

CEMETERY: Fundraising starts strong

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Pat Willis, who was on the ballot to run against Hill in May, accepted an appointment to finish out Hill's term and was replaced on the budget committee by Janet Davis.

Then, newly appointed board member Perry Davis proposed a change from the three-person board to a five-person board that would share the responsibilities of manager and take on secretarial duties when current secretary Joyce Anderson retires.

The proposal was approved and Jim Butner and Diane Worden volunteered to put their names on the ballot for the two empty slots.

Next, the new board discussed fundraising for the un-

derground irrigation system project.

The ballpark figure cost of that project is \$85,000 to \$90,000. A proposal for a reserve account specifically for the installation of the irrigation system, seeded with \$5,000 from cemetery funds, was made and approved. Donations made directly to Enterprise Cemetery District board are tax-deductible and donors can specifically request their donations go to the irrigation fund.

Then, the grassroots organization Friends of Enterprise Cemetery, founded by Ella Mae (Marks) Hays, Sondra Lozier and Gail Swart, volunteered to assist the board in raising the \$90,000 needed for irrigation through donations, according to

Hays.

One avenue of fundraising the group is pursuing is applications for Heritage Grants for Historic Cemeteries. Judy Wortmam, assisted by Betty Butner, is in charge of fundraising.

The Friends' fundraising is already off to a good start, Hays said. The group has received \$7,000 of new donations in the last three weeks. "We have a one-to-three-year plan to raise the needed funds for repairs and irrigation installation, but at the rate we're going it might be sooner," said Hays.

Donations were made to the Friends account with the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Those funds are not tax-deductible as the Friends of Enterprise Cemetery is not a 501c3.

"We are looking into becoming a 501c3 because we could be an engine for grant receiving and many times you must be a 501c3," said Lozier.

Attendance at Enterprise Cemetery District meetings has been healthy, hovering between 60 and 75 and a full third of those in attendance have volunteered for cleanup days, Lozier said.

There will be several half-day work parties arranged prior to Memorial Day to begin some restoration. Volunteers do not have to work the whole half-day; any time donated is welcomed. Dates will be announced.

Donations can be made to the Friends of the Enterprise Cemetery through Sondra Lozier. Call 541-426-3229.



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Enterprise Public Works crew pitches in to resurface the kiddy park in Enterprise City Park. Workers, from left, Mike Immees, Foreman Shawn Young, Public Works Director Ron Neil and Travis Huffman. Out of frame on the backhoe, Tanner Shelton.

BAND: Duo goes beyond standard fare

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Powers started with the piano before moving to cello and then bass, which he learned mainly from YouTube videos.

The band originally started in more of the punk rock mode but changed gears after attend-

ing a Bronze Blues and Brews festival that featured Samantha Fish, Albert Castiglia and others. "When I heard them play, I thought 'That's what I want to do.' Something just struck me about the blues," Kiser said.

Powers said he listens to a lot of extreme metal as well as some rockabilly and blues. "I

think our music is a place where his (Kiser's) blues and whatever you want to call what I do, meet, and somehow it works," Powers said.

The two started their band in junior high. "We started the band in its first form the summer after our seventh grade year," Powers said. "Since we don't have lives, this is what we do," Kiser added.

Kiser said he tries to practice around eight hours per day. "He plays more than I do," Powers said with a laugh. Both musicians try to play with other bands with different music genres to broaden their own horizons. Kiser and Powers usually play as a duo but occasionally play with other musicians as well.

Kiser plays a Fender Telecaster Custom made in Mexico through through a 1950s, completely stock, Epiphone Pathfinder amp. Powers plays a sticker-covered Peavey Foundation bass through a 300-watt Peavey amp that he calls a miracle of science.

Many of the band's songs start around a riff that Kiser comes up with that in turn inspires Powers to write lyrics, although Kiser recently started

contributing to lyrics here and there. The band now has enough material to start working on their own CD. "We really want to record, but we really want to make it right. We want to do something for real," Powers said. The band is also looking for a drummer.

Sorry, Neighbors played a number songs at the April 3 Terminal Gravity open mic, debuting one original, "Down by the Water." Powers said he wrote the song while reading Greek mythology. "It's like the boat that crosses the river Styx and takes you to your destiny," Powers said. Originally planning to play only four songs, the audience demanded several encores. The band closed the show with a stirring rendition of ZZ Top's "La Grange," that featured a stunning bass solo by Powers.

Besides Terminal Gravity, Sorry, Neighbors has played at the Lostine Tavern and other music venues, including the 2014 Juniper Jam and a few other festivals. Surprisingly, they haven't played the Bronze Blues and Brews festival. We haven't been asked," Kiser said. "We'd like to," Powers added.

Go to www.facebook.com/sorryneighbors to check out the band's Facebook page.

City park will get a little bit of a facelift

By Kathleen Ellyn
Wallowa County Chieftain

The sawdust in the Enterprise City Park kiddie park should have gotten a retirement party.

Enterprise Public Works Director Ron Neil figures that dust has been protecting children's noggins for 25 years. "It was put in in the '90s," he said. "It's supposed to be a foot deep to protect from falls."

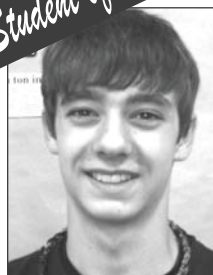
It got packed down over the years and the replenishing job began moving up the list of city priorities with city staff hunting for grant money like chickens hunt for bugs.

The scratching and searching paid off. The majority of the money for the project was found last year when the city won two grants

totaling \$9,500, one from Wildhorse Casino and one from Pacific Power. The city added another \$2,500 from the parks budget and only had to wait for the right ground conditions to proceed. Last Tuesday Neil and his crew brought the kiddie park up to code. "The sawdust is a foot thick now," Neil said.

While they were out there refurbishing the park amenities, Neil and his crew put new 3 x 12 table-tops on the picnic tables. Neil figured those old planks might have predated the sawdust. "I've worked here 25 years and this is the first time they've been replaced," Neil said. The new ones came from Jim Zacharias JayZee Lumber of Joseph. "I hope they last as long as the old ones," Neil said.

Student of the Week



Chance Goebel
Wallowa High School

Chance Goebel is a freshman at Wallowa High School. He is the son of Travis and Niki Goebel. Chance is a three sport athlete representing the Cougars in football, basketball and track. Academically he does exceptional work, which is demonstrated through his 3.8 GPA. He is a creative student, a leader among his peers and overall a great kid.

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