities PGE will supply the unit's operating power. Tuberculosis authorities have turned their objectives from TB control to TB eradication. This means the complete elimination of this disease rather than just reducing the number of cases to a reasonably low figure. Tuberculosis in this country is being kept alive by a series of small epidemics stemming from an open infectious case. Contrary to the common belief tuberculosis is not a contagious disease. Usually it is spread after close association over a period of with a person who has an active lesion of tuberculosis in the lungs. Early tuberculosis is not always easy to recognize. A person may feel well, and look well, and yet be afflicted with the disease. It is therefore to the interest of every person to have a tuberculin skin test or a chest x-ray annually.

Willamina Dance Set Saturday For Youngsters

WILLAMINA — Junior dance will be held Saturday night, Aug. 22, for young teenagers in the Willamina area at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Willamina, according to VFW officials. It was decided at the Monday night business session of Post 4211 to donate the hall for the dance.

Planned for boys and girls 12, 13 and 14 years old, the dance will be chaperoned by members of the Willamina Volunteer Fire Department.

Attending the Monday night session was Phil Moore, district senior vice commander of the VFW. He is a member of the Major Rasmussen Post 3452 at Tualatin.

The VFW post is collecting pencils too short for apparent further use to send to the Veteran's hospital for use by patients there. Post members have asked that anyone who has short pencils to give them to a VFW member for forwarding to the hospital.



India Visitor To Talk Friday At Fellowship

A Sheridan woman who has visited India will speak to members of the Phil Sheridan Fellowship at their regular weekly meeting Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Ernest E. Davenport is slated to tell of her experiences in India and will show souvenirs she obtained in that country. Her talk is planned for 2:30. At the last meeting of the month, Aug. 28, Fellowship members will see two color films, "Alaska — The friendly 49th," and "Out of the North." The movies will show Alaskan ducks and geese and other wildlife of Alaska, as well as the people who live there.

Festival Sets Play Records

Heading into the second half of its record-setting 58-night season, the Oregon Shakespearean Festival theatre has checked-in 30,753 admissions. Fifteen Ashland nights have reached capacity so far, and the advance sales continue on a high level.

All remaining performances of "The Merchant of Venice" have been sold out; there are tickets on sale for one more "King Lear" staging that of Aug. 31; and patrons have two more chances (Sept. 1 and 6) to purchase tickets for "Twelfth Night." Standing Room tickets for all sell-out performances go on sale at 6

p.m. at the Festival box office.

Best availabilities are for all but the August 15 presentation of "Henry VI, Part 1." The chronicle history has drawn high praise from critics and from those attending, but its average audience number has remained well below that of the other three productions. Excellent seating is still available for Aug. 19, 23, 28, and Sept. 2.

Director Edward Brubaker is now putting the finishing touches to the season's fifth show: Beaumont and Fletcher's merry comedy "Knight of the Burning Pestle." Only a few tickets remain for its premiere performance on August 24, but good seating can yet be secured for its two subsequent performances, August 29 and September 3.

Council Talks Permits, Water

Approval was given Monday night by the Sheridan City Council on a building permit request from the Oregon-Washington Telephone company for the firm's new building at N. E. Harney and Sampson streets.

Also announced at the session was the next council meeting date. Since Labor Day, Sept. 7, falls on the regular meeting date, the council will hold its next meeting Monday, Sept. 14. This probably will be the only meeting during the month, according to Bob Wells, city recorder.

Plans also were announced at the Monday night meet to go ahead with the widening of Harney street. The city plans to remove the parking strip from each side of the street and lay curbs next to the present sidewalk line. Councilmen pointed out this will permit parking on both sides of the street, as well as permitting easier flow of traffic when the large grocery and post office trucks are moving through the area.

Also reported was figures from a water usage check at the Dairy Queen, east of town. Bob Smith, a resident of the area and owner of the ice cream shop, has expressed interest in having city water pipelines laid into the area. Interest among other area residents has also been reported. Discussion was conducted on the problem of getting a city street past the tank Simonson and John Dillin residences.



Man's Action Prevents Fire In Forest Area

GRAND RONDE — Quick thinking and prompt action of Wade Crook of Portland probably averted a disastrous forest fire Aug. 6, around noon, on Highway 22, northwest of Grand Ronde.

Crook was following a camper toward the coast when he saw a cigarette flipped out. Fire spread immediately in the dry grass toward the brush and timber on the Lee Doss Horse Ranch. Crook tried to beat the flames out with his jacket, but could not, so drove to a nearby house and turned in the alarm.

He was joined by Gary Barnes of Astoria, who used a blanket to help keep the fire from the timber. They were soon joined by the crew from Grand Ronde Forestry Guard Station and Willamina Volunteer Fire department who quickly had the fire under control.

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