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She alleges the college knew about previous "inappropriate sexual conduct" by Jubb, that the school failed to take action, and that the assault caused emotional distress and "deprived her of access to educational opportunities or benefits" at Linfield.

She is seeking a jury trial and asking for at least \$550,000 in damages, including economic damages of \$250,000, non-economic damages of \$300,000, and punitive damages. She also wants the college to take steps to prevent sex-based discrimination and harassment, and to fully investigate such complaints.

Scott Nelson, director of communications for Linfield, said the college advised the student of her options when she reported the assault to officials,

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City attorney Koch 'out of the office'

The News-Register staff

McMinnville City Attorney David Koch is "out of the office," City Manager Jeff Towery told the News-Register.

Towery wouldn't disclose any other information about Koch's absence from city hall, saying only that local attorney Walt Gowell is handling the duties of city attorney for the time being. Gowell has not been hired on a full-time basis and is operating as an independent consultant.

City councilors held an executive session Dec. 10 concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Koch was hired by the city in September of 2015 and started the following January. Previously, he held several positions at the Port of Coos Bay, including CEO before accepting the job in McMinnville.

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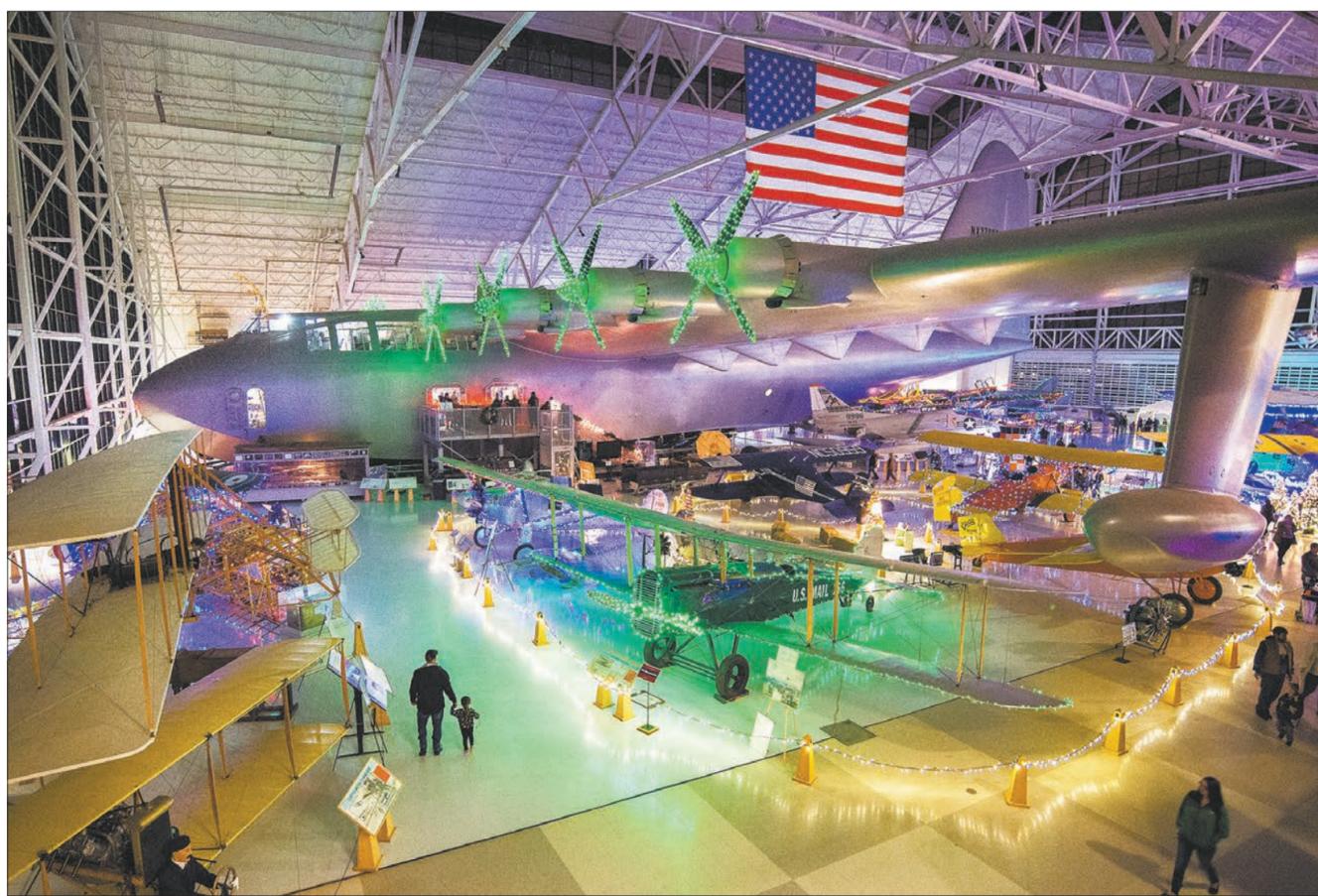
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David Rheinholdt and his 3-year-old daughter, Raygan, bottom left, walk through the Evergreen Aviation Museum's Holidays at the Hangar event Saturday night. Nearly three dozen planes are lighted. Marcus Larson/News-Register

Airplanes alight

Evergreen Aviation Museum is merry and bright for 'Holidays at the Hangar'

By STARLA POINTER
Of the News-Register

Military and historic airplanes are shining for Christmas during "Holidays at the Hangar" at the Evergreen Aviation Museum.

Nearly three dozen planes are outlined in lights of red, green and other hues. They include the Douglas A-26 Invader, the Ryan Spirit of St. Louis replica, the Consolidated PBY Catalina and even the Spruce Goose itself, which is dressed as a special

reindeer with a red nose, antlers and lighted propellers that seem to spin.

Visitors have been flocking to the indoor display and related activities since it opened over the Thanksgiving weekend, according to Rob Zeh of the museum. About 300 came out the first night, Nov. 30; 100 on the following Friday and more than 400 on Saturday, Dec. 7.

This is the first time the Evergreen museum has put on a lighted Christmas display.

Museum workers and volunteers are thrilled with the chance to show off the exhibits in a different way, Zeh said. And individuals and businesses have been supportive.

For instance, Adam Standridge, a financial adviser at the McMinnville office of Edward Jones, jumped at the chance to sponsor one of the planes in the Evergreen light show.

A four-year veteran of the Marine

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IF YOU GO

What: Holidays at the Hangar, lighted planes and activities

Where: Evergreen Aviation Museum

When: 5 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30 and 31 and Jan. 1

How much: \$6 adults, \$3 youth 3 to 16, \$4 museum members

More information: www.evergreen-museum.org.

City scraps its bag ban

State law supersedes local ordinance

By TOM HENDERSON
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McMinnville's controversial bag ban is no more.

The 2017 local law has been superseded by the passage of House Bill 2509 by Oregon lawmakers this year.

The new state law prohibits the use of single-use checkout bags except in certain cases. It also allows Department of Environmen-

tal Quality officials to impose civil penalties on non-compliant business owners of up to \$250 per day.

McMinnville's 2017 law banned non-reusable plastic bags for most items and imposed a 5-cent charge for most paper bags.

"While the League of Oregon Cities worked to grandfather regulations for cities which already had limitations on plastic, that effort was unsuccessful and resulted in a one-size-fits-all solution for the whole state,"

Towery told councilors in a memo.

He said city staff will likely have to communicate with businesses about the state law.

"There may also be confusion generated for businesses already used to complying with the previous city regulations," he added.

Councilors passed a new law Dec. 10 to mirror the state statute, replacing the 2017 bag ban.

The state law goes into effect Jan. 1.

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. 14th, 2:00pm at St. John Catholic Church, Yamhill; Wed. Dec. 18th, 7:00pm at St. James Catholic Church, McMinnville; & Sat. Dec. 21st, 3:00pm at Joyful Servant Lutheran Church, Newberg. For more info, visit www.cantatachoir.org.

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

DICKENS CAROLERS at the Chapel of Macy & Son, Sunday, Dec. 15th at 4:00pm. Join your friends and neighbors for caroling and refreshments. For information, call Macy & Son: 503-472-6151.

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Grizzlies fall to Liberty in league dual

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WEATHER

McMinnville area

TODAY



H 51
L 37

Light rain,
winds light and variable

SATURDAY



H 44
L 32

Cloudy,
winds light and variable

SUNDAY



H 43
L 35

Light rain,
winds light and variable

MONDAY



H 45
L 30

Partly cloudy,
winds light and variable

TUESDAY



H 42
L 33

Mostly cloudy,
winds light and variable

The sun

	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri.	7:43 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Sat.	7:44 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Sun.	7:45 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mon.	7:45 a.m.	4:30 p.m.

Local climate, past 7 days

	High	Low	Precip.
Thursday	52	35	-
Friday	49	34	.21
Saturday	48	40	.76
Sunday	52	42	-
Monday	49	36	-
Tuesday	44	42	.52
Wednesday	50	43	.33
Actual Dec. to date			1.95
Average Dec. 1-31			7.24
Actual year to date			25.07
Average year to date			35.76
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 5:30 a.m. Thursday:
High temp: North Bend 56
Low temp: Lakeview 32
High precip: Meacham 0.58
Source: National Weather Service

Local warnings

No advisories are in effect for Yamhill, Lincoln, Tillamook counties. **Source:** Weatherbug.

Tides at Yaquina Bay

	High tide	Low tide
Friday		
1:24 a.m. (7.9)	6:32 a.m. (3.7)	
12:28 p.m. (9.7)	7:23 p.m. (-1.2)	
Saturday		
2:08 a.m. (8.0)	7:18 a.m. (3.8)	
1:10 p.m. (9.6)	8:06 p.m. (-1.1)	
Sunday		
2:54 a.m. (8.0)	8:07 a.m. (3.9)	
1:55 p.m. (9.3)	8:52 p.m. (-0.9)	
Monday		
3:43 a.m. (8.0)	9:03 a.m. (3.9)	
2:46 p.m. (8.7)	9:41 p.m. (-0.5)	

GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Listed are meetings involving city government, county government and school district agencies in Yamhill County. To update information, call the News-Register at 503-687-1291 or email events@newsregister.com.

Conference Room, 434 N.E. Evans St., McMinnville, 503-434-7501. Informal session.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

Dundee Planning Commission: 7 p.m., city hall, 620 S.W. Fifth St., 503-538-3922.

Lafayette Fire Department: 7 p.m., fire hall, 486 Third St., 503-864-2451.

Newberg Downtown Revitalization Committee: 7 p.m., Public Safety Building, 401 E. Third St., 503-554-7788.

Sheridan School Board: 6 p.m., school district office, 435 S. Bridge St., 503-843-2433.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

Lafayette Planning Commission: 7 p.m., city hall, 486 Third St., 503-864-2451.

McMinnville Planning Commission: 6:30 p.m., civic hall, 200 N.E. Second St., 503-434-7311.

Newberg Library Board: 7 p.m. Newberg Public Library, 503 E. Hancock St., 503-537-1256.

Newberg Planning Commission: 7:30 p.m., Public Safety Building, 401 E. Third St., 503-538-9421.

Sheridan AllPrep Academy: 6 p.m. 339 N.W. Sherman St. 503-890-8938.

Yamhill County Board of Commissioners: 10 a.m., Room 32, county courthouse, 535 N.E. Fifth St., McMinnville, 503-434-7501. Formal session.

EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

Community theater: Gallery Theater's final performances of "Beauty and the Beast" will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the theater, at 210 N.E. Ford St., McMinnville. 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.

Christmas choir: The Community Christmas Cantata Choir presents "What Kind of Throne" at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13, at the First Baptist Church, 300 Flower Lane, Dayton. 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 ballet: The Oregon Children's Ballet Theatre and Lynn Marchant Ballet Theatre present the 49th annual performance of "The Marchant Nutcracker" at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Doug Anderson Auditorium at McMinnville High School, 615 N.E. 15th St. Admission at the door is \$15, or \$12 for students and seniors. Discounted tickets can be purchased in advance at Oregon Stationers. For more information or to buy tickets, call 503-472-4573.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

Holiday market: Durant Vineyards will hold a holiday market featuring the Barn Swallow Artists from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 15, at the tasting room at Red Ridge Farms, 5700 N.E. Breyman Orchards Road, Dayton. Admission is free. For more information, call 503-864-2000, email info@durantoregon.com or visit barnswallowartists.com.

Christmas choir: The Community Christmas Cantata Choir presents "What Kind of Throne" at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, at the St John Catholic Church, 445 N. Maple St., Yamhill. 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.

Gingerbread houses: The McMinnville Public Library is holding "Norma's Gingerbread Village," an event for families with children to build gingerbread houses, from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the library, 225 N.W. Adams St. The event is free, and the graham crackers, frosting and candies are provided. For more information, contact Rebecca Pearson at 503-435-5571 or libref@mcminnvilleoregon.gov.

Holiday bazaar: Vineyard Heights will hold a holiday bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the assisted living facility, 345 S.W. Hill Road, McMinnville. Vendor registration is free but required by Dec. 6. For more information, call Vineyard Heights at 503-435-1000.

Christmas parade: The Sheridan Christmas Parade is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, beginning at the Sheridan Church of the Nazarene, 917 S. Bridge St., and traveling down Bridge to the fire station. The parade will be followed by hot cocoa, caroling and photos with Santa. For more information, call 971-241-8629 or email sheridanchamberofcommerce@gmail.com.

Fun run: Relay for Life of Yamhill County's "Santa Hat Run/Walk" is set for a 10 a.m., with registration starting at 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, at Social Goods, 500 E. 1st St., Newberg. Registration is \$15. The 3-mile walk is family- and pet-friendly. Dogs must be registered for \$5 and accompanied by a registered participant. Participants are asked to wear Santa hats; red and purple outfits and costumes are encouraged. For more information, call Missie Kallunki at 503-970-4786.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

Holiday concert: Second Winds Community Band will present "Music For a Happy Holiday!" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the McMinnville Community Center, 600 N.E. Evans St. Selections will include holiday pieces including a carol from the Czech Republic and "Christmas Don't be Late" from Alvin and the Chipmunks. The performance will continue with the opportunity for the audience to sing Christmas carols with the band. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For more information, contact Carolyn Franklin at 206-949-4843 or Daniel.franklin3@comcast.net.

Holiday concert: The Dickens Carolers will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, in the Chapel at Macy & Son, 135 N.E. Evans St., McMinnville. Following the free concert, hot chocolate, cider, coffee and holiday cookies will be served. For more information, call Macy & Son at 503-472-6151.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

Safe medication: Oregon Care Partners will host "Safe Medication Use in Older Adults" from 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16, at the Red Lion Inn & Suites, 2535 N.E. Cumulus Ave., McMinnville. The class is designed for anyone who provides care for an aging family member or loved one, as

well as those who work in professional caregiver settings, public safety or social work. For more information, call 1-800-930-6851 or visit www.OregonCarePartners.com.

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Holiday concert: McMinnville High School choirs will present two performances of a traditional holiday concert at 6:30 and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the school, 615 N.E. 15th St. The concert will include carols, candles and winter songs. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from the student accounts office or at the door. For more information, e-mail Robin Pederson at rpederson@msd.k12.or.us.

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CORRECTION

Packets prepared by city staff for planning commissioners Dec. 5 were 856 pages — including a staff synopsis, legal documents and other information.

Also, comments about the Baker Creek North substation were made by Planning Commissioner Roger Lizut and not Roger Hall.

School board policy language draws criticism

By STARLA POINTER
Of the News-Register

A McMinnville School Board policy amendment regarding communication drew ire from some in attendance on Monday, but board members said accusations of secrecy are unfounded.

The board approved changes to several policies, as it does each month. Changes generally update the policies to reflect current practices or changes in state law, or to eliminate cumbersome wording or repetition.

One of the policies amended Monday night covers "community and parental involvement in decision making."

The board retained sentences saying "The board and staff will encourage full and open communication leading to the exchange of ideas and concerns between the community and the schools," and "Public input will be given careful consideration ... the first concern will be for the educational needs of students."

But the amendment removed a list of ways people might communicate, including "written suggestions or proposals, presentations at hearings, responses to surveys, comments at board meetings, service on citizens' advisory committees."

Those means of communication still will be allowed, district officials said. Parents and community members serve on numerous committees at the school and district level, as well as the budget committee, PTAs and other

groups. They can contact the district or speak at board meetings by filling out a public comment card.

Board members added that such communication is assumed in the broader language of the policy, which also says, "The board endorses the concept that community participation in school affairs is essential if the district and the community are to maintain mutual confidence and respect and work together to improve the quality of education for students. The board, therefore, commits itself to identifying the community's desires, obtaining feedback from the community and being responsive to community input."

However, several people who attended the meeting said they worried that removing the list of ways to communicate meant parents no longer could speak to the board. They said they've found it difficult to reach district officials by email or phone, and that their communications aren't always answered.

One parent asked to make her comments when the board was considering a vote on the policies. Board Chairman Larry Vollmer told her she needed to wait for the public comment period at the end of the meeting, instead.

She and three others did comment later, asking for transparency and responsiveness, and telling the district it needed to make more of an effort to notify parents about upcoming meetings.

The district notifies the news media, as required by law, and posts meeting schedules on its website and through individual schools.

At the end of the meeting, board chairman Larry Vollmer reminded the audience that board members are elected volunteers. Their duties are to set policies, processes and procedures, adopt a budget and hire the superintendent, he said, adding that the superintendent and administrators run the daily operation of the district.

Board members also are "the biggest cheerleaders for students and staff," Vollmer said.

It's disappointing, he said, to have some members of the public misunderstand and, perhaps, mistrust their efforts.

"There is no desire or intent to not communicate," Vollmer said. "The notion that we're trying to not communicate, to hide or be secretive, is not true. We're not trying to turn anyone away."

In other business, the school board raised the construction excise tax, which builders pay for new construction, as it does annually.

Starting Jan. 1, the tax will go from \$1.30 per square foot of residential construction to \$1.35; and from 65 cents to 67 cents for commercial construction. The district works with McMinnville, Lafayette and Yamhill County to collect taxes on properties within the school boundaries.

The construction excise

tax can be used for improvements, remodeling and building within the district. The district used money collected since the tax started in 2008 to improve Baker Field, for instance, in conjunction with projects paid for by the 2016 bond measure.

Also Monday, Superintendent Maryalice Russell and McMinnville High School Principal Amy Fast

announced the high school's graduation rate stands close to 91% and its dropout rate is at less than 1%, extremely good results.

Fiscal services director Susan Escure announced that enrollment is 6,673 students as of Dec. 1. That's 28 fewer than on Oct. 1; last year, the district lost 48 students between Oct. 1 and Dec. 1.

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Lawsuit

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"including reporting to the McMinnville police and/or having the college conduct a Title IX investigation."

Title IX was enacted in 1972 to provide equal opportunities for and end discrimination against women on college campuses. It also covers sexual harassment and assault.

Nelson said Wednesday the college had not yet been served with a legal complaint.

"Protecting students is, and will always be, our highest priority," he said.

Motis was the student representative to the board of trustees for the 2018-19 school year. She attended the board's Feb. 15 meeting and a dinner that followed at Michelbook Country Club. She said she also accompanied some of the trustees downtown after dinner to visit a bar.

Her suit alleges that Jubb insisted she accompany him downtown in an Uber vehicle, rather than going with other trustees. While they waited for their ride in the country club foyer, she says he told her he would take her to his hotel, the Atticus, after the bar and "end the night there."

She also alleges he grabbed her and pulled her against him. She said she stepped away and told him, "I feel like that's a little close," but he persisted and this time grabbed her beneath her skirt. She said she moved away again and told him "that's definitely not something I'm comfortable with."

Jubb left the foyer and another female trustee gave Motis a ride downtown. But the student said she ran into Jubb again at The Oak, where she sat across from him at a narrow table. She alleges he bumped her legs, pulled her chair closer to him and put his hand under her dress and touched her crotch.

The lawsuit says Motis left the bar at that point, and that she reported the sexual assault to McMinnville police. Within a week, she reported to the chairman of the board of trustees and to the college, as well.

She said the chairman, David Baca, assured her Jubb would be removed from the board of trustees. In June, he sent a letter to other board members, saying Jubb "was resigning due to health concerns ... Dave provided valuable service to the board and the college for many decades."

Linfield officials interviewed Motis about her complaint in July. The lawsuit says the investigation has not been completed.

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The couple enjoys trips to Disneyland as often as they can, watching their grandkids' sporting events, gardening, woodworking, and spending as much time as they can with family. They recently completed a month-long trans America trip to see famous sights and landmarks, visiting family and friends along the way. Tom and Nancy are grateful for the many blessings Our Lord has bestowed upon them, and they continue to give back to their community.



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Sparks status hearing held

The News-Register staff

The court held a status hearing on the progress of a case to reconvene a sentencing hearing against convicted murderer Jeffery Dana Sparks this week, but did not schedule further proceedings other than another status check in February.

The attorneys in the case are trying to work out how a change in Oregon law will affect the case.

Sparks was convicted in 1999 of murdering 12-year-old Lacey Renee Robancho, and sentenced to death. However, the Court of Appeals found that he hadn't received an adequate defense during the sentencing trial, and ordered a new one to be held.

In the meantime, however, his original attorney had died, and Oregon legislators had passed a change in the

state's laws governing the death penalty.

The new law added a provision that the murder must have been premeditated, and makes it retroactive in cases where a defendant is being re-tried.

The jury wasn't asked to find that the murder was premeditated, because it wasn't required at the time. As a result, Sparks is no longer eligible for the death penalty, and District Attorney Brad Berry told the News-Register in September attorneys are working with the state Department of Justice to figure out various legal questions that will affect how the trial proceeds.

Sparks remains in prison in the meantime.

Oregon has had a moratorium on executions since 2011.

Report outlines decades of sexual abuse at private school

The Associated Press

PORTLAND — At least nine former teachers and other staffers at a Portland private school sexually abused or groped students in the last 40 years, according to a year-long internal investigation commissioned by the school's board of trustees.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the explosive report listed complaints or allegations of abuse against another 12 former faculty members and coaches at Catlin Gabel that could not be corroborated. The exact number of victims may never be known.

Students and even teach-

ers who attempted to blow the whistle on the suspected abusers usually saw their complaints go nowhere. Three of the six former teachers and coaches named as abusers in the report were eventually forced out of their jobs.

Catlin apologized to parents and alumni in a letter it distributed Wednesday. "It is clear that Catlin Gabel failed on multiple accounts — in protecting students, in addressing the abuse, and in enacting change," the school said. "We profoundly apologize for the pain and suffering that these alumni endured. What happened is inexcusable."

PhRMA files suit against state's prescription drug laws

The Associated Press

PORTLAND — A drug company trade group has filed a legal challenge to Oregon laws designed to curb prescription prices.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reported Wednesday that the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America filed suit in Eugene against two bills that passed the Oregon Legislature with bipartisan support.

The trade group is challenging House Bill 4005, requiring drug companies to "report annually information to Department of Consumer and Business Services regarding prices of prescription drugs and costs associated with developing and marketing prescription drugs."

The group is also suing over House Bill 2658, which requires drug companies to notify the the department 60 days before substantial price increases on prescription drugs.

PhRMA executive James Stansel said in a statement that there's no doubt Oregonians are struggling to afford health care, but that the two bills do nothing to help them.

The suit is no surprise, according to Numi Lee Griffith, a health care advocate for OSPIRG, an Oregon-based nonprofit group that advocates for consumers' interests. She said the group tried a similar tactic in California after the Legislature there passed a transparency law.

OBITUARIES

LAVONNE LILLIAN EICHLER 1936 - 2019

Lavonne Lillian (Larabee) Eichler left in peace December 8, 2019, surrounded by loved ones, at Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville, Oregon.

She was born July 24, 1936, in Bassett, Iowa, to Virgil and Pansy Larabee. Her family moved to Oregon when Lavonne was age 6. She went to school in Yamhill, Oregon, where she graduated valedictorian in 1954. She married Philip Eichler in 1956. They had five children.

Lavonne will be remembered for her ability to work hard, long hours on the farm, and whip up dinner at the end of the day. With her "do-all attitude" and a huge heart, she loved spoiling her family with her craftsman skills, making handmade gifts of quilts, afghans, clothing and paintings.

She leaves behind her sister, Betty; children, Wilma, Kathy and Leon; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Lavonne joins in heaven her parents, Virgil and Pansy; brother, Bill; former husband, Philip; and her two sons, Alfred and Tony.

There will be celebration of life for Lavonne at 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 20, 2019, at the Amity Christian Church, 1305 Goucher Street.

Private interment at Amity Pioneer Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to: [https://www.fightingblindness.org/Arrangements by Springer & Son](https://www.fightingblindness.org/Arrangements%20by%20Springer%20&%20Son).



FRANCES M. TALLEY 1943 - 2019

Born to Thomas and Mildred Withycombe on February 18, 1943, Frances was the third generation born and raised in Yamhill. From teaching painting classes to working in sewing stores, she was always dedicated to crafting, and inspired those around her to create. Her bright and bubbly attitude will be remembered by her surviving husband, Gerald Talley; children, Kristine and Stephanie; step-children, Steven, Glenda and Cyndi; and grandchildren, Nichole, Brandie and Michael. Frances will be missed by those who knew her.

To leave condolences, please visit www.macyandson.com.



GLORIA J. CARTER 1926 - 2019

Gloria Carter, 93, of McMinnville, Oregon, died December 7, 2019, from a stroke. After living in the Portland/Beaverton area most of her life, she moved to Lincoln City for six years before settling in McMinnville. She had many different retail jobs, but finished her working career as a school bus driver. An avid Blazer fan, she and her husband had season tickets for 20 years and she loyally continued to watch all games. She is survived by her sister, Virginia Clow; son, Terry (Joy); daughter, Susan Peavey (Robert); grandchildren, James and Sarah; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, in 1995.

Many thanks to the great drivers and staff at Dial-A-Ride who helped her maintain her independence until the very end. Services will be private.

KERRY DUANE KINION 1964 - 2019

Kerry Duane Kinion, 55, died December 5, 2019, with family by his side, at Willamette Valley Medical Center. In January of 2019, he was diagnosed with lung cancer which had metastasized.

Kerry was born October 6, 1964, and lived in McMinnville, Oregon, his entire life. He attended Newby Elementary School, McMinnville Junior High School, and graduated from McMinnville High School in 1983. He met and married his high school sweetheart on April 20, 1987. They had three children together. He did not remarry after their divorce.

His hobbies and talents included music, aviation and making fine furniture for the family business run by his father. Kerry made and sold fine Kinion Furniture to appreciative customers all over the world who had a keen eye for the beauty, quality, durability and excellent craftsmanship of their chosen pieces that will be handed down for generations to come. Kerry got his pilot's license in the early '90s and flew his family to different places they enjoyed going. He loved to fly. He also loved music. He took drum lessons in high school from Brian David Willis, the original drummer for the band Quarterflash. Kerry became a good drummer and he loved playing in the band he and his friends had formed. Friends came to listen and to dance, and many still have fond memories of the times the band played. Some of the dear friends and original band members continue to bless others to this day through their musical talent.

Kerry was preceded in death by his mother, Sandra Kinion. He is survived by his father, Gary Kinion; his sister, Kimberly Kinion; the mother of his children, Denene Lake (Swanson); his sons, daughter and their spouses, Landon (Jessica) Kinion, Logan Kinion, and Jordan (Garrett) Harpole; and his three grandchildren and one more grandchild on the way. Kerry is also survived by his aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who loved him.

A private, family memorial will be held. Condolences may be sent c/o Macy & Son. Charitable contributions, in memory of Kerry, can be made to a nonprofit organization of your choice.



RUBY FLORETTA AKINS 1941 - 2019

On December 11, 2019, Ruby Floretta Akins passed away peacefully in her sleep.

Ruby was born March 8, 1941, to Glenn W. Carter and Flora Ellen Westner in Topeka, Kansas. After being introduced by friends, Ruby married the love of her life, Robert C. Akins, on May 26, 1957, in El Dorado, Kansas. They were married for 45 years before Robert passed away in 2002. Ruby is survived by her four children and Mavis Jolene Patterson (Dennis); grandson, Dennis, Robert Marlon Akins, and Janet Lee O'Meara (Rob); grandchildren, Jack, Jessica, Megan, Derek, Ashley and Mitchell, and Richard Michael Akins; granddaughters, Mercedes and Rachel; and a total of 14 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 14, 2019, at Pike Cemetery in Yamhill, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



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Homeless for the holidays?

Veteran and friend sell mistletoe on the street while he waits for a place to live

By TOM HENDERSON
Of the News-Register

Jared Madsen was a combat medic in the wake of the terrorists attacks of 9/11.

"I asked him if he ever had to amputate anyone's arms or legs," said his companion, Carolyn Restorff.

Madsen shook his head. "I preferred to keep them on the patient," he said. "I told them I didn't have that kind of training. They'd just have to keep their limbs."

Nowadays, it's all Madsen can do to keep his own life and limbs together. He's homeless and likely to remain so through the holidays. No Christmas tree. No turkey dinner. But he does have mistletoe -- for sale.

Madsen and Restorff sat at the corner of Highway 99W

and Northeast Grandhaven Drive earlier this week with a cardboard sign stating "mistletoe 4 sale."

Sitting down was the easy part, Madsen said.

"If it wasn't for all the kung fu I did back in the day, I'd have a rough time getting up," he said.

When Madsen said he began his military career following 9/11, he meant immediately. The terrorists attacked five days after he completed basic training.

"Was my timing perfect or what?" he said.

Madsen is not alone as a veteran facing homelessness at Christmas. According to the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, there are more than 1,300 homeless veterans in the state on any given night.

Nationally, the number of homeless veterans is roughly 40,000.

There are approximately 31 homeless veterans in



Tom Henderson/News-Register

Jared Madsen and Carolyn Restorff sold mistletoe this week at the corner of Highway 99W and Northeast Grandhaven Drive in McMinnville. Madsen, who said he was a former combat medic, faces Christmas without a home.

Yamhill County, according to the annual head count taken every January by staff and volunteers of Yamhill Community Action Partnership.

Both Madsen and Restorff live in Sheridan. Restorff said she has an apartment. "The vets people are helping him find someplace, but it takes time," she said. "It always takes time."

They decided McMinnville might make a better mistletoe market than Sheridan.

"We also decided to come to McMinnville because we both have a lot of appointments here," Restorff said. "We thought we could do this in between appointments."

Restorff brought her dog with her. "He's 11 years old, but he thinks he's a puppy," she said.

He proved to be a polished sales representative as he performed tricks for passersby, Madsen said.

"People may like the dog more than they like us," he

joked. "Then he ate one of the bags of mistletoe. We don't know much about the medical effect of mistletoe on dogs."

He stays in her car now, Restorff said.

A cousin of Restorff's late husband is a hunter and helped gather the mistletoe for them while he was hunting in the Carlton area.

"When we run out, we run out," said Restorff of their inventory of mistletoe. "We don't have anymore."

Supply doesn't seem to

be as much of a problem as demand just yet, Madsen said.

"We made about \$2 in an hour," he said. "Business has been what you might call touch and go."

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Top: Malia Flowers, 3, nervously asks the Evergreen Santa (Jerry Sauter) for an Elsa doll for Christmas. Below: During the Evergreen Aviation Museum's Holidays at the Hangar, planes such as the T-28 Trojan, left, and PBX Catalina, right, are adorned with colorful lights for the public to view. Marcus Larson/News-Register

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Corps infantry. Standridge chose the DC-3. "That plane has a lot of history," he said.

The DC-3, a two-engine, propeller-driven plane, was introduced in the 1930s as a passenger airliner. Also known as the C-47, it then was used extensively in World War II to carry troops and cargo.

"I love all the military planes at the museum," Standridge said.

Holidays at the Hangar is a good chance to introduce more of the planes to visitors, especially young people, he said, as well as to teach them about history and help support the museum.

Standridge also appreciated the opportunity to let people know about the services he provides at Edward Jones. A plaque with his name on it stands in front of the DC-3.

"It's beautiful," he said of both the plaque and the lighted plane.

When one of Steve Gale's fellow volunteer firefighters told him about "the world's biggest Rudolph" — the Spruce Goose with its red nose — he couldn't resist helping to sponsor Evergreen's Holidays at the Hangar.

Gale, who has volunteered with the McMinnville Fire Department since 1987, is the owner of Gale's Towing, which offers towing services throughout the county. He said he is always glad to support the aviation museum, as well as the fire department, Little League and other organizations.

"The museum is an important part of this community," he said. "When you come into town on Highway 18, that's the first thing you see."

The museum is a special place to him personally, as well. He and his wife even renewed their vows in the

Spruce Goose on their 20th wedding anniversary.

This month, they have enjoyed seeing Holidays at the Hangar. "Pretty cool," Gale said.

Visitors have 10 more chances to view the lights: from 5 to 9 p.m. the Fridays and Saturdays of Dec. 13-14 and 20-21, with additional shows from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Dec. 22-23; Friday, Dec. 27; and Sunday through Wednesday, Dec. 29-Jan. 1.

The event also includes photo opportunities, activities such as corn hole and face painting, a chance to write letters to troops and storytelling. Santa will be on hand, too.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 3 to 16, and \$4 for museum members.

Snacks, such as Mac Daddy Donuts, will be available for purchase. And the flight simulator will be open for an additional charge of \$8 general or \$6 for members.

Local farmer Barbara Boyer files to run for commissioner

The News-Register staff

Farmer Barbara Boyer, who has chaired the Soil and Water Conservation District's board of commissioners since 2012, has joined the race for Yamhill County commissioner.

She was elected to the district's board in 2004.

Boyer also serves on the State Board of Agriculture, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission. She is a member of the group working with Commissioner Casey Kulla to consider adopting a county charter, with the goal of then expanding the board of commissioners from three members to five.

She and her husband farm his family's century farm, producing local hay and a small Community Supported Agriculture program. She co-founded the McMinnville Farmers Market and managed it from 2001 to 2012.

Boyer will be running against county budget committee member Lindsey Berschauer of Carlton, for the seat currently held by Commissioner Rick Olson.

Olson has not yet announced whether he plans to run for re-election.

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Council opts for hearing on Baker Creek development

By TOM HENDERSON
Of the News-Register

City councilors decided this week to hold a public hearing at their Tuesday, Jan. 14, meeting on the proposed 280-home Baker Creek North subdivision.

The McMinnville Planning Commission approved requests from Stafford Land Company developers Dec. 5 to clear the path for the project. Commissioners' decision came after a public hearing where only three people voiced concerns.

City councilors have no legal obligation to hold a public hearing prior to making a final decision to accept or reject commissioners' recommendations.

However, councilors Remy Drabkin, Zack Geary and Adam Garvin all voiced support for a public hearing on principle. As a matter of policy, Drabkin said, it's important to give local residents a chance to speak.

The subdivision will also likely be addressed during the Tuesday, Jan. 21, council meeting -- the last opportunity councilors will have to make their decision before a Feb. 8 legal deadline.

Executives at Stafford are developing 84 acres south of Baker Creek Road, near its intersection with Hill Road, totaling 207 lots and a 3.4-acre area for 70 apartment units.

Those parcels are Baker Creek East and Baker Creek West.

The next planned development, Baker Creek North, covers approximately 70.24 acres of land. Stafford executives want 48.7 acres to be zoned as single-family residential for the 280 homes, 6.62 acres to be zoned as general commercial multifamily residential and 14.92 acres to be zoned for a public park.

Specifically, developers want councilors to approve

the planning commission's recommendation to:

- Reduce the size of the commercial zone in the southwestern portion of the site — resulting in 4.76 acres of existing commercial land being converted to residential.

- Change existing single-family residential and exclusive farm-use zoning to create 6.62 acres of general commercial and 48.7 acres of multifamily residential.

- Allow 6.62 acres for multifamily housing and two acres for neighborhood commercial uses.

- Allow the development of 280 single-family homes on the 48.7-acre parcel.

- Allow for a 10-phase subdivision with a total of 280 single-family homes.

- Review the landscaping proposed on open spaces within the subdivision as well as the plan for trees along the street in planter strips.

Man arrested on dozens of child sex abuse charges

The Associated Press

PORTLAND — A man was arrested last week on dozens of child sex abuse charges, some of which date back to 1994.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports Michael William Hern has pleaded not guilty to 26 counts related to the sexual abuse of at least six children, who were between 4 and 15 years old at the time of the alleged abuse.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office began investigating Hern in July after someone reported him. Hern had been investigated for sex crimes in 2005, but prosecutors at the time decided not to charge him, said Deputy Brian van Kleef.

Van Kleef said when new allegations surfaced, the DA's office reopened the investigation from 2005. He says detectives found several

new alleged victims.

Hern, 42, is from Washington County but hasn't had a stable address. Authorities say he has also lived in Yamhill County. Van Kleef said the alleged victims were known to Hern, and many were in homes he stayed in.

Van Kleef said detectives believe there may be more victims. Anyone with information is asked to call 503-846-2500.

MHS choirs to perform

The News-Register staff

McMinnville High School choirs will sing seasonal music when they perform Wednesday, Dec. 18.

The Concert Choir, Advanced Women's Ensemble and Symphonic Choir will perform at 6:30 p.m. and repeat the same show at 8 p.m. Both performances will be in the school auditorium.

Admission is \$5 in

advance or at the door.

Robin Pederson will direct the choirs, which will sing favorites such as "Carol of the Bells," "White Christmas" and "It's Time for Winter." Each concert will conclude with student singers surrounding the audience as they perform "Peace, Peace" and "Silent Night."

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ARRESTS & CITATIONS

OREGON STATE POLICE

Gregory Michael Kulick, 39, of Sheridan, Dec. 11, probation violation; booked into Yamhill County Jail without bail.

Terra Nicole Rust, 29, of Sheridan, Dec. 11, reckless driving, two counts of reckless endangering another person; booked into Yamhill County Jail on \$15,000 bail.

MCMINNVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stephen Christopher Burns, 35, of Willamina, Dec. 10, first-degree theft, two counts of second-degree theft; booked into Yamhill County Jail on 45,000 bail.

YAMHILL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Robert Wayne Wendling, 31, of Dayton, Dec. 10, warrants for criminal trespass, failure to appear; booked into Yamhill County Jail on \$5,000 bail.

Nazari Vasilich Cam, 46, of Woodburn, Dec. 10, driving under the influence of intoxicants, criminal driving while suspended, reckless driving, five counts of recklessly endangering another person; booked into Yamhill County Jail without bail on a hold from another jurisdiction.

Lisa Marie Parry, 43, of Woodland, Washington, Dec. 10, failure to comply warrant for five counts of contempt of court, failure to appear warrant; booked into Yamhill County Jail on \$10,000 bail.

Chelsie Marie Kelley, 32, of Florence, Dec. 10, failure to appear/unlawful possession of methamphetamine, first-degree failure to appear; booked into Yamhill County Jail on \$5,000 bail.

Jason William White, 48, of McMinnville, Dec. 11, driving under the influence of intoxicants; booked into Yamhill County Jail, then released.

Mark Albert Kirksey, 59, of Grand Ronde, Dec. 11, driving under the influence of intoxicants; booked into Yamhill County Jail, then released.

Thomas Glenn Anderson, 31, of Carlton, Dec. 11, three counts of recklessly endangering another

person, driving under the influence of intoxicants; booked into Yamhill County Jail, then released.

Travis Michal Lake, 30, transient, Dec. 11, probation violation, possession of weapons by certain felons, unlawful possession of methamphetamine; booked into Yamhill County Jail without bail.

Tommy Markius Cornell, 29, of McMinnville, Dec. 11, probation sanction, McMinnville hold, unauthorized use of a vehicle; booked into Yamhill County Jail without bail.

NEWBERG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jared Vern Hansen, 29, homeless, Dec. 11, criminal driving while suspended or revoked; booked into Yamhill County Jail, then released.

Mauricio Leon Vazquez, 19, of Newberg, Dec. 11, criminal mischief in the first degree, two counts of criminal mischief in the second degree; booked into Yamhill County Jail, then released.

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City, Visit McMinnville to redraw agreement

By **TOM HENDERSON**
Of the News-Register

McMinnville city councilors on Tuesday green-lighted a new round of contract negotiations with tourism agency Visit McMinnville, targeting a new agreement to take effect July 2021.

City Manager Jeff Towery plans to form a task force, with members of the Visit McMinnville board and other local residents, to examine how lodging taxes are spent and make recommendations to the council.

In the meantime, Visit McMinnville will continue to receive about 70% of lodging tax revenue to continue its current level of marketing activities, Towery said.

Councilor Remy Drabkin objected to the move.

"It certainly isn't at all reflective of the direction that I felt we were moving in as a council or as a city," she said of the proposed renegotiated contract.

She said Towery and her fellow councilors are "interrupting the work that's happening with an organization that's currently, whether or not you like the impact of tourism, having a broad positive economic impact on our area."

Under state law, local governments must use 70% of lodging tax revenue on tourism related purposes. The remaining 30% can be placed in a city's general fund. Visit McMinnville has received most of the 70% since the organization was created four years ago.

Councilors discussed reconsidering how that 70% is used during the budget process earlier this year.

Councilor Sal Peralta has frequently stated a portion of the money should fund improvements at the McMinnville Municipal Airport or on projects to mitigate negative effects of tourism.

He conflicted sharply with Drabkin at Tuesday's council meeting, noting that the existing contract is set to expire anyway.

"I just think this is a false dilemma you've set up here," he told Drabkin.

While tourism promotion is important, Peralta said, "I also believe the legislative authority we have allows us to use those monies on capital projects, and I think we should be considering that use."

There is a negative side to tourism, he added.

"As much as it is valuable to our community, and it's important we have a strong tourism presence, I also feel like it comes with a cost — that cost being gentrification, that cost being people who have lived in this community for years not being able to afford houses here because it's such an attractive destination for people with significantly more means," Peralta said.

"I'm just concerned that we're moving so far to catering to higher-end folks, tourists from out of the community that we're not doing enough to help folks locally," he said.

Towery told councilors a new contract is not being forced on Visit McMinnville.

"It's important to understand that this is a joint proposal being made by the Visit McMinnville board of directors and city staff," Towery said. "This isn't a city staff-driven direction. We've been trying to work in a collaborative manner to come up with this concept to be responsive to what we've heard over the course of a series of budget conversations and work sessions."

The city is not ending its relationship with Visit McMinnville, he added.

"In fact, we're negotiating a new three-year agreement with Visit McMinnville and preserving the ability of Visit McMinnville to continue its good work in economic development," he said.

Erin Stephenson, who chairs the board of Visit McMinnville, said leaders of the organization would not have asked for a renegotiated contract if not for feedback from city officials.

Yet, she and fellow board members have no problem renegotiating a new contract a year ahead of schedule,

Stephenson said.

"This is a dialogue and a partnership," she said. "I personally view the proposal in front of council as a broad framework in which to start a conversation less than it is a specific path toward a new conversation."

She added, "There are no sacred cows. We went through a fantastic process, a very thorough process, four years ago to create Visit McMinnville. That doesn't mean we can't have an ongoing dialogue and conversation about the most effective ways to spend these dollars with the parameters that are laid out for us within the law."

Stephenson nonetheless said Visit McMinnville is making good use of lodging tax revenue. "We feel we're doing the most effective job humanly possible with these dollars," she said.

Drabkin said Stephenson's remarks only reinforce her impression that the contract renegotiation is being foisted upon Visit McMinnville by city officials.

"To me, that sounds like this recommendation is a response to direction from council," said Drabkin. "I guess what I'm saying is I don't think council gave this direction."

She doesn't mind rethinking the way some lodging tax revenue is spent, she added. "What's alarming to me here is the methodology of ending a contract early," she said.

"The idea of diverting resources from an organization that's creating a lot of economic growth, not just for our city but within our city budget, is very concerning to me," Drabkin said.

Towery said the negotiation process would allow city and Visit McMinnville officials time to carefully plan alternative uses for lodging tax dollars while permitting the organization to continue its work.

"We think it's prudent to negotiate a three-year agreement that gives us time to both define that work, hire consultants, perform and analyze the work and initiate

implementation," he said.

Council President Kellie Menke said she likes the idea of renegotiating the contract now rather than waiting a year. Given councilors' comments on lodging taxes, she said, Visit McMinnville officials have been laboring under considerable uncertainty.

"They've been doing the best they can, and they shouldn't have to deal with this uncertainty," Menke said.

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- Code violations.
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The last item is reminiscent of the \$1,500 fine the council approved in October last year on care centers for making unnecessary emergency calls. However, Leipfert said, a new fine would be different.

"We wanted to make sure that before we move forward with any way, shape or form of that, that we were seeking legal counsel on what was appropriate and what wasn't appropriate according to our new charter amendment," he said.

Leipfert said he and other fire officials looked at cost-recovery measures in effect in Springfield, Gresham, Albany, Lake Oswego, Eugene, Portland, Corvallis and Ashland.

"Every one of these municipalities within Oregon does one, some or all of these items," he said.

Mayor Scott Hill and Councilor Adam Garvin objected to charging for firefighters to review fire prevention plans.

"I'd have a hard time charging for fire prevention," Garvin said. "I just think if we're being proactive and we're preventing something, to me, that would be the last place to start to increase fees. Taking care of the bad apples is really the top priority."

He agreed with Councilor Sal Peralta that the fire department should examine presenting voters with a broader public safety levy.

Leipfert told councilors the fire department's budget includes \$100,000 originally anticipated to be collected by requiring care center operators to obtain specialty business licenses.

That money is now gone with the passage of the charter amendment.

Peralta said the department faces much bigger problems

"For many years, McMinnville just simply hasn't been charging for things that they should in the way of planning and prevention and things like that other towns do."

City Council President Kellie Menke

with an overall budget shortfall in excess of \$1 million.

"A million out of the general fund to provide these services, and this will recover \$100,000 of that," he said of potential new fees. "I think we should consider a levy. I think we should consider it on a short-time scale. I think we should do it ahead of districting. I think we need to address the shortfall in a much bigger way than this proposal would address it."

"Districting" refers to city officials' plans to eventually merge the McMinnville Fire Department into a regional fire district. Until that happens, Peralta said, the department's budget and personnel problems must be addressed.

"I think this may be a part of the solution, but I don't see it as the whole solution, and I feel that districting is going to take too long to get to address what I see as a critical shortfall," he said of new fees.

Peralta also advised looking at cost-recovery measures, but moving slowly and working with interested parties. Councilors were criticized after passing the care center law last year for not consulting care center operators and other involved parties.

"We don't want to go down that same rabbit hole again," Peralta admonished.

Council President Kellie Menke said she's comfortable with looking at new or increased fees.

"For many years, McMinnville just simply hasn't been charging for things that they should in the way of planning and prevention and things like that other towns do," said

Menke. "I think we need to approach this carefully and do a lot of talking."

Hill said he's not interested in talking about a levy while new fees are being considered. Peralta responded that he would like to poll councilors at a future meeting on how they feel about a levy.

"We need to move more quickly," he said. "I appreciate the desire to recover \$100,000 in costs, but we're looking at a \$1.4 million shortfall. I just don't feel that we're doing enough."

Menke disagreed. "Basically, all we're asking for is cost recovery when it comes down to the bottom line on this," she said. "Although I'm well aware of the issues of the shortfall at the fire department and the concern over staffing issues, I'm still not quite ready for a levy personally."

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Annual Holiday Stroll planned downtown

The McMinnville Downtown Association holds its annual Holiday Stroll Saturday, Dec. 14, along Third Street.

Carriage rides run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning at the Hotel Oregon at Third and Evans streets. A drawing for prizes will be held at 2 p.m.

Items at the MacHabitat ReStore, 1040 S.E. First St., will be 50% off all day. Hopscotch Toys at 103 S.E. Baker St. offers 10% discounts to customers who bring Downtown Association fliers.

Boho Yoga at 828 S.E. First St. hosts a free yoga class for teens from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. A Kirtan yoga event, in collaboration with Near East Yoga Studio in Portland, runs from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.

Harvest Fresh Grocery & Deli, 251 N.E. Third St., hosts a performance by Mello Cello from 1 to 3 p.m. The McMinnville High Twirlers perform Christmas carols from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. at Mes Amies, 522 N.E. Third St.

Award donated to nonprofit

Ryan Lewis and Andrea Langeliers, the owners of Roby's Furniture & Appliance, have given the \$1,000 they won as the recipients of the Oregon Bankers Association's 2019 Community Applause Award to Juliette's House in McMinnville.

The money will help the nonprofit organization confront child abuse in the region.

The award is presented by the bankers association and Oregon Business magazine. Kyle Faulk, the vice president of the association and McMinnville branch manager of Citizens Bank, nominated the brother-and-sister management team.

"The Lewis family is driven by the desire to improve people's lives and the communities

in which they live and work," Faulk said in his nomination. "They do not seek recognition, but they should absolutely be applauded for their commitment to making a positive change."

Lewis and Langeliers operate Roby's Furniture stores in McMinnville, Astoria, Lincoln City, Newport, Florence and Tillamook.

The family-owned business dates back to 1950. Lewis and Langeliers are third-generation owners. They hold "On Serve Day" when the stores close, and they pay their 75 employees to help organizations in their communities.

Class planned on medication

Oregon Care Partners hosts a class called "Safe Medication Use in Older Adults" from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at the Red Lion Inn & Suites, 2535 N.E. Cumulus Ave.

The free class is designed for anyone who cares for an aging Oregonian to learn about safe medication uses, pain management and medication reviews.

The class is sponsored by the Oregon Health Care Association and the Alzheimer's Association in partnership with the State of Oregon.

To register, go to www.OregonCarePartners.com. For more information, call 1-800-930-6851.

Greeters events

McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce leaders host a greeters event from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at WorkSource Oregon, 370 N.E. Norton Lane.

Newberg's Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce leaders host a greeters event from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at Barn Door Brewing, 1174 Highway 99W, Dundee.

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

County settles with Metro West

By NICOLE MONTESANO
Of the News-Register

Yamhill County commissioners on Thursday approved a settlement with the ambulance company Metro West, but first they took time to honor employees celebrating anniversaries with the county, in five-year increments.

Among those honored for their five-year anniversaries was Marybeth, the golden retriever who works for the District Attorney's office as a comfort animal for victims in criminal cases. Commissioner Mary Starrett presented Marybeth with a new toy and a soft blanket, in lieu of the T-shirts, water bottles and the like given to the human employees.

The lawsuit settlement with Metro West comes after two years of litigation.

In 2017, Yamhill County joined with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and

the city of Newberg to sue the ambulance company, alleging it was doing non-emergency patient transports between medical facilities in the city in violation of the county's ambulance service plan, which gives first right of refusal to local fire districts.

The plaintiffs accused Metro West of costing the city about \$623,000 in lost revenue, and TVF&R about \$169,000, and asked for \$1 million in damages. They said Metro West had ignored numerous cease and desist letters. The city of McMinnville later joined in.

Metro West denied violating the county's ambulance service plan and began threatening to counter sue.

The case was scheduled for trial in Dec. 2018 and again last May, but both were canceled, along with a hearing on a motion for

summary judgment.

This week, commissioners were presented with a proposed settlement agreement.

The settlement allows Metro West to provide non-emergency transports under its existing contracts with three companies that own nursing homes or assisted living facilities in the county. It states that Metro West may renew those contracts, but it may not seek new contracts with other companies, without permission from the county.

It also states that Metro West may continue to provide non-emergency transports under its existing contract with Providence Health System, and lays out rules for how ambulances will be dispatched to and from Kaiser facilities. It makes Metro West the next ambulance provider to be called if the local agencies decline a call.

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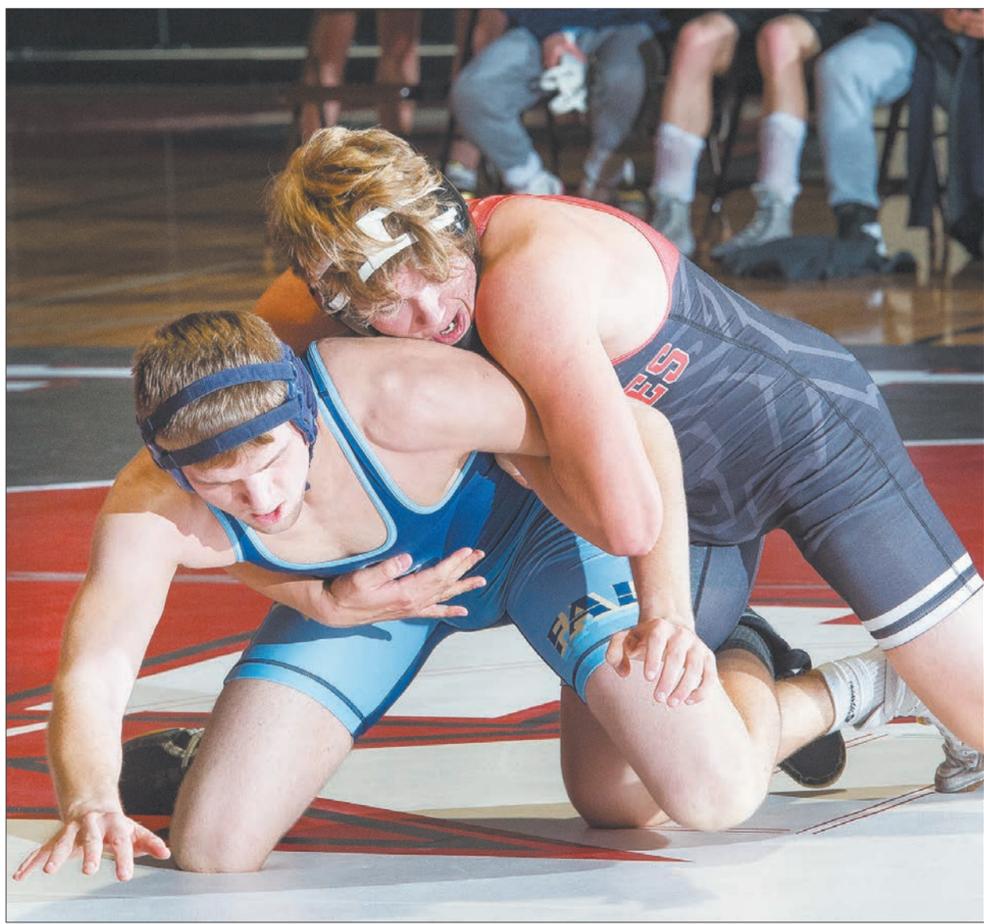
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McMinnville 195-pounder Tommy Bates locks in a tight grip on Liberty's Dakota Jensen. Bates eventually won the match by an 8-1 decision.

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Double trouble Richmond, Roberts lead Tigers to 1st 3A win

By LOGAN BRANDON
Of the News-Register

WILLAMINA — Despite leading his Yamhill-Carlton boys basketball team with 21 points Monday against Willamina, Trey Richmond couldn't help heaping praise upon fellow starting forward Moroni Roberts.

The two combined for 41 points in the 72-50 road victory, Richmond narrowly edging out Moroni with 21 points to the freshman's 20.

However, Richmond credited Moroni and Moroni's twin brother, Malachi, for igniting a surge in Y-C basketball success.

"This year, we have a lot of returning guys and we have a couple of new kids — the Roberts kids. They're pretty good," said Richmond.

In practice, Richmond constantly battles Moroni. Their friendly skirmishes led to a profound respect for the freshman.

"He finishes incredibly and he's tall for his age. He's athletic, but it's really both of the

twins' skills that make them truly skilled players," explained Richmond.

Monday's triumph over the Bulldogs stood as the Tigers first win over a Class 3A opponent since head coach Heather Roberts, the twins' mother, assumed the top position last season.

"Any time you bring in a new coach, it takes time to get used to their style. It took us about a year to get used to her style, but now we're comfortable with her system and it's paying off," noted Richmond.

Reflecting on her team's breakthrough win, Coach Roberts said, "It feels like all the hard work we put in finally paid off. I felt like we would be better this year, so it's nice to see that reflected on the scoreboard."

The arsenal of the twins with returning veterans like Richmond, Tiger Reimann and Mikel Rivas has produced pro-

See TROUBLE, B3

Grizzlies fall to Liberty in league dual

McKay, Lefebvre, Bates, Barnes earn victories in home meet

By LOGAN BRANDON
Of the News-Register

Competing in their first Class 6A Pacific Conference wrestling dual of the season Wednesday, the McMinnville Grizzlies fell agonizingly short against the Liberty Falcons.

Mac, with one more win, would've swung the momentum in its match-up. Ultimately, the Grizzlies dropped a 45-33 result.

In multiple matches, Mac's wrestlers held at least brief advantages over their Falcon counterparts. Unfortunately, either rookie mistakes or inexperienced maneuvers handed Liberty the final decisions.

Mac head coach Jordan Barich admitted his team's youth played a deciding factor in the narrow defeat.

"When you have a bunch of young kids with little experience like we have, you never know what to expect. I don't think we got the best versions of ourselves tonight," said Barich.

The longtime Grizzly head coach lamented several instances of his athletes surrendering advantages.

"I thought there were a handful of matches that we should've won. On paper, we beat those kids before. I'm not sure if it was the nerves of competing in a new gym under the lights or what contributed to those losses," he noted.

However, positives persist for several standout Grizzlies, including all-American heavyweight Jacob Barnes.

Barnes made short work of Lib-



Grizzly heavyweight Jacob Barnes is named the victor of his match against Liberty's Dakota Bass. Barnes won by fall in one minute, three seconds.

Rusty Rae/News-Register

erty's Dakota Bass. The Grizzly took down his opponent twice in quick succession before eventually sealing the pin with 57 seconds left in the first round.

Lucien Lefebvre secured a win in his 170-pound match against Israel Frazier. In the opening round, Lefebvre notched a takedown and a two-point near fall.

Starting the second round in the top position, Lefebvre expertly maneuvered Frazier into an uncom-

fortable position and snagged the fall with 1:01 left in the period.

Caolan McKay notched his first career varsity victory in the 152-pound bout against Matt Gowan.

In a tightly contested battle, McKay produced a takedown in the first round, but Gowan responded with two points of his own in the second.

McKay utilized the top position in

See GRIZZLIES, B2



Yamhill-Carlton's Trey Richmond and Moroni Roberts (1) team up to block Willamina guard Dominik Briant's (24) shot during Monday's non-league matchup.

Rusty Rae/News-Register

Bulldogs erase 11-point deficit, beat Tigers



Willamina guard Kira Rankin (12) floats toward the hoop for a lay-in, while Yamhill-Carlton defenders Halle Harris (11) and Megan Gallagher (33) give chase during Monday's game.

Rusty Rae/News-Register

"In the locker room, I told our girls that our next shots would go in. We wanted them to play with confidence. You have to believe that every kid out there on the floor has the ability to succeed."

Tom Anderson, Willamina head girls basketball coach on his team's comeback win over Yamhill-Carlton

By LOGAN BRANDON
Of the News-Register

WILLAMINA — Tom Anderson never lost faith.

With his Willamina girls basketball trailing by as many as 11 in the first half of Monday's non-conference tilt against Yamhill-Carlton, the Bulldog head coach continued reinforcing positive messages to his team.

He punctuated his coaching directives with a powerful halftime speech:

"In the locker room, I told our girls that our next shots would go in. We wanted them to play with confidence. You have to believe that every kid out there on the floor has the ability to succeed," said Anderson.

His players responded. After struggling to a dis-

mal nine-point first half, the Bulldogs outscored the Tigers 22-9 in the final two periods to capture a 31-26 victory.

Kena Rankin crowned an exciting third quarter with a perfect three-pointer from the left wing, which Anderson said ignited the comeback.

"I think the spark was Kena coming off the bench. She didn't play the entire first half and then she comes in and drains a three. You could see that it was like a weight off our shoulders — the girls thought, 'Maybe we can make a shot,'" explained Anderson.

Despite a cold-shooting night for leading scorer Kaya McLean, Willamina benefited from spirited per-

formances by Kira Rankin (eight points, five rebounds, four steals), Piper Shrabel (six points, three steals, three rebounds) and Hallee Hughes (five points, seven rebounds).

Anderson praised the Tigers' defensive gameplan, which emphasized slowing McLean's inside-outside presence.

"They came out with a defensive scheme and throughout the first half it was dead on. Our kids couldn't find their rhythm," he said.

Y-C head coach Nile Seibel understood the importance of limiting McLean, noting, "We didn't want (McLean) to touch the ball. We wanted

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SPORTS

Grizzlies

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the third to eventually win by fall with 40 seconds remaining.

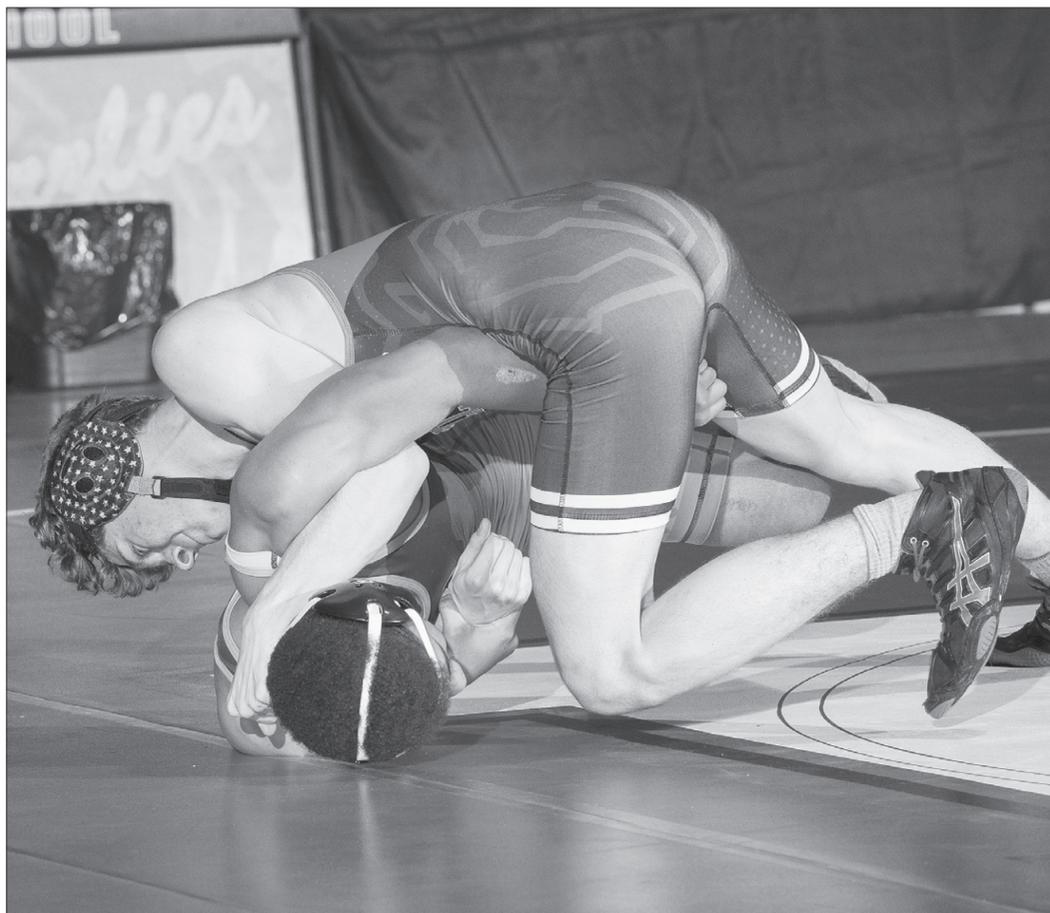
“Caolan, in his first varsity match, really went after his guy. He wrestled hard to get that win,” said Barich.

Rounding out the Grizzly wins was sophomore 195-pounder Tommy Bates. Bates, who recorded an 8-1 decision over Falcon Dakota Jensen, impressed Barich with his development into a varsity contender.

“Tommy has really grown since last year. The growth he’s shown since last year to this season has been awesome. We’re really excited to see where this year takes him,” noted Barich.

Reflecting on his improvement, Bates said, “I think last year I was really focusing on my fundamentals. Now, I’ve been able to use those skills and try my hardest in every match.”

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Right: **McMinnville Grizzly Lucian Lefebvre, wrestling at 170 pounds, maneuvers Liberty’s Israel Frazier into a pinning position during Wednesday’s league dual.**



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Basketball roundup: Sheridan girls capture 2nd straight; Grizzlies beat Franklin, 63-33

The News-Register staff

Sheridan 52, Nestucca 37; Sheridan 59, Gaston 20 (girls)

SHERIDAN – Head coach Jeremy Brown continues leading a strong turnaround for the Sheridan girls basketball program. A year after the Spartans struggled to a one-win campaign, Brown, in his first year, has witnessed Sheridan rack up three early wins.

This week, the Spartans locked up Monday’s home win over Nestucca 52-37 and defeated Gaston 59-20 Wednesday on the road. Senior guard Kylee McKereghan paced Sheridan with a combined 48 points in the two victories, including a career-high 31 against the Greyhounds.

Izika Pacheco and Mikayla Boekhoff both tallied 10 points against the Bobcats,

while Haley Ayala contributed 10 points and five boards in the Gaston triumph.

Sheridan (3-2, 0-0 Tri-River) plays at Neah-Kah-Nie Friday night at 5:30.

Yamhill-Carlton 88, Gervais 61

GERVAIS – Moroni Roberts’ triple-double powered the Yamhill-Carlton boys to Wednesday’s 88-61 road victory over Gervais. The Tigers’ freshman forward scored 26 points, secured 10 rebounds and nabbed 10 steals for his first career triple-double.

Roberts nearly achieved a quadruple-double, as he blocked seven shots against the Cougars.

Fellow Tigers’ starting forward Trey Richmond tallied 22 points on 10-15 shooting, while adding four steals and two rebounds.

Mikel Rivas (12 points) and Malachi Roberts (10 points)

both contributed four assists and Tiger Reimann chipped in eight points and five rebounds.

The Tigers (3-1, 0-0 PacWest) host Waldport Saturday at noon.

McMinnville 63, Franklin 33 (girls)

The Grizzlies continued their solid start to the 2019-20 season with a 63-33 win over Franklin Tuesday on their home court. McMinnville remains undefeated to start the year and currently ranks fourth in the 6A classification after two games.

The Grizzly girls (2-0, 0-0 Pacific) travel to southern Oregon for Friday’s 6:45 p.m. matchup against North Medford.

McNary 53, McMinnville 38 (boys)

KEIZER – Facing former Greater Valley Conference foe McNary Tuesday night on the road, the McMinnville boys basketball team

dropped a 53-38 results to the Celtics.

Mac (0-2, 0-0 Pacific) aims for its initial win Friday in a Centennial Tournament contest against Redmond; tip-off is 5:40 p.m.

Scores from around Yamhill Valley –

Amity 44, Oregon Episcopal 42 (boys)
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Linfield hoops camp

Linfield College and Wildcat Men’s Basketball head coach Shanan Rosenberg prepare to host the Linfield Holiday Basketball Camp December 27 and 28 at Ted Wilson Gymnasium. The event is open to boys and girls ages second through eighth grades.

Each camp day runs from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$40; cash or check. Pre-registration is advised.

The Linfield Holiday Basketball Camp’s mission statement is as follows –

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For additional information, contact Coach Rosenberg at coachrose@linfield.edu .

have seen 32 players receive NFCA All-American recognition during that time while leading the entire nation in home runs in 2010, 2011, and 2012.

The 2019 team finished the year ranked in the top-10 nationally in slugging percentage, home runs, doubles and scoring.

Each clinic will stress the skills and fundamentals necessary to be successful at any level of competition. The skills covered will include hitting, bunting, base-running and fundamental defensive play for infielders and outfielders.

There will also be time for pitchers and catchers to learn from the Wildcat coaches and pitching staff.

For girls ages 13-18, both clinics will also feature a post-clinic talk about developing success skills on and off the softball field and a question and answer session where clinic attendees can ask Linfield coaches and players questions about college and the softball recruiting process.

The cost is \$65 per camper for ages 13-18 or \$45 for campers ages 8-12.

To enroll, download the registration form using the link: golinfildwildcats.com/documents/2019/12/9/2020_All_Skills_Winter_Clinic.pdf.

For questions, email Linfield College Associate Head Coach Cheyenne Fletcher at cfetche@linfield.edu .

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SPORTS



Willamina wing Kaleb Floyd elevates for a floater in the lane as Yamhill-Carlton's Malachi Roberts (24) and Sam Horne (0) defend. Floyd led the Bulldogs with 17 points in the loss.

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Trouble

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found results in the current campaign. Last year, opponents focused on Richmond and Reimann in the post, resulting in a struggling offense.

Not this year.

Both Roberts players command respect on the perimeter and on the block, opening opportunities for Rivas on the wing and lessening the defensive attention on Richmond and Reimann.

Coach Roberts, for one, feels pleased to witness a balanced offensive attack.

"It's nice. Last year, we only broke 50 (points) in three games. For us to come out here and put 70 points on the board has been really nice," she noted.

The versatility of the Tigers and their team knowledge of Roberts' full-court press eventually wore down the Bulldogs in Monday's contest.

Y-C held a 20-16 lead in the first quarter, but out-scored Willamina 18-7 in the second to seize control. A 22-point third period essen-

tially cemented the victory for the road team, despite an 18-12 win for the 'Dogs in the fourth.

Moroni spearheaded the second-half push with 11 points in the third. Brother Malachi chipped in 12 points, six rebounds, five assists and three blocks, while Richmond scored 16 of his 21 points in the first half.

Kaleb Floyd led the Bulldogs with 17 points and two steals.

"In the second half, I wanted Kaleb to be the conduit of our offense," said Willamina head coach Cliff Toney. "He did exactly what he needed to - he kept them honest. He drove and scored, but also drove and kicked to our shooters."

ON THE AIR

FRIDAY

NBA Basketball

L.A. Lakers at Miami..... 4 p.m., ESPN
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota..... 6:30 p.m., ESPN

College Football

FCS quarterfinal..... 4 p.m., ESPN 2

Golf

President's Cup, United States vs Internationals..... noon, GOLF

SATURDAY

College Football

Army vs Navy..... noon, CBS

College Basketball

Oregon at Michigan..... 9 a.m., CBS
UCLA at Notre Dame..... noon, ABC
Arkansas Pine-Bluff at Oregon St. 3 p.m., PAC-12

Soccer

Premier League, West Ham at Southampton..... 9:30 a.m. NBC

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SUNDAY

NFL Football

Seattle at Carolina..... 10 a.m., FOX
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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KEILEY MYERS

Year: Junior
Sport: Basketball
Position: Point Guard

PAYTON GARRISON

Year: Senior
Sport: Basketball
Position: Forward

Last week the girls varsity had their first four games of the season. Keiley averaged 12.5 points per game and lead the charge on defense. We have a very young team this year and Keiley stepped up as a leader in our first games. Keiley is one of the more experienced players so we will continue to look for her to lead the team as the season continues.

Our boys basketball team is very young this year. Payton was able to lead us in a big way last week. His experience in the program and the sport really showed in his leadership. Very excited to see how he continues to step up for the team the rest of the season.

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CRISTIN BRETHER

Year: Junior
Sport: Wrestling
Coach: Nonamaker

Cristin wrestled well and became the first female wrestler to place at the Perry Bureson tournament in Yamhill Carlton school history. Perry Bureson features some of the best teams in all the OSAA divisions. Cristin is the first female YC placer at any tournament in 5 years. Nicely done Cristin!

JAKOB JARVIS

Year: Senior
Sport: Wrestling
Coach: Nonamaker

Jakob wrestled very strong and smart at the Perry Bureson tournament for a 3rd place finish. Jakob won his first two matches; An opponent from 5A power Dallas and the 4th ranked 4A wrestler in the state 13-0. Jakob's only loss was to the 5A returning state champion. Go Jakob!

TREY RICHMOND

Year: Junior
Sport: Basketball
Coach: Roberts

Trey is a returning starter and was voted captain. He works hard, leads with enthusiasm, and has a great focus on helping the team be successful. This season he has reached double figures in every game with a high of 21 points versus Willamina in our second win of the season. Way to go Trey!

ALIYA SEIBEL

Year: Senior
Sport: Basketball
Coach: Seibel

Aliya is in her third year of Varsity Basketball. Against Willamina Aliya had a team high of 18 points, including two 3 point field goals. She led the team in scoring all three games this season. Aliya provided excellent leadership on the offensive and defensive sides of the court. Keep it up Aliya!

SPORTS



Rusty Rae/News-Register
Above: Yamhill-Carlton guard Aliya Seibel takes a contested jumper against Willamina's Kallie Schoenbachler during Monday's non-league matchup. Seibel scored a game-high 18 points in the loss.

Bulldogs

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to make someone else beat us. They had nine points at half for a reason."

In the second half, Willamina found its rhythm, while Y-C, down three starters, began to tire. Star guard Aliya Seibel, who tallied 11 points and five steals in the initial two quarters, was held to seven points the rest of the way.

"Seibel, she's a stud out there. She really carried their team tonight, but I think she started to get tired with our defense," said Anderson.

Shrabel handed Willamina its first lead since the opening quarter with back-to-back buckets with 4:07 remaining. The sophomore guard, a football player during the fall, leads the Bulldog defense with intensity and physicality.

Regarding her aggressiveness, she said, "Sometimes it's a little too much, but I do my best to keep it under control, especially after football season."

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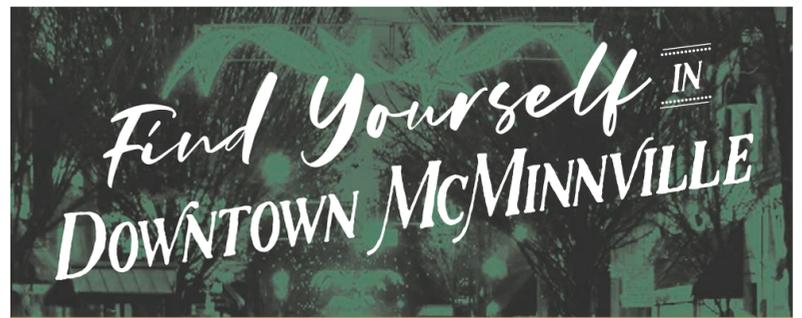
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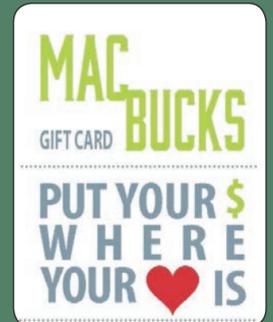
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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following applications have been approved by the Yamhill County Department of Planning and Development: **DOCKET FD-07-19**, a request by Hollis Land and Timber LLC for a principal dwelling in conjunction with farm use. The 192-acre parcel identified as Tax Lot 2335-1301 and is located at 18000 NE Kings Grade Rd, Newberg. This application was reviewed based on criteria in Sections 402.03(A), 402.08, 402.09 and 402.10(C) of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance. **DOCKET FD-08-19**, a request by Daniel Simonson for a secondary dwelling in conjunction with farm use for a relative of the farm operator. The parcel identified as Tax Lot 5405-1600 and is located at 13625 SE Old Station Rd, McMinnville. This application was reviewed based on criteria in Sections 402.03(F), 402.08, 402.09 and 402.10(C) of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance. Interested persons may appeal either decision by 5 p.m., December 30, 2019. A request for a hearing must state the basis for the appeal and must be accompanied by a \$250.00 fee for each request. Dated December 13, 2019, by Ken Friday, Planning Director. NR Published December 13, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application has been denied by the Yamhill County Department of Planning and Development: **DOCKET L-36-19**, a request by Roger Grahn for a property line adjustment to transfer approximately 6.16 acres from Tax Lot 3403-500 to Tax Lot 3403-1301 resulting in parcels of approximately 51.34 acres and 6.5 acres. The parcel is located 7131 Highway 240, Yamhill. This application was reviewed based on criteria in Section 402.09(B.2) of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance and the Yamhill County Land Division Ordinance. Interested persons may appeal this decision by 5 p.m., December 30, 2019, to comment on, or to request the above application be considered at a public hearing. An appeal must state the basis for the appeal and must be accompanied by a \$250.00. Dated December 13, 2019, by Ken Friday, Planning Director. NR Published December 13, 2019

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following applications are being reviewed by the Yamhill County Department of Planning and Development: **DOCKET C-22-19/SDR-35-19**, a request by Bram Yoffie for conditional use and site design approval to operate a flour processing facility, on-site bakery with wine and beer tasting services as a commercial activity in conjunction with farm use from within an existing, to be remodeled, agricultural building. The parcels are identified as Tax Lots 6502-500, 6502-700, 6502-400, 6502-600 and 6502-800 and the agricultural building is located on a parcel just east of the residence located at 14601 SW Winch Rd, Amity. This application is being reviewed based on criteria in Sections 402.02(B), 402.02(E), 402.04(G), 402.07(A), 1101.00 and 1202.02 of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance. **DOCKET C-23-19**, a request by Charles Claypool for conditional use approval for a home occupation to operate a six-guestroom bed and breakfast facility within the existing home. The parcel is identified as Tax Lot 5328-1600 and is located at 21007 SE Wallace Rd, Dayton. This application is

being reviewed based on criteria in Sections 402.04(I) 1004.01, 1012 and 1202.02 of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance. Interested persons may respond in writing by 5 p.m., December 30, 2019, to comment on, or to request the above applications 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 for each request. Dated December 13, 2019, by Ken Friday, Planning Director. NR Published December 13, 2019

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL. Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of NORMAN RAY CORPUZ, Deceased. No 19PB09255

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Dated and first published on December 13, 2019.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL. In the Matter of the Estate of: WILLIAM CARL MALONEY, Deceased. Case No. 19PB08558

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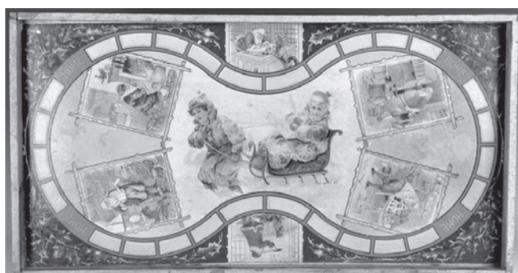
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CHRISTMAS TOY



If you don't want to play the antique Christmas board game you own, you can prop it against the wall near your tree. The Christmas scenes of children in the snow and Santa Claus hard at work checking on his toys will add thoughts of the past.

Christmas toys were popular in Victorian times. Hundreds of different family card and board games were manufactured and sold. Today they are collectible as complete games or parts. The box decorated with an attractive Christmas picture of Santa and snow scenes can be propped on a shelf. The board for the game can be framed or hung with removable hooks. The playing cards often picturing children, Christmas characters or decorations can be displayed in groups or slid under the protective glass top on a table. Just the 19-by-10-inch board of "Game of the Visit of Santa Claus" was auctioned for \$275 by Soulis Auctions recently. The game was made by McLoughlin Brothers in 1897.

Q: We have a wooden board that is 8 by 9 by 1 1/2-inch thick. In the center is a 7 1/2-inch round elaborately carved design that is 1 inch deep. The design looks like some sort of house with a figure on each side surrounded by falling leaves. The bottom and the border have repeating crescent patterns and the inner rim is fluted. We would like to know what this was used for.

A: Your mold probably was made for lebkuchen, a soft ginger honey cake popular in Germany for centuries at Christmas. Lebkuchen dates back to 14th-century Germany. The earliest was made in monasteries, where, long before sugar, bakers kneaded flour and eggs with honey from local beekeepers. That gave lebkuchen its unique flavor and acted as a preservative.

The dough was claylike and pressed into wooden molds that were delicately carved with pictures that told the stories of Christmas and the saints, like St. Nicholas. When trade routes opened, spices were added to the dough, making it more like it is today.

Lebkuchen is still made around the holidays, and molds and recipes can be found online. Your mold is probably from the 19th century, and if clean, there is no reason why it couldn't still be used.

Q: I have a collection of Avon pewter Christmas ornaments, but I'm missing the ornaments for 1998 and 2003. Were any made for these years?

A: The first ornament in this series was issued in 1993. A different ornament has been issued each year since then, except in 1998 when none were sold because of "transportation problems." The 2003 ornament is a snowflake. It's harder to find than some others, but is available at some online sites. We saw one for \$39.99.

CURRENT PRICES

Copper chestnut roaster, squat pot, round lid with reeded edge, openwork collar, flat tapered handle, loop end, 21 x 9 inches, \$40.

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Christmas cookie jar, drummers drumming, around Christmas tree, Fitz & Floyd, 18 1/2 x 13 3/4 inches, \$245.

Doorstop, poinsettia, two-tone, red, green, stenciled pot, 9 3/4 inches, \$840.

TIP: Chocolate molds can be used to make candy and other party food. Pour melted butter into the mold, put the filled mold into the freezer. Take the mold out and unmold the fancy-shaped pieces of butter for parties.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarius is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly — but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

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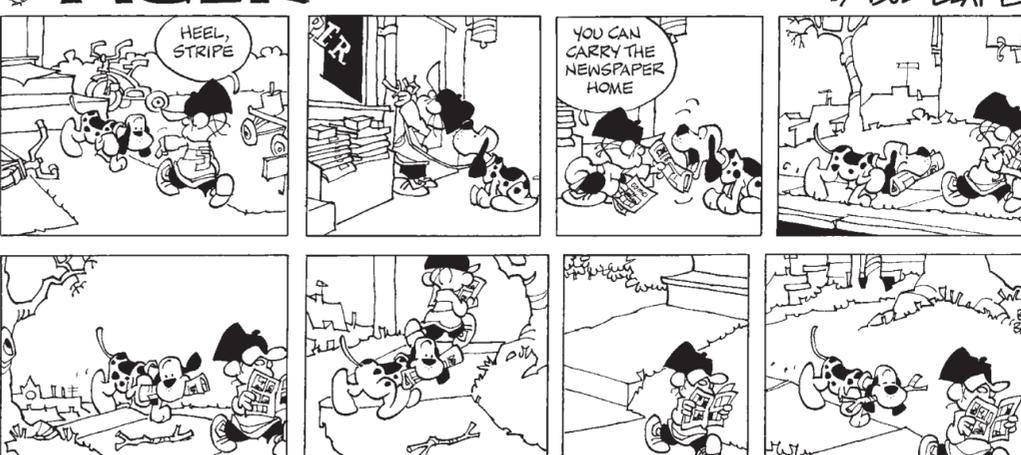
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Holidays

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the ocean before barbecuing their Christmas dinner outside.

It's taken me back in time, as well, to the days of the Great Depression, World War II and the periods of struggling to rebuild from the devastation of war.

It's taken me places where the celebrations differ from those here only because the accents are different; to places where Christmas is an entirely secular event; and to places where Christmas was banned by

Communist regimes, yet celebrated anyway by devout Christians.

This year, the "Holiday Traditions" series includes an artist from Russia, a swimming coach from Brazil, a first-generation American who grew up celebrating his Norwegian heritage, an affordable housing advocate from Mexico, and one more person, who will have to remain a surprise for now.

For most people I've interviewed, the mention of Christmas, New Year's and other winter holidays evokes a smile. Even if they didn't have much most of the year,

they fondly recall the special fish or fowl served for Christmas dinner, and the gifts, small but meaningful, they found in their stockings.

They remember the evocative Christmas music. Many have, in fact, lived the details of popular songs.

Although they may have dashed through the snow in cars, rather than sleighs, they remember actual chestnuts roasting on an open fire or silver bells ringing on city sidewalks.

They love the decorations associated with the holidays — the Advent calendars, the wreaths, the trees. Some have recalled real candles

on the branches; others the trains that circled their family tree's base or the special angel that always commanded pride of place at the top.

In Germany and some other countries, children didn't see the tree until Christmas Eve. They would be kept out of the living room for a few hours while their parents whispered as they decorated. When they were allowed back in, they would gasp at the beautiful, sparkling tree.

For many families, especially those who lived in predominantly Catholic countries, the most important decoration was the

nativity scene. Some families set up the manger, animals and Mary and Joseph figurines in the Christmas season, but waited until midnight Christmas Eve to add Baby Jesus.

Of course, not everyone views Dec. 25 as a special day; their religions and cultures mark other treasured holidays.

Yamhill County residents of the Jewish faith mark Hanukkah, or Chanukah, instead. This year, the eight days of Hanukkah last from Dec. 23 to 30, but sometimes the holiday starts in late November or early December.

Each evening, families use a central candle, called a shamash, to light one of the eight other candles in the menorah, until all are burning. Hanukkah dinners include oily food, celebrating the miracle that caused one day's worth of oil to provide light for eight days.

And local county residents who come from India, for instance, celebrate Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights.

The five-day holiday in November symbolizes "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance." Who doesn't want to celebrate that?

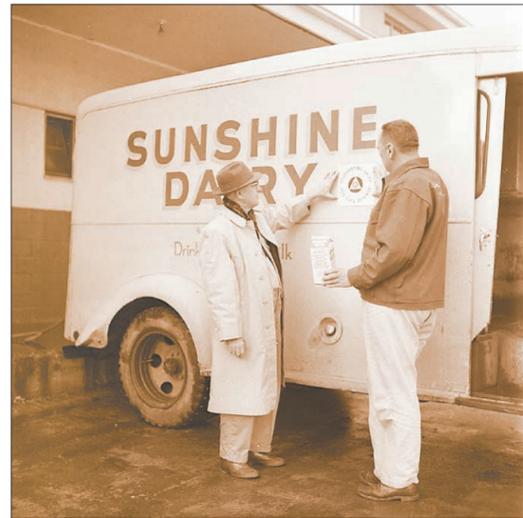
VINTAGE N-R Chronicling life in the Yamhill Valley through the generations with the newspaper archives.

By MICHAEL HAFNER



[ABOVE] **December 10, 1969.** McMinnville Union Lodge No. 43 of AF & AM installed officers for 1970 at a meeting Sunday. New officers are (front row, l-r) Frank Wortman, Treasurer; Bill Oldham, Senior Warden; Joseph Whaley, Worshipful Master; Robert Crump, Junior Warden; Ewing Bacon, Secretary; Norman Goss, Marshall; (back row) Jim Milligan, Senior Deacon; Thomas Miller, Junior Deacon; Elmer Olson Tyler; Raymond May, Chaplain; Jerald Abbott Jr., Steward; and Roger Taylor, Senior Steward. Installing officers were (not shown) Floyd Hartzell, Robert Carpenter and Edward Kienle.

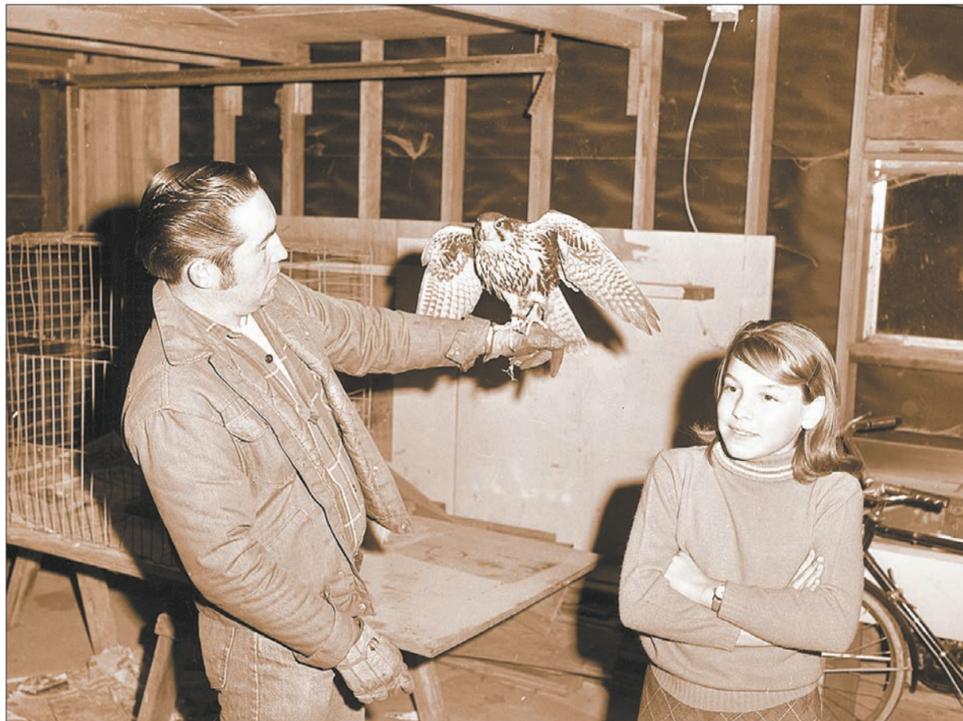
[BELOW] **December 8, 1959.** Sunshine Dairy owner Ron Eborall, (right), aids Civil Defense Director Bernie Nelson in placement of CD emblem on a company truck. The McMinnville dairy was named a CD cooperating dairy. Monday was designated national Civil Defense Day.



[BELOW] **December 13, 1969.** Allen White of Dayton holds "Frightful," a hawk-like bird which flew against a kitchen window of their home this week and was adopted by the White family. Lana White, sixth grader, looks on at the bird which the family hopes will be claimed by its rightful owner. Tame enough to eat from their hands, the bird is being fed meat from the family freezer.



[ABOVE] **December 11, 1959.** A large white cake decorated with a miniature railroad, a Christmas tree made of frosting, and snowmen made of marshmallows drew the attention of Susan Flory, 9, and Lucy Mead, 8, at the McMinnville Garden Club show held Sunday. The cake was made by Rosalie Stidolph.



[RIGHT] **December 8, 1959.** Sheridan youngsters saw St. Nick in person Saturday when he arrived on a community fire truck with an escort of Cub and Boy Scouts and the Sheridan High School band. The youngster bravely ventured out to take a candy gift from the big mail pouch.



[ABOVE] **December 13, 1969.** McMinnville Lions Auxiliary members Dorothy Snell, left, and Harriet Miller, look at wreath held by Joyce McDonough. Club is selling wreaths and sprays at Safeway parking lot, 5th and Baker. Lions Club also is selling Christmas trees with all proceeds going toward the club's scholarship program for local high school students. Last year, over \$2000 in scholarships were awarded by the club.

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WHATCHAMACOLUMN

Who's ready to plan for county facilities?

Setting aside comment about the long wait: Hooray for Yamhill County and its new \$95,000 contract to assess the use, condition and future needs of county government facilities.



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

Now, let's see who else stands up — who from among many with major interests in the topic.

About that long wait: Decades ago, our company learned first hand that Yamhill County lacked a coherent plan for cost-effective growth. We offered the county first rights to the 6,000-sq.-ft. “Old News-Register Building” at 4th & Evans streets, complete with low purchase price, off-street parking and existing leases for income.

We were surprised by the rejection, and quickly sold the building to a private party. The county then spent large sums of money leasing space in the building, and continued its disconnected, long-range sprawl into surrounding buildings.

Today, the city of McMinnville is considering future demolition and replacement of facilities because costs to renovate and expand could exceed costs to replace. Yamhill County may face similar realities after this study is finished.

Here's another reality: Yamhill County facilities — all non-taxpaying — block the orderly future expansion of McMinnville's downtown commercial district: county employees and visitors dominate the city's parking structure and nearby on-street parking; citizens drive downtown streets in circles looking for poorly marked locations of myriad county services.

What's the answer? That's not apparent, nor will it be easy. Perhaps development of a new, multi-story downtown facility combining core county services with parking; perhaps relocation of other services to an area with easier access to all county residents; perhaps just acquiring property and memorializing future intentions so others can plan accordingly.

Let's hope that process doesn't produce disorganized, knee-jerk opposition as it did in January when one county commissioner proposed a task force for needed analysis. Let's not strangle downtown McMinnville because of fear that no one will come to lunch if the county moves some of its operations.

More important, let's not constrain possibilities for McMinnville's major downtown urban renewal project with assumptions that Yamhill County will continue to dominate the entire landscape of the downtown's north side. Let's not waste millions of urban renewal dollars that might better have been spent based on coordinated long-range planning for county facilities.

Are there strategies for serious engagement in all this by the city of McMinnville, its urban renewal district, the downtown association, Chamber of Commerce and other key figures in the future of downtown McMinnville?

If not, why not?

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READERS FORUM

Working for us

The latest News-Register had a commentary from Mel Gurtov and letter to the editor from Steve Rutledge, both telling us President Trump is the worst thing since Satan and a threat to our democracy. I don't know either of these gentlemen, and I have never met the president, so I will have to be my own judge.

I remember that after Donald Trump won the election, before he was even sworn in yet, he was busy persuading companies planning to move to Mexico to keep the jobs in the U.S. instead. I can't think of another president who has worked so hard for America before actually taking office.

The Obama administration, which had no business experience, had a heyday imposing new regulations on companies. President Trump has said that for every new regulation, we must get rid of two old ones.

His policies have given jobs to people who otherwise might be on welfare. And jobs can give a person a sense of self respect that you can't get from welfare.

For decades, politicians have promised to do something about securing our southern border. President Trump is actually keeping his campaign promise, in spite of Nancy Pelosi insisting she would not allow one dollar for a wall.

Why wouldn't you want the immigrants who come to our country to be legal?

I suspect the reason a lot of liberals hate the president so much is because he has a brash nature and always looks like he's scowling. Well, I learned long ago that a smooth-talking politician with an easy smile is not always your friend.

Craig H. Pubols
McMinnville

Turning deaf ear

In June, I attended my first ever McMinnville School Board meeting. I wanted to introduce myself, as my children were transferring from private to public school.

During the meeting, I learned the board was planning to vote on a school-based health clinic. I objected, as the general public was never notified this was happening. But the board went ahead, based only on selective input from the sponsors — the Oregon Health Authority and Yamhill County Health & Human Services Department.

The board did not review the impact to families, based on new laws that went into effect in 2017. Nor did it notify parents via Facebook post, robocall or other means.

This violates clear protocols for public meetings. I asked for a work session on the issue, but was denied.

In recent weeks, I have gotten other families involved. But on Dec. 9, the board changed its policies to disallow two-way communication between parents and board members. And I have had numerous families tell me the superintendent's office doesn't respond to calls and e-mails for weeks, if at all.

I have reached out to other school boards about this. Three told me they respond to parents through an open, public e-mail sys-

tem and value parent input. McMinnville schools have a lot to be proud of. I love my kids' school, teachers and principal.

There is much progress being made in our small district. My kids are thriving.

Yet the board and superintendent are doing their best to throttle parent involvement, input and comments.

Please start coming to school board and PTA meetings. Start looking into the policies they are voting on. Start raising your voice to ensure your rights aren't being subjugated to those of special interests.

Brittany Ruiz
McMinnville

Chosen by God

I certainly agree with the glowing testament Steve Rutledge ascribes to Jesus in his recent letter. Jesus was the standard to which all of us aspire.

Though I try, I would fall far short of that comparison. So would everyone else, including President Trump.

That being said, Trump is not expected by those of us who elected him to be a new Messiah. He was elected to do the tough job of U.S.

President, arguably, the most powerful position in the world.

He promised to put America First and he has done as well as anyone possibly could. Our economy continues to be strong, and he continues to stand up to friends and foes alike to represent the best interests of our country.

I would be pleased to have a president who was a Boy Scout. That's not Donald Trump, but he's still the best person for the presidency.

As a conservative evangelical Christian, I believe, as the Bible states, that the powers that be are ordained of God. I believe President Trump was chosen by God for the position he is in at this time in history.

Many of God's chosen leaders in the Bible were heavily flawed individuals.

The Apostle Paul persecuted Christians before God used him to spread the Gospel. God even use a donkey once to rebuke a wayward prophet. As hard as it is to accept, even the cruel Roman government was placed by God so that his Son could die on a cruel cross for crimes he did not commit.

Steve Wozniak
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EDITORIALS

City making right move in revising lodging tax terms

The McMinnville City Council took a step we've long advocated Tuesday, when it decided to renegotiate allocation of the ever-growing stream of local lodging tax dollars.

The result could and should be diversion of some of the tourism-oriented share to allowable and appropriate infrastructure development rather the promotional activity. State law sets tough standards, but there are ways the needle can be threaded, thus spreading benefits of our tourism economy more broadly.

For decades, McMinnville stubbornly refused to join the near-universal ranks of jurisdictions taxing visitor lodging, thus neglecting a river of revenue to promote tourism, develop new tourism infrastructure and support unrelated initiatives.

But since enacting its first transient lodging tax five years ago, the city has experienced substantial growth in local lodging nights and increased the rate two percentage points. As a result, revenue running \$600,000 during the tax's first full fiscal year is now more than double that, with no end in sight.

The city is required to allocate 70

percent to tourism promotion and infrastructure. Under a contract set to expire next year, the city has been allocating the entire 70 percent to the local tourism promotion agency, Visit McMinnville.

But what made sense at the original \$600,000 will cease to be logical as the sums continues to soar ever upward. That's particularly true when we have critical infrastructure failings no amount of promotion can hide, notably trying to serve a lucrative jet-set wine trade with a third-rate airport.

The council voted 6-1 to create a community task force to help guide negotiation of new terms. As we see it, the goal should be providing Visit McMinnville with a cut sufficient to continue mounting a first-class promotional program and siphoning off what figures to prove a significant and growing excess to address facilities on the ground.

The cause has found its greatest champion in Councilor Sal Peralta. However, it drew broad backing Tuesday.

Support was not only expressed by the city's hired staff and elected council, but also Erin Stephenson, co-owner of the Atticus Hotel and board chair of Visit

McMinnville. The only dissenting note was struck by Councilor Remy Drabkin, proprietor of a local winery, who appeared to take the renegotiation effort as a slap at local tourism promotion.

Four developments have been serving to drive revenue skyward: 1) Opening of an upscale, \$8 million hotel last year; 2) A hike in the rate from 8% to 10% in the fall of 2017, accompanied by expansion to also encompass RV parks and campgrounds; 3) Accelerating growth in tourism, based largely on rising interest in Oregon Wine Country; 4) Award-winning promotional efforts by Visit McMinnville. And that has fostered a gusher of new development of similar nature, which figures to swell the coffers even more.

We've long advocated for investing a portion of tourism tax revenue, along with state lottery money dedicated to county economic development, to facility enhancements. The state's eligibility criteria include conference, convention and visitor centers, along with any property displaying “a substantial purpose of supporting tourism or accommodating tourist activities,” which works for us.

Now not the time for new fines, fees

Thanks to voters, the city charter now prohibits taking local care centers for an ambulance fine and fee ride.

No problem. Fire officials can get around that by taking the entire user population for a ride.

Here's hoping city councilors pause to consider two or three times as they review Fire Chief Rich Leipfert's ideas for a broad “cost recovery” endeavor.

His department definitely faces fiscal problems. It's facing a projected budget shortfall of more than \$1 million, and that doesn't count the \$100,000 it had already budgeted for care center licensing revenue.

The licenses would have cost centers \$500 initially and \$200 per bed annually. But voters rejected that last month with their approval of a charter amendment.

The amendment also removed the threat of a \$1,500 fine for placement of unnecessary 911 calls by care center employees. But none of those fines were ever collected anyway, because the threat served as an adequate deterrent on its own.

In contrast, officials were really counting on money from the licenses. With that program extinguished, they're now seeking other ways to finance ambulance costs.

Leipfert suggested imposing stiffer fines and charging for issuing permits, conducting inspections and reviewing fire prevention plans, without singling out the care industry. While some of those suggestions might be worth considering, they wouldn't do much to ease shortages the department faces.

Presenting voters with a broader public safety levy might be a gamble, but could ultimately prove unavoidable. If so, it will become a much longer shot if crabby voters feel they've been nicked and dimed unfairly a the meantime. And voters figure to get even crabbiest if they think the nickels and dimes were in response to the charter amendment.

Rank-and-file firefighters took a mostly neutral stand on the amendment, saying the money it promised would serve only to apply a Band-Aid to a gaping wound. We think councilors should take a similarly long view.

We understand the desire for cost recovery. But in the wake of the election setback, discussing new fines and fees could be construed as political backlash.

If so, the Oregon Health Care Association and like-minded forces would have a field day leading the opposition.

The fire department needs longer-term solutions, especially as city officials consider the possibility of joining a regional fire district with neighboring communities.

City officials must re-establish their relationship with voters. They will need voters' goodwill for a public safety levy, and, eventually, a regional district.

New fines and fees? Not the way to make friends.

READERS FORUM

Mission deserves better

I have volunteered at the Yamhill County Gospel Rescue Mission in the past, and have seen how compassionate and caring the staff is first hand.

Yes, there are rules. The staff has to be strict sometimes so everything is fair and everyone is safe. Remember, this is a warming shelter open to all, even if they are drunk, on drugs or coming down off drugs.

The mission also has a main facility that operates 24/7, 365 days a year. It's for people who're down on their luck, but have chosen to get clean and sober in order to rebuild their futures.

If you're unhappy with the way the mission operates, go volunteer and help make it better. You will be amazed at how much the staff provides for, cares for and forges relationships with each guest. The shelter's workers and volunteers are truly serving out of the kindness of their hearts.

I have to question the type of people who would rather sleep outside in freezing temperatures than follow simple rules, such as checking in meds to keep them safe, keeping showers short enough that everyone gets a turn and being respectful to others. As for not allowing people to loiter before the morning opening hour, the shelter is in a residential neighborhood and that's important to its residents.

I am more than a little disappointed to see the mission under attack by the people of McMinnville at a time when everyone has been complaining that someone needs to do something about our homeless population. That's especially true when it comes from a local church with its own shelter program.

The mission is serving a vital role here in McMinnville. It deserves a chance to respond to concerns before they are used to shame it in front of the entire community.

Alan Bernard
McMinnville

At what cost?

Change is inevitable, and our community has certainly changed. Growth is inevitable, and our community has certainly grown. But at what cost?

In a News-Register article, we are told city planners are meeting regarding yet another subdivision on Baker Creek Road. Up for discussion are the following proposals:

1. Change a zoning designation from commercial to residential.
2. Change another from a mix of single family residential and exclusive farm use to a mix of commercial and multi-family residential.
3. Allow up to 120 apartment units.
4. Allow development of 280 single-family homes on 48.7 acres, adding who knows how many more cars to our current bumper-

to-bumper back-up.

Why would any reasonable planner consider more development before more infrastructure to handle it? Are these the same folks who planned for the growth in Hillsboro, Tigard and Beaverton?

Adding works of art, roundabouts and landscaped medians does not address the traffic problems we face!

Trying to make a left turn at any intersection is a courageous and dangerous act. In an emergency situation, one can only hope that police, fire or rescue will be able to get through the traffic backup to save someone you love.

Who are the planners and city officials allowing this to continue? The uncontrolled building of hundreds of homes, without first planning for new infrastructure, lacks common sense.

Suzanne Farmer
McMinnville

On road to ruin

Why care about Ukraine? What has it to do with me? I'm worried about health care, taxes, potholes. It's just political noise. Americans are either lethally polarized over the Ukraine inquiry or find it irrelevant to their lives. But those who do not care should. American's future depends on it.

The Ukraine mess has revealed an existential threat to America's rule of law and survival as a republic. If we do not act to preserve the governing principles that have made us the envy of the world, America will devolve into the hollow shell of something once wonderful. Trump doesn't frighten me. History is replete with criminals and hucksters who found their way to power by cynically trading on the fears of others while pretending to hear their needs. As those before, he will pass from the stage. What will not pass is the obscene cowardice of elected officials who know better. They admit it privately, but won't take a stand for truth and say “enough,” lest they lose their little corner of influence. What will not pass is the damage he and his followers already have done to foundations of our republic — especially to the checks and balances our founders so presciently wove into our Constitution. What will not pass is the damage he has done to our standing in the world. Allies and enemies alike are watching our influence fade, and with that, their capacity to trust our word or our willingness to meet our commitments. What will not pass is the bitter division emerging in our land where your vote defines your friendships and even your family ties. We must care because Ukraine is the crest of a deadly iceberg that will crush America as we know it — an urgent flag of warning that our ruin lies beneath.

Erma S. Vasquez
McMinnville

Citizens lost their say

The citizens of McMinnville are now paying the price for failed city annexation attempts by losing their only avenue to meaningful input into the future of their towns.

The citizens voted no on the original Shadden Claim. In response to such losses at the polls, the Oregon Building Industries Association got the state Legislature to remove the right of Oregonians to vote on annexations.

That was the most blatant power grab I have seen in my 88 years. The developers and OBIA just couldn't stand letting pesky citizens have a say.

The results showed very clearly with the recent Oak Ridge development. Citizens wrote letters to the editor expressing frustration with thwarted efforts to work with city planners and developers.

A past classic example was the original

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Shadden Claim, whose ultimate population would have equaled that of Amity, Sheridan and Carlton. It was voted down because Baker Creek Road wasn't ready to handle that much traffic and citizens weren't ready to handle that much development.

Through my involvement in Shadden Claim, I tried to broker a deal with the developer. But he refused to commit to a build-out phased in over 10 years.

Shadden Claim is now being developed anyway, and the traffic on Baker Creek Road is increasing. The north side of Baker Creek is also being proposed for development, and combined with the Oak Ridge development, that will increase traffic even more.

But the biggest price citizens have paid for failed annexation attempts is loss of the freedom to shape the future of their communities through the democratic process.

John Englebrecht
McMinnville

Opening doors to living wage

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Joanne Fuhrman
Monmouth

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Guest writer

Starla Pointer grew up in the '60s with an aluminum foil Christmas tree lit on one side by a color wheel and the other by the glow of a television set rolling news footage of the Vietnam War. Her favorite family tradition was driving down every street in her hometown of Reedsport marveling at the colorful decorations. Upon visiting Santa to field the inevitable, "And what do you want for Christmas," she would respond, "Whatever you think I deserve, Santa." It worked wonders with parents.

Traveling the world one conversation at a time

"I love to see how different we are — and how alike, as well."

During my first December in McMinnville, in 1978, a Saturday stretched ahead of me. My Linfield College roommate was on the way to Portland, along with several other residents of Grover Hall, so I was alone.

My reading and other homework were finished. So I decided to spend my free time exploring McMinnville on foot.

As I left campus and headed north on Baker Street, past the hospital, now site of Walgreens, and Goodwill, now site of St. Vincent de Paul, snow began to fall. I hadn't seen much snow in my entire life, as I'd grown up on the coast, so I was charmed.

I continued past the Baptist Church on my right and the empty lot, where the fire station now stands, on my left. Then I turned onto Third Street and paused to admire Boersma's display windows, which were almost as beautiful then as they are today.

I stopped into Rutherford's Ben Franklin, Thrifty Drug, Western Auto, a hobby shop, Wheyside Cheese and other stores as I made my way down the street.

Turning around at Stan's Market, the little grocery at Third and Galloway, I was awed by the scene. Lighted swag stretched across Third Street, block after block, framing the colorfully decorated City Park tree at the west end, all decorated in snow.



"What a beautiful place this is," I thought for the first time, but hardly the last.

More than 40 years later, McMinnville still sparkles for me. But now it's the people I value, rather than the scenery. And I'm fortunate that, through my job, I meet more local residents each week.

During the holiday season, I learn about the wide variety

of people who've chosen to live here, including some from other countries. For them, too, the decorations on Third Street and the first snowfall of the year may trigger memories and forge new experiences.

I love to see how different we are — and how alike, as well.

This is the 19th year I've written our annual Holiday Traditions series, which exam-

ines the way people from other places celebrate Christmas and other special days.

The series has taken me on a trip around the world: To Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Canada and several South Sea islands ... to places where a white Christmas isn't just a dream and locations where residents take a dip in

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A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO SELF-DRIVING CARS



Every day, the technology propelling the development of autonomous cars becomes increasingly fine tuned. Most experts agree that it won't be long before driverless cars are cruising the streets in droves. Here are some of the basics about this emerging technology.

How does a self-driving car work? The easiest way to understand how self-driving cars work is to look at their key technologies.

Radar sensors monitor the speed and position of surrounding vehicles and objects. Lidar sensors build a map of the exterior world by shooting out millions of infrared lasers and recording how quickly they bounce back.

Ultrasonic sensors are found in the wheels and they detect the position of the curb and surrounding environment when the vehicle parks. The data from these sensors are transmitted to a central computer, which manipulates the steering, acceleration and braking.

What kinds of self-driving cars are there? When it comes to self-driving technology, there are five levels of automation.

Level 1: driver assistance. The car has various driver-assist features such as lane-keeping support and blind-spot detection.

Level 2: partial automation. The driver remains engaged in driving and monitoring the road but can make use of certain automated features, such as parking assistance and traffic-jam assist.

Level 3: conditional automation. The driver doesn't need to monitor the environment but is prompted to intervene and take control of the wheel in certain circumstances.

Level 4: high automation. The car can handle all driving tasks. The driver is prompted to intervene only in rare situations.

Level 5: full automation. The car is fully self-operated and will never prompt a person to intervene.

As it stands, only Level 1 and Level 2 cars (such as the Tesla Model S) are available to consumers on a large scale. However, cars with more advanced automation are being tested by a number of automakers, and it's only a matter of time before we start seeing Level 3s on the roads.



ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL

Adaptive cruise control allows you to both maintain a fixed speed and sustain a set distance from the car ahead of you. Depending on the car model, a laser or radar calculates the distance and speed of the vehicle you're following. This enables it to automatically adjust its pace if the car in front of you slows down or another driver cuts you off. Some systems will even slow you down to a full stop if necessary.

Your vehicle will accelerate to the programmed speed again when it's safe to do so, like when the vehicle in front of you picks up speed or switches lanes. As is the case with traditional cruise control, you can manually accelerate and brake at any time.

The system's range can vary from model to model, and some will only function at speeds above 16 miles per hour. The laser detection feature may not function properly in bad weather or when the car ahead of you is very dirty and doesn't reflect light adequately. The system may not be able to detect a stopped vehicle, so you need to engage the brake if the car in front of you suddenly stops.

Adaptive cruise control can be a useful feature, but you need to have a thorough understanding of how it works. Only use it once you've familiarized yourself with your owner's manual.

EDMUNDS' EXPERTS PICK THEIR FAVORITE MUST-HAVE CAR FEATURES



The average person owns a vehicle for about six and a half years. When it's time to buy a new one, chances are there's a lot of new technology to catch up on. Even in the short span of a three-year lease, tech features and creature comforts evolve fast. It can be difficult to keep track of all the changing tech. We asked Edmunds' experts, who test hundreds of new vehicles each year, what they deem essential the next time they buy a car. Our findings landed along the lines of safety and conveniences and are listed in alphabetical order.

High-intensity discharge (HID) and LED headlights are quickly replacing traditional halogen lights. Both types produce a brighter, sharper and more natural-colored light while using less energy. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which incorporates headlight evaluations into its ratings, about half of traffic deaths occur in the dark or around dawn and dusk.

Our editors consider LED headlights akin to high-definition video. Once you've seen the road illuminated in an HD hue of bluish-white, you'll never go back to standard-definition halogen, or even HID, headlamps again. The clarity and confidence afforded by LED lights can't be overstated. Once limited to upper trim levels or an extra-cost option, LEDs are becoming standard on more cars every year, such as current Hondas and Toyotas. In addition to a more upscale look, LEDs sometimes come with extra features such as automatic high beams or the ability to move in sync with the steering wheel around dark turns.

A lot of people associate cruise control with open highway cruising, but adaptive cruise control is actually a boon in rush-hour traffic. It reduces the cumulative fatigue of constantly moving your foot between the brake and accelerator pedals. Our editors agree that this alone can blunt the edge of a tough commute. The best systems — such as those in Mercedes-Benz, Tesla and Volvo vehicles, for example — slow and speed up gradually. Some systems can even come to a complete stop, then continue forward again, further reducing physical and mental fatigue.

The quality of native infotainment systems varies greatly among automakers, depending on hardware, software and suppliers. Some are fast and easy to use, while others feel like gaming consoles from the 1990s. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto level the playing field, ensuring a consistent experience in any car. As long as your new car has Apple CarPlay or Android Auto, you can skip the fancy upgrade. Another advantage is being able to use the voice assistants, such as Apple's Siri, to initiate calls and compose or hear text messages. Both Apple CarPlay and Android Auto have been updated this year with new layouts and features.

Systems that watch your blind spots go by different names depending on the automaker, but all perform the same basic function: alert you to a car driving alongside. The most widely available blind-spot systems typically display a visual alert in



the side mirror and then sound an alert tone if you activate a turn signal. More advanced systems might even actively steer you away from a collision. While these systems don't replace effective mirror positioning and the old-fashioned shoulder check, it is true that today's cars are also harder to see out of because of the modern trend of taller body panels and shorter windows. Of all the latest advanced driver safety aids, Edmunds' editors point to this safety system as the most useful and least intrusive on a daily basis.

The next evolution in the power liftgate is the kind that opens without the need to press a button. While typically still an upper trim level feature or an extra-cost option on wagons and SUVs, hands-free liftgates will open after you've followed a particular protocol, such as swiping your foot under a bumper-mounted sensor or standing near the liftgate for a few seconds with the vehicle's key fob in your pocket. We once dismissed this as a costly gimmick. But after a few trips across a shopping center parking lot, arms laden with bags or heavy, bulky objects, we changed our minds. It especially holds true in rain or snow, when you don't want to set your items on wet ground while fishing for your keys.

EDMUNDS SAYS: Make sure you're up to speed on all the latest features before buying your next car. Some options are simply nice to have, while others may become your next "must-have" amenity.



PARALLEL PARK LIKE A PRO

For many drivers, little is more intimidating than parallel parking. However, pulling off this maneuver becomes much easier once you understand the steps involved. Here's what you need to do.

1. Signal your intention to pull over and then stop your car beside the vehicle in front of the empty space. You want to position your car two to three feet away from the other vehicle and then align your rear bumper with its rear bumper (if your car is about the same length as the other one, you can also line up the mirrors).
2. Crank your wheel all the way and slowly turn into the empty spot while looking where you're going through the back windshield.
3. When your car is positioned at about a 45-degree angle in relation to the curb, stop and straighten the wheel. Then back up straight until you can see the license plate of the car in front of you in the middle of your passenger-side window.
4. Turn your car so that it's parallel to the curb, then reposition it so that it's midway between the car in front and behind.

If you're still nervous about parallel parking, practice this skill on an uncrowded street. And if you have a friend with you, get them to stand on the sidewalk and help direct you.

PORSCHE COULD BE FULLY ELECTRIC BY 2020



According to Porsche CEO Oliver Blume, every vehicle in the brand's lineup could have an electric drive by 2030. While Porsche has no plans to do away with the internal combustion engine entirely in the foreseeable future, the automaker has been increasingly focusing its efforts on electrification and hybrid engines.

Porsche is getting ready to market a fully electric model, the Mission E, as well as bring hybrid powertrains to models as iconic as the 911. As is the case for most of the industry, this transition will be a gradual one for Porsche. The automaker isn't ready to say goodbye to diesel quite yet, preferring to set its sights on 2030.

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