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Sheridan Graduates Represented Cheer at Shrine Bowl

Sheridan High School graduates Lana Curl and Robbie Meneley represented Oregon's 1A-3A schools on the East cheer squad during the 75th Oregon East-West All-Star Shrine Football Game on July 25 at Bulldog Memorial Stadium in Baker City.

The pair spent the week participating in practices, community events, and a parade before cheering during the annual all-star game, which raises money for Shriners Children's Portland. Sheridan cheer coach Sarah Neel said both athletes earned the opportunity through their accomplishments and leadership with the Spartans.

Curl cheered all four years at Sheridan High School, earning All-State honors three consecutive years and receiving two All-American nominations. She also served as a youth cheer

mentor, was junior captain before becoming head team captain as a senior, and placed in all of her individual cheer competitions.

Meneley cheered for the Spartans during his final three years of high school and quickly became a leader on the squad. A two-time All-American, he represented Sheridan at Varsity events in Florida, served as assistant captain during his senior season, and was known for supporting teammates and athletes from other schools.

"Lana and Robbie are a big reason our team had Nationals options and was so proud to bring home the third-place Nationals banner and medals for 2026," Neel said. "They both represent the positive, forward progress Spartan Cheer has made, and have left a legacy many of our

up-and-coming athletes look to follow."



Spartan graduates Lana Curl (left) and Robert Meneley (right) pose during the West Valley Cheer Showcase in March. The pair represented Sheridan as members of the East cheer squad during the Oregon East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game on July 25.

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City of Sheridan, Oregon

RFP Deadline: July, 31, 2026 at
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Experienced skatepark contractors are encouraged to submit a proposal to refurbish and expand the existing Skatepark at Sheridan City Park, 500 NE Yamhill Street, Sheridan, OR 97378. The new facility will be multi-purpose for non-motorized use by skateboarders, skaters, and bicyclists.

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7. Proposer to present its proposal to the Parks Committee on August 6, 2026, at 6:00 pm.
8. Deadline to submit proposal to Sheridan City Hall by July 31, 2026, at 3:00 pm.

The Project Award will be determined by the following equally weighted selection criteria: Cost; Use of materials and structural design; Skate Park site design and overall flow of the skating experience; Number of skating activities (jumps, ramps, rails, etc.); and Overall presentation and project understanding. The final award of contract will be made by the City Council on August 17, 2026. For any inquiries, please contact the City Manager at the following: 503-843-2347 or ppolasek@city-ofsheridanor.com.

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Estate sale - McMinnville The Rusty Trunk LLC. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 7-8; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9. 19700 OR-18 Hwy., McMinnville. More information and photos at EstateSales.org. (503) 407-6615.

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Board Vacancy

Board Vacancy

Sheridan Fire District is accepting applications for a vacancy on the board of directors. Applications will be accepted through Aug. 20 and will be reviewed at the Sept. 8 board meeting. They are available at the Sheridan fire station, 230 SW Mill St. and on the district's website, www.sheridanfd.org.

Applicants must be voters residing within the fire district. The position will be filled by appointment until the May 2027 election.

Regular board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month with special meetings scheduled as needed. For additional information, call 503-843-2467 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Good Car - Great Owner — This classic 1991 Chevy Z-28 Camaro has a 350 fuel-injected C4 Corvette, 500-horsepower engine with dual exhaust, hooked to a four-speed automatic transmission and a 3.42 rear end. The engine was rebuilt by a friend, and the striking metallic blue paint was done by another friend. Chrome wheels are covered with aftermarket tires. Inside, you will find stock gauges and a custom dash cover created by another friend. Owner Marcelino Ramirez has owned this car for 20 years. Mr. Ramirez believes in true friendships and gives as much as he receives. He is the kind of neighbor that all of us would love to have next door. He works at Recology. (Picture and story by Gary Meyer)



Some youngsters disappear beneath a wall of water at the end of the giant inflatable waterslide during a summer party at the Tina Miller Youth Center in Willamina. The free event featured hot dogs, ice cream sandwiches donated by the Wildwood Music Festival, treats, and plenty of ways to cool off, made possible through support from thrift store shoppers and Hampton Lumber. The Youth Center is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 3 to 6 p.m. during the summer, offering free snacks, sprinklers, a slip-and-slide, games, books, and many more activities at 172 NE 4th St.

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A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

Dear Sheridan Community,

Administrative staff will start returning to schools in the coming week, followed by teachers later in the month. While summer is a great opportunity to breathe, we always look forward to the possibilities that come with a new year.

Kindergarten Transition Camp

On August 17-20 from 9am-2pm we will be hosting a Kindergarten Transition Camp at FCS to give our newest students a sneak peek at what their school year will bring. This is a great opportunity to reduce the stress that comes with the start of Kindergarten and we highly encourage all of our incoming Kinders to attend. Register by August 7 if your student will need transportation. Information is available on our website: sheridan.k12.or.us

K-8 Summer "Learning Around the World" Program

This four-week summer program wrapped up at FCS last week and was funded by a three-year grant (\$120,000 annually) to support summer learning. Lessons were focused on a different region of the world each week, with activities ranging from Chinese calligraphy to Greek mosaics and watercolor paintings of the northern lights.

This summer we had 93 of our students enrolled, supported by 14 staff members, and each week featured a "Fun Friday" enrichment field trip.

Summer learning programs are important because they help students maintain consistency and reduce the impact of summer learning loss, allowing teachers to pick up where they left off when students return in the fall. Thank you to everyone who invested your time and energy in our students this summer.

**A reminder that our first day of school
will be August 31!**

With Respect,
Dorie Vickery Ed. D.
Superintendent

Sheridan School District
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YCT Seeks Public Input on Fare Changes

Yamhill County Transit is asking residents to weigh in on proposed fare and service changes through an online open house available through Aug. 31.

The transit agency recently launched the online engagement effort following community discussions about reintroducing fares and adjusting transit services. Officials say feedback gathered during the comment period will help shape the future of public transportation in Yamhill County.

According to YCT, rising costs for fuel, labor, insurance, buses, and other materials, coupled with flat or declining federal, state, and local funding, have prompted the proposed changes.

If approved by the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners this fall, the changes are expected to take effect in September. Proposed service up-

dates include more direct local routes in McMinnville, a new fare-free GoLocal Flex Route in Newberg, and the renaming of Newberg's demand response service to GoWell. The proposal also calls for the reintroduction of fares, with riders able to pay through the Token Transit mobile app or with cash for single rides.

YCT is also inviting the public to its Customer Appreciation Day, themed "Moving Forward Together," at the Yamhill County Transit Center, 800 N.E. Second St. in McMinnville. Project staff will be available to answer questions, gather public input, and provide information about the proposed fare and service adjustments.

Residents can participate in the online open house and learn more about the proposed changes by visiting ycbus.org before the Aug. 31 comment deadline.

NOTICE OF WILLAMINA CITY COUNCIL VACANCIES

Have you ever wanted to get more involved with your local government? The mayor's seat and three Willamina City Council positions will be on the November 2026 General Election Ballot.

Willamina's City Charter states in order to qualify a resident must be registered to vote in the state of Oregon and a resident of the city during the twelve months immediately preceding the election. No person may be a candidate for more than one elective office of the city.

Application packets are available for pick up at Willamina City Hall or on the Willamina website www.willaminaoregon.gov/elections/. Applicant forms must be submitted to Deputy City Recorder Krystal Stevens at City Hall.

The recommended deadline for submitting candidate signature sheets to the Deputy City Recorder is August 11, 2026. Incumbent filing deadline August 18, 2026. Non incumbent filing deadline August 25, 2026.

Apply now! We would love to have you join our team!

Please call or email Deputy City Recorder Krystal Stevens with any questions.
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First Federal Presentation Highlights the Tactics Behind Today's Scams

The newest scam may look different than the last one, but the people behind it are still relying on the same strategy: create fear, build urgency, and convince someone to act before they have time to think.

That was the central message during First Federal's scam awareness presentation at the Sheridan Museum of History on July 23. Sheridan and Amity Branch Manager Sara Meyer joined Amity Branch Operations Manager Brittany Ritcheson and Sheridan Branch Operations Manager Tabitha McCallister in sharing examples of scams affecting local customers and practical advice residents can use to recognize fraud before becoming victims. Meyer summed up the goal of the presentation with a simple message: education equals prevention.

"The scams have gotten far worse," Meyer told attendees. She explained that scammers have become so convincing they can persuade victims that even their own bank cannot be trusted, sometimes keeping them on the phone while they withdraw cash or purchase gift cards. First Federal employees, along with employees at many other financial institutions, now carry cards they can discreetly slide to customers asking whether someone is directing the transaction over the phone.

Rather than trying to teach every scam individually, the presenters encouraged attendees to recognize the tactics that nearly all scams share. Meyer said many scams succeed because criminals first borrow someone else's credibility by posing as a trusted bank, business, government agency, or even a family member. Once that trust is established, they rely on urgency, secrecy, and emotional pressure to keep victims from stopping long enough to think.

Several examples shared during

the presentation illustrated how scammers gain trust before asking for money. In a grandparent scam, callers pretend to be a grandchild—or someone calling on the grandchild's behalf—and claim there has been an accident, arrest, or other emergency while urging the recipient to keep the situation secret. Romance scams often begin through social media or dating websites, where scammers spend weeks or even months building a relationship before asking for money for a medical emergency, travel expenses, or an investment opportunity. By the time money is requested, many people believe they are helping someone they genuinely care about.

The presenters also warned about online job scams, which have become increasingly common as more people search for flexible or work-from-home jobs. Fraudsters advertise positions with unusually high pay, then send counterfeit checks for office equipment or instruct applicants to purchase supplies from a designated vendor. Applicants are pressured to act before the position is filled. By the time the check is returned as fraudulent, they have already spent or transferred their own money. The same principle applies to peer-to-peer payment apps such as Venmo. Meyer described a scam in which criminals send money "by mistake" and then ask the recipient to return it. When the original payment is later found to be fraudulent and reversed, the recipient is left covering the money they voluntarily sent back.

Although scams continue to evolve, the warning signs remain remarkably consistent: requests for secrecy, pressure to act immediately, demands for payment by gift card, wire transfer, cash, cryptocurrency, or other unconventional payment methods, and requests for personal or

financial information. Legitimate businesses, banks, and government agencies, the presenters said, encourage questions and allow people time to verify a request before making a financial decision.

Meyer shared several examples of people who believed they were protecting themselves but instead lost thousands of dollars. One retired teacher lost her retirement savings after scammers falsely claimed illegal material had been found on her computer, while another person lost more than \$2,000 after purchasing gift cards at a scammer's direction. Meyer said embarrassment often keeps victims from asking for help, reminding attendees that anyone—even banking professionals—can be caught off guard. The presenters advised residents to independently verify unexpected requests using official phone numbers rather than those provided in suspicious emails, text messages, or pop-up windows. Meyer also cautioned attendees against relying on internet searches for contact information if they believe their computer may have been compromised. Instead, she recommended using trusted sources such as the phone number on the back of a bank card, a monthly statement, or another official document.

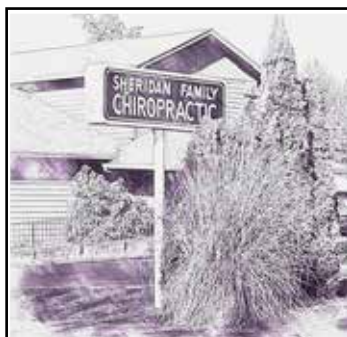
Meyer reminded residents to contact their financial institution whenever something doesn't seem right, even if it turns out

to be nothing. She said bank employees would much rather answer questions before a transaction takes place than help customers recover money after they have become victims of a scam.

Protecting personal information also extends beyond computers and smartphones, Meyer said. Old checks, bank statements, tax records, and other financial documents should be shredded rather than thrown away because they can contain enough personal information to facilitate identity theft. First Federal hosts free community Shred Days throughout the year and will also accept small quantities of sensitive financial documents from customers for secure shredding. For larger clean-outs, the West Valley Bulletin Board offers document shredding for \$1 per pound.

Residents who believe they have been targeted by a scam can report the incident or seek assistance through the Federal Trade Commission, the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center, the Oregon Department of Justice, or local law enforcement.

Technology will continue to evolve, Meyer said, but the tactics behind scams remain remarkably consistent. Taking a moment to pause, independently verify who is contacting you, and ask questions before sending money can often make the difference between recognizing a scam and becoming its next victim.



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Community Surprises Library Director on 10-Year Anniversary

Sarah Frost thought she was reporting for another day at the Willamina Public Library last Friday. Instead, about 40 city staff members, Love Our Library volunteers, friends, and family—who had quietly assembled in the Swan Hall parking lot moments earlier—filled the library with cheers as they surprised her to celebrate her 10th anniversary as library director. The surprise marked more than a work anniversary. It honored

the community Frost has helped build around the library over the past decade and the relationships that have turned it into one of Willamina's favorite community spaces. As the applause settled, the unexpected show of appreciation left Frost struggling to hold back tears.

"I've never stuck anywhere for so long because the work always got boring. I'd get to a point where I couldn't advance, and the work became so dull. But I've never felt that way here. And I still have at least 10 more years' worth of work that I want to get done," Frost said before emotionally adding, "But really, it's because everybody's had so much buy-in. And you guys want to do it with me? Thank you, guys. Thanks for an epic 10 years."

After the applause subsided, Willamina Mayor Vickie Hernandez presented Frost with a commemorative plaque honoring her decade of service. Hernandez said Frost's impact extends well beyond the bookshelves, transforming the library into a place where people connect, spend time together, and feel welcome.

"Without you, this library would

not be what it is," Hernandez said. "This library has grown from just a space to part of the community. People come here, they feel welcome. If they need help, whatever, they know they can come here. I remember coming here before you were here, and it just didn't feel good. You kind of came in and left. You didn't want to be here. And now you just want to come and hang out."

While the mayor's remarks highlighted Frost's leadership, the library staff chose to celebrate something even more personal. Presenting Frost with a custom journal titled "10 Years with Boss Frost," they invited her to read the humorous story aloud, portraying library employees and volunteers as superheroes—and one villain—working together to protect "Library Land."

Drawing on real challenges the library has faced over the years, the story recounted malfunctioning security cameras, stubborn computers, broken keyboards, and books that somehow found their way to all the wrong places. The heroes blamed the mishaps on mischievous Lil' Barry (the library's nickname), the library ghost, or the antics of "Box Boy," whose frustration with breaking down boxes turned him into the story's lone villain.

As the superheroes searched for a way to restore peace to Library Land, they realized the greatest problem wasn't another fix. It was showing Boss Frost how much she meant to the people around her. Each of the heroes began keeping a record of every time someone thanked them,

praised them, appreciated Library Land, stopped in to chat, shared a snack, or simply came to be filled. It didn't take long for that notebook to become a volume as more and more people were touched by the work Boss Frost had started. In the end, even Box Boy's heart softened, transforming him from villain into superhero sidekick as the growing collection of kind words became, as the story described them, "a healing balm."

The playful tribute filled the room with laughter before gradually giving way to tears as its message of appreciation and teamwork reached its conclusion, leaving many in attendance—including Frost—visibly moved.

Turning the attention away from herself once again, Frost praised the people standing beside her. "I have nailed it," she said. "I have hired the most perfect team. You guys have no idea how amazing it is."

She said the community's support and her staff's dedication have allowed the library to grow far beyond a place to borrow books. Together, they have created a place where people feel comfortable gathering, learning, and spending time with one another.

Looking to lighten the mood after the emotional tribute, Frost broke the silence with a smile and joked, "Someone said pizza?" The room answered with laughter as many took turns congratulating her before heading next door to Odd Fellows Pizza to continue the celebration over slices, conversation, and stories from the past decade.

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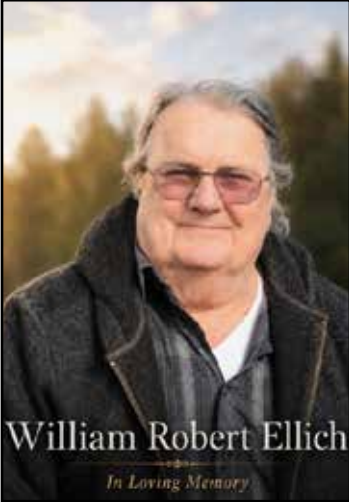
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Sarah Frost (right) reads aloud from the "10 Years with Boss Frost" journal during a surprise celebration marking her 10th anniversary as director of the Willamina Public Library. The humorous tribute, written by library staff (behind Frost), recounted a decade of challenges, teamwork, and community support.

Obituary



William Robert Ellich
In Loving Memory

William Robert Ellich

Jan. 21, 1943 - July 18, 2026

William (Bill) Robert Ellich, 83, of Albany, Oregon passed away peacefully at his home on July 18, 2026.

Bill was born in DeLand, Florida on January 21, 1943. He was married to Carolyn Kay Vann on September 7, 1963, in Stevenson, Washington.

He served in the U.S. Air Force as an Air Policeman and Honor Guard for President J.F.K. He served at the Lackland AFB in Texas, the U.S. AFB in Bermuda and in the 689th Radar Squadron at Mt. Hebo AFS in Oregon. He also served in the Oregon Air National Guard. Bill worked at Teledyne Wah Chang for many

years and retired in 1997. He was also a long standing member of the ELKS and a league bowler. He loved adventures, family, animals, and to make people laugh.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn, his daughter AnnaMarie Jarmer and her husband Scott, his son William (Bill) Robert Ellich, Jr. and his wife Kimberly, and his son John Arthur Ellich and his wife Barbara. Nine Grandchildren, 15 Great Grandchildren, and two Great Great Grandchildren.

He was proceeded in death by one Great Grandson.

Graveside services were held at Greencrest Memorial Cemetery in Sheridan, Oregon on Friday, July 24, 2026 at 1 p.m.

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CTGR Tournament Set

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Recreation Department has announced registration is open for its free 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 15. The tournament begins at 8 a.m. at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Recreation Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Rd.

The tournament includes youth and adult divisions. Registration is free, and the deadline to register is Aug. 9. Organizers said no late registrations or exceptions will be accepted.

Registration information and updates are available on the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Recreation Department Facebook page at facebook.com/CTGRrecreation. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 503-879-1369 or recreation@grandronde.org.



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Sheridan Council Approves Property Purchase, Parks Plan Moves Forward

Sheridan held its regular session on July 20, 2026. Here are some topics covered during the meeting.

The Sheridan City Council unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the City to purchase residential property adjacent to the City's water storage tanks. The action is part of a proposed settlement following a lawsuit filed by property owners Brad and Madonna Blackwell.

The Blackwells filed the lawsuit in Yamhill County Circuit Court earlier this year, alleging their property at 863 N.W. Evans St. was damaged during two separate incidents in 2025: an August overflow from the City's treatment plant retention pond and a December landslide triggered by a powerful atmospheric river that struck the region, causing a water main to break above the property and another flood of water to flow down the hill. The complaint sought damages up to \$827,067, plus attorney fees, costs, and other relief.

The resolution states there was no practical alternative that would clearly resolve present and future liability concerns, so City staff worked with legal

counsel and City/County Insurance Services (CIS) to negotiate the proposed purchase of the Blackwell property.

Under the proposed settlement, the City would purchase the nearly three-acre property for \$555,000, with an additional \$20,000 and closing costs to be paid by City/County Insurance Services. The City's share would come from budgeted Water Fund monies. The purchase remains subject to final document approval by the City Attorney.

Council also renewed the City's \$130,000 annual agreement with the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, voting to continue planning, grant administration, project management, and geographic information system (GIS) mapping services. City Manager Preston Polasek said the partnership gives Sheridan access to planning and grant expertise without the expense of maintaining a full-time planner. He described the services as "very important," explaining that the City's current workload of projects and grant-funded initiatives makes the partnership especially valuable.

In addition to planning services, MWVCOG assists the City with grant writing, project management, and quarterly GIS map updates. Council members also requested additional information about grants being pursued on the City's behalf, including transportation, housing, downtown improvement, and regional water projects.

A first and second reading of Sheridan's 2026 Parks Development Plan was conducted and approved by the council. This plan will replace the aging 2014 plan, updating the City's inventory of parks, recreation needs, and future priorities to reflect improvements completed since the last plan was adopted.

Polasek said the updated plan is the result of months of work by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, working with Jim Jacks, contract planner for the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments. The update also helps position Sheridan to compete for future grant funding and continues long-term planning for development of the City-owned West Main Street property, west of Rock Creek Road, as a future community park.

Before the final reading of the ordinance, council agreed to add language identifying agricultural events, equestrian activities, music festivals, and rodeos as potential future uses for the City-owned West Main Street property, west of Rock Creek Road. Polasek said the addition reflects discussion from the previous month's meeting and recognizes those activities as options the City could consider as the park develops. A third and final reading is scheduled for the council's August meeting before the update takes effect.

In another parks-related action, council approved a \$112,561 contract with Haworth Inc. to install the Southside Park Railcar Bridge, construct a connecting accessible pathway, and build two concrete pads that will serve as foundations for future gazebos, including one that will support a future gazebo near the playground.

Polasek also updated council on the broader Southside Park project, explaining the City intentionally expanded the project beyond the original \$558,000 state grant by completing improvements beyond the grant's original scope. He said the City's total investment is expected

to exceed the original grant by more than \$300,000. Polasek also said staff plans to ask the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to remove the proposed disc golf course from the current grant after projected costs exceeded the remaining budget while keeping the project in the long-term Parks Development Plan for future development.

That future planning will also include a new voice with Ryan Fancy's unanimous appointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term ending Dec. 31, 2028, following an interview process that drew strong praise from committee members.

Councilor Lucy Hebert, who witnessed the interview, described Fancy as "very inspiring," praising his enthusiasm, positive attitude, and ideas for Sheridan's parks. She said he shared creative ideas for community activities, including partnering with the railroad on holiday events for local children, and called the discussion "uplifting."

He later joked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee interview felt like an "America's Got Talent" moment, saying that while Fancy "didn't get the golden buzzer," he received four yes votes from the interview panel before being unanimously appointed by the council.

Concerns about underage riders using electric bicycles and scooters without helmets resurfaced as council members asked Yamhill County Sheriff's Deputy Grant about enforcement efforts and ways to better educate parents on Oregon's e-bike laws. Deputy Grant told council deputies have been monitoring the issue but have struggled to locate riders because the incidents often occur while officers are responding to other calls. He said he'll ask his supervisor to explore using social media to help educate parents and riders about the law.

Councilors also suggested sharing safety information through the Sheridan School District's reader board and city utility bills to help raise awareness among parents who may simply be unaware of Oregon's age restrictions and operating rules for e-bikes.

Information including agendas, packets, and audio and video recordings can be found on the City's official website, www.city-of-sheridan.or.gov.

Word Scramble

Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to National Book Lovers Day (Aug 9). Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.



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Last weeks answers

Sprinkle, Mist, Thunder, Cloud, Water, Burst, Umbrella



Trinity Lutheran Church to Honor Veterans

Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheridan will host a special worship service honoring Veterans, active-duty military, and their families on Sunday, Aug. 16.

The "Gratitude, Prayer & Care" service will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the church, 311 S.E. Schley St. The event is open to the public and will feature Pastor Bill Hering along with a special message from Chaplain Col. Jacob A. Scott, Oregon Army National Guard state chaplain.

Organizers say the service is intended to recognize and thank those who have served in the nation's armed forces, as well as their families, for their sacrifices in protecting the country's freedoms. The event is presented in partnership with the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces.

A meal will be served following the worship service. Community members are invited to attend regardless of military affiliation.

Sheridan Flag Football Camp Set for Aug. 10-14

Sheridan Youth Football will host a Flag Football Camp for area youth from 10 a.m. to noon, on Aug. 10-14, in Sheridan.

The five-day camp is open to young athletes interested in learning the fundamentals of flag football in a fun and supportive environment. Participants will receive instruction on basic skills, teamwork, and game play.

The cost is \$20 per participant. The camp location is still to be determined in Sheridan.

Additional information and registration are available by scanning the QR code on the event flyer, emailing A.G.I.L.E.Organi-zation@gmail.com, or visiting the AGILE Sheridan Facebook page.

Taming Kindergarten First Day Jitters



Kindergarten may be a child's introduction to formal schooling. Although many families send their children to pre-K programs, it's not a necessity. Kindergarten, particularly full-day sessions, will set the course of formal schooling for years to come.

USAFacts.com says between 3.5 to four million children attend kindergarten each year. Many children about to begin kindergarten understandably are anxious about what lies in store. First day of school jitters are common and may lead to fears and tears in many homes. There are ways to make the first day of kindergarten less scary for kids. Here are some pointers families can follow.

Gradually introduce separations

Kindergarten may be the first time children are away from their parents for extended periods of time. Families can introduce controlled separations that gradually increase in duration. Play dates with friends at friends' homes can stretch a few hours, or grandparents can take kids out for excursions. The goal is to show kids they can thrive without their parents being around.

Attend school-sponsored functions

Many schools offer meet-and-greet opportunities for incoming kindergarteners in a fun setting. It may be an ice cream social or a pizza party that enables newcomers to mingle. This

way some faces will be familiar when school begins.

Create a special send-off goodbye

Make children look forward to leaving with a handshake, wave or another goodbye that is unique to them. Then this goodbye can be repeated each morning at drop-off.

Touch base with other parents

Parents can use community social media groups to connect with other families who have kids going into kindergarten. Then children can make friends before the start of school and arrive together.

Wind down summer hours

Parents can acclimate kids to going to bed earlier and rising earlier to mimic a school year schedule. Begin this transition a few weeks before school starts. Kindergarten is a chance to learn new things and make friends. Although the change comes with some nerves, families take various steps with a goal toward making sure kids are excited about starting kindergarten.

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Many Oregonians May Already Be Volunteering

Helping in a community garden. Volunteering at a food pantry. Assisting in a child's classroom. Many Oregonians may already be volunteering in ways that could help them meet federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) work and activity rules.

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is encouraging anyone who has questions about SNAP work or activity rules to contact the agency to discuss options. Depending on a person's circumstances, volunteer activities may help them meet work requirements while giving back to their communities, building

skills and confidence that may support future employment, and strengthening local communities.

How volunteering may help

Ways people might volunteer include, but are not limited to:

- Helping in a community or school garden
- Helping in a classroom or school library
- Volunteering at a food pantry or community meal site
- Helping at an animal shelter
- Assisting at a senior center or community center
- Supporting nonprofit organizations through office, event or maintenance work
- Participating in community service projects

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- Coaching youth sports or helping with after-school programs
- Organizing or staffing community events such as festivals, charity runs, or cultural celebrations
- Helping at local parks with clean ups, trail maintenance, or habitat restoration
- Mentoring or tutoring students

What to do if you have questions Contact ODHS if you're volunteering and would like to learn how your volunteer hours can count for SNAP. ODHS staff can explain how to document your hours.

You may also learn more about how volunteering counts toward SNAP work and activity rules, documenting volunteer hours and submitting proof to ODHS at Oregon.gov/snapworkrules or Oregon.gov/snapnormastrabajo. "Many people are already giving back to their communities and growing their skills, but don't realize those same activities may also help them meet SNAP work or activity rules," said Jessica Amaya Hoffman, ODHS SNAP Director. "Volunteering can be



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a meaningful way to serve your community while building skills and experience that may open doors to future employment. The most important thing people can do is contact us. We'll help them understand their options." Every person's situation is different. Some people may qualify for an exemption from SNAP work or activity rules, while others may already be meeting the requirements through work, education, training or volunteer activities. People who think they may qualify for an exemption or want to report volunteer hours or other work activities can complete the Report of Exemptions, Paid or Unpaid Work, or Good Cause

form. The form can help identify whether someone may qualify for an exemption and report volunteer hours or other work activities to ODHS. The form is available in English and Spanish. People may choose volunteer opportunities in their communities that fit their interests and schedule. ODHS does not match people with volunteer opportunities, but staff can explain how volunteer activities count toward SNAP work or activity rules. Many communities have websites or social media groups that collect and post local volunteer opportunities. **About SNAP work or activity rules** As of July 2025, federal changes

expanded SNAP work or activity rules, increasing the number of Oregonians who need to meet these requirements to continue receiving food benefits. Adults ages 18 to 64 without a child under age 14 in their SNAP household are required to complete 80 hours of work or volunteering each month unless they qualify for an exemption or live in a waived area. (More information

about exemptions and waived areas can be found at Oregon.gov/snapworkrules.) For each month these hours are not met, a counting month notice is sent out. ODHS encourages anyone who receives a SNAP counting month notice to reach out to the work or activity rules team (ABAWD Team) at 1-833-947-1694 or SNAP.ABAWDTeam@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

Our Natural Neighbors

Photo and column
submitted by
N. C. Raetsel



Scientific Name: Calypte Anna
Common Name: Anna's Hummingbird
Conservation Status: Least Concern

Anna's Hummingbirds are the only year-round hummingbirds in Oregon. Having the northernmost range of all hummers, these hardy birds have been seen as far north as Alaska. A pleasing sight in yards, meadows, and open forest areas, Anna's hummers feed on nectar, insects, tree sap and, of course, sugar water from feeders. Stocky little birds, they are about 10 cm in length with a wingspan of 12 cm and weigh in on average of 5 grams. Their bodies are green and gray, with males sporting a reddish-pink feathered throat that shimmers iridescent in direct sunlight. The breeding habits of the Anna's Hummingbird begin far earlier than other birds, as early as December in the Pacific Northwest. The female is the sole caregiver for her offspring, weaving the tiny cup-shaped nest and providing a constant source of nutrition for her typical clutch of two chicks. On average, the chicks hatch about 16 days after being laid and are ready to fledge 18-28 days afterward. Birds that survive the first year might live up to 8 years.

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A Staple Summer Side Dish With A Fresh And Tasty Twist



Hot dogs and hamburgers garner a lot of attention at a backyard barbecue. But there's more to backyard gatherings with family and friends than hot dogs and hamburgers, as hosts and guests alike know that various side dishes also are staples of summertime get-togethers. Homemade side dishes can up the ante at backyard barbecues, particularly when such gatherings are potluck affairs. While store-bought sides can suffice, preparing foods at home allows

cooks to experiment with ingredients. Potato salad is a backyard barbecue staple, and this recipe for "Potato Salad With New Potatoes, Zucchini, Olives, and Almond Pesto" from Lines+Angles offers a fresh and tasty twist to this popular side dish.

Potato Salad With New Potatoes, Zucchini, Olives, and Almond Pesto

Makes 4 servings

For the pesto:

3 cups basil, leaves only
1/2 cup whole blanched almonds

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1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, finely grated

2 garlic cloves, crushed

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 cups extra-virgin olive oil

For the salad:

1 3/4 pounds new potatoes

2 zucchinis, halved and sliced

1 1/4 cups black olives, pitted

1 small handful basil, leaves only
Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

1. For the pesto: Combine the basil leaves, almonds, Parmesan, garlic and salt in a food processor.

2. Blend on high until broken down and finely chopped. Scrape down the sides of the processor if needed.

3. Continue to blend on a low setting, drizzling in the olive oil through the feeder spout until the pesto comes together. Adjust seasoning to taste and chill until needed.

Horoscopes Aug. 5-11

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

You're pure rocket fuel this week, Aries. Charge ahead with all of your bold ideas. Your charisma is off the charts right now. Use it before your energy starts to wane.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Treat yourself to something delicious and expensive this week, Taurus. Just do not blame the cosmos when you get the receipt for this luxury.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Say yes to spontaneous plans this week, Gemini. Your brain is going a mile a minute, so you may need someone along for the ride to keep you grounded.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, right now home is your fortress, so create a welcoming space to relax and recharge. You may want to spend some time in the kitchen baking up something delicious.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

The spotlight is on you this week, Leo. Shine as brightly as you can, post that selfie and own the room you walk into. Be grateful to those who helped get you to the top.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

All of your organizational superpowers will be activated this week, Virgo. Tackle that messy drawer you have been putting off or conquer a chaotic schedule.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, romance and fun are in the air for you. Your charm level is very high this week, and you may have a lot of people circling in your orbit as a result.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you will dig out all of the secrets this week like a super sleuth. Although you are on the hunt for information, remember to keep these pursuits lighthearted.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Your adventure mode is engaged, Sagittarius. It's time to book the trip, try an exotic dish or say something wild.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Reward yourself with something that makes you feel important, Capricorn. It may be different depending on the day, and only you know what you desire.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Someone is ready to hear any wild ideas you can come up with, Aquarius. Tap into any genius that arises in your brain and share it with your close crew.

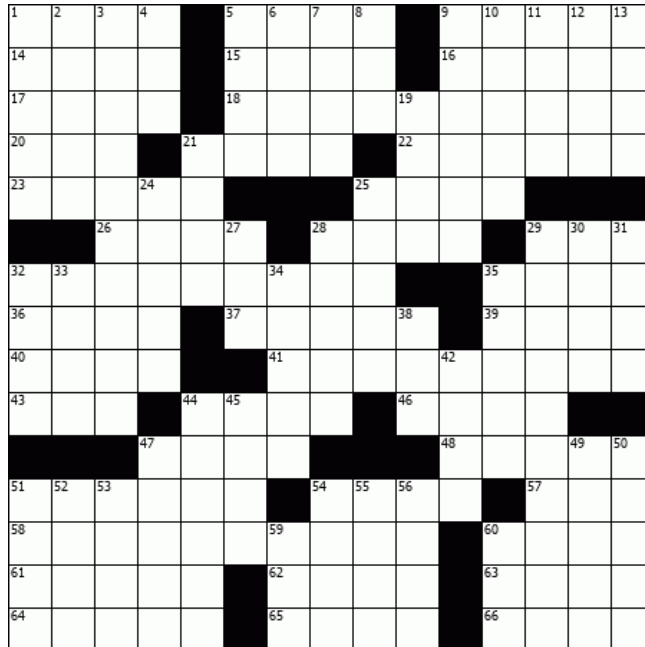
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

This week is about dreamy and magical vibes, Pisces. It's the perfect time to create art, fall in love with a song or float through the week.

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28. Air duct
29. Jar top
32. Prizes
35. Staff officer
36. Ilk
37. December visitor
39. Portrayal
40. Skin opening
41. Delayed
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9. Neptune, e.g.
10. Old Roman language
11. Blue-pencil
12. Sunburn remedy
13. Minister to
19. Change direction
21. Pod dwellers
24. List of candidates
25. Mae and Adam
27. School transport
28. Snake's poison
29. Largest portion (2 wds.)
30. Unemployed
31. Legal paper
32. Chef's measures (abbr.)
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35. Scent
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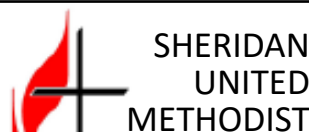
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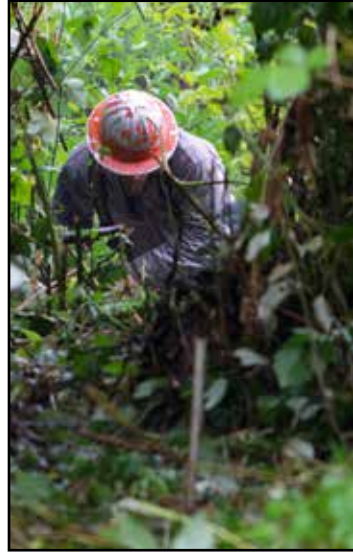
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Lightning Sparks Busy Day for West Valley Firefighters

It isn't news that a thunderstorm rolled through the West Valley on July 22, with thunderous booms shaking the area and flashes of lightning stretching across the afternoon sky. Some of those flashes found their way into backyards, trees, and pow-



Local logger Duke Jackson cuts a still-burning, lightning-struck tree where Highway 18 crosses the South Yamhill River east of Sheridan, allowing firefighters to access the burning wood.

er poles throughout the community. Beneath that storm, local firefighters were racing from one lightning-caused fire to the next as neighboring agencies joined the response.

As residents watched the storm move through, Sheridan Fire District crews started responding to reports of trees, brush, and grass catching fire across the district. Incidents stretched from Gooseneck Road in the south to Gopher Valley in the northeast, with four occurring within Sheridan city limits.

Most of those responses came in less than two hours, keeping firefighters constantly on the move between 12:59 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. Those incidents were handled by just 12 Sheridan Fire District personnel using three brush rigs, two fire engines, and a water tender. Three additional district members, including two volunteers, were already assigned to the Hagen Complex Fire in Eastern Oregon, leaving fewer firefighters available at home during one of the busiest weather events of the summer. Fortunately, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Emergency Services had only one smoke check near Gold Creek that

afternoon, allowing crews to spend much of the day assisting Sheridan Fire District on mutual-aid responses.

One incident requiring outside assistance unfolded on a residential property in the crook where Highway 18 crosses the South Yamhill River east of Sheridan. Lightning struck a tree in a back pasture, and firefighters determined it had to be felled before they could reach the burning interior. With the district's tree faller already committed to another incident, local logger Duke Jackson was called in to bring the tree down, allowing firefighters to extinguish the remaining fire once the inside of the burning tree was accessible. The storm produced plenty of close calls throughout the community. Video shared on social media showed lightning striking a power pole near Northwest Richard Street and igniting a fire. Another video shared online captured lightning striking a tree beside a home, blasting bark and wood splinters from the trunk. It was not immediately known whether the strike started a fire.

Near Mishler Wreckers, a resident was covering items being

prepared for Willamina's city-wide garage sale when lightning struck nearby. Ring camera footage briefly filled with static before thunder immediately shook the property, sending the resident sprinting for cover. The resident later said the strike was close enough to feel inside her chest.

For most residents, the storm ended when the thunder faded into the distance. For firefighters, the work continued well into the evening. By the end of the day, Sheridan Fire District had answered 13 storm-related incidents, including six tree fires, five smoke checks, one wildland fire, and one grass fire. Their final response came at 8:53 p.m., when a tree in Gopher Valley was found smoldering from a lightning strike earlier that day. Across Yamhill County, Yamhill Communications dispatchers reported handling 24 lightning-related calls beginning shortly after 1 p.m., illustrating the widespread impact of the storm. For Sheridan Fire District, what had started as an afternoon thunderstorm had become a day spent chasing lightning-caused fires across nearly every corner of the district.



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A cloud-to-ground lightning strike northeast of the Willamina High School athletic complex was one of many to make contact as a thunderstorm moved through the West Valley on July 22.

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Vandals Bring Price Increase With Damages

Vast improvements have been made in Sheridan's Hi-Way Theater and more are planned – but it's difficult to keep up with the vandals, according to new theater owners Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Stone.

The Stones have loaded truckloads of junk, scrap, wastepaper, etc., out of the theater and cleaned the building from top to bottom after purchasing the structure. The purchase also included the office spaces occupied by the

County Stream Pollution High

The annual stream survey conducted by the Yamhill County Health Department Sanitarians is now complete, according to Mel Cross, Supervising Saltarian.

"The results," Cross said, "are not significantly different from last year and only points out the fact that the best place to swim is in our community pools."

The Oregon State Board of Health Standards set the maximum permissible limit for natural bathing waters at not more than 240 bacterial organisms per 100 milliliters of water (about 1/3 cup).

Most local streams were recorded as having greater than 700 organisms per 100 milliliters, with the Willamette River varying between 450 and 70,000.

Although signs are posted at most of these favorite swimming areas, some persons continue to ignore the posted warnings and even drink the water.

"With the harvest season in swing and not enough housing facilities for the migrant workers," Cross said, "the problem of keeping workers from camping along the Willamette River and from using this filthy water is becoming very serious."

"The possibility of persons becoming ill from drinking contaminated water is very high, and if a diarrheal illness is taken into a farm field, the chances are good that the disease will spread to the other workers," he added.

Dr. H. Grant Skinner, Yamhill County Health Officer, has issued a warning to all who work in the fields, to be especially careful and to wash their hands before eating lunch.

Ralph Huntley Insurance agency and Bea's Beauty Salon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone, who moved to Sheridan with their two youngsters from Canada, have cleaned up and moved into the apartment space above the theater. All in all, several thousand dollars – in many cases a lot more than was estimated – have been spent in cleaning up, remodeling and painting the theater.

But, vandalism by area youths is creating problems for the Stones. Young juvenile delinquents have destroyed newly-covered seats, covered newly-painted walls with crude writings and poked holes in walls, as well as destroying sink and other restroom fixtures and clogging plumbing.

The Stones announced a five cent increase in children's and student's ticket prices which goes into effect this weekend. Although the increase was also brought on by youngsters' demand for double features, the vandalism was listed as a major reason.

The Hi-Way Theater is due for more paint work in the main auditorium and new carpeting throughout, as well as ashtrays that young bandits can't remove from the premises.

When the Stones took over the theater operation, they promised to bring top movies to the community. They have done this and are continuing this policy, with additional features from Walt Disney and such outstanding shows as "Thunderball" coming soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone and son, Rick, and daughter, Sarah, 4, came to Sheridan from Canada. He was born in England and moved to Canada when he was 11, but his wife was born and raised in the big country to the north. Stone served at the Canadian Air Force and continued as a civilian employee after 24 years of service.

The Stones revealed that they like Sheridan and the surrounding area very much and plan to continue to make their home here for a long time. Mrs. Stone has relatives throughout Northwest Oregon. Rick Stone will attend Sheridan High school this fall.

Disney Feature Film Available About Freeways

Good manners and good sense while driving are always important, but there's nothing like a freeway to bring out the beast in some drivers, the coward in others.

The deft Walt Disney touch is used to illustrate the art of driving the superhighway during a two-part film, "Freewayphobia," which has been recently acquired by the Division of Continuing Education's film rental library in Corvallis.

Donald Duck's old friend, Goofy, poses in Part I as the "Timid Driver," the "Inattentive Driver," and the "Impatient Motorist," while switching back to the "Good Driver" to show the viewer some safe and sane freeway facts of life.

In Part II of the color, 16-millimeter film, Goofy demonstrates the importance of having a car in tip-top mechanical condition – that it's an important combination of driving care and car maintenance that saves lives on the open road.

Each film segment is 15 minutes long. Rental fee on each for one to two days use is \$3 or \$6 for the entire film.

Rental requests and other in-

formation should be directed to the Film Library, Division of Continuing Education, 131 Coliseum, University Campus, Corvallis.

Salmon Film Now Available

The techniques and excitement of fishing for the agile salmon are demonstrated by angler-author Lee Wulff in a 14-minute color film on "Atlantic Salmon In Newfoundland," now on file in the Division of Continuing Education's film library in Corvallis.

During the 16-millimeter film, Wulff notes rods, reels, and tackle which may be used in trying to catch the fighter fish, as well as proper casting methods. The film may be rented, for one to two days use, for \$1.50 service fee.

Rental requests should be sent to Film Library, Division of Continuing Education, 131 Coliseum, University Campus, Corvallis; telephone 754-2911.

Council Talks Water At Meet

Possibility of a storage dam at the springs supplying water to Sheridan will be studied by Bureau of Reclamation officials when they inspect the city's water supply, it was announced Monday night at the city council meeting.

Councilmen have pointed out that the city's water resources have been strained in the past and an impounding dam would prevent the shortage. Water from the proposed Red Prairie Irrigation project also would help fill the city's future water needs. The underground springs supplying water for the community are located about nine miles northwest of Sheridan.

Councilmen also heard a report on the city's application for \$400 in federal funds for the city to match and use for proposed improvements at the city park.

At the previous city council session, which included the final bearing on the city's budget for the coming year, no objections were registered.

Early Morning Blaze Doused

Local firemen were called out at 1:40 Tuesday morning to douse a blaze in bark and chips at the 4-H Veneer mill on Monroe street.

Fire Chief Cecil A. Harrison reported the fire apparently caused no damage.

Fire in a combine motor at the Tom Fuller place a mile east of Bellevue Monday morning caused about \$150 damage, according to Harrison. Firemen were called at 11:45 a.m.

A grass fire at the L.W. Nickerson place early Friday afternoon almost resulted in firemen rushing three miles out Red Prairie Road, but the blaze was controlled and a call made back to the fire department for firemen to forget it.

Approximately nine acres of vetch stubble burned Tuesday, July 28, at the Clyde Smith farm near Ballston. Chief Harrison said the fire resulted from a trash fire getting out of control.

Sheridan Chamber of Commerce

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