

WISH: Foundation grants shopping trip to young heart patient

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Another valve was closed and Sands suffered through seven angioplasties and three heart surgeries thus far. Maria Parks said the third surgery involved replacing the calcified valve with a donor valve.

Robin Sands receives treatment at Legacy Emmanuel Hospital in Portland. The next step is to implant a type of pacemaker.

Parks said the Make a Wish Foundation makes it very easy to apply for a wish. Parks had previously heard of the organization from television and looked them up on the Internet. "I looked up their criteria and saw that Robin qualified. I had to tell them our story and what kind of wish we were looking for. She (Robin) didn't know I was doing it," Parks said.

Sands said that once she was informed of her wish opportunity, she mulled over a number of possibilities before settling on a trip to the Clackamas Town Center and several other places in Portland. The shopping center is close to the hotel where the family stays when Sands gets her treatments. "I originally wanted to do something aimed toward other people, to help other people, but ev-

everyone in my family said, 'This is your wish and you need to be selfish about this once-in-a-lifetime chance.' I came up with one wish, but decided I want something more family oriented. I thought the family would enjoy it more than meeting a celebrity," Sands said.

The family will arrive in Portland on June 18 and have a family dinner. June 20 will see Sands interviewed by a Portland radio station to talk about her experience. The media will then follow her throughout her shopping spree in downtown Portland. Books and clothes are high on Sands' list as well as a trip to an Apple store.

Sands is a prodigious reader who also wants to be a writer. She reads a lot of fantasy/sci-fi series, according to her mother, and a trip to Powell's Books is high on Sands' to-do list.

After the trip, Sands is taking a break from treatment over the summer. After her last surgery, her heart, enlarged from birth, diminished to almost normal size and allows Sands to indulge in mild exercise. "It's miraculous. We had no idea it was even possible. We never even discussed it. We're looking forward to our summer break," Parks said.

CABIN: Group strives to preserve memory of Maxville

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Trice is the director of the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center (MHIC), a non-profit entity dedicated to preserving the memory of Maxville.

Many of Trice's relatives, including her grandfather, father and cousins, lived in Maxville while working for Bowman-Hicks long before Trice was born. Trice didn't learn of their residence in the town until a decade ago.

Trice and the MHIC board spent several years trying to establish a permanent location for MHIC, and recently set up house at 403 N. Main St. in Joseph. In the meantime, Trice and MHIC worked on getting grants not only to finance MHIC, but to help with the cabin acquisition as well. "We've gotten nearly every major grant available in the state," Trice said.

With some of the grant funds, MHIC works with Hancock Timber, Eastern Oregon University and Clatsop Community College in Astoria on a feasible plan to preserve the cabin by disassembling it and moving it off Hancock's land with the idea of eventually reassembling the cabin and making it part of the MHIC experience.

With the help of a recent grant from the State Historic Preservation Office, classes from both EOU and CCC made

the trip over Memorial Day weekend to seriously examine and document the cabin's measurements, and ascertain the feasibility of moving the cabin while ensuring the project follows preservation standards as closely as possible.

At least two dozen students from EOU and CCC scurried over the cabin and site over the long weekend, taking measurements, exploring the structure and learning the intricacies of both log building and stone chimney construction. Armed with a digital movie camera, Trice interviewed students, professors, and log building preservation specialist Dan Rogers.

Scott and Mickey Madison of Madison Ranching out of Echo, who lease grazing rights from Hancock Timber, stopped by, as did Hancock's local region manager, Joe Justice. Bruce Dunn of the Wallowa County Natural Resources Advisory Committee attended the May 30 workday as well. Without exception, each expressed their hopes for the success of Trice's project.

The cabin, while clearly deteriorating in some places, looks quite robust for its age. It features larch shingles, Douglas Fir and Lodgepole logs and a vertical grain Douglas Fir floor. The floor looked nearly pristine and held up well with the numerous attendees walking back and forth over it.

CCC Historic Preservation Program professor, Lucien Swerloff, called the weekend an intensive workshop on documentation. "We're teaching students to make measured drawings, plans, not construction documents. The plans show what is here now. You don't go into a building like this and start tearing it apart. We want to know what's original; what's changed; how do things go together. We do that by documenting," Swerloff said.

The program heard about the cabin from Mary Oberst, wife of former governor Ted Kulongoski. Swerloff wasn't sure when or if the CCC students were coming back. "We're committed to this project, documenting the cabin. After that, it's up to Gwen and funding. It would be a great experience for our students."

Recent MHIC employee hires will allow Trice time to scout out more funding for cabin relocation. "Hancock has been patient, and they're giving us until Oct. 31. Our outside workshop (with EOU and CCC) to disassemble and relocate the cabin will happen between August and October, and we have site cleanup set for November," Trice said.

Ultimately Trice wants a visitor center in Joseph and for the cabin to serve as a separate interpretive center. "After people see the visitor center, we can tell them we also have an indoor/outdoor interpretive space for a different experience. We want it to serve as a kind of experience, for people to walk through and see it as it used to look with artifacts and make it a living history thing," Trice said.

SUIT: City, county sued

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The Jameses allege that conversations between Wallowa County Building Inspector John Lindstrom, County Commissioner Susan Roberts and City Administrator Michele Young led to their being required to reach an agreement with the city, obtain Lindstrom's approval of the agreement, obtain engineered plans for their line, and provide a notarized letter allowing inspectors to enter their property.

The Jameses state in their complaint that although they believed there was no legal of factual basis for the demands they attempted to comply - but their lawyer could not obtain information regarding the legal basis for the stop-work order from the county.

The complaint goes on to allege that in early May 2014 the Wallowa County Counsel stated that the county would not require the Jameses to reach an agreement with the city, but did not indicate what the county would require in order to lift the stop-work order.

The stop-work order that prevented them from developing the property - other than installing the electrical line - was lifted in mid-May after the Jameses provided a notarized letter from their attorney.

The Jameses state that they then sought an engineers report proving the underground electrical line complied with code and could be installed without interference with the city's main.

The stop-work regarding the line was lifted in June 2014, but the Jameses allege that they were threatened with a suit should they proceed with the line installation. They proceeded despite the alleged threats.

The Jameses have demanded a jury trial and are seeking economic damages of \$9,470, loss of income in the amount of \$1,600; rental value while

the stop-work was in effect of \$1,500; non-economic damages (including anxiety, frustration, emotional distress and extreme upset) of \$125,000, various other fees and costs, and the right to seek triple their damages under a racketeering statute.

Benjamin Boyd of the Hostetter Law Group, LLP of Enterprise represents the Jameses.



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