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HHS director resigns

By NICOLE MONTESANO
Of the News-Register

County Health and Human Services Director Silas Halloran-Steiner is resigning effective the end of January. Halloran-Steiner submitted a letter to the county in mid-September, saying the decision “was largely a personal one so that I may better live my core values and be more present and active as a dad.” He said he and his wife want to be able to travel more with their children. “When I’m older and I look back on these years, I don’t want to have any regrets,” he wrote. County Administrator Ken Huffer wrote that the county is currently seeking a replacement, and hopes to have that person hired before the end of January, so that he or she can spend time working with Halloran-Steiner during the transition. “The next HHS Director will have big shoes to fill, but Silas will be leaving HHS in a good place and I am happy that Silas will still be around in a different capacity to assist with the transition,” Huffer told the News-Register.

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Church settles lawsuit

By PAUL DAQUILANTE
Of the News-Register

A \$5.2 million lawsuit filed by the mother of a then 6-year-old girl who sought help from leaders at McMinnville’s Nazarene Church on the Hill after she disclosed she was sexually assaulted by her father has been settled in Multnomah County Circuit Court. Portland attorney Randall Vogt, who represented the plaintiff, said he could not comment on the amount of the settlement or any other aspect of the stipulation between the parties. The lawsuit was filed in May 2016. Portland attorney Jeffrey Hansen represented Church on the Hill. The Church

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DOWNTOWN DIGS

Consultant says building costs are a barrier as city seeks an increase in residential units in downtown area

By TOM HENDERSON
Of the News-Register

City planners may want to see affordable housing as part of an increase to downtown McMinnville residential options, but current building costs make it a difficult goal. That was part of the message Marcy McNelly, a principal at Urbswork in Portland, presented to members of the McMinnville Urban Renewal Advisory Committee this week, outlining highlights of a report on city center housing. “A lot of the housing types you want to build

are not supported by the median area income,” she said. MURAC members voted Dec. 5, 2018, to spend \$10,000 from the urban renewal contingency fund to help pay for the strategy. The remainder of the money is being supplied through the Planning Department’s budget. Senior Planner Chuck Darnell said the report presented Wednesday was not the final draft but the “first draft of the final report.” Steps can be taken to lower construction costs, resulting in more housing in the downtown core, McNelly said; however, “Parking has the biggest impact.” Local parking regulations can be burdensome, McNelly told MURAC members. “They’re not unreasonable, but they do add cost,” she said. Requiring only one parking space per dwell-

ing unit would help, she added. “It would be a huge political thing,” she said. “It’s a balance of what is politically possible and what is economically feasible.” The McMinnville City Council hired the Portland firm Rick Williams Consulting to launch an inventory of local parking in 2017. Presenting to councilors March 27 of last year, Williams reported McMinnville has adequate parking, provided it is managed properly. McNelly said she and Urbsworks consultants used the study in analyzing the possibilities for downtown housing. “It helped a lot to have the parking inventory,” she said, adding she also believes McMinnville has sufficient parking spaces. “It’s more a matter

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Construction workers with Lex General Contractors work on framing a new 16-unit apartment complex on First Street near downtown McMinnville. Property owner Jonathan Rouse previously said the units will be market priced, as building costs make affordable housing unfeasible. Marcus Larson/News-Register



Council to consider renegotiations with Visit McMinnville

By TOM HENDERSON
Of the News-Register

The McMinnville City Council on Tuesday could set a path to renegotiate its terms with Visit McMinnville, which contracts with the city to provide tourism promotions. Earlier this year, some councilors questioned whether the organization gets too much of the money from local lodging taxes, funds that might be better spent elsewhere. City Manager Jeff Towery recommends the council

“We believe it is prudent to negotiate a three-year agreement to give adequate time to define what work needs to be done.”

Jeff Towery, McMinnville City Manager

create a task force to guide a new agreement between the two parties, one that could ultimately mean fewer lodging taxes for Visit McMinnville. One of the vocal proponents of redirecting lodging tax money is Councilor Sal Peralta. He reiterated at a Sept. 18 meeting that he wants to see a portion of the money spent on infrastructure projects that affect tourism, such as improvements at the McMinnville Municipal Airport. “Our airport is in disrepair,” Peralta said in

September. “It needs investment.” By state law, 70 percent of local lodging taxes must be spent on “tourism promotion” or “tourism-related facilities.” The city is allowed to place the remaining 30 percent in its general funds. McMinnville projected just under \$1.3 million in lodging taxes for the current fiscal year. Visit McMinnville receives the entire 70 percent money pegged for tourism -- about \$860,000. Of that,

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Water line break cuts service in SE Mac

The News-Register staff

A break in a water line cut service to the American Legion vets’ club and two subdivisions off Cumulus Avenue in McMinnville Thursday afternoon, Water & Light Water Superintendent Bob Klein said. Klein spoke from the site, where crews were excavating the pipe to make repairs. “It now looks like a five foot piece blew out the side, so we’ve gotta section in a

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McMinnville Water & Light workers Bobby Huber, Bob Klein, and Brian Martin work to clear the water surrounding a broken 12-inch water main near Three Mile Lane and Pacific Street.

Marcus Larson/News-Register

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALES hosted by the American Legion Post 21 (126 Atlantic St, McMinnville) Open daily from 8am-8pm.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA CHOIR invites one and all to its free performances; donations benefit the Yamhill County Food Bank. Sat. Dec. 7th, 7:00pm at Church of the Nazarene, Newberg; Sun. Dec 8th, 4:00pm, Christian Church in Amity. (More performances to follow.) For more info, visit www.cantatachoir.org.

SECOND WIND COMMUNITY BAND invites you to their concert “Music for a Happy Holiday” on Sunday, Dec. 15th at 3:00pm, at the McMinnville Community Center. Admission is free; donations gratefully accepted.

10TH ANNUAL HANDMADE HOLIDAY BAZAAR at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center (11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville) on Sat. Dec. 7th (10am-5pm) & Sun. Dec. 8th (12pm-4pm). 50+ Vendors, local artists, pottery, soaps, textiles, jewelry, & more! Event will feature a silent auction & decorated tree auction. FREE entry with food donation for YCAP.

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WEATHER

McMinnville area

TODAY



H 47
L 40

Light rain,
winds light and variable

SATURDAY



H 48
L 41

Rain,
winds light and variable

SUNDAY



H 51
L 37

Partly cloudy,
winds light and variable

MONDAY



H 47
L 34

Partly cloudy,
winds light and variable

TUESDAY



H 44
L 37

Light rain,
winds light and variable

The sun

	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri.	7:37 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Sat.	7:38 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Sun.	7:39 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mon.	7:40 a.m.	4:30 p.m.

Local climate, past 7 days

	High	Low	Precip.
Thursday	47	32	—
Friday	45	23	—
Saturday	41	20	.02
Sunday	41	33	.13
Monday	49	28	—
Tuesday	41	27	—
Wednesday	46	31	—

Actual Dec. to date 0.13
Average Dec. 1-31 7.01
Actual year to date 23.25
Average year to date 34.42
Average Jan.1-Dec. 31 41.81

Recorded at McMinnville Airport at 5:30 a.m. daily. M=missing data.

Historical temperatures

Dec.	High	Low	Precip.
Average	48	36	7.24
Extreme	72	-24	17.65

From records 1894 to present

Temperature extremes

Oregon extremes for the 24 hours ending at 5 a.m. Thursday:
High temp: Brookings..... 57
Low temp: Burns..... 19
High precip: No precip

Source: National Weather Service

Local warnings

An air stagnation advisory is in effect through 4 pm. Friday.
Source: Weatherbug.

Tides at Yaquina Bay

	High tide	Low tide
Friday		
8:12 a.m. (7.9)	1:20 a.m. (2.3)	
8:34 p.m. (6.1)	2:42 p.m. (2.7)	
Saturday		
8:50 a.m. (8.2)	2:11 a.m. (2.6)	
9:33 p.m. (6.4)	3:28 p.m. (1.9)	
Sunday		
9:26 a.m. (8.6)	2:59 a.m. (2.9)	
10:25 p.m. (6.7)	4:08 p.m. (1.1)	
Monday		
10:01 a.m. (9.0)	3:43 a.m. (3.1)	
11:12 p.m. (7.1)	4:46 p.m. (0.4)	

EVENTS CALEDNAR

FRIDAY, DEC. 6
Community theater: Gallery Theater's performances of "Beauty and the Beast" continue at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the theater, at 210 N.E. Ford St., McMinnville. The show continues each weekend through Dec. 15. General admission is \$18, or \$15 for students and seniors. For more information, call the theater at 503-472-2227 or visit www.gallerytheater.org.
Bookbinding class: West Valley Community Campus is holding a Japanese bookbinding class from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the campus, 266 S.E. Washington St., Willamina. The class is \$25. For more information, contact Marian Rose Lucas at 503-929-4037 or info@westvalleycommunitycampus.org.
Christmas choir: The Community Christmas Cantata Choir presents "What Kind of Throne" at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6, at the First Presbyterian Church, 390 N.E. Second St., McMinnville. The concert will feature a combination of contemporary and traditional styles. Lyrics will be interpreted in American Sign Language. Performances will continue in various locations throughout the county through Dec. 22. Admission is free, but a free will offering will benefit the Yamhill County Food Bank. For more information, call Lee or Linda Schrepel at 503-662-3926 or visit www.cantatachoir.org.
Community chorus: The Dayton Community Chorus presents "The Christmas Revels!" with performances at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Pioneer Evangelical Church, 300 Fourth St., Dayton. The Renaissance-themed show will feature skits and music, and the chorus will perform in full medieval costume. Admission is \$10 and includes dessert and wassail punch for the Christmas toast. For more information, contact Mark Williams at 503-679-9328 or dc Revels@gmail.com.
Sound healing: The First Baptist Church is hosting "Good Vibrations: Benefits of Sound Healing" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the church, 125 S.E. Cows St., McMinnville. Guest Rachel Hayward will demonstrate the use of sound for healing and connection. For more information, contact the church at 503-472-7941 or fbcmac.org.
Documentary screening: The short documentary "Out of Many, One" will be shown at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6, at the Stein home, 1525 N.E. 18th St., McMinnville. The film on immigration will be followed by an update on related local issues by Unidos Bridging Community. The screening is part of the "Meaningful Movies" series presented by Peace & Justice Yamhill County. Donations will be accepted. For more information, contact Liz Marlia-Stein at 971-241-1258 or lizmarlia-stein@gmail.com.
Tree lighting: Amity's tree lighting event is set for 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the community center, 401 S. Trade St. Santa will arrive on a festively decorated fire truck and assist in lighting the Christmas tree. The event will include caroling, cookies, hot cocoa and crafts. For more information, contact Eve Silverman at 503-835-0374 or eesilverman@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7
Holiday bazaar: The Yamhill Valley Heritage Center is hosting its 10th annual Handmade Holidays Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8, at the center, 11275 S.W. Durham Lane, McMinnville. More than 50 vendors and local artist will display their handmade items; the event also includes a silent auction, music and food. Admission is free with a food donation for YCAR Donations to the heritage center also will be accepted. For more information, call Raylinda Price at 503-472-2842, or email events@yamhillcountyhistory.org.
Music camp: The Humlie School of Music will direct the See Ya Later Music Camp for children in kindergarten through second grade from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Coast Hills Community Church, 655 Hwy 99W, McMinnville. Camp fee is \$25. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Carmen Banke at 503-434-1730 or info@seeyalater.org.
Winter concert: The McMinnville Women's Choir presents its winter concert "Turn the World Around" at 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, 544 N.E. Second St. The concert will feature winter songs from a variety of cultures and holiday traditions, including Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Tickets can be purchased for \$12 in advance through Eventbrite; cost is \$15 at the door and free for children. For more information, call Katie Kulla at 503-474-7661 or macwomen-choir@gmail.com.
Candlelight tour: Newell Pioneer Village is holding a Candlelight Tour from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at 8089 N.E. Champoege Road, St. Paul. Guests can enjoy a snack and listen in as costumed reenactors dine in the Newell House. Other activities include cookie decorating for children in the Pioneer Mothers Memorial Cabin. Admission is \$6, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for children 12 years and younger. For more information, contact the village at 503-678-5537, info@newellpioneerivillage.com or www.newellpioneerivillage.com.
Christmas choir: The Community Christmas Cantata Choir presents "What Kind of Throne"

at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Church of the Nazarene, 23177 Old Yamhill River Road, Newberg. The concert will feature a combination of contemporary and traditional styles. Lyrics will be interpreted in American Sign Language. Performances will continue in various locations throughout the county through Dec. 22. Admission is free, but a free will offering will benefit the Yamhill County Food Bank. For more information, call Lee or Linda Schrepel at 503-662-3926 or visit www.cantatachoir.org.
Holiday drive: "Stuff the Bus," a toy and food drive for the Willamette Valley Medical Center and Yamhill Community Action Partnership, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in four McMinnville locations: the parking lot at Walmart, Grocery Outlet, JC Penney and Bi-Mart. The donations will go to local families in need this holiday season. For more information, contact Diane Longaker at 503-687-1474 or dianel@yamhilcap.org.
Holiday photos: The See Ya Later Foundation is holding a photo opportunity with Santa and Mrs. Claus from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Sage Restaurant, 406 N.E. Third St., McMinnville. Pictures cost \$10 each and include a print and e-mail copy. For more information or to reserve a time slot, call 503-434-1730 or visit www.seeyalater.org.
Food drive: Scouting for Food is set to begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, throughout Yamhill County. Scouts will go door-to-door, collecting donations of non-perishable food for local food banks. For more information, call Carol Nall at 503-434-9718.
Tree lighting: Carlton's tree lighting is set for 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in the downtown area. There will be live music and hot cocoa, and Santa will walk through the town handing out candy canes. For more information, call city hall at 503-852-7575.
Tree lighting: The Newberg tree lighting is set for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 E. Sheridan St, Newberg. A children's craft sale will be held at the library from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. There will be a performance by Newberg High School's Vocal Point at 5:45 p.m., and Santa will arrive at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the Newberg Public Library at 503-538-7323.
Christmas parade: Willamina's annual Christmas Light Parade is set for Saturday, Dec. 7, on Main Street, ending at the West Valley Community Campus, 266 Washington St. For more information, call city hall at 503-876-2242.
Bingo fundraiser: Friends of the McMinnville Senior Center will hold a fundraising Bingo Bash from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the center, 2250 N.E. McDaniel Lane. Cost is \$25 for 25 games. Cash and items from local businesses including a night at The Atticus Hotel have been donated for prizes. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Karen Ostrand at 206-498-2371 or kostrand@comcast.net.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8
Home tour: Decorated homes will be featured in the 31st annual Wine Country Holiday Home Tour, a fundraiser for Soroptomist International of McMinnville, from noon to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. Following the tour is a celebration at Michelbook Country Club, which will include holiday treats, music, wine for purchase and a silent auction. Tour tickets are \$25 and include admission to the Michelbook celebration. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 971-241-0536 or visit www.soroptomistmcminnville.org.
Christmas choir: The Community Christmas Cantata Choir presents "What Kind of Throne" at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Christian Church, 1305 Goucher St., Amity. The concert will feature a combination of contemporary and traditional styles. Lyrics will be interpreted in American Sign Language. Performances will continue in various locations throughout the county through Dec. 22. Admission is free, but a free will offering will benefit the Yamhill County Food Bank. For more information, call Lee or Linda Schrepel at 503-662-3926 or

visit www.cantatachoir.org.
Czech Christmas: The McMinnville Public Library is sponsoring "Memories of a Czech Christmas," presented by Helena and Mark Greathouse, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in the Carnegie Room at the library, 225 N.W. Adams St. The free program will feature traditional Czech Christmas music and dance accompanied by accordion music. Traditions, customs and stories about the holiday in Czech will be shared by Helena who is originally from Czechoslovakia. For more information, contact Courtney Terry at 503-435-5554 or courtney.terry@mcminnvilleoregon.gov.
Christmas concert: The First Baptist Church presents its annual Christmas Concert and Candle-lit Dessert Buffet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the church, 125 S.E. Cows St., McMinnville. The free concert will include both classical and contemporary music with performances by First Baptist Church Choir, Ukulele Ukestra, Jubilee Bell ringers, Men's Ensemble, harpest Nadya King and guitarist and singer Nancy McCann. For more information, contact Donna Weed at 503-472-7941 or office@fbcmac.org.

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ALONG THE STREET**Russ named county's Realtor of the year**

The Yamhill County Association of Realtors has named Katie Russ as its 2019 Realtor of the Year.

The award is based on involvement with the association as well as volunteer activities in the community.

**Russ**

In addition to serving on the association board for the past year as treasurer, Russ has been elected president for 2020-2021. She's also been involved with the events committee, auction committee and in many volunteer positions.

Before earning her broker's license in 2014, she worked at Spirit Mountain Casino.

Russ has been an active community member as a sponsor for the See Ya Later golf tournament in 2019. She's a member of Church on the Hill in McMinnville.

The Association also named Casey and Angela Livingston of Pillar to Post Home Inspectors as its 2019 Affiliate of the Year. The couple has owned the local business since 2004, and Casey has four siblings, a father and an uncle who all own or have owned a Pillar to Post franchise.

Broadband access

Business Oregon, the state of Oregon's economic development agency, is conducting a statewide assessment of Oregon's broadband infrastructure and service availability.

The assessment will help drive public policy regarding gaps in broadband access, the need for state funding and strategies for deploying broadband infrastructure statewide.

Earlier this year, the Oregon Broadband Office was created by state law and directed to track the availability of broadband services and help make the business case for broadband investment in unserved and underserved areas.

Business Oregon officials are asking businesses to help in the assessment by completing a questionnaire developed in partnership with consultants at the Strategic Networks Group.

Business owners are asked to complete the questionnaire by Sunday, Dec. 15, by going to www.broadband.oregon.gov and clicking on the Broadband Assessment link.

A report on findings will be posted at the end of next month.

Candy Baskets

After 49 years of selling selections of cheese, sausage and accompanying sundries as a holiday fundraiser, the McMinnville Kiwanis Club is changing to assortments of candy this year.

The club will continue offering cheese and sausage packs to large-lot commercial customers. Those customers, who distribute the packs to employees as a holiday gift, account for a large share of the club's seasonal business.

However, in conjunction with the sale's 50th anniversary, it is switching to candy for retail sales out of its distinctive blue wagon. A fixture at U.S. Bank Plaza this time of year, the

wagon will be open for business from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 21.

Selections run from \$3 to \$20. Customers can pay by cash or credit card.

The top end features a Taste of Oregon chocolate assortment, mixed box of nuts and chews and box of truffles. Hazelnuts covered in either milk chocolate or dark chocolate cost \$15, salted dark chocolate caramels \$13, a peppermint bark selection \$10, and candy bars and chocolate pops \$3 each.

Longtime Kiwanian Debbie Beam is chairing the club's holiday fundraising program this year. For additional information, she can be reached at dbea@citi-zensbank.com.

Lions sell trees

The McMinnville Lions Club has Christmas trees for sale at the northeast corner of the Sears parking lot at 1621 N.E. Baker St.

There is reportedly a shortage of trees this year, so Lions Club members urge people to get their noble fir and Nordmann trees early.

Proceeds benefit sight and hearing assistance, community health screenings, medical devices and scholarships. The lot is open seven days a week until Christmas while trees last

Bazaar set

Vineyard Heights Assisted Living & Retirement Center hosts a holiday bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the care center, 345 S.W. Hill Road, McMinnville.

For more information, call 503-435-1000.

Holiday handmades

The Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, 11275 S.W. Durham Lane, will host its annual "Handmade Holidays Bazaar" Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8.

The event, free with a food donation, will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

More than 50 vendors will offer goods, from food to art to soaps, jewelry, textiles and sculptures. Music will be playing. A silent auction is planned.

Food donations will go to the YCAP food bank, which helps people in need from all over Yamhill County.

For more information, go to www.YamhillCountyHistory.org.

Carriage rides

Carriage rides in downtown McMinnville will last from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, as part of the McMinnville Downtown's Association's Downtown Holiday Stroll.

The rides begin at Hotel Oregon at Third and Evans streets. A drawing for prizes will be held at 2 p.m.

Greeters

McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce leaders host a greeters event from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Sherwin-Williams, 570 Highway 99W.

Newberg's Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce leaders host a greeters event from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, with the Joyful Roberts Group at Caravan Coffee, 2750 E. Ninth St., Newberg.

Items for Along the Street can be sent to business@newsregister.com or 503-687-1272.

Housing*Continued from A1*

of managing what you have."

Planning Director Heather Richards said restrictions on such things as parking and the height of buildings is often arbitrary in local governments.

Mark Davis, who retired in 2012 after 19 years with the Housing Authority of Yamhill County, said city officials should be cautious before allowing taller buildings downtown.

Fire safety should be a major concern, said Davis. "We ought to know how high that ladder goes before we build 6, 7, 8 stories," he said.

Davis also suggested parking could be better managed by flipping the prevailing approach — with only a few spaces allowed for pickups and other large vehicles and most of the spaces reserved for compact cars.

"We have a lot of asphalt in this town we could get rid of," he said.

McInnelly's report also suggested city government can include other incentives for developers to build downtown housing, including:

■ Providing urban renewal grants.

■ Forming public/private partnerships for large-scale projects.

■ Creating inclusionary zones that require housing for the purposes of a pilot project.

■ Offering property tax relief or deferring property taxes.

■ Encouraging developers to divide existing buildings into apartments rather than tear them down.

■ Waiving system development charges.

Planning Director Heather Richards cautioned against too many incentives to too many developers.

"A carrot is not a carrot if it's a carrot for everyone," she said.

She said McMinnville's system development charges are among the lowest in the state and result in city government recouping only 75% of its costs.

McInnelly stressed that the point of the report is to consider a broad range of housing options.

"We're not just talking about affordable housing downtown," she said. "We're talking about housing for all income brackets."

Downtown would benefit from a variety of housing, she added — including single rooms for rent and rowhouses. "A rowhouse may be appropriate in some parts of downtown but not others," she said.

Richards pointed out the rooms above the Mac Theater on Third Street were once rented out as dwelling units (or what planners call an SRO, single-room occupancy).

In addition to its other recommendations, the report also suggests two city-led pilot projects "that could serve as catalysts for continuing the revitalization of downtown, including side streets and the Northeast Gateway District."

It lists the fire station block and the McMinnville Cooperative Ministries area as sites for potential projects in the future.

McInnelly said those sites are only being used as models for analyzing how such projects could work.

"The pilot sites are just a theoretical test," she said.

Richards said that's an important point for people to remember.

"Housing is not going on those sites any time soon," she said.

McInnelly said the fire station block poses some interesting challenges and



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David and Elli Turra are nearly finished with a significant remodel of the 1907 house located at 740 First Street in McMinnville, which included creating a new basement apartment with its own address. Partitioning of older homes is one strategy local officials hope to encourage to increase the total number of residential options in the downtown area. David Turra said the cost of fees and permits for the project "was definitely a shock," but that he believes costs are higher in other cities around Oregon.

would require some "healing" in terms of connected theoretical residents with the library and city park without creating automotive and

pedestrian hazards.

Most of the discussion of downtown housing is theoretical at this point, Davis said.

"I'm just wondering how realistic this all is," he said. "Whether or not we're going to get some housing out of his, that's the tougher question."

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Wyden to hold town hall Dec. 15

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NEWBERG — U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, will hold a town hall at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, in the Newberg High School auditorium, 2400 Douglas Ave.

It is Wyden's second town hall of the year in Yamhill County. He spoke at Linfield College in McMinnville in January.

Wyden has pledged to hold at least one town hall per year in each of Oregon's 36 counties. He has held 42 so

far this year.

"Open-to-all town halls are hallmarks of democracy and I know from having held town halls in every one of our state's counties again in 2019 just how much value Oregonians place on finding solutions that work," Wyden said.

He won a second straight MVP award from the Town Hall Project in 2018. He was honored for holding the most town halls of any senator that year.

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Rutherford

Elude suspect indicted

The News-Register staff

A Gaston resident who allegedly led law enforcement personnel on a pursuit that began on Ferry Street in Dayton and ended on Northeast Ridge Road in rural Gaston has been indicted by a Yamhill County Grand Jury.

Bradley Rutherford, 27, who has an extensive criminal record, is charged with four counts of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, two counts each of second-degree criminal mischief, third-degree theft, recklessly endangering another person and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, in addition to one count each of first-degree burglary, first-degree criminal mischief, first-degree theft, second-degree burglary and reckless driving.

The charges are a mix of felonies and misdemeanors.

Rutherford, who was on post-prison supervision at the time, is lodged in jail without bail. He will appear in circuit court for a plea hearing at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16. McMinnville attorney Micah Johnstone is handling the defense.

The pursuit occurred Tuesday, Nov. 26, beginning shortly before 3 p.m., according to a probable cause affidavit written by sheriff's deputy Carson Bartlett. Rutherford allegedly stole two vehicles during the incident and crashed both, one a Chevrolet Tahoe and the other a Subaru Forester.

"The pursuit continued into Lafayette," the probable cause statement reads. "A deputy was blocking traffic on Highway 99W when Rutherford continued traveling at a high rate of speed in his (the deputy) lane. The deputy later stated he had to reverse out of the way or Rutherford would have crashed into him at approximately 60 mph."

Sheridan manager faces criticism

By PAUL DAQUILANTE
Of the News-Register

SHERIDAN — Mike Breed told the Sheridan City Council at this month's special meeting that the city manager's job is a "high dollar position," and he questions whether the city is receiving what he characterized as the biggest bang for its buck with Frank Sheridan doing the work.

Jim Buckles said he thinks the job requires someone who can breathe new life into Sheridan. Leo Krick said he just hopes Sheridan has the same passion for the job that he once possessed. "Your record is not sterling. But I do not mean to dismiss your achievements," John Irvine told Sheridan.

The council engaged in a discussion of Sheridan's contract status, but not before it listened to extensive public comment related to his job performance. Mayor Harry Cooley set no time limit on anyone commenting.

Sheridan moved to the West Valley as the community's manager in January 2005, arriving from Cass City, Michigan, north of Detroit. Sheridan held administrative positions in two Michigan cities over a seven-year period before relocating in Western Oregon.

He replaced Mike Sauerwein, who left to take an administrative position with a Puget Sound (Washington) city. He was Sheridan's first city manager.

"He walked out after giving two weeks notice," City Attorney Walt Gowell said. "It was awful. The finances were a disaster."

Sheridan's current two-year contract expires Jan. 14, 2020. His annual salary is \$90,780, according to a figure released by the city.

Cooley, citing misconceptions about what Sheridan does, prepared a three-page fact sheet related to his

responsibilities, achievements and community involvement during the past 15 years. Cooley made a point of discussing those areas in depth.

Sheridan's salary has always been a major discussion topic among citizens who feel it's time for a change in leadership after 15 years.

He made \$70,000 his first year in 2005. Cooley noted that if Sheridan's percentage increases matched union raises over the years, he would currently be making about \$8,000 more a year.

Krick suggested only one-year extensions should be offered if Sheridan remains in the position, citing talk he heard that a four-year deal was being discussed. Cooley said that was one of the misconceptions being talked about in the community.

Kira Sandoval questioned a comparison of city manager salaries recently released by the city. She used Tillamook as an example, saying the coastal community appears far more attractive to visitors than Sheridan. The area is a destination point. However, the Tillamook job is paying about \$28,000 more a year than what Sheridan makes, according to the salary analysis.

"Where is the growth?" asked a citizen. "We have nothing that will draw people to town. The town seems to be deteriorating. We're a weaker town. We need to have a presence, and that starts with the city manager."

Buckles said Sheridan "fixed the budget" when he was hired.

"But there's a perception that things are not going the way they should," he added.

"There's no transparency, and some things he does not like to do don't get done. We need someone who is

willing to do the whole job."

There were attendees at the meeting who regularly participate: Buckles, for example. However, others, and some who commented, are rarely present.

Starting with Council President Aaron Baer, the group agreed at the meeting that a transition/visioning plan for eventually replacing Sheridan must be formalized. Cooley suggested extending Sheridan's contract one or two more years, and during that time, develop the plan.

A one-year contract extension is expected to be approved when the council meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16. A salary will be negotiated.

Sheridan, who did not engage any of the commenters during the meeting, said afterward he would like to work two to four more years before retiring.

Krick said he wants to see Sheridan be held more accountable to citizen concerns if he continues as manager.

"What is our vision for the city manager, the mayor and the council?" Councilor Rich Cox Sr. asked. "What do we want to do? There are things about Frank Sheridan I like. But I need a vision, something that says this is the road we are going to follow."

Roxie Acuff said the council has never even discussed a plan. Chrissy Davis called it "dumb" not to have one in place, but the makeup of the plan must be agreed upon.

In looking for a replacement for Sheridan, Gowell said the council has two options — seek out an individual with little experience who can learn on the job or hire someone with experience who will hit the ground running. If the latter is the council's choice, it might need to pay more for a manager than Sheridan makes.

OBITUARIES

NABEEL "BILL" S. MANSOUR 1934 -2019

Nabeel "Bill" Mansour passed away November 30, 2019, at Willamette Valley Medical Center. He was 85. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 18, 2020, at Creekside Community Church. Macy & Son Funeral Directors are handling the service. Memorial donations may be made to Bethlehem Bible College (bethbc.edu/support-the-college), Corban University (corban.edu/giving-thank-you), or to Creekside Community Church (creeksidemac.org/give). To leave condolences, visit www.macyandson.com



WILLIAM R. WEBB JR. 1957 - 2019

William Ray Webb Jr., of McMinnville, Oregon, died unexpectedly November 28, 2019.

He was born January 18, 1957, to William Ray Webb and Diane Lloyd in Johnson City, New York. He graduated in 1976 from Vestal High School in Vestal, New York. He lived in New York, Colorado and California, finally settling in McMinnville. He worked for Evergreen Aviation for many years.

Bill is survived by his three daughters, Kayla Corona (spouse Willie), Sheri Webb and Amanda Bertsch. He had six grandchildren whom he adored. He leaves behind his mothers, Diane Huffcutt and Cherie Webb; siblings, Jeanne Saddlemire (spouse Jack), David Webb (spouse Anne), Michael Webb (spouse Johnna), John Webb (spouse Christie), Ryan Webb (spouse Annie), Patrick Webb, and Michael Huffcutt; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his fathers, William Ray Webb Sr. and Edwin Huffcutt; his son, William Ray Webb III; and his brother, Steven Huffcutt.

Bill will be truly missed by all who knew him. He had his problems through the years, and we are thankful for the many people who tried to help and support him. He was a kind, warm-hearted person who always was willing to go out of his way to help anyone at any time. He was a born natural athlete and was a New York state wrestling champion for several years while in high school. He enjoyed playing softball and golf; playing basketball with his daughters was his favorite thing to do. We know he was truly loved by his family and friends very much.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 6, 2019, at the China House, 1675 S.W. Baker Street, McMinnville. A private memorial will be held Saturday, December 7, 2019.

God Bless you, Bill. Rest in Peace and may the Lord continue to watch over you. To leave online condolences, please visit www.macyandson.com.

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ARRESTS & CITATIONS

YAMHILL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Loran Wade Bray, 32, McMinnville, Dec. 4, first-degree criminal mistreatment; booked and released.

Nikole Tiffany Brown, 22, McMinnville, Dec. 3, violation of a release agreement; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$15,000 bail.

Arlie Ray Bryant Jr., 30, Grand Ronde, Dec. 4, Polk County hold; booked into the Yamhill County Jail without bail.

Angela Marie Castillo, 33, Independence, Dec. 2, probation violation; booked into the Yamhill County Jail without bail.

Javier Antonio Corona, 19, McMinnville, Dec. 4, driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving; booked and released.

Andrea Renae DeWhitt, 31, Dundee, Dec. 2, probation violation; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$437 bail.

Deanna Louise Dixon, 57, Dayton, Dec. 1, Marion County hold; booked into the Yamhill County Jail without bail.

Timothy Burton Duncan, 56, McMinnville, Dec. 1, second-degree fail to appear, fail to appear, giving false information to a police officer; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$10,500 bail.

Rita May Hager, 32, McMinnville, Dec. 2, probation violation; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$15,000 bail.

Johnny Ray Hanson, 47, McMinnville, Dec. 3, probation violation; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$7,500 bail.

Renita Lorraine Hogan, 37, Lin-

coln City, Dec. 3, fail to appear, Lincoln County hold; booked into the Yamhill County Jail without bail.

Staci Morgan McVay, 31, Newberg, Dec. 4, possession of a controlled substance/heroin and methamphetamine-two counts; booked and released.

Jamie Keith Rollins, 38, Newberg, Dec. 3, fail to appear; booked into the Yamhill County Jail without bail.

Dillan Jared Thomas, 26, McMinnville, Dec. 2, Washington County hold; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$5,000 bail.

Gweneth Christine Tucker, 56, Portland, Dec. 3, probation violation; booked into the Yamhill County Jail without bail.

Tanner Roy Turner, 23, Newberg, Dec. 3, possession of a controlled substance/methamphetamine and schedule IV/two counts; booked into the Yamhill County jail on \$7,500.

Brenda Walsh, 19, McMinnville, Dec. 4, driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving; booked and released.

Braden O'Reilly Wasson, 24, Monmouth, Dec. 2, probation violation; booked into the Yamhill County Jail without bail.

Nathan James Whitlow, 45, Sheridan, Dec. 3, possession of a controlled substance/heroin and methamphetamine-two counts, delivery of a controlled substance/meth within 1,000 feet of a school; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$35,000 bail.

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Ryan Logan Binks, 27, McMin-

nnville, Dec. 1, fail to comply; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$15,000 bail.

Lloyd Bertram Gross, 26, McMinnville, Dec. 5, fourth-degree assault; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$10,000 bail.

Loren Lynn Kitchens, 26, Dundee, Dec. 2, possession of a controlled substance/methamphetamine, possession of weapons by certain felons, probation violation; booked into the Yamhill County Jail without bail.

James William McLaughlin, 22, Newberg, Dec. 4, probation violation; booked into the Yamhill County Jail without bail.

Katy Jean Quillen, 42, McMinnville, Dec. 4, first-degree theft, second-degree theft/three counts, identity theft/two counts, giving false information to a peace officer; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$42,500 bail.

Adrian Methodus Schiedler, 23, Portland, Dec. 1, McMinnville Municipal Court hold; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$1,250 bail.

Russell John Schiedler, 41, McMinnville, Dec. 1, McMinnville Municipal Court hold; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$5,000 bail.

Micheal Austin Bailey Tucker, 22, McMinnville, Dec. 2, second-degree theft, computer crime, fraudulent use of a credit card; booked into the Yamhill County Jail on \$175,000 bail.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ronald Andrew Arana, 61, Yamhill, Dec. 2, probation

forming highly creditable or unusual actions."

Grand Ronde Tribal Police Officer James "JJ" Flynn received the Medal of Valor award for showing exceptional professionalism in the line of duty and reducing the risk of loss of life or injury to citizens when reacting to situations.

Yamhill County Sheriff's Department Deputy David Mills received a Life Saving award for performing "an active, distinct and successful lifesaving procedure saving the life of another human being in the midst

of unusual actions above and beyond their normal job expectations."

Honored from Newberg-Dundee were:

Officer Steve Schoening, who received the Distinguished Service Award.

Officer Nathan James, who received a Medal of Valor.

Seven Newberg-Dundee officers who received the Life Saving award. They are Tom Sattler, Dan Fouch, Justin Caughlin, Ariel Siqueiros, Jeromy Pilon, Mark Cooke and Jeff Kosmicki.

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McMinnville will change how it hires substitutes

By STARLA POINTER
Of the News-Register

McMinnville School District will change how it hires substitute teachers and other workers starting in early 2020.

Subs currently are hired through a company called CTA Substitute Services, run through the Willamette Education Service District and Northwest Regional ESD. They are paid directly by the districts for which they work, and each of those districts must track their hours, accumulated sick time and, if they work at least 600 hours, PERS retirement system payments.

Under the new system, the district will pay a company called EDUStaff to provide subs, track hours and sick time, and issue paychecks. As a private company, it will not collect PERS.

Willamette ESD also has a service agreement with EDUStaff. Dayton, Sheridan and Willamina, along with most school districts in Marion and Polk counties, already are using the company, as are those in Corvallis, Klamath County, Lebanon and Medford.

Many other districts, including those in Newberg, Yamhill-Carlton and several in the Portland area, are using a similar service called ESS.

Stefanie Frost, personnel director for McMinnville schools, said districts she has contacted are very happy with the services of the sub-provider companies.

She said McMinnville will especially benefit from EDUStaff's marketing and recruiting efforts. The district's current pool of potential subs is not large enough, she said, and sometimes it's impossible to fill positions.

That's often true after spring break, when the demand for subs traditionally rises, Frost said. But McMinnville already has experienced an inability to find enough subs this fall.

People who want to be considered for substitute teaching, assisting or classified jobs will need to register with EDUStaff. More than 50 percent of those McMinnville currently uses already are registered with the company, Frost said.

Susan Escure, finance director for the district, said she was looking into switching to a substitute service provider in the past, but found it not cost effective.

However, with new PERS requirements and sick leave laws, the complexity of tracking subs has increased

substantially. Using a provider will give district staff more time for other personnel- and finance-related business, she said.

During the discussion, school board member Carson Benner asked, "Are we taking our valuable employees out of the PERS system to serve this purpose?"

A local resident who substitutes in several districts said he is concerned that the change will make it more difficult to get sub jobs. He said he's especially worried it will "ice out a lot of young teachers who are subbing until they get full-time jobs."

Frost and Escure said many of the people who currently sub in McMinnville schools are retired teachers and other education retirees. Some are recent education graduates.

When the district is hiring for full-time positions, it considers those in the substitute pool as well as other applicants, Frost said.

The school board approved the change to EDU staff in November. District officials said they hope it will take effect before the second semester of the school year.



A large pool of water forms on Pacific Street after a 12-inch water main broke. Marcus Larson/News-Register

Break

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new piece," he said.

The 12-inch line is an older cast iron line, which is more brittle than ductile iron, he said.

"It must have had a little crack in it for some reason," he said. "Once you get a breach in it, then the pressure of the water" will break the pipe. "Ninety percent of the time, it's gonna crack in the circumference, and there's a special repair band you can use," he said.

This time, however, the pipe did not cooperate. So the repair crew will have to cut out the damaged piece, install a new one and tighten special fittings over it to put it into place, and then flush out the line before it can resume water service, Klein said.



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Tourism

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81 percent is for marketing and development. The remaining 19 percent is for administration.

City Attorney David Koch told councilors in May, during the budgeting process, it is too late to divert money from Visit McMinnville for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Under the agency’s contract with the city, if either party wishes to terminate the contract, notice must be given prior to Jan. 1 before the next fiscal year.

Visit McMinnville was incorporated in 2015 — two years after the state law passed. Councilors at the time struck a contract with the agency to promote tourism and provide related services.

That original agreement had a term of three years, with the opportunity for three additional one-year extensions.

“The current year is the second of those extensions,” explained Towery in a memo to councilors. “The city and Visit McMinnville each have the opportunity to opt out of the existing agreement by Dec. 31.”

If neither party opts out, he said, the agreement will automatically renew for one last year. The city and the organization can then negotiate a new contract that would go into effect July 1, 2021.

“Rather than allowing the final year of the existing

agreement to roll over or terminate the agreement, the recommendation is to jointly agree to negotiate a new three-year agreement,” Towery said in his memo.

“In addition to continuing the fundamental existing relationship and responsibilities, a new agreement would also set out the parties’ commitment to carry out a project to explore the best economic development outcomes for the city using [lodging tax] dollars, looking specifically at infrastructure, destination development and business recruitment in addition to marketing efforts,” he said.

Towery suggests a task force be comprised of Visit McMinnville board members and local residents with economic development backgrounds, who will ultimately make recommendations to the council.

“We believe it is prudent to negotiate a three-year agreement to give adequate time to define what work needs to be done, hire consultants, perform and then analyze this work and to initiate implementation,” said Towery.

In other business Tuesday, councilors will evaluate their options in the wake of voters prohibiting fines and fees directed at local care centers.

Towery is scheduled to outline possible next steps during a work session at 6 p.m., in the council chambers in advance of the 7 p.m. regular meeting.

McMinnville residents

voted 4,019 to 2,954 Nov. 5 to amend the city charter to prohibit fines and fees directed at local care centers. The vote overturned a law passed by the city council Oct. 9 of last year that fined centers \$1,500 for unnecessary 911 calls and created specialty business licenses costing \$500 initially and \$200 annually for every bed.

Given the results of the election, Towery said councilors will have to take a completely different tack.

“The options we need to consider would not be applied exclusively to licensed care facilities,” he said.

In a Nov. 6 memo to councilors, Towery said city hall officials began an internal work group several weeks ago to explore options on how to proceed if the charter amendment succeeded or failed.

“Based on the preliminary results from (the) election, we will focus on approaches that are consistent with the charter amendment,” he said in the memo.

“The city is still committed to ensuring that the special health, safety and welfare needs of vulnerable citizens are met and that we are proactive in limiting non-emergency and non-essential uses of the city’s EMS system,” he added.

The council will also meet in executive session at 5:30 p.m. to “consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.”

County awards contract for space needs analysis

By NICOLE MONTESANO
Of the News-Register

After months of sporadic discussion, Yamhill County Commissioners on Thursday approved without comment a contract for a space needs analysis.

The county will pay SERA Architects Inc. \$94,800 to assess its current building use and condition, as well as future needs. The contract is good until November 2020.

Commissioner Rick Olson is out on medical leave, but commissioners Casey Kulla and Mary Starrett approved the contract as part of a wholesale vote on several line items. In October, commissioners had approved a notice of intent to award the contract.

As county services have grown, offices have sprawled across numerous buildings and blocks north of the downtown McMinnville core. Space is always tight.

Over the past few years, the county has continued to lease and purchase additional buildings. Part of the argument against a recent push by Kulla to ask voters to approve expanding the board of commissioners by two members, was that there isn’t anywhere to put them.

SERA is to consider 14 county-owned and leased buildings that encompass roughly 226,000 square feet. Most, but not all, are located in downtown McMinnville.

They include the Planning Department, Clerk’s office, county administration buildings, the courthouse, Sheriff’s department and jail, the community corrections annex, the Health and Human Services complex, Public Health building, Abacus house, the Family and Youth Services building, the information technology buildings, the former Public Works building on Lafayette Avenue that includes a section rented by Oregon State University Extension Service, the building housing the Developmental Disabilities and Veterans’ Services programs, the Newberg Annex and the old hospital building now occupied by family and youth programs.

Olson has been advocating a space needs analysis for years, arguing it makes sense for the county to analyze what it is currently paying in leases and maintenance to occupy its aging downtown complex, and what it is likely

to need in the future. He has argued that the county might be better off constructing a single large building for its services rather than continuing to occupy so much of the downtown and keep it off the tax rolls.

He was opposed by both former commissioner Stan Primozich and current commissioner Mary Starrett, both of whom argued the county serves residents best from its location downtown.

However, Olson was able to obtain support for the analysis in late 2018, and the county has been slowly moving toward it ever since.

When Kulla took office at the beginning of the year, replacing Primozich, he brought new support to Olson’s position.

However, when Kulla

attempted to form a task force to explore the idea of moving the county offices out of the downtown last January, he was opposed by Olson and Starrett. Both said it was premature, and should wait until they have seen the results of the space needs analysis.

A number of people testified about whether the county should move at a January 2019 meeting of the board of commissioners, including several business owners who said it would be devastating, although others supported the idea. Gioia Goodrum, president of the McMinnville Chamber of Commerce, sent an email to Starrett, expressing dismay by local restaurant owners at the potential loss of hundreds of customers.

Director

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“Silas and I both began our careers at Yamhill County around the same time, so I have had the pleasure of working with Silas in various roles for the last 14 or so years,” Huffer said. “He has done an outstanding job for Yamhill County and he will be missed.”

Huffer said they hope to contract with Halloran-Steiner to help with the transition.

Halloran-Steiner has headed the Health and Human Services Department since June of 2010, when he was hired out of his position as the county’s parole and probation supervisor. He holds a master’s degree in social work from Yeshiva University in New York as well as certifications in public health

leadership and drug and alcohol counseling.

He has expanded the county’s services in a variety of areas, including bringing in its first Peer Assisted Crisis center in 2017 to counter the lack of treatment beds for people suffering from mental health crises.

He helped create the county’s Community Care Organization to oversee clients on the Oregon Health Care plan, expanded the number of transitional group homes the county offers to parents in drug addiction recovery programs, worked with Sheriff Tim Svenson to increase mental health services in the jail, and brought in a needle exchange program to help combat drug addiction and dangers of disease from both re-used needles and discarded ones.

On Tuesday, Halloran-Steiner told commissioners that, since starting last summer,

the program has taken in more needles than it has distributed.

It collects them in different ways, he said; there are needle collection sites, the exchange program itself, and sweeps conducted in areas of concern, such as parks and schoolyards.

The needle exchange program proved a contentious one. Other issues have also cropped up over the past several months, including disagreement over a request for diversity training for county Health and Human Services employees that was opposed by Commissioner Mary Starrett, and initially by commissioner Rick Olson.

Also, in June, commissioners voted unanimously to deny a request by Halloran-Steiner to consider a state program that would have allowed new parents to request home visits by a nurse.



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Sons of Legion offer Pearl Harbor Day breakfast

The News-Register staff

Sons of the American Legion are hosting a Pearl Harbor Day breakfast Sunday, Dec. 8, at Legion Post 21, 126 N.E. Atlantic St. The breakfast is free to World War II veterans. Others pay \$8 per person. Sons of the American Legion members will serve

scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, juice and coffee. In addition, the Legion Post is hosting a Christmas bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. For more information on either event, call the Legion post, at 503-435-2218.

Lawsuit

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of the Nazarene and the Oregon Pacific Division of the Church of the Nazarene were represented separately. Judge David Rees presided over the agreement. The accused molester, who allegedly transmitted herpes to his daughter as a result of his assaults, ran away prior to the girl disclosing. During her years in kindergarten through third grade, the suit alleges, the now 15-year-old told teachers, aides, counselors and clergy at the church that her biological father had molested her. It went on to assert, "All of these persons who became aware of this fact were acting within the scope of their agency at the time they received this knowledge." Vogt said when he filed the lawsuit that church employees are mandatory reporters of child abuse under Oregon law. However, none of the allegations that began in 2010 were brought to the attention of the girl's mother, stepfather or law enforcement officials. The girl's mother and stepfather are both licensed mental health professionals. Both were working at Church on the Hill in Northwest McMinnville at the time, where her mother was a mental health practitioner and

her stepfather an assistant pastor. The girl did not tell her parents directly. According to the suit, the biological parents divorced in 2006. Although her father's parental rights were terminated at the time, he was still allowed extensive unsupervised visits, including some overnight, in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The abuse continued for two years. "As a parishioner, plaintiff had frequent and regular contact and professional interactions with various teachers, teachers' aides, counselors and clergymen at the Church on the Hill," according to the suit. "During those contacts, plaintiff revealed to various Church on the Hill employees and agents that she had been subjected to sexual intercourse." The girl later made several attempts to kill herself and was hospitalized for a period in 2011, according to Vogt. He said those events occurred as a direct result of being sexually assaulted. "Licensed clergymen, licensed mental health counselors and licensed teachers and teachers' aides have a professional duty to take complaints of child sex abuse seriously, to handle such complaints in a professional manner and to report a child's complaint of sexual abuse to appropriate governmental authorities and to the child's custodial parent," he stated in the suit.

STATE & REGION

Boy declared safe weeks after he went missing

New disclosure requirements created for welfare cases

The Associated Press

PORTLAND — A 2-year-old Medford boy who was shot to death by a parent was determined to be safe weeks after the child had already vanished, according to a new state report detailed in The Oregonian/OregonLive on Wednesday. A case worker knew Aiden Salcido's father had fired a gun inside a tent where he was caring for the toddler and that the father had threatened to kill Aiden's mother, but closed the long-overdue investigation into Aiden's well-being in late June after finding no indication that he was in danger, the newspaper reported. At that time, it had been 48 days since anyone from the state's Department of Human Services had talked to Aiden's mother, Hannah Janiak, or seen the child. By that time, Janiak had missed a court hearing and local and federal law enforcement and relatives were already conducting a multi-state search for the family. The report says DHS workers did not know that. The report doesn't say when the agency found out that Aiden was missing. On July 24, police in Montana say Aiden's father, Daniel Salcido, shot and killed Janiak and then himself after a police chase. Aiden's body was found three days later at an abandoned campsite in Montana. Jake Sunderland, a DHS spokesman, told the Oregonian/OregonLive he had no comment and said the report "speaks for itself." The report notes that the Jackson County caseworker assigned the investigation into Aiden's welfare had a heavy caseload and a change in managers. DHS has struggled with a shortage of caseworkers and has come under fire in recent months for sending Oregon

foster children to residential care facilities out of state, where they were allegedly mistreated. "Workload and supervision are significant factors in a child welfare professional's ability to prioritize efforts and exercise diligence where it is most needed," the report said. In the report published in November, the state's child welfare agency acknowledged its workers didn't adequately consider the potential that the father would harm the boy before they concluded Aiden was safe. "Child safety decisions were made based on incomplete information," the report said. The report on Aiden's death and child welfare officials' previous involvement in his life is one of the first published under a new law that changed disclosure requirements in such cases. DHS must inform the public whenever a child dies by abuse or neglect after recent intervention or inaction by the state. The new rules require DHS to review and disclose details about every interaction with a child's family and outline systemic concerns and recommended fixes. The reviews must be finished within 100 days. The reforms were prompted by reporting by The Oregonian/OregonLive that showed the agency routinely ignored existing requirements, leaving the public in the dark about what may have gone wrong before vulnerable children died and what steps the agency could take to prevent future deaths. The reports do not identify children by name. However, the information in the eight-page report about Aiden's death mirrors information law enforcement gave the public about his and his parents' deaths. The document notes that case workers knew his father had threatened gun violence and that people frequently worried about his mother's capacity to care for Aiden. One concerned observer even

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Linfield students to perform opera scenes

The News-Register staff

Linfield College students will perform an assortment of scenes from beloved operas and musicals during the Opera Workshop on Friday, Dec. 6. The free program will start at 7 p.m. in the Vivian A. Bull Music Center at Linfield.

The program will include trios from Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" and "Don Giovanni," the Papagena/Papageno duet from "The Magic Flute,"

and duets from Torroba's "Luisa Fernanda" and Offenbach's "The Tales of Hoffmann."

Scenes were staged by Anton Belov, professor of music, and accompanied by Anne Britt. Costume design is by Linda Mattson.

For more information, call 503-883-2275 or visit linfield.edu/arts.

Subdivision approval on council agenda

The News-Register staff

YAMHILL — City council members will meet Wednesday, Dec. 11, to discuss a zone change and consider approval of a subdivision. The public meeting will start at 7 p.m. in council chambers adjacent to city hall.

The council also will discuss the condition of the Beulah Park skate park and hear reports on police, public works and emergency preparedness.

Council members will consider reappointing Sam Fox, Trisha Player and Carol Prendergast to the planning commission when their two-year terms expire this month.

They will declare a vacancy on the budget committee. Applications are available at city hall.

For more information, call city hall, at 503-662-3511.



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Tickets still available for home tour

The News-Register staff

Five local homes will be decorated to the nines for the 31st annual Wine Country Holiday Home Tour, a fundraiser for Soroptimist International of McMinnville.

The tour will run from noon to 4 pm. Sunday, Dec. 8. Families opening their homes for the tour are:

- Jennifer and Tim Stein, 574 E. 15th St., Lafayette.
- Anne and Jobe Nash, 15400 S.E. Kreder Road, Dayton.
- Wendy and Mike Powers, 127 N.W. 10th St, McMinnville.
- Rene and Mike Bittle, 1426 N.W. Michelbook Lane, McMinnville.
- Rori and Ryan Hartzell, 10230 N.W. Brentano Lane, McMinnville.

In addition, there will be a party at Michelbook

Country Club, 1301 N.W. Michelbook Lane, which also is decorated for the holidays. The party from 1 to 5:30 p.m. will include a silent auction, wine wall, music and refreshments.

Tickets for the home tour and party are \$25 in advance or \$30 on the tour day. Admission to the party only is \$10.

Proceeds from the popular holiday event will go

toward Soroptimists for programs aiming to better the lives of women and girls.

Tickets are available from www.SiMcMinnville.org, Michelbook, homes on the tour and Oregon Stationers, La Bella Casa, Inc. hoots, Kraemer's Nursery or Fleur de la Vie.

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Baptists hold Christmas concert, dessert

The News-Register staff

McMinnville’s First Baptist Church will hold its annual Christmas concert and candlelight dessert buffet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the church, 125 S.E. Cows St.

Selections include classical and contemporary pieces featuring performances by the church choir as well as the Ukulele Ukestra, Jubilee Bell Ringers, Men’s Ensemble, harpist Nadya King and guitarist Nancy McCann.

Marilyn Dresser directs the musicians. For more information, call 503-472-7941.

Hillside plans choral concert

The News-Register staff

Hillside Retirement Communities’ residents will perform in a winter program Thursday, Dec. 12.

The event will be open to the public starting at 3 p.m. in the dining room at the Manor. Admission is free.

A 32-member choir will perform along with a barbershop quartet, a handbell choir, a trio of clarinet, piano and cello and a piano-cello duo.

The handbell group will perform the “Westminster Chimes” theme, “March for the Nutcracker” and “Tepak” from “The Nutcracker” by Tchaikovsky and “Art Thou with Me.”

Handbell players are Rose Kass, Tam Van Etten, Margaret Shields, Christine May,

Darlene Kitts, Patti Wilber and Dale Tomlinson, conducted by Jean Johnson.

Margie Arighi, June Holmes and Johnson will play a winter medley, with “Deck the Halls,” “Greensleeves” and other melodies.

Johnson and Claire Stephens will play “Noel Nouvelet,” a traditional French tune, and “Still, Still, Still,” an Austrian traditional song.

The quartet includes Ralph Litchfield, Miles Dresser, Dwight Nyquist and May from the handbell choir. They will sing “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” and “Jingle Bell Rock.”

Loren Wenz is directing the choir. Jane Moore is the accompanist.

The choir will sing holiday-themed pieces such as “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,” “Silent Night,” “Carol of the Bells” and “Sing We Now of Christmas.”

Other members of the Hillside Choir not mentioned among the small groups are: Jim Adie, Sue Bennett, Pete Christensen, Alice Craven, Gail Frost, Ruth Hand, Bobbie Hibbert, Fan Holm, Francine Kirkpatrick, Marlene Kovash, Carol Mayo, Jane Meyers, Jackie Painter, Charlie Saderholm, Magee Schleinitz, Ron Shield, Francis Smith, Helen Smith, Bruce Stewart, Evelyn Stewart, Nancy Townsend, Rosaline Turner, Ginna Wenz and Leslie Wilhelm.

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Rusty Rae/News-Register
Bulldog guard Grace France (32) slashes toward the paint as Sheridan's Onahzay Pacheco slides to defend.



Rusty Rae/News-Register
Sheridan guard DeEldon Paulk (23) drives to the hoop while Willamina's Antonio Hernandez attempts to block his shot.

‘Dogs stifle Spartans, 65-31

Strong 2nd half lifts Sheridan

By **LOGAN BRANDON**
Of the News-Register

WILLAMINA — Class 3A girls basketball teams, beware; the Willamina Bulldog defense remains a force of nature.

Wednesday, the Bulldogs shut down rival Sheridan, 65-31, in a dazzling display of team and schematic defending. Using athletic and rangy defenders like Piper Shrabel, Kira Rankin and Kallie Schoenbachler, Willamina limited the Spartans to seven first-half points.

When asked about the defensive innovations, Willamina head coach Tom Anderson smiled mischievously and replied, “Don’t tell anybody.”

He continued, “Last year, I don’t think we were physically strong enough to do what we’re capable of doing this season. It showed against elite teams as we were

pushed around. Now, we’re able to change our defense and really protect the hoop.”

With Shrabel and Willamina’s perimeter defenders combining for 16 steals, Kaya McLean, Grace France and the Bulldog offense built up a sizable first-quarter lead.

France scored all 11 of her points in the opening period. She routinely scored in transition, including a brilliant step-through move to give the ‘Dogs a 10-2 lead.

McLean, who tallied a game-high 18 points and nine rebounds, stretched the floor with her long-range shooting. She also showed off improved versatility, a source of pride for the junior forward.

“My threes were going down tonight, but I’m glad to keep working on my inside game. I want to keep improving,” she explained.

Sheridan’s Haley Ayala (11 points, six rebounds) and Kylee McKereghan (eight points) hit three consecutive threes in the third period, but Willamina stifled the run with a 20-12 fourth quarter.

“I knew the nerves were going to be there in the first game. I thought the first half might be rough, because Willamina is a good team and our girls are in the rebuild stage. Coming into it, I hoped to settle down in the second half and play a little bit of basketball,” said Spartan head coach Jeremy Brown.

Rankin effectively sealed the win with a Steve Nash-esque assist to Schoenbachler for a late bucket.

“If we can start adding that to our game, we’ll be a pretty balanced team,” noted Anderson.

By **LOGAN BRANDON**
Of the News-Register

WILLAMINA — “Everywhere we go, it’s our house.”

So DeEldon Paulk explained following Wednesday’s Sheridan boys basketball team’s 73-50 rivalry victory over Willamina. The senior guard, in referencing his squad’s intensity on the court, perfectly encapsulated the Spartans’ season-opening win.

Sheridan used a powerful second half to break away from its rival Bulldogs. The Spartans outscored Willamina 37-23 in the final two quarters, seizing control with defensive toughness and balanced scoring.

“The first half definitely wasn’t the best, but in the second half, we picked it up. We started to go in motion and remained focused on offense, plus we hit our free throws,” said Paulk.

Paulk led the Spartans with a double-double – 14 points, 10 rebounds. Senior forward Taylor Huffman joined him in double-figures, scoring 11 points and grabbing five rebounds.

Wyatt Schultz snagged three steals and dropped nine points, while Randy Gibson and Braden Mendenhall each tallied eight points.

Kaleb Floyd led Willamina with a game-high 17 points and four three-pointers. Justin Gonzalez and Antonio Hernandez combined for 21 points.

“We competed our asses off,” said Willamina head coach Cliff Toney. “This was a ball game until six, eight minutes left in the game. I told everyone since last year that we’re going to surprise people.”

The two teams battled to a tie at 18 in the first quarter. Gavin Anderson and Men-

denhall handed the road team a brief six-point lead, but Dominik Briant and Hernandez knocked down back-to-back threes to knot the score.

In the second, Gibson scored six points and grabbed three rebounds, leading the Spartans to a nine-point advantage at halftime.

Sheridan’s pace increased in the second half. Using a combination of all nine varsity players – everyone scored – the Spartans won the third period 16-9.

“I liked how resilient we were in the second half,” noted Sheridan head coach Steven Grauer. “Our guys stepped up, got a few easy buckets and upped our intensity.”

Grauer credited the Bulldogs for their fight, but Sheridan’s versatility in the final 16 minutes proved insurmountable.

Youthful Grizzlies shoot for development

By **LOGAN BRANDON**
Of the News-Register

The McMinnville boys basketball team has welcomed a full-fledged youth movement.

One year after winning a dozen games and finishing fourth in the Class 6A Pacific Conference, the Grizzlies set their sights on finding success with an infusion of young athletes and capable veterans.

“In some ways, our youth is encouraging. We have a lot of young guys, which can be a good thing for this season and our future,” said Mac head coach Willie Graham.

“We have a lot of hungry young players,” he added.

Max Egli, Mac’s lone senior, joins Jarrett Boumann, Brian Montiel, Terrin Seibel and Isaac Mason as experienced members from the 2018-19 campaign.

Egli remains encouraged by the youthful potential, noting, “I’m really excited for the group of young guys we have. As the season goes on, I know we can start showing our strengths.”

Mason, a junior guard, appreciates the opportunity to grow with his teammates, saying, “I’m not only excited for this year, but for next year, too. We’re going to be with the same group of guys for the next two years. I’m anxious to see how much we

can develop.”

Mason aims to lead the defense with communication. His leadership on the less glamorous end of the court should pay dividends.

While Graham admitted it’s an unusual feeling entering the season with only one senior, he remains confident about the potential of his team.

First-year varsity players like Zach Donahoo, a 6’5” forward, and Austin Upton, a 6’6” post, should combine with Boumann to create a dangerous big-man rotation.

“Zach and Jarrett can be huge parts of our team,” observed Seibel.

Seibel, who showed flash-

es of his ability last season, mentioned his desire to embrace a larger role.

“As the point guard of the team, I know I can get everyone going. I feel like I can be a good leader and help everyone get better,” he said.

With such a young core, Graham keeps the upcoming season in perfect perspective.

“One of our main goals is to consistently keep improving throughout the season,” he explained. “These guys are eager to learn – they realize they have a lot of work to do, but they always show up and work hard.”

Mac opens the season tonight at home against Franklin; tip-off is 5:45.



Marcus Larson/News-Register
The Grizzlies’ boys basketball team is headlined by Terrin Seibel, Max Egli and Isaac Mason.

Danielson hits game-winner for ‘Cats

By **LOGAN BRANDON**
Of the News-Register

With flawless late-game execution, Molly Danielson and the Linfield women’s basketball team captured a 63-61 non-conference victory over Northwest University Tuesday night at Ted Wilson Gymnasium.

Danielson, the Wildcats’ star senior center, flipped in a go-ahead shot with five seconds remaining to lift her squad to its fifth win of the preseason.

Asked about the final play design, Danielson credited head coach Casey Bunn-Wilson for trusting her with the final shot.

“It was exactly how Bunn-Wilson drew it up,” said Danielson.

“It felt good, but more so because we were taking really good shots throughout the game. For us to execute and see the shot fall this time was really nice,” she added.

Danielson paced the ‘Cats with 20 points and 10 rebounds – her sixth double-double in eight games. She shot an efficient 9-16 from the floor and added three assists, a block and a steal to her blockbuster performance.

While fellow star Kory Oleson struggled shooting

against the Eagles, the senior achieved a monumental block with the game tied at 61 and less than 20 seconds left. She tallied 11 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks.

Oleson’s defensive highlight set the stage for Danielson’s short jump shot in the contest’s waning moments.

Linfield battled to a 31-30 halftime deficit, but quickly fell behind 51-43 in the third quarter.

After calling timeout, Bunn-Wilson roused her team.

“Bunn-Wilson took us in and told us to get our stuff together,” remembered Danielson.

Linfield ended the third on a 7-0 run, capped by Oleson’s hoop-and-harm to make it 51-50 Eagles entering the final period.

Freshman guard Delaney Ragan swished a three-pointer from the left wing to hand Linfield a 56-54 lead with 3:50 remaining. Ragan scored 16 points and impressed her teammates and fans with fanatic defense.

“She’s starting to take advantage of her speed – she’s the fastest player I’ve ever played with,” noted Danielson.



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Linfield senior center Molly Danielson shoots the game-winning shot during Tuesday’s 63-61 Wildcat win.

Maya DuChesne recaptured the Northwest advantage with a trey of her own, but Wildcat reserve Hanna Bingham sank two clutch free throws for a 60-59 Linfield edge.

Eagle Lexi Biggerstaff retaliated, dropping in a finger roll with 56 seconds left. Danielson tied the score at 61 by splitting a pair of foul shots.

“Shout out to all our players!” said Danielson. “I’m really proud of my team. People are doing things that aren’t just points that are making an impact on the game.”

Cassidy Schutz collected nine rebounds and six assists for the Wildcats.

Linfield (5-3, 0-0 NWC) returns to action December 19 vs. Vancouver Island.

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SPORTS

Shattered expectations:

Spencer caps freshman year with Athlete of the Year

By **LOGAN BRANDON**
Of the News-Register

Kyle Spencer's freshman cross country season at McMinnville simply shattered all expectations for the young runner.

While the standout Grizzly enjoyed a promising career with McMinnville Track Club, the results of his first varsity campaign were astounding.

Spencer led all Mac athletes in 5,000 meter times, posting a personal- and season-best of 16 minutes, 21.60 seconds at the OSAA Class 6A State Championships in Eugene. He placed 64th overall to finish first for the Mac boys, ahead of teammates and friends Kellen Reed and Marcus Graham.

His march toward an impressive finish at state started with a dynamic performance at the Pacific Conference Championships. There, he completed the course in 17 minutes flat for 18th place, leading the Grizzlies' team to a state qualification.

Mac head coach Joshua

Hanna credited Spencer for his resolve, saying, "He shows up with so much poise. He has the appropriate level of energy. Kyle has an incredible ability to regulate himself before a race and he shows up ready to compete, as a result."

Even Hanna couldn't feel anything but shocked at Spencer's state performance. "I wanted him to break 17 minutes . . . and he broke it by 40 seconds. I was ecstatic!" said Hanna.

Despite his phenomenal first season, Spencer remains an altruistic individual. He's quick to divert credit to his team and coaches, including Reed and the veteran runner Graham.

"My teammates helped a lot — guys like Marcus and Kellen. They helped me a lot in training and races," explained Spencer.

Graham's instruction proved pivotal for the younger Spencer, who said, "Marcus has taught me that less is more. He pushes us, even though he doesn't have the mileage we do."

Spencer's in-race strategy revolves around his two Grizzly teammates.

"I usually like to start with Marcus and Kellen during the first mile. I base the rest of my race off of how I feel. I try to pass people in the middle of the race, rather than the end."

Spencer explained his affinity for the sport, noting, "I like the outdoors. I like running in the woods, on the trails and in the mountains."

Coincidentally, Spencer's favorite courses included all his favorite aspects of the sport. He especially appreciated the state meet at Lane Community College, which included numerous hilly portions, and the Fast & Flat at Joe Dancer Park in McMinnville.

Hannah remains excited for Spencer's potential, adding, "There are pro runners who had a lot slower times during their freshman years, so there is tremendous potential for him. If he stays on this path, he'll have great opportunities."



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McMinnville cross country runner and News-Register Athlete of the Year Kyle Spencer shows off his late kick during the Grizzlies' Pacific Conference Championships.



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JOCELYN CHAVEZ

VOLLEYBALL

Senior | Coach: Ben Patterson
Parent: Rischelle



Jocelyn is a senior middle blocker and setter who had an incredible year for our team. She led our team in aces (40) and blocks (37), was second in kill percentage (.398), second in assists (266), and fourth in kills (138) and digs (95). She played an integral role in every facet of the game. In addition, she led by serving her team. She was active with our summer camps and working with younger players as well as during the season, often being one of the first players in the gym, helping to set up practice nets or get the gym ready on game days. Jocelyn has been a great representative for our program and will be greatly missed next year.



GRETCHEN SORENSON

GIRLS' SOCCER

Senior | Coach: Anna Heuberger
Parents: Kai & Heather



Gretchen is an exceptional student athlete, and has contributed immensely to the girls soccer program at MHS. Gretchen has received a varsity letter all four years of her high school soccer career. Her teammates honor Gretchen with titles that include "most inspirational" and "most dedicated" time and time again. Gretchen knows what it takes to be a leader—she is extremely kind and always presenting in a way that is in the best interest of the team. Her hard work was truly spotlighted in her senior season, she was voted team captain and received 1st Team All Pacific Conference honors as a standout midfielder. There is more to Gretchen than her athletic success—she maintains an impressive 4.0 GPA, and can be seen all over campus contributing to multiple clubs and extracurricular activities. Gretchen always gives her best, and we cannot wait to see where life takes her!



HECTOR CISNEROS HERNANDEZ

BOYS' SOCCER

Senior | Coach: Jose Milian
Parents: Hector & Maria



Hector's hard work and tremendous dedication on the field and in the classroom are some examples of what made him a vital member to our program and to the MHS community. In this 2019 season, Hector recorded 3 assists, 11 starts, over 800 minutes played in 11/14 games, named an All-Pacific Conference Honorable Mention and a 2019 News Register All-Valley Team selection for boys soccer. His personal achievements this year are truly remarkable but Hector's biggest achievement came when his teammates voted him to represent them as their team captain. Throughout the rigorous commitment a soccer season has, Hector not only demonstrates to be a leader and an elite athlete but his determination, self-discipline and inner-desire to succeed also are true to his academic goals. This last school year Hector achieved a 4.0 GPA and continues to pursue academic success this year and hopes to follow that in college. Hector's positive and humble demeanor has this natural effect to make the people around him better.



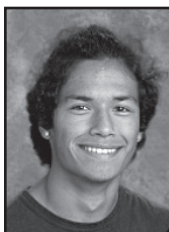
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FOOTBALL

Senior | Coach: Ryan McIrvin
Parent: Monty & Stephanie



This young man is an incredibly humble guy who possesses a wide array of talents and a high level work ethic both on and off the field. His talent and dedication have helped him to become a three year starter, an all-league selection and one has been a great leader and productive player for the Grizzlies. This past year, he was a starter at both linebacker and fullback and was voted by his teammates as a team captain. His leadership and experience played a huge role in guiding a young team and building the family atmosphere that our program strives for. In addition to his role on the football team, he is also a member of the state contending MHS Cheer team. In the classroom he has worked hard to maintain a 3.4 grade point average.



ABEL CERVANTES

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Senior | Coach: Joshua Hanna
Parents: John & Maria



Abel's mental toughness and work ethic paid off during the cross-country season this year. He attended many of the preseason workouts, which helped prepare him for the cross-country season. Able ran varsity the entire year for McMinnville high school. Able had a lifetime personal record of 17:24.33 at the McMinnville, Liberty, Sherwood meet on September 25. Abel went on to run for the grizzlies at conference and in the state championship. Great Job Abel!



KAYLANI KAM

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Senior | Coach: Joshua Hanna
Parent: Wendy



Kaylani missed almost no practices this year, and had the best attendance on the women's team. When faced with injuries, Kaylani found ways to overcome her challenges by precisely adjusting workouts and runs. At the conference championships Kaylani ran a time of 20:11 which was a lifetime personal record. She was the first grizzly to cross the finish line and was sixth in the conference overall. Way to go Kaylani!



Marcus Larson/News-Register

McMinnville's girls basketball team is led by Gretchen Sorenson, Emily Boggs, Kylee Arzner, Hannah Galan and Grace Bliven.

Mac girls set to defend league title

By **LOGAN BRANDON**
Of the News-Register

Their league title defense begins now.

McMinnville girls basketball team members Gretchen Sorenson, Emily Boggs, Hannah Galan, Kylee Arzner and Grace Bliven appear suited to protect the Grizzlies' two-year stretch of Class 6A Pacific Conference championships.

Veterans of the 2018-19 squad which won league, captured 15 victories overall and played a first-round state playoff, the five core Grizzlies set their sights on building on last year's success.

For many of Mac's athletes, their strength lies in chemistry.

"I love how we've all been on the same team for so long that we're able to make plays we never could before. We've practiced together so much that we have this great bond."

"Chemistry makes everything so much easier," said Galan. "I've been playing with these girls for a long time. We've bonded a lot recently and I love each and every one of them."

Arzner, the News-Register's Girls Basketball Athlete of the Year in 2018-19, grew contemplative when discussing her senior teammates.

"I don't want them to go. I want this season to go by slow. But, I'm excited to play one more season with them, because I feel like we've all grown up together," noted Arzner.

Mac's starting five players create matchup problems for even the stingiest 6A defenses. Boggs and Bliven stretch the floor with three-point shooting, Galan slashes and dishes from the point guard spot, Sorenson knocks down mid-range jumpers and blocks shots and Arzner seamlessly transitions from any position on the floor.

Add in skilled reserves like Jadie Elkins and Laney Hyder and the Grizzlies possess a high ceiling, in both league and state ratings.

"We have the potential to be a good scoring team and we have the potential to be a good defending team," said head coach Sean Coste.

Entering his 15th season at the head of the program, he anticipates yet another exciting year with the basketball

team.

"With our offense, these are plays they've been running for years. They understand and pick up things really quick. The execution is further along than I've seen in the past couple seasons," he added.

With an abundance of veteran experience, Boggs feels relieved accepting her role in the starting lineup.

"It strengthens my confidence even more. I feel like I can be a good leader of the team and help us find success," she explained.

Repeating as conference champions and qualifying for the state playoffs should be within reach, said Sorenson.

"We've got the talent and the grit to do it again," she noted.

Galan, for one, feels thrilled to play her senior season in the Grizzlies' new basketball facilities.

"It feels great to be in here. The new gym . . . it's really cool to be the first senior class to play in here," said Galan.

Mac christens its new gymnasium tonight at 7:15 against Hillsboro.

Bulldogs, Pirates, Warriors earns all-league selections

The News-Register staff

With Class 3A Special District 1 — West Defensive Player of the Year Cody Dyche leading the way, the Amity football team garnered 14 all-league honors.

Dyche, a senior linebacker, played all 11 games for the state quarterfinalists Warriors. He posted his third consecutive campaign of 90-plus tackles and pulled down four interceptions.

Joining Dyche, who also earned recognition at running back, on the all-league first team were tight end Josh Wart, offensive lineman Jacob Bernards, defensive

lineman Russel Brown and defensive back Keenan Graham.

Second-team Warriors were Brown, at running back, junior offensive lineman Ashton Pappas, sophomore offensive lineman Wyatt Yocum, junior defensive lineman Philip West, Wart, at linebacker, and defensive back George Hatch.

Honorable mentions included senior running back Dylan Nyseth and junior nose guard Dillon Smith.

Dayton football received seven all-conference honors.

Senior Payton Garrison placed on the first team as

both a wide receiver and defensive back.

Seniors Kody Fuller, a wide receiver, and Zeke Hodges, an offensive lineman, were both selected for the second team.

The Pirates' honorable mentions included senior defensive lineman Danny Garcia, junior defensive lineman Corbin Anderson and Fuller, as a linebacker.

Willamina wide receiver Bryce Mode was a second-teamer, while offensive and defensive lineman Austin Ash and linebacker Wyatt Baker were honorable mentions.

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Whatchamacolumn
Jeb Bladine: Try to remember: ‘Presumed innocent’ **B3**



Guest writer

Casey Kulla, a fifth-generation Oregonian, is Yamhill County’s newest commissioner. A Taft High grad, he holds a bachelor’s in biochemistry and master’s in forest ecology from Western Washington University. He and his wife launched Oakhill Organics, a farming operation on Grand Island, 12 years ago. They are also raising a young family. He believes the broadest possible participation in civic life makes for the best possible democracy and decisionmaking.

Charter options limited only by our collective imagination

“Here’s your chance to use your vision and imagination to help shape our county’s future.”

“Besides the sun, our creativity is the other essentially unlimited resource on the planet.” — contemporary American writer and ecologist Starhawk

When we imagine our future, we begin the process of making that future a reality. Without imagination and creativity, our future will happen, but not on our terms.

How can we design our future in our own image and on our own terms?

As a county, one way is to plan for the future. Another is to mold our government to reflect our priorities and vision.

Drafting a county charter enables us to simultaneously plan for the future *and* form our government in our likeness. So I am in the process of launching such an endeavor.

By default, our county is among 27 shaped by what Oregon statutes require and allow. We call these “general law” counties.

The other nine — Washington, Multnomah, Jackson, Josephine, Umatilla, Clatsop, Benton, Lane and Hood River — have drafted charters establishing alternative structures, missions and workings of their choosing. We call these “home rule” or “charter” counties.

Nearly every city in Oregon is governed by a charter of its own creation, yet it seems counties have been slow to follow suit.

One of the biggest benefits is allowing constituents to codify organizational structure in a way that makes it hard for future officials to change.



For example, in Yamhill County, we have a professional, appointed county administrator who hires and fires, manages the budget, ensures compliance with state and federal laws and directs the staff. He is, effectively, the operations manager.

But the position was created by ordinance. So a future board could eliminate it by a

simple majority vote at any time.

If residents appreciate a professional managing the county’s day-to-day affairs — and I certainly do, as it allows commissioners time to make well-informed policy decisions and build useful relationships with county constituents, county staffers and city and state officials — they

can establish the administrator position in a charter. That way, it can be changed only by vote of the people.

While the state gives counties great latitude in their affairs and decisionmaking, much of the flexibility is codified in state statutes. And like

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EDITORIALS

Time to move wayfinding from back burner to front

Three years ago, coordinated through the Visit McMinnville tourism organization, McMinnville launched a wayfinding signage project. Within a matter of months, the citizen group had awarded a design contract and raised \$36,000 to see the work through.

But it seems the process got mired in debate over design proposals to the point where the original enthusiasm drained away. At least, that’s the explanation we’re now hearing for the ensuing two-year hiatus.

A professional design group presented quality proposals, and sudden termination of the project was a mystery never fully explained. Perhaps it was a surplus of well-intentioned work by a citizen oversight panel that should have been reduced to a yea or nay on professional design proposals.

The ungainly, ill-tempered camel has been described as a horse designed by a committee, and there’s a lot of truth in that adage.

City Planning Director Heather Richards is now holding out hope that the once-promising project can be revived, to which we say, let’s roll up our sleeves and get going.

So much of the planning department

output consists of long-range studies designed to guide growth and development in McMinnville for the next 20 or 30 years. That’s all well and good, as sound planning is essential to good results over the long haul. But it lacks the tangible and highly visible short-term payoff promised by the wayfinding project.

We don’t want to see one abandoned for the other. But of late, McMinnville is long on overly abundant and complex long-range planning initiatives, and short on short term accomplishments.

The wayfinding concept is simple: Creation of a network of well planned, designed and sited signage, capable of guiding locals and visitors alike among the community’s leading attractions and facilities.

At present, we are making do with a random hodge-podge marked by large gaps. One of the most glaring examples is the community’s lone downtown parking garage.

A recent study identified the garage — a bare, gray concrete structure — as a seriously underused source of badly needed downtown parking. But there’s no visible indication anywhere that it’s a parking garage, let alone one offering free

parking to the public at large.

For a high-end wine country hub as tourist-oriented as this one, that’s a serious oversight. And unfortunately, it’s more the rule than the exception. At present, McMinnville is making virtually no effort to help visitors find their way around.

Which way to the airport? How about Linfield College or the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum?

In fact, it would be easy to zip through McMinnville on Highway 99W without ever discovering its unique downtown charm. We would hate to leave passersby with the sense there’s nothing more to Mac than an expanse of strip commercial development.

Visit McMinnville Marketing Director Kitri McGuire provided this description of the original wayfinding mission in the fall of 2016:

“Wayfinding is divided into two parts — aesthetic and functional. Both are important to address correctly to find the ‘sweet spot,’ where the signage blends into the environment, yet provides information at critical decision points.”

Time’s a-wasting. This is a project well worth getting back on track.

Legal ‘victory’ not a success for everyone

Lawsuits are like genies: Be cautious with your wishes, as they’re rife with unanticipated consequences.

That could be the moral of the story behind the \$1 billion a jury in Eugene awarded last week to 13 Oregon counties that believed they’d been cheated out of state timber revenue.

While the verdict was no doubt applauded in those counties, it doesn’t bode well for the rest of Oregon.

Think of it as suing your spouse. You won. Hooray.

But unless you’re planning a divorce, money for the settlement is all from the same source. Everyone suffers — you, your spouse and any children who happen to share your household.

And it gets worse.

The \$1 billion award is the largest in Oregon history. And while state officials proceed with an appeal that could ultimately move to the Supreme Court, interest is accruing. So every year the case remains under appeal adds another \$96 million to the potential tab to Oregon taxpayers.

“The ramifications to the state’s budget could conceivably be catastrophic,” state Sen. Betsy Johnson, who co-chairs the Joint Ways and Means Committee, told the Eugene Register-Guard.

The plaintiffs — Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Douglas, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook and Washington counties — could reap windfalls ranging from \$94 million in Washington County to \$332 million in Tillamook County. But all we get here in Yamhill County, or other counties not on the receiving end, is an increased financial burden.

The lawsuit undeniably addressed an injustice.

Burdened with timberland that had been logged bare or laid waste by wildfire, the plaintiff counties turned it over to the state with the understanding state officials would not only restore it to commercial use, but also share the resulting revenue at harvest time. However, expert witnesses testified three-quarters of the money often went to just three counties, and even then had to be shared with local schools, ports, libraries and fire districts.

Obviously, that wasn’t fair. Then again, neither is it fair that we are among counties that may have to spend millions helping fund the settlement instead of education and other local services. In point of fact, even the plaintiffs will have to foot some of the bill, chipping away at their own victory.

Injustice plus more injustice does not somehow magically equal justice. There must be a better way to modify the formula.

Unfortunately, the time for all concerned to sit down and reason together ended when the litigation started. Now there will be no winners, just varying degrees of losers.

READERS FORUM

Not the least Christ-like

I was dismayed last week to read in The Atlantic that some leading evangelicals and religious leaders believe this nation’s sitting president is a product of divine providence — God’s chosen one. But having read the New Testament, I must profess ignorance concerning the text they are relying on.

Jesus welcomed the stranger; this president builds a wall. Jesus fed the hungry; this president cuts poverty assistance. Jesus laid hands on lepers, teaching courage and love; this president spreads lies about leprosy-infected immigrants, instilling fear and hate.

Jesus and his family were political refugees; this president scorns them. Jesus taught that the image of God resides in everyone; this president promotes racist hatred against people of color. Jesus honored women; this president sexually abuses them. Jesus believed in truth; this president lies hourly.

Jesus preached forgiveness; this president is punitive and vindictive. Jesus preached peace; this president incites to and embraces violence. Jesus taught through the glory of God’s creation; this president seeks to lay it to waste. Jesus taught that ultimate authority rests with God; this president believes ultimate authority rests with Caesar.

Jesus embraced the despised, the disabled, the least among us; this president mocks, persecutes and excludes the marginal. Jesus taught dignity; this president degrades everyone and everything. Jesus taught humility; this president is a hollow braggart. Jesus taught the ultimate value of the spiritual; this president celebrates crass materialism.

Jesus taught service and sacrifice; this president embodies selfish narcissism. Jesus taught love of our neighbors; this president sows discord and division. Jesus was betrayed; this president betrays his oaths, legal contracts, marriage vows, constituents, Constitution and country.

Prominent stewards of a profoundly ethical and sacred message are pressing it into the employ of studied malice as a cudgel for Caesar against the least among us. It is a second crucifixion.

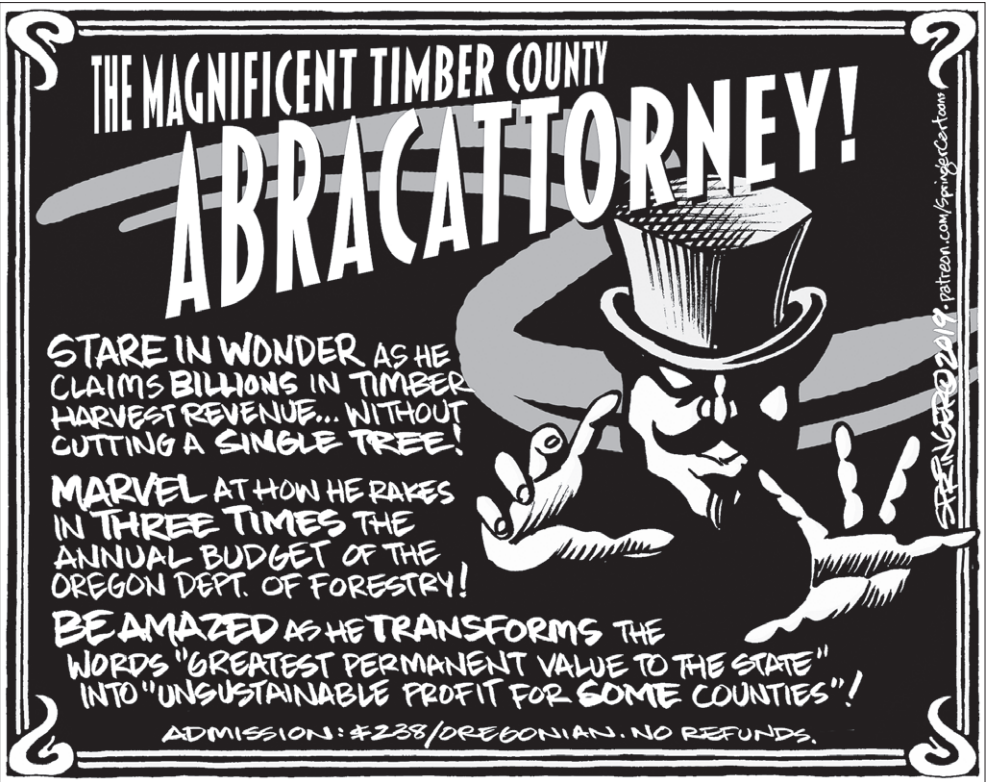
Steve Rutledge
McMinnville

Painted with Nazi brush

The thesis of the Nov. 29 commentary, “Europe’s far right inspired by Trump,” is that President Trump is supported by a neo-Nazi cult. In plain English, the piece paints Trump and his supporters as Nazis.

In 2016, the swamp painted Trump as Hitler. But back then, Trump supporters were merely painted as knuckle-dragging “deplorables.”

Now the swamp is painting supporters as Nazis. That’s the latest hoax in the swamp’s



desperate effort to unseat President Trump, following collapse of the Russia hoax and the Ukraine hoax.

Strange that the forces behind Trump-Russia paint Trump as Hitler, not Stalin. And they paint Trump’s supporters as Nazis, not commies.

Well, maybe not so strange — not if the forces pushing Trump-Russia are communists, fellow travelers or useful idiots. After all, is it not par for the course for communists to claim their enemies are Nazis?

During World War II, French communists held extra-judicial trials outside the rule of law. They eliminated anti-communists and others they deemed enemies by alleging Vichy Nazi collaboration. And today we have the sham scam impeachment hearings and the mainstream media. Far-fetched, you say? Just tune in to CNN. During a recent CNN interview, Anthony “The Mooch” Scaramucci compared GOP Trump supporters to “Vichy Nazi collaborators.” Later, Scaramucci backed off somewhat, stating, “They’re Vichy Republicans. I’m not comparing anybody to Hitler.”

But the damage was done. And I believe that was the intent. It’s worth noting that Scaramucci was White House director of communications for all of 11 days, from July 21 to July 31 of 2017. He was fired by President Trump.

Dan Katz
McMinnville

Sad chapter in our history

This is a terrible time for our country, whether or not one supports the president. Although many deny it, our country has been torn apart by this president, who evidently thinks of himself first, above all else.

Views both of support and opposition to Mr. Trump are so strong that people often react with hate to situations where they disagree, or perhaps don’t fully understand. If reactions are not well thought out, bad results will follow, both for ourselves and others.

I remember a time when Republicans and Democrats tried to work together to help make this country a better place. They tried to improve functions such as education and consider issues such as gun control.

When they focused on issues like health care, leaders attempted to help their constituents. However, it now seems we are so consumed with the president, in one way or another, this approach seems an impossibility.

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Everyone, especially in the two major parties, needs to work together to make things better. We need to move on from this chapter in our history, but also learn from what it has and will teach us.

Janet De With
Yamhill

Hoping to block carbon tax

The Merriam-Webster definition of a petition is a formal request to an official person or group.

Our recent petition for the recall of Gov. Kate Brown would have helped deter passage of HB 2020, the carbon cap-and-trade bill, in the upcoming legislative session.

But because of restrictions enacted by lawmakers, many petition signatures were disqualified and we fell short. This is just another denial of your rights as voters.

Disregarding scientific proof that man’s emissions have no effect on global warming, this lucrative and excessive taxation will be our doom.

It takes more than one to cause a change. We lose if we don’t act.

Mary Novak
Yamhill



VIEWPOINTS

“Democracy thrives when honest opinions provoke public debate.”

NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Overreach is the Achilles heel of autocrats

By MEL GURTOV
Of Portland State University

It seems just yesterday we were celebrating the democratic wave sweeping Europe in the wake of the Soviet Union’s collapse. It seems just yesterday tht we hailed the Arab Spring and its potential for democratization across the Middle East.

It also seems like just yesterday that we scoffed at the absolute authority of tin-pot dictators presiding over impoverished populations in the Third World. We thought it couldn’t happen in established democracies like ours.

Until it did, with a president who has systematically dismantled regulations that protect and promote human rights, pigeonholed scientists and other experts who defy his beliefs, trampled the Constitution and practiced in-your-face corruption.

Evidently believing he can act with impunity, Donald Trump has invited interference from three countries to assist in his election and reelection. His arrogance, lawlessness and sense of invulnerability seem to have no bounds.

Through all this, we Americans have been overconfident and all too accommodating, as though Trump’s war on democracy would inevitably be halted. In fact, it has happened here, and not just here, but also in Brazil, Britain, Hungary, Egypt and Turkey.

Democracies of one sort or another are in peril, as autocrats are increasingly coming to power. As a result, established authoritarian regimes in China, Russia and Saudi Arabia are

now looking to some like the wave of the future.

We’re living the Orwellian nightmare as institutions designed to check executive authority are being systematically undermined, national leaders are claiming popular support for rule by decree, social well-being is an increasingly irrelevant objective, and international norms such as consensus, community, conservation and human rights are being haughtily dismissed. Unaccountable government is increasingly the norm.

This nightmare, especially coming amid a climate crisis, is a recipe for global disruption and war, not to mention a disgracefully widening gap between the super-rich and everyone else.

In times of great uncertainty, fascism with a human face has new opportunities to take root. People become desperate about the future, suspicious of “the other” and eager for strongman rule.

Democracy drops in importance. Stability and order rise to the top.

“Ordinary,” a character in Margaret Attwood’s *“The Handmaid’s Tale*, says, “This may not seem ordinary to you now, but after a time it will. It will become ordinary.”

What’s the key to toppling autocrats? Relentless criticism does not seem to move the needle, but their blind ambition and ineptitude may.

Consider the damaging mistakes authoritarian leaders have made lately: Donald Trump’s Ukraine and China solicitations, Xi Jinping’s Hong Kong and Xinjiang repression, Boris Johnson’s no-deal Brexit, Jair Bolsonaro’s Amazonia fires and Vladimir Putin’s cronyism.

Their major errors of judgment and mishandling of events have resulted in dramatic displays of resistance in Hong Kong, London and even Moscow, as well as stoked worldwide criticism in the other cases.

To be sure, crackdowns on political opponents by Turkey’s Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Egypt’s Abdel Fattah el-Sisi and Hungary’s Viktor Orban have succeeded so far, Chinese financial power has silenced many foreign critics, and Trump has been able to cow his party’s leaders and fool his own supporters. But overreach often is what eventually does in dictators and would-be dictators.

The 2020 election in the U.S. may be a last chance to restore democracy and reestablish the nation as a beacon of hope. If we miss our chance, America will descend deeper into authoritarianism and become unrecognizable to those of us who remember what it meant to live in civil society.

Impeachment of Trump will happen, is necessary, and demonstrates to people living under authoritarianism that accountability and transparency are fundamental to a democracy. But only a solid triumph at the ballot box will do the job of removing a serial abuser of power.

Mel Gurtov, syndicated by PEACE-VOICE, is professor emeritus of political science at Portland State University.

WHATCHAMACOLUMN

Try to remember:
‘Presumed innocent’

Local financier J.W. Millegan will appear in U.S. District Court next week to answer federal charges that he systematically cheated investors and hid ill-gotten gains from the IRS.

The U.S. Department of Justice declined further comment about its 13-count indictment, which cited these basic allegations: Between 2012 and 2017, Millegan illegally “churned the investment accounts of 12 different clients”; between 2006 and 2016 he “willfully evaded payment of more than \$3.3 million in personal income taxes.”



Jeb Bladine is president and publisher of the News-Register.

A spokesman from the U.S. Attorney’s Oregon district said he could not confirm reports that Millegan is challenging a November 2017 search warrant which drew carloads of FBI agents to Millegan’s downtown McMinnville home. He also could not comment about the Millegan family hedge fund, created in late 2016 with reported initial investment sales of \$4.7 million.

However, we recently uncovered a previously unreported order from the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation in January 2017. The state order, still active but on hold, sheds new light on Millegan’s investment broker practices prior to the 2016 dissolution of his investment firm and his 2017 filings for business and personal bankruptcies.

State investigation was prompted by investor complaints, state and federal tax liens, and an arbitration judgment of nearly \$500,000 against Millegan by FINRA, a private industry regulatory authority.

The state found Millegan was “engaged in a manipulative, deceptive and fraudulent scheme” that “operated as a fraud or deceit upon the clients” and constituted “dishonest, fraudulent or illegal practices.” The order, which demanded civil penalties of \$275,000 and revocation of Millegan’s broker-dealer license, was placed on hold after Millegan filed for bankruptcy and the FBI launched its investigation.

During recent years, Millegan made himself a prominent local public figure. He waged a battle against federal agencies over development of an international equestrian center outside Sheridan; he was a regular citizen activist at city council meetings; he became an obsessive whistle-blower about alleged investment frauds by Steve Down and The Falls Event Center; he publicly and continuously assaulted the integrity of people at the city of McMinnville, Evergreen Aviation Museum and the News-Register, among others.

This brief synopsis can’t begin to encompass Millegan’s maze of legal entanglements, which could fill a book. Suffice to say, many people now watching this federal case are trying, with mixed success, to be mindful of the final paragraph from a terse Department of Justice press release:

“An indictment is only an accusation of a crime, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.”

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Charter

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county ordinances, state statutes can be modified or rescinded at the whim of the Legislature. What the Legislature gives it could just as easily take away.

For example, the Oregon Revised Statutes grant counties permission to change the number and mode of election for commissioners. That could be taken away at any time, unless codified in a charter.

A charter establishes local control over local matters. In fact, the state itself says charters are designed to establish “county control over matters of county concern.”

If we wanted to shape our county in a particular way to address a concern specific to us, we could do that. And the state would have to yield to us.

When we insert something into our charter, we prevent the state from attempting to regulate it. And that works both ways.

Sometimes the state attempts to pre-empt city and county ordinances. For instance, states have prohibited cities and counties from enacting plastic bag bans or enacting sanctuary laws.

On the flip side, counties can ban civil forfeiture for those charged with but not convicted of drug crimes, even if state statute makes provision for it. Local pre-emption represents a powerful tool for a county.

So how do residents of a county draft and adopt a charter? It’s a multi-step process, but we can do it.

First, we initiate a charter

“When we insert something into our charter, we prevent the state from attempting to regulate it.”

review committee, which can be done either by signature-gathering or by order of the county board of commissioners. The committee is empowered to hold meetings and invite testimony about the contents of a county charter. Eventually, it drafts a charter reflecting citizen desires and submits that charter to voters for approval.

Alternatively, a group of voters can draft a charter on its own and gather enough signatures to place it on the ballot.

Washington, Jackson and Josephine are charter counties that feature significant urban centers, but remain culturally rural and economically resource-dependent. We can take their charters, along with a model charter developed by the National Civic League, as guides for drafting our own.

The sky is the limit for what we can include in a charter. I mentioned codifying the role of the county administrator, but what else?

We could choose to elect county commissioners by district. We could increase the number of commissioners, something for which I have advocated.

We could change the mode of election by going to ranked choice or STAR voting for county positions. We could select a November-only election for these positions in order to reduce

the cost and maximize voter participation.

We could cap donations to candidates. We could retain paid positions or go to unpaid.

If county residents want their county counsel elected, as in Jackson County, or treasurer appointed, as in Washington County, they could do that through adoption of a charter. They could even create an independent, elected auditor to keep county government transparent and compliant, as in Washington County.

I will advocate for remaining with an elected sheriff, as this is a position I believe should be accountable directly to voters. A charter could so reflect.

Counties have enacted “community benefits” agreements for public construction and contracts. These preference local hiring, local sourcing and environmental sustainability, as in Lane County. We could include this kind of agreement in our charter.

What’s more, we could include a mandatory “look-back” every four years, to make sure our charter continues to work for us into the future.

If you have the time and interest to help draft a charter, get your imagination going and e-mail me at kul-lac@co.yamhill.or.us.

We have already held two informational and listening

sessions, one in Newberg and the other in McMinnville. And we are planning to hold four more in other cities around the county during the first two weeks of 2020.

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Chronicling life in the Yamhill Valley through the generations with the newspaper archives.

By MICHAEL HAFNER



[ABOVE] **December 3, 1969.** Valora Irwin of Sheridan holds bundles of kindling won as a door prize at the Soroptimist meeting this week. Wrapped kindling is being sold by the Amity Mid-Valley Workshop for the handicapped for 50 cents each and is available at Taylor-Dale Hardware. The wood is hard pine scrap trimmings from pieces used in toymaking, which the workshop manufactures. Ruby Tuggle also won a similar prize. Persons wanting the kindling may contact the store or the workshop toll free at 835-2031. They will deliver the bundles free of charge from the workshop. Margaret Reavis, workshop director, also said the shop sells kindling in larger amounts and that a green stamp for a Workshop bus has reached the half-way point.



[BELOW] **December 4, 1959.** State highway engineer W. C. Williams (third from right) snipped the ribbon Wednesday to formally open the new 99-W Bridge north of McMinnville. Earlier he'd opened the new Wallace Bridge near Willamina. City officials and Chambers of Commerce from McMinnville, Sheridan, Willamina and the 20 Miracle Miles Ad club participated.

[LEFT] **November 30, 1959.** McMinnville will join Sheridan and Willamina Chambers of Commerce, and the 20 Miracle Miles Ad club Wednesday in dedicating the new McMinnville 99-W Bridge and the Wallace Bridge. Cliff Elliott, president of the Alternate 99-W Road association; Forrest Garrigus, chairman of McMinnville Chamber roads and highways committee, and Chamber manager Norris Johnson are shown watching first traffic rolling across the new McMinnville span.



[ABOVE] **November 26, 1959.** Dayton police chief and city superintendent Jim Zupo is a busy man each fall when leaves start floating down from the lofty trees in Dayton's shady city park. Camera caught him tidying up around the park's Memorial Field.

[BELOW] **December 6, 1969.** "I've heard of dry clothes, but this is ridiculous!" McMinnville Fireman Gary Fink may be thinking as he helps extinguish a minor blaze at the Coin-A-Matic Laundromat at Highway 99W and N. Evans Tuesday morning. Fire started when someone put a plastic blanket into dryer and it caught fire. Lint also was ignited. Damage was estimated about \$50.



[BELOW] **December 1, 1949** Thanksgiving cheer for 20 families was included in these boxes of foodstuffs gathered by the social and welfare committee of McMinnville Junior High School. Patricia Hutchens, chairman of the committee, said the boxes contained meat and fowl enough for 11 families and enough other food staples were provided to give nine more families a good Thanksgiving dinner. On average 11 students collected enough food for each family served. The food was distributed to needy families on Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Red Cross officials provided names of needy families to which the foodstuffs were delivered. The Thanksgiving project of food distribution was begun two years ago.



[ABOVE] **December 1, 1949.** Presenting the keys of a new car for the American Red Cross to S. James Osborne, right, executive secretary of the Red Cross for Yamhill county, is C.N. Bennett, worthy president of Fraternal Order of Eagles, McMinnville Aerie No. 2159. The car was purchased from a special car fund started by the FOE as one of their projects. The fund was set up in 1944.

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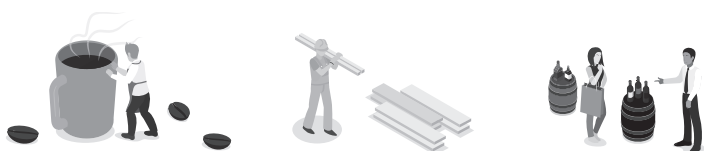
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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Fence style | — I — — — — | Small package | — A — — — — |
| 2. Greasy dirt | — — — M — | Complain | — — — P — |
| 3. On the mend | — E — — — — | Unpleasant tasting | — I — — — — |
| 4. Say "no" | — — — — S — | Prove wrong | — — — — T — |
| 5. Aromatic herb | — — — Y — — | Subject | — — — E — — |
| 6. Fail to recollect | — — — — — T | Faked a signature | — — — — — D |
| 7. Electrical jolt | — H — — — — | Artist's apron | — M — — — — |
| 8. First aid fabric | — — — Z — | Tire pressure tool | — — — — G — |
| 9. Penny material | — — — P — — — | "High Noon" star | — — — O — — — |
| 10. Subsequent | — F — — — — | Modify | — L — — — — |

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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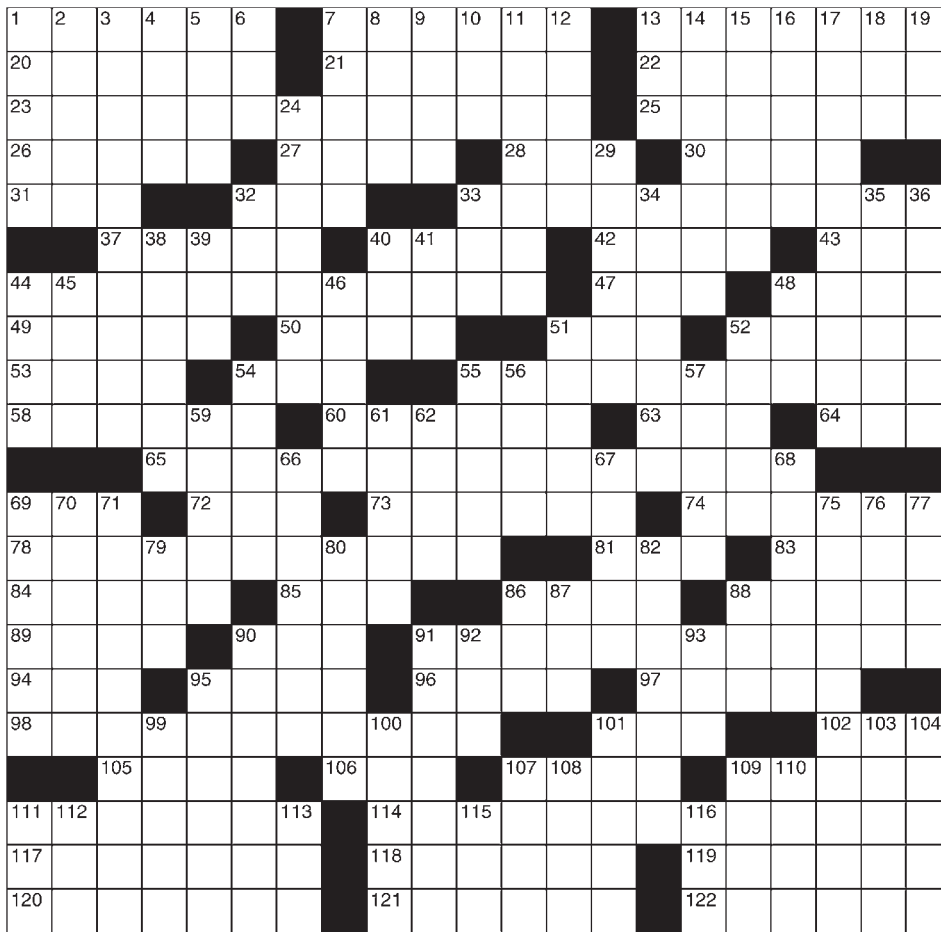
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- 1 Ones with two feet
7 Side roads
13 Forcible dismissal
20 Huge fan
21 Baby's noise
22 Like many reference books, in the back matter
23 Kia steered in the wrong direction?
25 Given a nice smell
26 Wrinkle-reducing injection
27 Troop group
28 Chinese "way"
30 Jai —
31 "— all true"
32 Concorde, e.g., in brief
33 Toyota damaged by fire?
37 Spaceship Earth locale
40 Volvo rival, once
42 —Pea (cartoon kid)
43 Caterpillar wheel part
44 Volkswagen full of Egyptian charms?
47 Seed case
48 "Don't look — that way!"
49 Sprayed (down)
50 News piece
51 Old Turkish title
52 Hunter in the sky
53 Revered figure
54 Superhelix material
55 Honda driven in anti-war protests?
58 Spanish for "tomorrow"
60 Collision
63 Busy crawler
64 Pro-learning gp.
65 Dodge made with no cables?
69 To a ship's back
72 Bicentennial baby, e.g.
73 Sleek fabric
74 Tennis' Edberg
78 Hyundai that transports
88-key instruments?
81 "The Addams Family" cousin
83 Cry weakly
84 Juan of Argentina
85 "Help!" asea
86 Ballerina's garment
88 "... but maybe I was wrong"
89 Work units, in physics
90 "Silent Fall" actress Tyler
91 Ford that's the favorite out of one's collection?
94 Master
95 Small inlet
96 Get over a hurdle
97 Savage
98 Nissan decorated with
101 Drink daintily
102 Hypothetical things
105 Animated "explorer"
106 With 35-Down, "Your wish is my command!"
107 Body wrap?
109 Italian "love"
111 Arise
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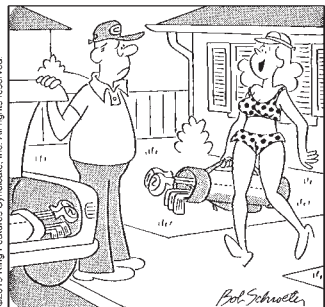
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12 Sunny?
13 That boy's
14 Crated up
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17 Dying out, as of species
18 Half a laugh
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29 With no assurance of payment
32 Blubber
33 Checking acct. figure
34 24-month
35 See
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36 Task list
38 Attorney-to-be's study
39 Lout
40 Picture
41 \$ dispenser
44 Thin wedge
45 Opus under
46 Online sales
48 Curve part
51 Use a tub
52 Band of eight
54 Challenges
55 Orzo, e.g.
56 Ovid's "Lo!"
57 Self-turmoil
59 Presidential resignee
61 Cousins of plateaus
62 Exam for H.S. juniors
66 Causing wear
67 Writer Loos
68 Camera-ready proofs
69 Entreaty
70 Savage
71 Hoped-for finish time
75 Worked properly
76 Baseball's Moises
77 Goalies guard them
79 Calculator figs.
80 Many works of fiction
82 Wind farm spinner
86 — Maria (liqueur)
87 Sports arbiter, for short
88 Flip — coin
90 Tracks down
91 It "corrals" a baby
92 Sports arbiter, for short
93 "Darn tootin!"
95 Run an exhibit for
99 Of musical pitch
100 Walk-in-the-park class
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107 — Valley, California
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SOLUTIONS ON PAGE B7



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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joint Sheridan/SW Polk/ West Valley Fire Districts Board meeting regarding adoption of ordinances updating their fee schedules. The updated fee schedules are designed to limit the fees to cost recovery for the district, with the goal of ensuring the emergency services remain feasible for the districts. There will be a public hearing at this Joint Board meeting. Copies are available at the Sheridan (230 SW Mill St. Sheridan, OR), Rickreall (275 Main St. Rickreall, OR) and Willamina (825 NE Main St, Willamina, OR) Fire Stations. The Joint Board meeting will be held at the Rickreall Fire Station on December 12th, 2019 at 6 pm. NR Published December 6, 2019

CITY OF AMITY PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a special council meeting on Thursday, December 12th at 6:30pm, at the Amity Community Center. Purpose of the meeting is for selection and approval of Water Reservoir contract bids and selection and approval of Emergency Water filter contract bids.

NR Published December 6, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application has been approved by the Yamhill County Department of Planning and Development: **DOCKET FT-08-19**, a request by Catherine Wright representing Anderson Springs LLC for a principal forest template dwelling. The parcel is identified as

Tax Lot 5436-600 and is located approximately 1300 feet south-east of the intersection of Walnut Dr and Cherry Dr, Amity. This application is being reviewed based on criteria in Sections 403.03(P), 403.09, 403.10 and 403.11 of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance. Interested persons may respond in writing by 5 p.m., December 23, 2019, to comment on, or to request the above application be considered at a public hearing. A request for a hearing must state the basis for the appeal and must be accompanied by a \$250.00. Dated December 6, 2019, by Ken Friday, Planning Director. NR Published December 6, 2019

DONNA'S DAY

KIDS & FAMILY DECORATING



Ask me for a few memories of Christmases past, and I instantly recall my dad on a ladder stapling multicolor strings of lights to the eaves of our house. Mom festooned the interior with swags of evergreen and fresh eucalyptus (we lived in Northern California) with gilded angels and shiny ornaments. Although my brothers and I decorated cookies and set up the manger scene, it was my folks who primarily created the holiday magic around our place.

In today's more relaxed style, why not bring the kids into the center of holiday decorating with you, and make the coming month a do-together season of creativity, entertaining and giving?

To get kids started, here's a whimsical centerpiece that combines a variety of objects to tell a story or suggest a holiday wintry theme to adorn a dining-room table or mantel. Look for a clear glass hurricane or a clear glass wide vase you may have tucked away in your storage closet. Then choose small holiday items and images that express the way you celebrate the season, along with nature finds. Then bring out stored ornaments, mini strings of battery-operated lights or candles.

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HERE'S THE STUFF YOU NEED FOR EACH ARRANGEMENT:

- One tall and wide (about 12 inches by 5 inches) clear glass hurricane shade, a similar size plain, clear glass vase, or a glass chimney tube (available at craft and discount stores)
- A tray, a large round plate or a wide, shallow bowl for the base
- Small keepsake holiday or themed items, toys, artificial greens or nature finds, such as mini pinecones and moss

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HERE'S THE FUN:

Arrange holiday-themed items in the center of the base, then place glass shade, vase or chimney tube over it. Set in the middle of your dining-room table, or wherever you wish to display it. Add greens or other decorative items around the outside of the base.

For example:

- Set a miniature decorative pine tree with tiny decorations dusted with snow in the middle. Around the outside, create a village scene with mini houses and figurines from your kids' toy bins or your ornament collection.
- School-age kids might enjoy decorating the glass by painting designs with permanent paint pens or acrylic paint in squeeze bottles.
- Set a pillar candle inside by itself and let the light sparkle through colorful flat-sided marbles that you glue randomly around the outside of the glass shade. (Use thick, quick-setting glue for best results.) When the candle glows at mealtime, it will remind your child that he or she was the one who placed the marbles just so!

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Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of McMinnville will hold a public hearing on the 10th day of December, 2019, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at the McMinnville Civic Hall Building at 200 NE Second Street in the City of McMinnville, Oregon, to take testimony and evidence on the following matter:
PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE BUILDING FEE SCHEDULE
The City Council will conduct a hearing and make a decision to approve, amend or deny the proposed amendments to the Building Fee Schedule. The fees are proposed to take effect on January 1, 2020. Persons are hereby invited to attend the McMinnville City Council meeting to observe the proceedings, to register any statements in person, by attorney, or by mail to assist the McMinnville City Council in making a decision. Copies of the proposed Building Fees can be found on the City of McMinnville website at www.mcminnvilleoregon.gov, or at the Community Development Center, 231 NE 5th Street. For additional information contact Heather Richards, Planning Director, at Heather.Richards@mcminnvilleoregon.gov or 503-474-5107. The meeting site is accessible to handicapped individuals. Assistance with communications (visual, hearing) must be requested 24 hours in advance by contacting the City Manager (503) 434-7405 – 1-800-735-1232 for voice, or TDY 1-800-735-2900. Heather Richards
Planning Director
NR Published December 3, 6, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application has been approved by the Yamhill County Department of Planning and Development: **DOCKET SDR-30-19**, a request by Ryan Grenell for approval of a site design review for the operation of a 500-gallon wine production facility (winery) within an existing structure. The application does not include an on-site tasting room. The parcels are identified as Tax Lots 5422-200, 5422-204 and 5422-205 and is located at 6457 SE Amity Rd, Amity. This application was reviewed based on criteria in Sections 402.02(H), 402.10(I) and 1101.02 of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance. Interested persons may appeal this decision by 5 p.m., December 23, 2019. An appeal must state the basis for the appeal and must be accompanied by a \$250.00 fee. Dated December 6, 2019, by Ken Friday, Planning Director. NR Published December 6, 2019



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MARKETPLACE



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That change in holiday travel plans might be more vexing than you'd expect. But try to take it in stride. Also, it couldn't hurt to use that Aries charm to coax out some helpful cooperation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine determination helps you deal with an unforeseen complication. And, as usual, you prove that when it comes to a challenge, you have what it takes to take it on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although a romantic theme dominates much of the week, all those warm and fuzzy feelings don't interfere with the more pragmatic matters you need to take care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Best not to ignore those doubts about an upcoming decision. Instead, recheck the facts you were given to make sure nothing important was left out. A weekend surprise awaits you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) No time for a catnap — yet. You might still have to straighten out one or two factors so that you can finally assure yourself of the truth about a troubling workplace situation. Stay with it.

VIRGO (August 23 September 22) News from an old friend could lead to an unexpected (but nonetheless welcome) reunion with someone who had once been very special in your life. Be open to the possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It might be time for a family council. The sooner those problems are resolved, the sooner you can move ahead with your holiday preparations. Don't let the opportunity pass you by.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Take some time out to give more attention to a personal relationship that seems to be suffering from a sense of emotional neglect. Provide that much-needed reassurance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up. That unusual circumstance that might faze most people can be handled pretty well by the savvy Sagittarian. Look at it as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone you believe has hurt you in the past might now need your help. Reaching out could be difficult. But the generous Goat will be able to do the right thing, as always.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Prioritizing is an important part of your pre-holiday scheduling. Try to give time both to your workday responsibilities and those personal matters you might have neglected.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With the vestiges of your anger about that painful incident fading, you can now focus all your energy on the more positive aspects of your life, including that personal situation.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing your own strong sense of reassurance to others and encouraging them to hope.

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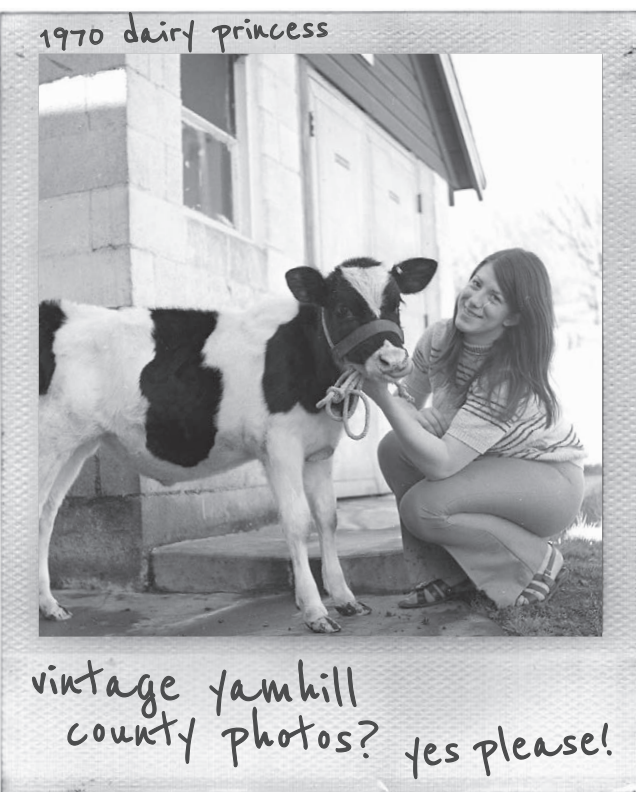
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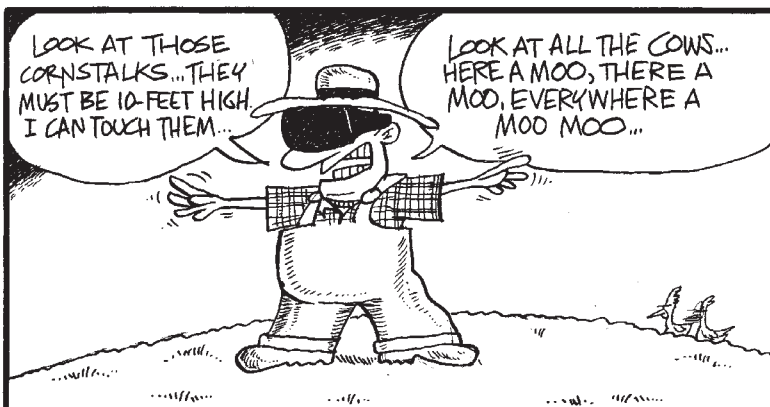
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| 4. Refuse, Refute | 9. Copper, Cooper |
| 5. Thyme, Theme | 10. After, Alter |

Super Crossword

Answers

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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

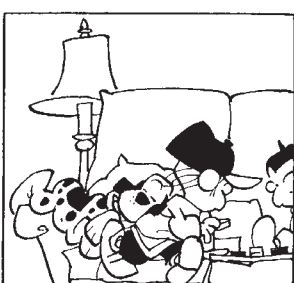
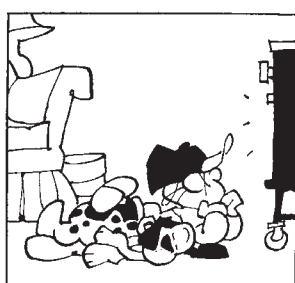


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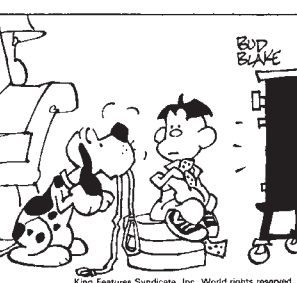
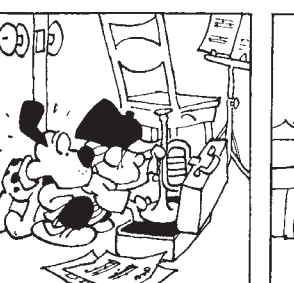
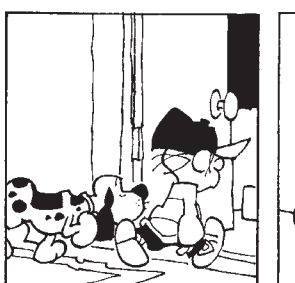
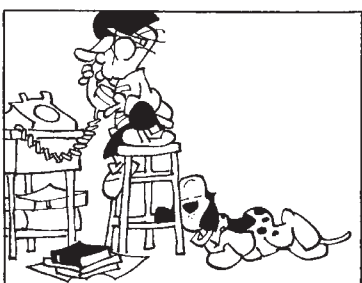


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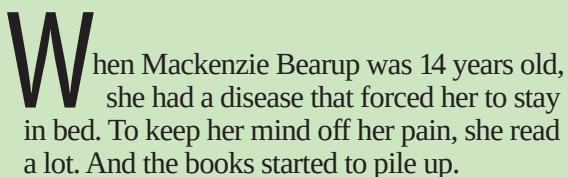


Kid Scoop Together:

I See What You Mean

Each word-picture puzzle has a meaning. Work with a parent to figure them out.

As we approach the Season of Giving, Kid Scoop celebrates young people who make a difference all year long.



Mackenzie learned about a home for abused children that wanted to start a library. She gathered up her books and asked her friends for book donations.

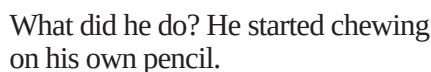
She gave the home enough books to fill their library. She reached out to other homeless shelters to see if they could use donated books. Today, she and her organization have collected over 55,000 books!

Use the code to find out the name of Mackenzie's organization:



Jemalle Williams was 11 years old when he saw a classmate named Carter being made fun of by other students because he was chewing on his pencil a lot. At first, Jemalle thought he would just ignore the kids doing the bullying. But after a while, he thought, “I should do something.”

“He was like the smallest kid in the class which made him an easy target,” said Jemalle. “I thought long and hard on what to do to get them to stop without drawing attention to my own weirdness. It finally came to me, I had a lightbulb moment.”



Then the kids started making fun of him instead of Carter. Jemalle said, "It didn't really phase me because I knew I had done a good thing."

Carter appreciated Jemalle's help and the two of them became friends.

Jemalle went on to write a book called ***Different yet Alike*** based on his experience. He illustrated the book himself and made copies to sell. He raised \$160 which he donated to his school to help with bullying education.

You can read Jemalle's book at the website **differentyetalike.com**

When Chase Hartman was 10 and Vance Tomasi was 11, they started the organization called **read.repeat.** to get books in the hands of those who needed them.

Find the path from the book to the shipping box.

"We learned that kids who own books do better in school," remembered Vance.

Since starting their organization, the boys have collected 110,000 books and distributed them to 200 locations in all 50 states.



Words That Give

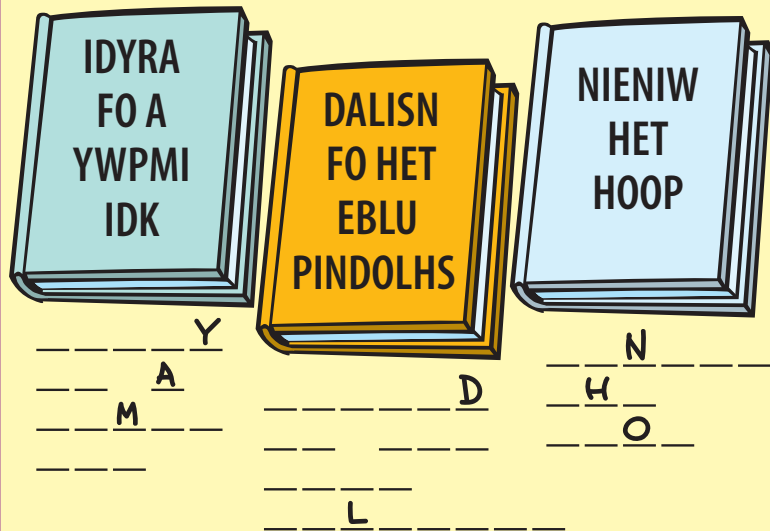
There are several words that mean something like the word to give.

Find the letters that spell each of these words on a page of the newspaper. Connect the letters to spell each word.

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GIFT**

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

BOOK LOVERS' PUZZLE:
Can you unscramble these book titles?



Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

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CHEW

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Letters to the Editor

Look through your newspaper for problems in your community. Can you and your friends come up with ideas to solve one of these problems? Work together to write a letter to the editor with your ideas.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



What did the crow starting a charity say?

ANSWER: "Will you support my caws?"

Receive or Give?

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