

Schools: Property essential as bond deadline approaches

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Jeffrey will return to the board once he has an agreement for purchasing the property.

“Without this, it would be a challenge to move forward with the bond,” he said. “The property is the cornerstone of the bond.”

The district is running out of room at both of its campuses and both sit near wetlands and tsunami inundation zones. Regulations recently went into effect that prevent the district from doing any future building in those areas or on those campuses.

Earlier this year, a committee 20 community and school staff members worked with a consultant to determine what facilities the district needs

and what they'd cost and concluded the district has little choice but to build a large campus out of the danger zone.

It's expected to take 18 years and more than \$36 million.

Next month is the deadline on whether the district puts a bond decision before voters.

A bond large enough cover the long-range facilities plan would require taxing property owners an estimated \$2.49 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The owner of a \$150,000 house would pay about \$375 per year in that scenario.

Also Wednesday night:

- The school board voted to



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keep Debbie Morrow as its chair and Greg Morrill as vice chair.

- Board members declared a vacancy on the board with the recent resignation of Stacey Brown. Applications for the position will be accepted in August with interviews done in September. The new board member would be appointed in October and serve until the next election in May

2019.

- Heard a report on construction of the career technical education building at the high school.

The first round of bids came in higher than expected, so the project will be downsized.

This Week in Aboriginal History

by Carl A. Ellis



Crow Indians steal Lewis and Clark's horses

July 20, 1847: Thomas H. Hardy, superintendent of Indian Affairs in St. Louis, warns of trouble from declining buffalo herds.

July 21, 1806: Crow Indians steal 24 horses from the Lewis and Clark expedition.

July 22, 1675: Three Wampanoag Indians are hanged in Plymouth, Mass., for the murder of John Sassamon, an advisor to Pokanoket Indian Chief Metacom.

The three Wampanoags had been arrested by members of the Plymouth Colony on the testimony of an Indian witness. The jury also included some Indians.

July 23, 1805: The Treaty of the Chickasaw Nation is signed.

The federal government paid off \$20,000 in Chickasaw trading debt in exchange for 2.25 million acres of

hunting land in present-day Kentucky, central Tennessee and northern Alabama.

July 24, 1865: Cheyenne and Lakota Indians raid the most northerly outpost of the U.S. Army in what is known as the Battle of Platte Bridge.

They kill members of a cavalry platoon that had been sent to meet a wagon train as well as the wagon drivers and escorts.

July 25, 1865: Gen. Patrick Connor organizes three columns of soldiers to begin an invasion of the Powder River Basin from the Black Hills to the Bighorn Mountains.

They're ordered to kill every male Indian older than 12.

Conner builds a fort on the Powder River and wagon trains begin to cross the basin on their way to the Montana gold fields.

July 26, 1759: The French

relinquish Fort Carillon in New York to Gen. Jeffrey Amherst, commander in chief of British forces.

The British change the name to Fort Ticonderoga, from the Iroquois word Cheonderoga, which means land between the waters.

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Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards



Retired? You may need a vacation

Guess what I did to change my perspective? I took what could be called a vacation this last week.

Why would I need a vacation when I am on a continuous vacation?

According to my Merriam Webster Dictionary, the first known use of the word was in 1883. Some of its synonyms are break, holiday, leave and recess.

The younger set sometimes calls it “vegetating.” Most descriptions of vacation include the word restful or respite. I've come to the conclusion that we seniors need to take vacations now and then.

Seems we get so caught up with doctor, dentist, therapy (all kinds) and on and on that we jokingly say it has become our social life. But when we do something just for fun, it's getting away.

A vacation! Truthfully, I had almost forgotten how fun it would be to just plain get away. I'm already thinking about another respite.

“Travel serves many purposes,” says Gregory Jantz, a mental health expert in Edmonds, Wash. “Any time we change our environment, we have the potential to change our perspective. And when you change your perspective, you may find pleasure in

things that maybe you didn't know you'd enjoy.”

You know people come to our area from around the world because we offer so many fun experiences. So, if you don't like sleeping in any bed but your own, research all that's available in our area.

Go to our local chamber of commerce for an array of ideas. You could do an “underground tour” of the batteries at Fort Stevens and learn how the enemy targets were found, how the guns were aimed, and the steps taken to fire the guns.

For more information, visit the website wp.me/p8roGU-Gf.

If you are at all like me, you probably hesitate to do a lot of things that would be fun and use age and/or mobility as an excuse to say “no thank you.”

What did I do on my most recent vacation? I “hung out” with one of my young adult granddaughters who chose to stay home rather than go to their church's annual family campout.

She had to do all the watering and care for the animals and birds and chickens. She even walked me, fed me and entertained me!

One of my favorite patrons at our Warrenton Senior Lunch site said he missed my “word of the week” segment.

So he gave me a list of 10 words to explore. My favorite was *tatterdemalion*, which means ragamuffin, which gave me another thought about vacations.

We just kick back and can wear our most tattered clothes and totally relax.

Tatterdemalion has been around since 1608. Words are fun for sure!

Senior lunch menu

Monday, July 23: Chicken a la king, biscuits, broccoli, mixed greens, fruit crisp.

Thursday, July 26: Pork stew, mashed potatoes, carrots, cucumber salad, bread pudding.

The Warrenton senior lunch program is at noon (doors open at 10:30 a.m.) Mondays and Thursdays at Warrenton Community Center, 170 SW Third St. Suggested donation is \$5 for ages 55 and older; \$7 for those younger. For more information, call 503-861-3502.