

Legislators trying to make it easier to maintain old cemeteries

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The problem of abandoned cemeteries has attracted the notice of Rep. David Gomberg, D-Otis, who's proposed a bill to stem their slide into neglect and disrepair.

Gomberg recently testified before the House Agriculture Committee that people are increasingly opting to be cremated, negatively affecting the business model of small cemeteries.

As these operations go out of business and stop paying property taxes, they're foreclosed upon by county governments that lack funds to maintain the cemeteries, he said.

In Oregon's Lincoln County, from where Gomberg hails, there are nine abandoned cemeteries, he said.

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The goal of HB 2516 is to prevent Oregon heritage



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from being overgrown with blackberry bushes, Gomberg

said. Rep. Caddy McKeown,

said an abandoned cemetery in her district was long treated with scorn and fear — aside from occasional unauthorized Halloween parties — until a local high school student rehabilitated the site.

“It’s revered now,” McKeown said.

Rep. Brian Clem, D-Salem, attested to the apparent trend away from cemetery burials.

Clem said his family shot the ashes of his deceased grandfather out of shotguns over the man’s favorite hunting grounds in Eastern Oregon.

“That is not a fake story,” he said.

Not everybody has reacted positively to the legislation, however.

The Oregon Trial Lawyers Association submitted testimony opposing a provision of the bill that absolves permit holders from liability for injuries sustained by visitors to abandoned cemeteries.

“This one-size-fits-all justice runs directly counter to the constitutional right to a trial by jury,” according to the association.



Photo by E.J. Harris/EO Media Group

Joseph's Steven Beckman has his arm raised in victory after defeating Bonanza's Oak Tenold in the class 2A/1A 106-pound state championship match Saturday at Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

MEDALS

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Although he's the top-ranked wrestler in his weight class, Farwell isn't one to sit on his laurels.

“I'm hoping to get back there next year, but at the same time, being number one this year influences where kids go next year. I may grow 10 pounds, and it'll be a completely different experience,” he said.

Lund, a sophomore, came away from the tournament bearing a bronze medal for his efforts. He went to state as a freshman and walked away with a fourth place. Lund competed with many of the kids he wrestled last year.

“I feel pretty good about my performance. I beat the kid (Marcus Furtado of Adrian) who beat me out at District and for third place at state

last year,” he said.

Coach Troy Farwell couldn't be happier with his team's performance.

“I predicted we'd place in the top ten this year, and we finished seventh.”

The coach said he is helping out the Enterprise Junior High wrestlers for the next week, then he plans to start looking at wrestling camps for his team to attend. Farwell also plans to gain three to four more wrestlers, win district and place in the top four at state next year.

“The team is young, and we're only losing one senior. We all get to go back over next year let's hope,” Farwell said.

Joseph Charter School took two of its wrestlers who returned with gold and fourth place medals.

Steven Beckman, an Eagles sophomore, wrestled at 106 lbs. and brought back the

gold from his first trip to state. He said he didn't think he wrestled as well as he could have. The seeding and his first trip to state weighed on him.

“It felt like it put more pressure on me,” he said. Beckman also hadn't previously wrestled any of his opponents, which he said was intimidating.

Beckman isn't worried he'll slack off now that he holds the title.

“I've got to keep that title for next year, and to do that I'll have to wrestle well,” he said.

JCS junior Rylie Warnock wrestled at 170 lbs. and said he enjoyed his first trip to state. He didn't feel intimidated. “I got out on the mat and all my coaches were there and my parents were there. It was the same people I'm used to seeing.”

Warnock, seeded third, walked away with a fourth

place ribbon. “I'd like to have walked away with a third or higher, but I had fun,” he said.

Coach Tim Kiesecker said the tournament was fun with an amazing display of talent.

“Both my kids wrestled really well, and they both had a lot of fun, even outside the tournament. They're both a pleasure to be around,” he said.

Kiesecker also thinks he'll go back to state next year.

“With a sophomore and a junior, I'm looking forward to going back, but you just never know,” he said.

As it happened, the Outlaws placed seventh and the Eagles placed ninth in a field of nearly three dozen teams. One more thing: Every wrestler on both teams indulged themselves with either candy or a hearty meal after their final matches. Three months of dieting can do that to a person

deadly eye at the foul line as the helpless Eagles watched the Hawks pull inexorably ahead, leading 49-40 with 1:01 remaining.

After a timeout and substitution the Eagles suddenly caught fire, scoring 10 points in a heroic effort during that final minute. However, foul trouble again reared its head and vital free throw conversions by the Hawks put an end to the Eagles playoff hopes.

Aftermath

Sophomore player Tyler Homan, who shares the Chieftain's player of the game honors with senior Cayden DeLury, said the team never gave up no matter how bleak the situation.

“We've never thought we were out of just about any game we played. We knew if we played like we know we can play, we can win any game against any team. The team that made their shots ended up winning, and we made errors at crucial moments that cost us the game,” he said.

Homan also addressed the last minute sport in which the Eagles scored 10 points.

“It was intense. We decided to run a (full-court press, man-to-man defense) and pressure the ball all the time. Our goal was ‘Defense, steal it, get points,’ so we put all our energy into getting those points,” Homan said.

Coach Olan Fulfer said a failure to execute the game plan

at crucial times resulted in the loss. “We started out strong, crashing the boards, attacking and hitting the hoop, and when we went away from that our whole game plan fell apart.”

Fulfer credited his team for staying in the game when the future didn't look rosy.

“They battled, battled and battled and got within three, but a couple of rebounds didn't go our way at he end. We almost made a pretty awesome comeback,” he said.

Cayden DeLury led the team scoring with 19 in the bucket while Jake Chrisman poured 12 into the slot. Caevan Murray slid in seven points while Aaron Borgerding's six points rounded out the top scoring.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLOWA

In the Matter of
The Estate of HERBERT M. OVESTRUD, Deceased.
Case No. 16PB08092
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of said estate. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative, c/o ROLAND W. JOHNSON, ROLAND W. JOHNSON, LLC, P.O. Box E, 200 West Main Street, Enterprise, Oregon 97828, or they may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings of this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative.
Dated and first published: February 22, 2016.

Lorna M. Hill,
Personal Representative

Roland W. Johnson, OSB #77237
Roland W. Johnson, LLC
Attorney for Personal Representative

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Troy School District #54 is seeking applicants to fill a position on the school board. Applicant must be a legally registered voter and a resident within the Troy School District for a minimum of one year. Anyone interested in this position is encouraged to contact the Wallowa Education Service District office for more information at 107 SW First Street Enterprise; phone 541-426-7600.

LEGAL NOTICE

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FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLOWA

In the Matter of the Estate of Dei Kruse, Deceased.
Case No. 17PB01097
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative, B. Rupert Koblegarde, 1130 SW Morrison Street, Suite 415, Portland, Oregon 97205-2215, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or such claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative, who is the same person as the personal representative, B. Rupert Koblegarde, 1130 SW Morrison Street, Suite 415, Portland, Oregon 97205-2215.

Dated and first published on February 22, 2017.

B. Rupert Koblegarde, Personal Representative
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Attorney for Personal Representative

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Enterprise Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00p.m. Carl Kiss has applied for a Variance Permit at 02S44E01, Tax Lot 203 located on Sagewood St. Applicant wishes to change his front yard fence height from 4.5 to 6. Application is available to review at Enterprise City Hall. Meeting will be held at the Enterprise City Hall, 108 N.E. 1st Street, Enterprise, OR 97828

Jim Sackett, Chairman
Enterprise Planning Commission

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FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLOWA

In the Matter of The Estate of LAWRENCE R. MORSE, Deceased.
Case No. 17PB00543
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MENUS

JOSEPH SCHOOLS

Cereal, fresh fruit, vegetables & milk served daily

Not available

ENTERPRISE SCHOOLS

Cereal, fresh fruit, yogurt, vegetables & milk served daily

Monday, March 6: (Breakfast: Bagels & cheese) Lunch: Chicken sandwich & tater tots
Tuesday, March 7: (Breakfast: Bacon & eggs) Lunch: Chili & corn bread
Weds., March 8: (Breakfast: Pancakes & ham) Lunch: Roast pork with mashed potatoes & gravy
Thursday, March 9: (Breakfast: French toast) Lunch: Corn dogs & fries

WALLOWA SCHOOLS

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Monday, March 6: (Breakfast: Yogurt & granola) Lunch: Breaded pork patty & onion rings
Tuesday, March 7: (Breakfast: Waffle stick & strawberries) Lunch: Taco salad bowl
Weds., March 8: (Breakfast: Bagel & cream cheese) Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich & tomato soup
Thursday, March 9: (Breakfast: English muffin & cheese stick) Lunch: Deli ham & cheese wrap

WALLOWA COUNTY SENIOR MEALS

Meal site information: Wallowa 886-8971,

Enterprise 426-3840, Home delivered meals 426-3840.

To sponsor a senior meal, call 426-3840

or stop by the Community Connection office.

Monday, March 6: Combo pizza, green salad & dessert (sponsored in memory of Tom & Marion Sevier Johnson)
Weds., March 8: Baked potato bar with chili, broccoli, onions & cheese, and ambrosia salad (sponsored by Wellens Farwell Construction)
Friday, March 10: Parmesan chicken, fettucini Alfredo, steamed broccoli, pears & dessert (sponsored by Soroptimists)

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The quarter of truth

The fourth quarter started a see-saw battle with the Eagles battling hard to take a 32-31 lead a minute into the quarter. Back and forth buckets saw the Eagles with their last lead at 37-36 with five minutes remaining. Starter Aaron Borgerding, fouled out a minute previously, putting a dent in the Eagles machine.

Although the Eagles played hard, visible exhaustion set in along with an inability to find the bucket. Foul trouble ensued as well with most of the Hawks having a