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Camp Sherman revisits the Civil War

By Jim Cornelius
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Visitors to House on Metolius in Camp Sherman last weekend stepped back in time to 1861-65.

Infantry advanced and retreated across the meadow under clouds of pungent powder smoke from artillery fire and musketry; cavalry scouts loped through the greening grass as flags of the United States and the Confederate States of America flapped in a stiff, chilly breeze over canvas tents of the opposing armies' encampments.

The occasion was the second annual Northwest Civil War Council reenactment of camp life and battle during the War Between the States.

A special feature of this year's encampment was an appearance on Saturday by President Abraham Lincoln (expertly portrayed by noted Pacific Northwest actor Steve Holgate). Mr. Lincoln spoke at a "press conference" before packed bleacher seating filled with spectators from across Sisters Country who turned out to explore the reenactment.



PHOTO BY CEILI CORNELIUS

Union and Confederate troops met in reenacted battle at House on the Metolius last weekend.

"Private David Banks" of Co. K of the 69th New York Regiment of the Union Army introduced Mr. Lincoln, orienting the audience to a time-frame of April 1865.

"The war is winding down," Pvt. Banks said.

Lincoln at that moment had but days to live. He would be cut down by an assassin's bullet on April 14, 1865.

The nearly 30-minute presentation artfully constructed

a narrative of Lincoln's life ("I'm going to break precedent and yammer about myself") and wove in the entire Gettysburg Address and a substantial excerpt of Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address ("With malice toward none and charity for all...").

The famous dry and self-deprecating humor of the 16th president was much in evidence. He noted that critics

of his policies accused him of being two-faced. "I ask you, if I had two faces, would I be using this one?"

He explained the dilemma he faced in seeking to emancipate the slaves. Four "slave states" did not secede from the Union, and Lincoln was anxious to retain their loyalty.

He explained that he told aides "I hope I have God

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Council taps Bill Hall for open seat

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

On the table at the home of newly appointed Sisters City Councilor Bill Hall sat a three-ring binder at least four inches thick with his name in big black letters across the front. Hall indicated he was doing his homework, familiarizing himself with the hundreds of pages in the orientation manual so he will be up to speed by the time of his swearing-in on Thursday, May 28.

Hall has served recently as the chair of the City's Community Assets Committee.

The new councilor and his wife, Kathy, are transplants to Central Oregon from Illinois. In 2010, they built a home on South Locust Street and moved in Labor Day weekend.

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Board to interview school chief candidates

Thirteen candidates for the Sisters schools superintendent emerged from a marathon application review session last week.

School board chair Don Hedrick told *The Nugget* that the 13 candidates will be interviewed over three days, Wednesday through Friday, this week.

"The board will actually do the interviews," he said. "Some of the committee members will be there and they will be observers."

Some 42 applicants filed for the position that opened

when Jim Golden took the position as superintendent of the Greater Albany School District.

"We have a very deep candidate pool," Hedrick acknowledged. "There are some really good candidates."

Beyond educational background and experience, a less quantifiable quality will be paramount in determining who will ultimately win the position.

"Primarily, we are looking for someone we think will be a good fit for Sisters," Hedrick said.

Backing out on back-in parking

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

A two-year grant-funded experiment with back-in diagonal parking on Main Avenue is coming to an end, following a unanimous vote by Sisters City Council.

At their May 14 meeting, Council approved City Ordinance No. 459, which amends the Sisters Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Transportation System Plan (TSP) by eliminating policy references associated with back-in diagonal parking.

The City will begin restriping parking along Main



PHOTO BY SUE STAFFORD

Back-in parking never quite clicked in Sisters.

Avenue — back to conventional parking.

Public Works Director Paul Bertagna said the start

date for the restriping project is weather-dependent and the

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