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3-on-3 Pow Wow Basketball Tournament Continues to Grow

The 3-on-3 Pow Wow Basketball Tournament at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Gymnasium continued its growth this year, with 117 teams registered and more than 400 players taking part in the one-day competition. Leo Ayala, who organized the tournament, said the event saw another significant increase in participation, with growth across all of the divisions.

The tournament featured 11 divisions, with teams competing in pool play before advancing to single-elimination brackets. To accommodate the number of teams, games were played on the gymnasium's established basketball courts as well as makeshift courts set up outside in the parking area.

Players ranged from 5- and 6-year-olds competing in the 8U division to seasoned players in the Men's Recreation division, making for quite a range of basketball experience under one roof — and, in this case, outside it, too.

More than 800 spectators attended throughout the day, arriving in waves and filling the parking areas. Teams traveled from throughout Oregon and as far away as Olympia, Washington, to participate in the growing tournament.

And there was plenty happening when the players weren't on the court. DJ Avelanche kept the music going throughout the day, four food vendors kept people fed, and a couple of bounce houses gave the youngest spectators a place to burn off some energy of their own.

Between games, spectators could

wander over to the Pow Wow to visit vendors, watch dancing, and listen to singing before heading back to the basketball action. The combination of indoor and outdoor courts allowed the tournament to keep games moving throughout the day while spectators had plenty to see and do between matchups.

By the time the tournament reached its final games, the long day of competition had produced some close matchups in the Men's and Women's divisions, including a championship that came down to the final shot.

"Overall, I am very happy with the event and the direction it is moving in," Ayala said. "I'm excited for the future to continue to see this tournament flourish."

Ayala said the goal is to continue building a positive atmosphere and providing a great experience for everyone involved. He said he has enjoyed hearing the positive feedback from attendees and that the tournament has become a summer fan favorite.

Among the local players competing was Uncs Elite, which has reached the Women's Open finals three consecutive years. The team included Haley Aya-

la, Madi Hull, Winter Rose, and Kailiana Ramos. Uncs Elite finished second behind Goon Squad, with Sharknado taking third.

Tournament results were:

8U Coed: 1st, Sweets Elite; 2nd, Central Panthers; 3rd, Hustle X Heart.

10U Coed: 1st, West Salem; 2nd, Influence PDX; 3rd, Mamba Mentality.

12U Boys: 1st, Lil Rascals; 2nd, Shooting Stars; 3rd, Wolf Pack.

12U Girls: 1st, Mambacitas; 2nd, Scuba Squad; 3rd, De Papas.

14U Boys: 1st, Lsteck Glazers; 2nd, Valley Hustle; 3rd, 2Talls2Shorts.

14U Girls: 1st, Sweets Elite; 2nd, Lady Hoopaholics; 3rd, Lady Tigers.

18U Boys: 1st, Rock'em, Siakam Robots; 2nd, NXLE; 3rd, Sweets Elite.

18U Girls: 1st, Champs; 2nd, Sweets Elite.

Women's Open: 1st, Goon Squad; 2nd, Uncs Elite; 3rd, Sharknado.

Men's Competitive: 1st, Sudo Demons; 2nd, Primetime; 3rd, T-Bone.

Men's Recreation: 1st, Uncs; 2nd, Spirit Wolves; 3rd, Salem Power-Up.



A young basketball player drives toward the basket for a layup as a defender attempts to block the shot during the 3-on-3 basketball tournament.



Skylar "Sky" Baldonado of local team Dog Soldiers makes a drive toward the basket during a 3-on-3 basketball game against Sharknado. Dog Soldiers lost to Sharknado, which finished third in the tournament.



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Willamina FMC and Willamina Library Team Up for Community Food Drive And Raffle

Willamina Free Methodist Church is partnering with the Willamina Library for a two-month long food drive to help fill the library's food pantry and support neighbors throughout the community. The drive begins Sunday, August 30th, and donations will be accepted through 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 4th, in the church parking lot.

Community members are invited to donate nonperishable food and pantry items, and cash donations will also be accepted. Each day a person donates food pantry items, they will receive one raffle ticket for a drawing held at the end of the month. Cash donors will receive one raffle ticket for every \$5 donated. Raffle prizes will include items contributed by local craftsmen and businesses, making each donation an opportunity to give back while celebrating the talent and generosity of the Willamina area.

Donations may be dropped off at the Willamina Library, Monday through Saturday during regular business hours, or at the Willamina Free Methodist Church parking lot in the afternoons, where a pop-up tent will be available for collection. The Willamina Library is open Monday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The final opportunity to donate will be Sunday, October 4th, by 4 p.m. in the Willamina FMC parking lot. Organizers hope the drive will bring the community together, stock the pantry shelves, and make it easier for local families and individuals to find the food support they need. Welcomed donations include baby food in plastic containers, instant macaroni and cheese, tuna, shelf-stable milk, spaghetti sauce, and other nonperishable pantry staples. Non-food items such as diapers, chapstick, gloves, and hats are also appreciated. Please note that no glass items or perishables can be accepted.

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Volunteers Needed

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



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Sheridan Auto Detailing, 148 N. Bridge St. in Sheridan, is now offering full details. Interior details, exterior detailing, and ceramic coating. We also detail RVs, boats, and farm equipment, including tractors and combines. Call 971-237-9649. (C)

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Employment

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Mayor Cale George for Coffee and Conversation

Date: Saturday, Sept. 12

Time: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Sheridan Museum
142 S. Bridge Street.

Free and open to the public.

Estate Sales

McMinnville Estate Sale - The Rusty Trunk LLC, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday, August 28-29; 10 am-2 pm, Sunday, August 30, 19700 OR-18 Hwy, McMinnville, OR 97128. More information and photos at estatesales.org or call 503-407-6615.

Yard sale- August 29, 9am to 4 pm, August 30th, 10am to 2pm. NW Yamhill St, from Viola Street turn left middle of block left on Yamhill, from Western Street turn right middle of block right on Yamhill, theres a boat setting in driveway.

BENEFIT GARAGE SALE GRAND SHERAMINA FOOD BANK

10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4 and Saturday, Sept. 5, 120 N. Bridge St., Sheridan (outside under the white tents). Huge selection of quality new and like-new items: antiques, fine cut glassware, home decor, dishes, clothing, Christmas decorations, new battery-operated candles, books, and much more! All proceeds directly fund the food bank to help local families in need. Donations Welcome: Declutter for a great cause! To arrange a drop-off time for quality donated items, contact Judy Adams, 503-313-5702.

Wanted

Toddler Car Seat Wanted. Call 971-506-8450 to donate.

Kickoff Party Fires Up 2027 Fundraising

Chicken packed into dozens of cardboard to-go boxes awaited hungry guests, music rang through the park, inflatable and yard games welcomed players of all ages, and tables lined the grounds of Garden Spot Park as the Willamina 4th of July Committee held its first-ever Kickoff Party Saturday, Aug. 22.

The new fundraiser brought the community together for an afternoon of food, entertainment, raffles, and socializing while giving the committee an early start toward funding the fireworks for next year's 4th of July celebration. By the end of the event, about \$400 had been raised.

The \$15 chicken dinners included pasta salad and watermelon. With the meals ready to go, committee members worked the roadside to encourage people to stop, while Chris Wilson made his own pitch from the microphone: "You look hungry. You could use a chicken dinner."

The inflatable games offered something for the youngsters, or young at heart, with basketball, football, ring toss, and axe-throwing challenges keeping participants busy. Others took a more relaxed approach, sitting around the tables and visiting with friends and neighbors.

Wilson provided the afternoon's music from the gazebo, and it was hard to miss as his voice and music carried several blocks beyond the park's edge, reaching homes in the surrounding neighborhood. The event also featured a 50/50 raffle and the first ticket sales for the committee's 2027

raffle.

For the committee, the first Kickoff Party was a chance to try something new while getting a jump on next year's fireworks celebration. More fundraising will follow as organizers work toward the thousands of dollars needed for the 2027 fireworks show.

The event gave the committee a chance to bring people together while putting some money in the bank for next year's celebration. Judging by Saturday's approach, the committee may have discovered that fundraising can be a little more fun when it comes with chicken dinners, music, games, and a friendly reminder from the roadside that, yes, you can enjoy a meal while supporting the community.



A young attendee passes the basketball to his mother for her turn at the hoop during the Willamina 4th of July Committee's first Kickoff Party.



John Glenski (left) promotes the 50/50 raffle and shares information about the Willamina 4th of July Committee and its fundraising efforts during their first ever Kickoff Party at Garden Spot Park.

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Obituary



Rebecca (Becky) Joyce Halverson
Oct. 29, 1949 - Aug. 19, 2026

Rebecca (Becky) Joyce Slack Halverson of Willamina, Oregon went home to be with the Lord on August 19, 2026. She was 76 years old. She was born on October 29, 1949 in Dallas, Oregon to Lavern Carl and Retha Frances (Lefever) Slack.

She married Allan Halverson, on April 27, 1968 and together they raised five children and were lovingly referred to as Nama and Papa by their grandchildren.

Becky was preceded in death by her parents Vern and Retha Slack.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Allan of Willami-

na, OR; sons: Lance Halverson of Bristol, VA, Brenton (Kim) Halverson of McMinnville, OR, Tyson (Brenda) Halverson of McMinnville, OR; daughters: Melandy (David) Misenheimer of Sheridan, OR, and Heidi Halverson of Willamina, OR; twenty grandchildren: Kalae, Judah, Tovyah, Micaiah, Verity, Kellen, Kaitlyn, Hannah, Shylar, Lodi, Cody, Zach, Tristan, Ashlyn, Nietzsche, Enya, Caleb, Scarlett, Emery, and Lettie; nine great grandchildren: Monte, Riley, Mady, Tilly, Reed, Hayden, Marlee, Kinzley, and Weston; three sisters: Andrea Mobley of McAllen, TX, Terry Goforth Ray of Willamina, OR, and Vickie Fullmer of Marcola, OR. Services will be held Saturday, September 12, 2026, 11am, at Timber Hill Christian Church, 118 NE 4th Street, McMinnville, OR.

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Request For Proposal

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
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RFP #2026-02
SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
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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

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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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Last Call For Artists For 2026 Coastal Hills Art

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.

You may also contact Cris Darr (503)-550-1582 email: crisdarr06@gmail.com or Ginny Wymore (503)-435-9180 email: ginnwymore@gmail.com. Deadline for application is Friday, September 4, 2026.

Sheridan Mayor To Host Meet-and-Greet Sept. 12

Sheridan Mayor Cale George invites community members to join him for "coffee and conversation" on Saturday, Sept. 12, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Sheridan Museum of History, located at 142 S. Bridge Street.

This informal event will offer local residents an opportunity drop by during these hours and connect directly with the mayor over a cup of coffee. Mayor George will be on hand to answer questions, discuss community topics, and provide updates on ongoing city projects and other matters of interest across Sheridan.

Everyone is invited to ask questions, share their perspectives, and stay informed about the community.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fresh Faces, Fresh Spaces: Willamina Schools Kick Off New Year

Energy is high in Willamina as the 2026-2027 school year begins. Following a summer of physical transformation and strategic growth, our campus is officially open, welcoming back students to a district that looks—and feels—revitalized.

A Heartfelt Farewell on the School Board

The district is currently navigating a key leadership transition. Yvonne Cerrato has stepped down from the Board of Education to focus on personal well-being. Yvonne, in her short time, became a pillar of our school community, and while her presence at meetings and events will be missed, we stand behind her as she prioritizes her health.

This opening offers a community member an opportunity to help shape Willamina's future. We are actively seeking a new board member; application details are available now on the district website.

Bond Work Delivers Modernized Campus

Monday's orientation for 6th and 9th graders gave families their first glimpse of Phase One bond improvements. Despite a tight summer schedule, the team at Triplett Wellman delivered on their promise, completing essential internal work on time.

The results are visible immediately: new high school and elementary vestibules provide both enhanced security and a modern, welcoming entrance for our Bulldogs. These upgrades are about more than just aesthetics; they represent a long-term investment in our children's learning environment.

The Attendance Challenge: Every Day Counts

While we are celebrating our most successful summer program yet—which took students from the classroom to the Oregon Coast Aquarium—we are also tackling a serious hurdle: chronic absenteeism. Last year, a significant portion of our student body missed more than a month of school.

The math is simple: if that trend continues, those students lose a full year of their education in their time with us. This year, we are asking the community to partner with us in making attendance a priority. Inside the buildings, our teachers are crafting engaging lessons to make sure every day in the classroom is worth the trip.

Focus and Bulldog Pride

As we enter year two of our "no phones bell to bell" policy, we are seeing a marked increase in student engagement and performance. By removing digital distractions, we're keeping the focus where it belongs: on learning and real-world connection.

Between our newly renovated halls and the start of fall sports, there is a lot to be proud of in Willamina. Let's make this the best year yet for our Bulldogs!

Best Regards,

Mike Gass, Superintendent

Willamina Elementary School 503.876.2374

Willamina Middle/High School 503.876.2545

School District Office 503.876.1500

Word Scramble

Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to National Toasted Marshmallow Day (Aug 30). Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.

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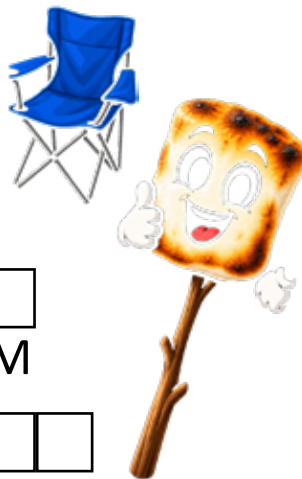
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Where marshmallows go to get dangerously close to dessert.

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Last weeks answers

Fudge - Cream - Topping - Sprinkle - Sundae

SHACC Offers Multiple Child Care Options

Sheridan AllPrep Children's Center (SHACC) is offering several child care and early learning options for local families, including income-based tuition discounts for qualifying families.

SHACC serves children from 6 weeks through 12 years old. Programs include preschool and child care, with full- and part-time scheduling, indoor and outdoor activities, and activities designed to support children's growth and learning.

The center also offers flexible drop-in care when space is available. The option is intended for families who need short-term child care for appointments,

work, errands, or other situations. Monthly Date Night Care is available as another option for parents and caregivers who need evening child care. Children can participate in activities at the center while their caregivers take some time for self-care.

SHACC is currently enrolling for the 2026-27 school year and invites families interested in its preschool and child care programs to schedule a tour.

For more information or to schedule a tour, call or text SHACC at 503-437-5369. Additional information is available at <https://sites.google.com/sheridanallprep.org/shacc>.

Sheridan Man Sentenced To 12 ½ Years In Prison For Sexually Abusing Minors

News Release from Polk Co.

Dist. Att. Office

Polk County Circuit Judge pro tem Timothy R. Park sentenced Frederick Lee Johnston, age 69, to serve 150 months in prison (12.5 years) for his convictions of sex abuse involving two related minor victims under the age of 14.

Johnston, of Sheridan, plead guilty to two counts of Sex Abuse in the First Degree after participating in a judicial settlement conference conducted by Judge Park. The Court sentenced Johnston to 75 months on each count to be served consecutively, followed by a period of 45 months of Post-Prison Su-

pervision.

Judge Park sentenced Johnston pursuant to Oregon's Ballot Measure 11 mandatory minimum sentencing requirements, meaning he is not eligible for early release or any other form of sentence reduction program. During the course of the investigation, over 30 weapons were located in Johnston's possession. All of the weapons were forfeited due to Johnston having a prior felony weapons related conviction.

The case was investigated by the Polk County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Polk County Deputy District Attorney Shannon Clausen.



National Dog Day August 26



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Real Estate Topic of Chamber Meeting

Coldwell Banker Professional Group hosted the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce meeting on Friday, Aug. 21, with franchise CEO and owner Lucinda Hage presenting alongside Sheridan agents Kim Greene and Maria Farias.

Hage used the meeting to give Chamber members a look at the company's growth and what she is seeing across Oregon's real estate market, with much of the discussion focusing on why Sheridan and other rural communities continue to attract buyers.

Hage has been with the company in Yamhill County for 22 years, beginning her career at the Newberg office before taking the plunge into franchise ownership in 2009, when she took over the office with seven agents. She has since grown her Coldwell Banker Professional Group franchise into multiple offices with more than 100 agents across the Willamette Valley, Portland metro area, and Oregon Coast, building on a Coldwell Banker brand that is celebrating 120 years and a Yamhill County presence approaching four decades.

She recently added Coldwell Banker Mountain West in Salem in March and officially opened a commercial division with six agents serving clients throughout Oregon.

On the residential side, Hage described the current market as roughly between a buyer's and

seller's market. Higher interest rates have made buyers more cautious, while sellers are having to compete more on price.

Sheridan, however, has remained a relatively healthy market. The continued demand for rural properties and acreage is particularly strong among people who can work remotely and are choosing to move away from metropolitan areas. "It's driven a lot of people out in the more rural areas like ours," Hage said.

That growth is something smaller communities need to plan for, Hage said. "If you grow too much and your infrastructure doesn't support it, your water district needs to be able to support that many homes. Your streets, your sewers, all of that needs to support."

The discussion also touched on commercial development and the potential for businesses to take advantage of opportunities in rural communities. Hage said Coldwell Banker Professional Group's commercial division has six agents serving clients throughout Oregon and can assist with commercial buildings and leases. For those interested in residential or commercial property information, Coldwell Banker Professional Group's Sheridan office is located at 430 S. Bridge St. The office can be reached at (503) 843-1300. Kim Greene can be reached at (503) 434-0472, and Maria Farias at (971) 237-6167.



Coldwell Banker Professional Group CEO and owner Lucinda Hage speaks to members of the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce during their meeting Friday. Yamhill County Commissioner Kit Johnston (right) listens to her discuss residential and commercial growth.

Grand Sheramina Food Bank to Host Labor Day Weekend Benefit Garage Sale

Community members looking to hunt for unique treasures while supporting a vital local resource will have the perfect opportunity over Labor Day weekend.

The Grand Sheramina Food Bank is hosting a benefit garage sale to raise essential funds to help keep shelves stocked and provide direct support to local friends and neighbors in need of a helping hand.

The two-day event will take place on Friday, Sept. 4, and Saturday, Sept. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Shoppers will find the sale set up outside under the white tents at the food bank, located at 120 N. Bridge Street in Sheridan.

Visitors can browse a vast selection of beautiful new and gently used items. Highlights among the inventory will include antiques and collectibles, such as antique cut glassware, vintage keepsakes, and timeless accent pieces; Home goods and kitchenware, including dishes, everyday cookware, and stylish home decor. Christmas decorations and

seasonal displays will be offered to help you get a jump on holiday planning.

Other items include new battery-operated candles, quality clothing in various sizes, and so much more.

Every dollar spent during the sale directly translates into meals and emergency food supplies for local households experiencing hardship.

For those looking to declutter a home, attic, or garage before the season changes, donations of quality, clean items are warmly welcomed. Contributing unwanted goods is an easy, impactful way to support local families. To arrange a drop-off time for your donations, please contact Judy Adams at 503-313-5702.

Whether you are donating goods, volunteering your time, or stopping by to shop under the tents, your participation helps ensure no neighbor in the community faces an empty table.

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Tuesday			
Sep 1	Noon	Kiwanis	825 NE M
Sep 1	2-4pm	Grand Sheramina Food Bank	120 N Br
Sep 1	4:30pm	Willamina Book Club	Willamin
Sep 1	6pm	Friends of the Sheridan Library Meeting	Sheridan
Sep 1		All students attend Sheridan Schools	Sheridan
Wednesday			
Sep 2	6pm	Sheridan Boosters	433 S Bri
Thursday			
Sep 3	1:30pm	Municipal Court	120 SW M
Sep 3	3-4:30pm	Minecraft Gaming Club	Bridge Le
Sep 3	6pm	Sheridan Revitalization	Sheridan
Sep 3	6:30pm	Toastmasters	Willamin
Friday			
Sep 4	8-9:15am	Sheridan Chamber Breakfast	First Fed
Sunday			
Sep 6	3-9pm	Johnny Wheels & The Swamp Donkeys	West Vall
Monday			
Sep 7	===== Labor Day =====		
Tuesday			
Sep 8	6pm	Willamina City Council	825 NE M
Sep 8	6:30pm	Sheridan Fire Board	230 SW M
Sep 8	7pm	Sheridan City Council	120 SW M
Wednesday			
Sep 9	6pm	Willamina 4th of July Committee	Willamin
Sep 9	6pm	West Valley Rotary Evening Meeting	Bennie H
Thursday			
Sep 10	4-5pm	Yamhill County Youth Advisory Council	Sheridan
Sep 10	5-6pm	Free Line Dancing at the Buell Grange	5970 Mil
Friday			
Sep 11	6pm	4th of July's Bingo & Bake Sale	America
Sep 11	N/A	Chachalu Friday Marketplace	Chachalu
Saturday			
Sep 12	10am-3pm	MakerSpace Lab	Willamin
Sep 12	10am-3pm	Saturday Market (May-Sept)	West Val
Sep 12	6pm	Astronomy Club	Willamin
Monday			
Sep 14	7pm	Sheridan Planning Commission	120 SW M
Sep 14	7pm	Willamina School District Meeting	Live Stre
Sep 14	7pm	American Legion	125 N Br
Sep 14	6pm	Sheridan School Bond Oversight	Sheridan
Tuesday			
Sep 15	1pm	Lunch Bunch (to go lunches)	Sheridan
Sep 15	2-4pm	Grand Sheramina Food Bank	120 N Br
Sep 15	6:30pm	Willamina Library Board Meeting	Willamin
Wednesday			
Sep 16	6:30 pm	Sheridan School District Board	District C
Thursday			
Sep 17	3-4:30pm	Minecraft Gaming Club	Bridge Le
Sep 17	6pm	West Valley Fire District Board Meeting	825 NE M
Sep 17	6pm	Sheridan Parks and Rec Meeting	120 SW M
Sep 17	6:30pm	Toastmasters	Willamin
Friday			
Sep 18	8-9:15am	Sheridan Chamber Breakfast	Sheridan
Sep 18	6pm	Clark Engine Company	Oddfellow
Saturday			
Sep 19	9:30-10:30am	Scaling Tour	Willamin
Monday			
Sep 21	7pm	Sheridan City Council	120 SW M
Sep 21	7pm	VFW	771 NE M
Tuesday			
Sep 22	6pm	Willamina Planning Commission	825 NE M
Friday			
Sep 25	===== National Native American Day =====		
Sep 25	5-7pm	Churches United Community Dinner	Sheridan
Saturday			
Sep 26	10am	Willamina Mud Drags	500 SE A
Sep 26	Noon-2pm	Mending Library	Willamin
Sep 26	2:30pm	Estate Planning Workshop	Willamin
Sep 26	5pm	Movie Night - Project Hail Mary	Willamin

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Weekly

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 a Public Library
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 idge St., Sheridan
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 United Methodist
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Monday:
 Early Literacy Adventures
 Willamina Public Library 9:30am
 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
 Adult Zumba (starts Sept 15)
 Willamina Elementary School Playshed 5:15-6pm
 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
 Willamina 4th of July Committee
 Willamina Christian Church Basement 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
 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
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Annual Contest Powwow Announces Full List of Winners

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's Annual Contest Powwow brought dancers from across generations into competition during the three-day celebration, with winners announced in jingle, fancy, traditional, grass and chicken dance categories, along with special competitions, a drum contest and stick games.

Dancers competed for cash prizes ranging from \$150 to \$1,000 in the individual dance categories, with first-place awards increasing from \$150 for junior dancers to \$600 for teens and \$1,000 for adult and elder dancers. The drum contest offered a top prize of \$12,000.

The winners were:

Jr. Girls, ages 6-12

Girls Jingle: 1st, Raine Williams; 2nd, Willow Squetinkin; 3rd, Ulali Quenelle; 4th, Nation Blackcrow; 5th, Nichale Soto.

Girls Fancy: 1st, Emma Eagle-speaker; 2nd, Lisa-Joy Rowan; 3rd, Samari Scott; 4th, Sabrina James; 5th, Quaneem Abrahamson.

Girls Traditional: 1st, Leona Nor-

west; 2nd, Emma Jenkins; 3rd, Blaire Williams; 4th, Shirleen Norwest; 5th, Serene Scott.

Teen Girls, ages 13-17

Teen Girls Jingle: 1st, Maddie Bird; 2nd, Alexis Payer; 3rd, Abi Ford Kordatzky; 4th, Zoey Brisbois; 5th, Satayrah Wilson.

Teen Girls Fancy: 1st, Nikiyah Longe; 2nd, Alani Barr; 3rd, Dazha Joseph; 4th, Kyla Miller; 5th, Gabryela "Gaby" Snow.

Teen Girls Traditional: 1st, Dumond Say; 2nd, Candace Whiteplume; 3rd, Willena Cleveland-Whitegrass; 4th, Aliesse Whitegrass; 5th, Marie Quenelle.

Jr. Adult Women, ages 18-35

Women's Jingle: 1st, Arianne Sheka; 2nd, Rhiana "Ree" Spoonhunter; 3rd, Leiloni Ellenwood; 4th, Ser' Rae Running Eagle; 5th, Eartha Goodstriker.

Women's Fancy: 1st, Farrell Top Sky; 2nd, Valerie Adrian; 3rd, Miriam Wesley; 4th, Claudia Suarez; 5th, Corina "Keenas" Limon.

Women's Traditional: 1st, Loreal Ellenwood; 2nd, Teara Ellenwood; 3rd, Violet Whitegrass; 4th, Faith Goodstriker; 5th, De-nae Smith.

Sr. Adult Women, ages 36-54

Women's Jingle: 1st, Bridget Eaglespeaker; 2nd, Anika Top of the Sky; 3rd, Marcelia Cleveland-Whitegrass; 4th, Nina Catterman; 5th, Michelle Martinez. Women's Fancy: 1st, Crystaleina Pacheco; 2nd, Roseanne Greene; 3rd, Denelle Stanley; 4th, Michelle Bobadilla; 5th, Nikollane Kanuho.

Women's Traditional: 1st, Miranda Thompson; 2nd, Sophia Thurman; 3rd, Celestre Osife; 4th, Roberta Smith; 5th, Leah Brisbois.

Golden Age Women, ages 55-64: 1st, Henrietta McGurk; 2nd, Cece Walsey-Beyau; 3rd, Tina Aquash; 4th, Love Richardson Williams; 5th, Ervanna Little Eagle.

Elder Women, ages 65 and older: 1st, Melinda Goodwill "Good Will"; 2nd, Audrey Oiney; 3rd, Wilma Buck; 4th, Wilma "Willie" Wansise; 5th, Linda Meanus.

Jr. Boys, ages 6-12

Boys Grass: 1st, Joziyah Celestial; 2nd, Elijah Raine-Goodstriker; 3rd, Austen Miller; 4th, Philip Lloyd "PJ"; 5th, Lydia Norwest. Boys Fancy: 1st, Jaycen Liena; 2nd, Timinah Ellenwood; 3rd, Emerson Treter; 4th, Rodger Beyau; 5th, Luciano Reyes.

Boys Traditional: 1st, Chinoakteen Abrahamson; 2nd, John Adams; 3rd, Earl Lloyd; 4th, Elijah Barney; 5th, Kian Montgomery.

Teen Boys, ages 13-17

Teen Boys Grass: 1st, EJ Denny Villa; 2nd, Willis James Tomeo; 3rd, Tyler Peters; 4th, Nathan Mezir; 5th, Jeryn Trujillo.

Teen Boys Fancy: 1st, Alvin Rattlesnake; 2nd, Garvian McDonald; 3rd, William Walsey; 4th, Moses Walsey; 5th, Keunu Fasthorse.

Teen Boys Traditional: 1st, Lewis Allen; 2nd, Hunter Whiteplume; 3rd, Naidyn Rattlesnake; 4th, Blake Lloyd; 5th, John M. Moses.

Jr. Adult Men, ages 18-35

Men's Grass: 1st, Miguel Herrera; 2nd, Christopher Beebe; 3rd, Hunter Street; 4th, Inyan Growing Thunder; 5th, Zaric Raine.

Men's Fancy: 1st, RJ Treter; 2nd, Donnatello Rowan; 3rd, Liam Beebe; 4th, Nakeezaka Jack; 5th, Apollo Johnson.

Men's Traditional: 1st, Nataos Beebe; 2nd, Bryon Adams; 3rd, Silas Martinez; 4th, Matthew Sheka Jr.; 5th, Cetan Growing Thunder.

Sr. Adult Men, ages 36-54

Men's Grass: 1st, Gary Villa; 2nd, Victor Harry; 3rd, Tameem Sarwary; 4th, Jordan Mercier;

5th, Grover Topaum.

Men's Fancy: 1st, Gary Olney; 2nd, Stan Whiteman; 3rd, Tyson Draper; 4th, Jamie Ward; 5th, Gary Smith.

Men's Traditional: 1st, Saul Jurado; 2nd, Andrew Tewanuma; 3rd, George Meninick Jr.; 4th, Nakia Williamson; 5th, Kyle Iron Lightning.

Golden Age Men: 1st, Jeff Downing; 2nd, Carlos Calica; 3rd, Reginald "Reggie" Walsey; 4th, Telly Raine; 5th, Sydney John.

Elder Men: 1st, Greg Red Elk; 2nd, Wilson Totus; 3rd, James Alan Smith; 4th, Peter Jo Olney; 5th, Wayne Smartowitz.

Men's Chicken: 1st, Shotae Treter; 2nd, Jordan Yazzie; 3rd, Colin Raine; 4th, Hashkai Bird; 5th, Sage Lone Bear.

Special Categories

Men's Fancy: 1st, Liam Beebe; 2nd, Roger Treter; 3rd, Stanley Whiteman.

Women's Fancy: 1st, Nakeezaka Jack; 2nd, Miriam Wesley; 3rd, Farrell Top Sky.

Luck of the Draw: 1st, Miriam Wesley; 2nd, Shotae Treter.

Drum Contest: 1st, Maskwaki Nation, Willie Davenport; 2nd, Mile Post 30, Derrick Keeswood; 3rd, Little Bear, Brendan Strong; 4th, Bad War Cloud, Roger Treter; 5th, Bad Nation, Gerald Zephier.

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Council Acts on Water Conservation as Spring Flow Declines

The City of Sheridan held their regular council session on Aug. 17. Here are some topics that were covered during the meeting.

The Sheridan City Council approved a water conservation alert as Stoney Mountain Spring production continues to decline earlier than normal while demand remains high.

The action, approved through Resolution 2026-K, activates the City's water-curtailement protocol and begins voluntary conservation efforts. City Manager Preston Polasek emphasized that this action is not a declaration of an emergency.

The City's Water Management and Conservation Plan identifies 290 gallons per minute as the threshold at which voluntary conservation becomes a concern. At the meeting, staff reported Stoney Mountain Spring was producing approximately 298 gallons per minute. If production falls to 250 gallons per minute, the City would begin considering mandatory restrictions.

Public Works Director Kie Cottam said the treatment plant was operating approximately 20 hours per day and that staff has already pushed operational measures to address increased demand. Cottam stated that the current goal is to reduce consumption by 10% over the next two weeks so mandatory restrictions would not be necessary.

The City plans to educate residents and businesses about voluntary conservation measures and contact its largest water users. Polasek said Everbridge, the City's emergency notification system, has approximately 5,000 people signed up and would be used if mandatory restrictions become necessary.

Council discussion also addressed Sheridan's senior water rights on the Yamhill River. Cottam said water rights can

be senior or junior and that restrictions typically affect junior rights first. He said Sheridan has senior water rights and that he planned to discuss the issue with the state water master.

During Public Comment, a Sheridan Road resident addressed the Council, presenting 57 signatures supporting speed bumps or other traffic-calming measures. She cited safety concerns, increased traffic, and upcoming housing construction and said residents were worried about the road's ability to handle additional vehicles.

The resident acknowledged that speed bumps could raise fire-department concerns. She also questioned the absence of a full-time police department that the City once had and urged the Council to address the issue before someone is killed.

Polasek told the resident that the Council is expected to award the Sheridan Road maintenance work at its Sept. 21 meeting, assuming favorable bids, with the work expected to be completed this calendar year, but no comments were made by the Council or City staff regarding the ongoing debate over speed bumps or other traffic-calming measures.

The Sheridan Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee forwarded its recommendation of the skatepark construction bid to the Council, which voted to award a \$172,234 contract to McDowell Concrete.

Councilors noted the completeness and clarity of McDowell's proposal. The proposal also identified opportunities for value engineering and potential City-provided work, including trucking, aggregate, dirt supply, demolition, and disposal.

The Council approved Resolution 2026-J, supporting an application to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development's Transportation Growth Management Program

for the proposed Vital Sheridan Downtown Area Plan.

Polasek said the plan would address downtown development standards and limitations associated with the flood-hazard zone. "I can't imagine a better grant that hits exactly the bullseye of what we need for our downtown," he said, noting that it addresses flood-hazard issues as well as development standards that are essential to attract development investment. Tkeisha Wydro of the Downtown Revitalization Committee also provided a letter of support for the grant application.

The Council also adopted Ordinance 2026-01, replacing the City's 2014 Parks Development Plan with the 2026 plan. The new plan will be viewable on the City's official website, www.city-ofsheridanor.com/city-parks, once it is uploaded.

The Christmas Committee presented plans for expanded holiday activities, including decorations on Bridge Street and at the Veterans Memorial. The committee also announced it had acquired a trailer for use as a permanent Santa float.

The committee is coordinating with Rotary and the Chamber and is considering additional Christmas activities, including a possible Christmas-light competition with Willamina, a railroad or steam-engine event, multiple

Santa appearances, and a Sunday jazz performance during the Christmas Bazaar.

Other matters discussed during the meeting included a planned Yamhill River water-testing program, correction of a sewer connection at the Caldwell Banker building, duplicate payroll payments involving Tyler Technologies, the City's ongoing financial reconciliation, code-enforcement cases, the City's purchase of 863 NW Evans St., Hebert Plaza, and upcoming election filing. The next regular Sheridan City Council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 7.

Information including agendas, packets, and audio and video recordings can be found on the City's official website, www.city-ofsheridanor.com.

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The free event will offer activities for children and families, including a fish bowl toss, jelly-fish craft, under-the-sea sandbox, pirate scavenger hunt, and bubble fun. Guests can also explore the Sheridan Allprep Children's Center and search for hidden treasure.

Food will be available at the Captain's Galley, with hot dogs, pasta salad, popcorn, chips, and ocean punch.

The open house is open to all families. For more information, call (503) 435-5965 or visit sites.google.com/sheridanallprep.org/shacc.

Last issue's crossword solution

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Horoscopes Aug. 26-Sept. 1

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Good vibes are heading your way, Aries. Cosmic energy continues through your sign, showing visions of future ambitions.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Appreciate the world around you, Taurus. It's easy to get fixated on what isn't working, but be grateful for all of the things that are going right.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, light banter is the name of the game for conversation this week. Avoid any topics that can lead to confrontation or confusion.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

You may have a sudden urge to get organized at home or the office, Cancer. Spend time sorting and clearing out the clutter to be more productive.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Celebrate yourself this week, Leo. You deserve some recognition just for being you. What better person than you to initiate that?

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Your responsibilities are at an all-time high right now, Libra. That means you are in high demand. Pick and choose projects to fit your schedule.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Give yourself a break, Libra. You have been putting your nose to the grindstone for a long time. You deserve an opportunity to enjoy the lighter side of life for a bit.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, advocate and negotiate for yourself as much as you can in the days to come. Some skillful self-promotion can open new and exciting doors.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Right now your demeanor is sensitive and compassionate, Sagittarius. Unfortunately, this can make you vulnerable, so keep your friends close.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

There may be surprises around the workplace this week, Capricorn. A supervisor may be sending mix signals. Ride out this unsettled time.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, patience is an asset this week. A careful approach to problem-solving will yield the results you're seeking.

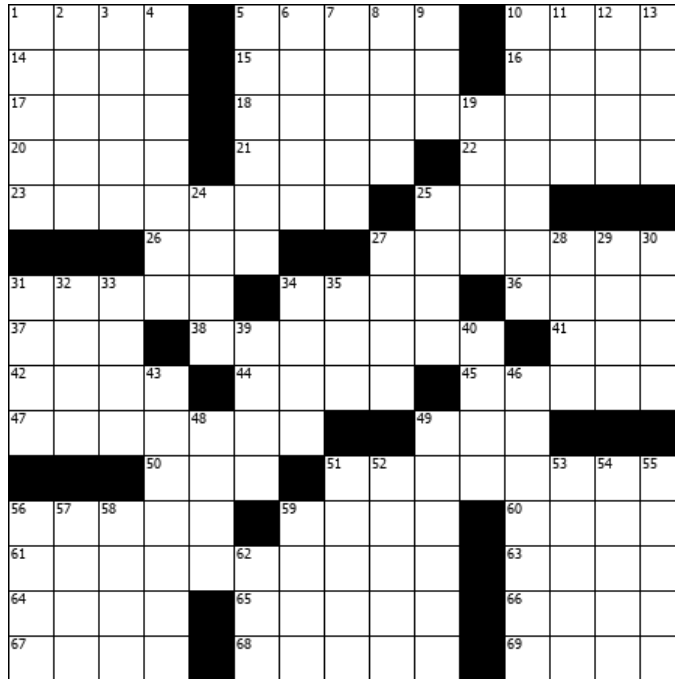
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Try not to question the mysteries of the universe right now, Pisces. Unconventional vibes are coming your way, which may lead you on some bizarre, yet enjoyable journeys.

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Across

1. British baby carriage
5. Figure
10. Appendages
14. Chauffeured car
15. Mexican coins
16. Young horse
17. "Once ____ a time..."
18. Get better
20. Portable shelter
21. Much (2 wds.)
22. Bogged down
23. Church instrumentalist
25. Facial spasm
26. Convent dweller
27. Remarkable
31. Copper, e.g.
34. Be acquainted with
36. Lunchtime
37. How ____ you?
38. Indulgent
41. Assist
42. Da Vinci's "____ Lisa"
44. Wooded valley
45. Deserves
47. Relieve
49. Syrup source
50. James Bond, e.g.
51. Search for gold
56. Trash
59. Fibber
60. She, in Bordeaux
61. Participate in personally
63. Fruit beverages
64. Raise
65. Appraises
66. Chair
67. If not
68. Scornful sound
69. Is mistaken



Down

1. Small planet
2. Less green
3. Amid
4. Idaho's neighbor
5. Ankle problem
6. Shoe parts
7. Broad tie
8. Mope
9. Clairvoyant's letters
10. Kenya native, e.g.
11. Crowd's sound
12. Counterpart
13. Winter toy
19. Emanate
24. Void's partner
25. Small city
27. Christmas word
28. Wild hog
29. Cut of beef
30. Purposes
31. Doll's cry
32. Greek deity
33. Perfect scores
34. Leg part
35. Naught
39. Tense
40. Herb drinks
43. Severe
46. Pacify
48. Copycat
49. Most painful
51. Spotted horse
52. Professional speedster
53. Church official
54. Cloudless
55. Quizzes
56. "Wish You ____ Here"
57. Figure skater's jump
58. Mineral springs
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62. Tax inits.

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West Valley FFA Members Shine Bright at Polk County Fair

West Valley FFA members brought home numerous championships and other honors from the Polk County Fair, held Aug. 5-8 in Rickreall, with exhibitors from Willamina and Sheridan competing in livestock, showmanship, herdsman-ship, and citizenship events.

Willamina FFA members Keylee Bagby and Elizabeth Neese led the local results, earning the Overall Large Animal Master Showman-ship and Overall Small Animal Master Showmanship championships, respectively.

Bagby earned multiple top honors with her pygmy goat projects, while Neese collected championship awards in poultry and turkey competition. Willamina exhibitors earned honors in rabbits, poultry, turkey, sheep, pigs, Ag Mechanics, and Cavies. The chapter also earned Champion Chapter Exhibit and Champion Chapter Herdsman-ship honors, while Rebecca Neese received the Outstanding Citizenship Award.

"There are a lot of honors that the students earned this year," Willamina FFA adviser David Neese said. "They gained valuable skills and knowledge along the way."

First-year livestock exhibitor Evan Kester led Sheridan (S) FFA with a Grand Champion Market Sheep

Showman title. He also advanced to Large Animal Master Showman-ship, competing against experienced senior showmen. Although Kester did not win, Sheridan FFA adviser Jennifer Lookabaugh said he exceeded his own expectations and gained valuable show-ring experience. Kester plans to use proceeds from his auction lamb to purchase a breeding ewe and raise lambs for next year's projects.

Isabella "Bella" Dickey earned Champion Advanced Turkey Showman before advancing to the runoff and earning Reserve Grand Champion Turkey Showman. Sheridan FFA also earned a Herdsman-ship award for its turkeys.

"We are going into the 75th year of Sheridan FFA this fall, and it is looking great so far!" Lookabaugh said.

Polk County Fair Results

Willamina FFA

Ag Mechanics — Joe Goodwin, Dominic Cole, Jace Warnicke, Tidus Sabin, Ekias Sabin, Cassidy Dasomb, Elizabeth Neese, Bryson Smith: Champion Chapter.

Cavies — Elizabeth Neese: Champion Chapter Exhibit; Champion Chapter Herdsman-ship; Overall Champion FFA Showmanship; Champion Breed.

Rabbits — Madyson Vandegrift,

Lucas Roselle, Elizabeth "Lizzy" Wilson: Champion Chapter Rabbit; Champion Chapter Herdsman-ship. Vandegrift: Reserve Champion Overall Showman; Wilson: Novice Showman, second place.

Poultry — Kayleb Rankin, Danica Dufrense, Jarom Emang, Kylee Williams, Elizabeth Neese, Rozco Owens: Champion Chapter Exhibit. Emang: Reserve Grand Champion Market Pen; Rankin: Reserve Champion Novice Poultry Showman; Dufrense: Champion Novice Poultry Showman; Williams: FFA Small Animal Master Showman-ship participant; Neese: Advanced Champion and Overall Champion Poultry Showman.

Turkey — River Fox, Kylee Williams, Nico Zito, Dominic Cole, Rozco Owens, Elizabeth Neese: Champion Chapter Exhibit. Neese: Overall Market Turkey Champion; Fox and Zito: Call Back FFA Showman-ship; Owens: Novice Champion Showman; Neese: Advanced Reserve Champion Showman, Overall Champion Turkey Showman, FFA Small Animal Master Showmanship participant.

Pygmy Goat — Keylee Bagby: Champion Chapter Exhibit; Champion Chapter Herdsman-ship; Advanced and Overall Champion Showman; Champion Overall Wether; Champion Sr. Wether; Reserve Champion Jr. Doe; Reserve Champion Sr. Doe; Champion Sr. Doe; Reserve Champion Dam and Daughter; Champion FFA Herd.

Meat Goat — Keylee Bagby, Rebecca Neese, Carter Helms: Champion Chapter Exhibit. Bagby:

Overall Champion Market Goat; Advanced Reserve Champion and Overall Champion Meat Goat Showmanship; Reserve and Overall Champion Bucklings; Champion Sr. Doe; Reserve Champion Boer Herd; Reserve Champion Dam and Daughter. Rebecca Neese: Overall Reserve Champion Meat Goat Showmanship. Helms: Champion Novice Meat Goat Showmanship.

Sheep — Camille Crowe: Blue Showmanship; Blue Breed. Pigs — Paige Baker, Madyson Vandegrift, Carter Helms: Baker: Top Ten Market Hog; Showmanship Call Back. Helms: Top Ten Market Hog.

FFA Small Animal Master Showman-ship — Kylee Williams: Participant; Elizabeth Neese: Overall FFA Small Animal Master Showman-ship Champion.

FFA Large Animal Master Showman-ship — Keylee Bagby: Overall FFA Large Animal Master Showman-ship Champion.

Citizenship Awards — Kayleb Rankin, Nico Zito, Camille Crowe, Paige Baker, Elizabeth Neese, Rebecca Neese: Citizenship Awards. Rebecca Neese: Outstanding Citizenship Award.

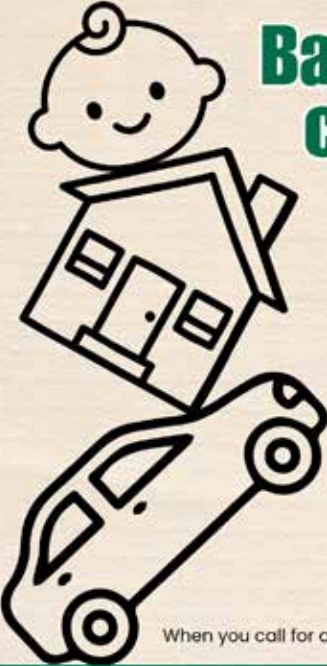
Sheridan FFA Evan Kester: Grand Champion Market Sheep Showman; FFA Large Animal Master Showman-ship participant.

Isabella "Bella" Dickey: Champion Advanced Turkey Showman; Reserve Grand Champion Turkey Showman.

Sheridan FFA: Turkey Herdsman-ship Award.



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Keylee Bagby (left) poses with her Grand Champion Market Goat.

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RINGLING CIRCUS COMING SOON

It was glorious news to young and old brought in the announcement of the early appearance of the great Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, with its thousand and one wonders which will exhibit in Portland Wednesday August 28.

The only five-ring circus in the world, with a Big Top seating more than 16,000 persons, will this year offer more new and startling acts than ever before in its history.

Not least in the attractiveness of the Big Show will be the presence of seven herds of elephants, 43 great pachyderms, the majority of which are highly trained performers. There are likewise the largest herds of giraffes, zebras and camels in captivity.

The menagerie of the Ringling Barnum Circus is the largest travelling zoo in the world, and

in its gilded cages there appear every known variety of animal, brought from the earth's remote corners by agents of the huge amusement institution. And at each performance is to be seen "Goliath," the monster sea elephant, weighing five tons and eating 400 pounds of fish daily. During the past year "Goliath" has grown a full ton in weight.

The circus marts of the world have been combed to produce for this greatest of all shows the most daring and spectacular of acts, chief among which this year is the one and only original Zacchini. "The Human Projectile," fired bodily through space from the mouth of a monster cannon.

The Big Show travels on its own four trains of 100 double length railroad cars.

WHEAT CROP IS SHORT

The wheat market became quite feverish during the past week and finally recovered from the early slump with a good gain in prices. This week opens with conditions favorable to higher figures. Chas. D. Michaels, national authority on wheat conditions, says: Reports from the American and Canadian northwest confirmed recent private estimates of the most serious crop damage and losses in years. Threshings in Canada range down to three bushels per acre, while in the Dakotas and Minnesota they are making fair returns. All advices, however, are for a short crop of spring wheat, both bread and durum. The world's wheat situation is the most bullish. Estimates of production in 22 countries this year indicate 2,024,000,000 bushels of wheat, a reduction of 130,000,000 bushels from the same time last year, when they amounted to 86 per cent of the world's crop. The government says that reports coming from many other countries indicate a much larger reduction in the World's crop.

According to the U. S. department of agriculture, the estimated potato crop of the whole country this year will be 372,812,000 bushels, against a total yield in 1928 of 462,943,000 bushels.



CLOVER IS BENEFICIAL

Clover crops, particularly those of a leguminous nature, are beneficial to Oregon soils in a number of ways, says the experiment station. They tend to check leaching or erosion, increase the nitrogen content of the soil, and provide organic matter, thus improving the physical nature of heavy soils.

Most Oregon vegetable growers could profitably apply more fertilizers, either barnyard manure or green manure, supplemented with standard commercial fertilizers, to their crops, believes the experiment station. An irrigation system also helps to make these fertilizers of greater benefit to the crops.

MUCH LIME IS BEING USED ON LAND SMOKERS CAUSE MANY FOREST FIRES

During the past few weeks more limerock has been bought and delivered in Polk county than in all the years before. Much of this is going to be wasted if present plans are followed on some farms. Now that you have spent hard earned money for this material do you want to lose it? To get your money's worth you must take advantage of the experience of others.

1 1/4 to 1 1/2 tons per acre is the best rate of applying the local limerock. Limerock should be mixed into the plow layer. Do not plow under nor top dress on a crop already growing if you want the best results. Put your limerock on ground on which you expect to sow vetch, clover or alfalfa within 9 months. Other crops do not ordinarily respond to limerock and it would be wasted.

This office has a bulletin which discusses the experience of many farmers in using limerock which we will be glad to send you. I will be glad to tell you of the results of local demonstrations. Limerock is not a cure-all and there are many crops that do not pay for putting it on. A poultice of Epsom salts on the chest won't cure a broken ankle. Like Epsom salts limerock is very effective when used properly.

Green feed for both the young poultry stock and the layers is essential during the warm summer weather, says the Oregon experiment station. If succulent green feed is not available, 5 percent of a good grade of alfalfa may be mixed in the mash as a substitute.

A moist mash fed to the poultry flock at noon during the warm weather will stimulate the fowls' appetite and assist in maintaining production, says the Oregon experiment station.

With 500 to 600 fires started on the national forests of Oregon and Washington in the first week in August the fire season is now on, federal foresters in the Portland, Oregon office, report.

While the very large percentage of the August fires so far were caused by severe lightning storms of August 1 and 2, up to August 1, man-caused fires were over two and one half times as numerous as lightning fires. Smokers led all man-causes, showing an increase over 1928 for the same period, forest service reports show. Up to August 1, a total of 368 forest fires had been reported on the twenty-two national forests of the North Pacific District, or 288 less than a year ago. This difference is said to be due largely to the delay in opening of the 1929 fire season which is about two weeks later this year than normally.

Beginning August 1, lightning fires have been numerous and destructive, especially in the State of Washington, the Chelan, Rainier and Colville Forests being the worst hit. Among the largest are the Camas Creek and Midnight Mountain fires on the Chelan, the former now covering several thousand acres; the Vulcan Mountain fire on the Colville now under control, and the Cougar Creek fire on the Rainier, which is in an old burn and difficult to handle.

DESERT SONG AT LARK

A great talkie-movie success, "The Desert Song," was put on at the Lark theater, McMinnville, last evening. It will be shown tonight and tomorrow night. It is a 100% talking, 100 per cent singing and 100 per cent entertainment picture, and is said to be a most wonderful production. There are doubtless a large number of Willamina people who attend the shows at the Lark and this will be a real treat to them. The manager of the theater has gone to large expence to install talking-movie equipment and it is being greatly appreciated by those who attend the show. Those who have not yet attended at this show will not be disappointed, especially in attending this great production.



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Bathroom

- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Take a shorter shower (5 mins or less) instead of a long shower or bath.
- Fix running toilets and leaky faucets right away.
- Install low-flow showerheads and faucets.

Laundry

- Wash only full loads of laundry and save electricity by using the cold water setting.
- Use the appropriate water level or load size selection.

Outdoors

- Water your lawn or garden once per day during the cool morning or evening hours to reduce evaporation.
- Use a shut-off nozzle on your garden hose.
- Broom sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of using a hose.
- Collect rainwater in barrels for watering plants.

Kitchen

- Use a dishwasher when it's fully loaded! Dishwashers typically use less water than hand washing.
- Plug up the sink or use a wash basin if washing dishes by hand.
- Scrape your plate instead of rinsing it before loading it into the dishwasher.
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.
- Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator overnight rather than using a running tap of hot water.
- Add food wastes to your compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal.

