

Church prepares to rise from the ashes

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

More than a year after an arson fire destroyed the Grand Ronde Church of the Nazarene on Grand Ronde Road, Pastor David Crabb can talk confidently about it rising from the ashes.

A July 3, 2007, fire destroyed the old structure and Crabb said the church's insurance assessed replacement value of the structure and contents at \$550,000, which is the target cost for building a new church.

Crabb, who became pastor at the church in June 2006, said a conceptual design for replacing the old building has been approved and construction plans are currently being developed on a new 5,660-square-foot church.

"The goal is to submit the plans for permits and other approvals in late July, and being able to break ground in late August," Crabb said.

The new church will be designed for "multiple-ministry uses," such as the worship area that can be



Conceptual design by McKnight & Hosterman Architects, Inc.

A conceptual design of the new Grand Ronde Church of the Nazarene.

converted into a dining hall or an activity area for youth, or divided into sections for classrooms.

"Our desire is to have people using the building in a wide variety of ways every day of the week, not merely for worship services on Sunday and Bible study on Wednes-

day," Crabb said.

But replacing the church is not the ultimate goal, Crabb said. He considers it the genesis of a new Nazarene Church in Grand Ronde.

He said the future vision would include expanding the 5,600-square-foot church into a 17,000-

square-foot multi-ministry center. The multi-ministry center would feature high ceilings for volleyball and basketball, and have a large space for youth, including an area that could be used as an arcade.

Price tag for a multi-ministry center, however, is \$1.5 million to \$2 million above the first phase costs.

"It would be wonderful for church to be the most fun and exciting place to be on any given day of the week," Crabb said. "For now, we are focused on phase one and looking to God to provide for the future."

Two youths were arrested for the arson that destroyed the Nazarene Church.

One, Larry Whitley, is currently serving an 18-month jail sentence and the other is scheduled to go to trial before Polk County Circuit Court in September.

The Nazarene Church in Grand Ronde serves between 40 and 90 parishioners from Grand Ronde and Willamina, depending on the time of year, Crabb said. ■

Unmarked grave sites in Grand Ronde

We need your help—If anyone knows the location of an unmarked grave or knows the name of someone who was buried at the Grand Ronde Cemetery and their grave has not been marked, please contact Mike Larsen, Facilities Manager, at 503-879-2407.

Grand Ronde recycle center hours

Due to misuse, the recycle center will be open during the following hours only: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you, but we have found it necessary to put tighter control on this service. **NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO DUMP PERSONAL GARBAGE OR YARD DEBRIS AT THE SITE.** If you see someone abusing this privilege, contact Mike Larsen at 503-879-2407.

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Woven canoe cushions:

July 17 4-7 P.M. Youth Ed. 126 (RSVP)

Eugene:

Chinuk Wawa: ongoing Thursdays

Beginning Regalia: **July 19** 10-4 P.M.

(sign up with Misty Thorsgard)

Portland:

Chinuk Wawa: Ongoing Wednesdays

Carving: ongoing Wednesdays

Beginning Regalia: **July 21** 6:30-9:30 P.M.

(sign up with Misty Thorsgard to get a supply list)

Moccasin class: **July 22, 29** 6:30-9:30 P.M.

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