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Property rezoned

Approval was given by the Boardman City Planning Commission last week for zone changes on two parcels of land owned by Desert Hills.

The properties are a part of the development project under way by Desert Hills on the south edge of Boardman. The zoning was allowed in order for a housing complex and a condominium style office building to be built.

One parcel on South Main bordering the south side of the power transmission line would be zoned commercial. Currently it is farm use. This area would contain professional services type facilities, it was reported.

The second parcel, located on Wilson Road and west of Main Street, would be changed from farm use to high density residential. A Desert Hills spokesman said a 60-unit

apartment complex is planned for the site with a 24-unit apartment project scheduled for immediate construction.

Construction on the park began last week with a formal groundbreaking. It is expected to be ready for occupancy when farm and food processing employees move to the community in July.

The office complex will be developed as a condominium. Each tenant will be a member of an association that owns and manages the facility.

This will be a long-range development that will be completed as the city grows and needs it.

A spokesman for Desert Hills said the offices will be built for professional use, for doctors, attorneys and consultants.

Zone fee set at Boardman

The Boardman city council last week enacted emergency measures to provide that applicants for zone and conditional use changes pay a city fee of \$200.

The zoning and subdivision work has been done without charge by the city in the past. The following fee schedule is in effect immediately: Mobile home park and mobile home estate plans review, \$7 per unit per review; zone change, \$200; boundary change, \$200; subdivision plans review, fees as per state statute; conditional use requiring an ordinance, \$200; other uses that require a hearing, \$50 plus publishing costs; special date for a city council meeting, \$100.

Government agencies are not subject to the new fee schedule.



Winners of the 1974 American Essay Contest, senior division, sponsored by the Ione Legion Auxiliary are, from the left, first place, Katherine McElligott; 2nd, Kay Bergstrom; and honorable mention, Jim Kinzer. This year's topic was "This Land is Your Land—This Land is My Land." Mrs. Irene Swanson is essay contest chairman.

REAP program reinstated

The total authorized funding level of \$225.5 million has been released for the reinstated 1973 Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP), the U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced.

\$140 million of the \$225.5 million has been initially allocated to the states when the program was announced in the fall of 1972.

Kenneth E. Frick, administrator, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), the agency that administers the program, said the total funding will be allocated to the states according to conservation needs.

The 1973 REAP was terminated in December 1972. It was reinstated in March 1974, following a U.S. District Court decision reversing the termination action and extending the 1973 program through Dec. 31, 1974.

farmers can apply for federal cost-share assistance for soil and water conservation and environmental protection measures needed on their farms.

REAP will continue to be funded and administered by ASCS along with the recently announced 1974 Rural Environmental Conservation Program (RECP). RECP carries forward some features of REAP, but was designed to strengthen conservation and environmental protection measures. The newer program also has provisions for development, management and protection of private forest lands.

Participation in REAP and RECP is open to all eligible farmers.

In addition to ASCS, other USDA agencies involved in the operation of REAP and RECP are the Soil Conservation Service, Forest Service and the Extension Service.

The Soil Conservation Service will provide technical assistance, advice and recommendations on policies for soil and water conservation practices including the conservation planning needed for long-term cost-share agreements.

The Forest Service will provide advice and recommendations on policies for all aspects of forestry practices and technical service, including planning assistance to the applicant.

Extension Service will provide education support and assistance for increasing the effectiveness of the program.

Amos C. Shoemaker dies at 47

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. for Amos Clinton "Kenny" Shoemaker, 47, who died April 5 at the Umatilla Hospital after an illness of two years.

Services were conducted by Pastor Neil King at the Boardman Community Church. Also assisting with the service was the Umatilla Masonic Lodge, of which Mr. Shoemaker was a member.

Mrs. Marvin Clarkson sang "Amazing Grace" and "Just As I Am," accompanied by Mrs. Everett Struckmeier.

Pallbearers were W.A. Williams, Troy McGowan, Larry Eades, Eldon Shannon, Vernon Russell and Cecil Stump.

Masonic Services were held at Riverview Cemetery.

Burns Mortuary was in charge.

Mr. Shoemaker was born Dec. 30, 1926 at Payette, Idaho, and spent his childhood there and in the Baker area. He was married to Dorothy Rogers Aug. 2, 1951 at Vancouver, Wa. They came to Boardman in 1965 and have lived here since.

Survivors include his widow of Boardman; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shoemaker of Boardman; and five sons, Kenneth of Pasco, Wn., Ron of Portland, Richard of Pendleton, Larry with the U.S. Navy at San Diego, Ca., and Danny of Boardman.

Mr. Shoemaker was a veteran of three years service in the U.S. Navy during WW II.

NEWS FROM IONE

The Ione Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale April 17 at the Legion Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special orders may be placed with Pat Pettyjohn, Helen Martin or Loree Hubbard.

Father John A. O'Brien of St. Patrick's and St. William's Churches announces that the April Mass schedule will be changed to the following: St. Patrick's at Heppner, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.; Sundays at 11 a.m.; St. William's at Ione, Sundays at 8:45.

The Womens Fellowship of the Ione United Church of Christ held its annual clothing drive April 2. Several boxes of good usable clothing were collected. The clothing was sorted, packed and distributed to the Heppner Neighborhood Center and the Eastern Oregon Hospital and Training Center.

The womens Fellowship expresses appreciation to those who contributed to the drive.

The Ione Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call to put out an automobile fire on April 2. The car belonging to Larry Male, Second Street, was badly damaged.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Burnett (Nancy Baker) at the Pendleton Community Hospital, April 3. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Baker, Ione, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burnett, Pendleton. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gogger, Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker, Woodburn, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Burnett, Pendleton.

The Ione City Council met April 2 in the Ione City Hall. A building permit was issued to Beecher Emert to construct a walk-in cooler at his cafe on Highway 74.

Steve Anderson presented alternatives on bids to construct water pipelines from the city well to the reservoir. The bids received were greater than was originally planned. Anderson and two council members will negotiate a contract.

June Crowell submitted her resignation as city recorder to be effective May 1.

Mayor Bob Drake announced water rates will raise to \$1 per month effective May 1. Water hauled from the city pump will raise to \$1 per thousand gallons.

Fredrick Martin, chairman of the Ione City Planning Commission, announced there will be a series of meetings on Land Conservation and Development held in the area

beginning April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Mountain Community College auditorium.

The second will be held at Condon High School on April 17, at 7:30 p.m. The third is to be at The Dalles Junior High School on April 18, at 7:30 p.m.

These meetings are sponsored by the Portland office of the State Department of Land Conservation and Development.

These meetings are open to all interested persons.

The Ione Cardinal Club will meet April 11 in the cafeteria at 8 p.m. Officers for the coming year will be elected and installed. This will be the last regular meeting of the school year.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Linnell April 1 at The Dalles General Hospital. He has been named Rodney Donald.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bert Akers, Ione, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Linnell, Boardman. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Jessie Hartfield, Boardman, and Mr. and Mrs. William Zastrow, Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Akers attended a meeting of Pomona Grange of Union County April 5 at LaGrande.

Barbara Peck, president of Oregon Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Christ, announced the annual meeting of the conference will be held at the Park Rose Church, April 19-20. Mildred Gathercoal of Corvallis will be the speaker.

The American Legion Auxiliary met in the Legion Hall April 2 to make plans for its Election Day dinner.

The group will hold an all-day meeting on May 7 to make poppy corsages and paper flowers for the veterans wheelchair parade for the Rose Festival.

Jim McCabe, Pullman, spent his spring vacation

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visiting with his father, Alvin McCabe, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree and Ruth McCabe, and other family members.

Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree took Jim to Walla Walla April 7 where he was met by his mother, Carolyn McCabe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baker have purchased the trailer home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ling.

Rebekah Bunchgrass Lodge met at the home of Mrs. Dave Rietmann, April 4.

Mrs. Gar Swanson and Jim Swanson spent April 5 in Portland.

Boardman

The Boardman Community Church will hold Sunrise Services Easter morning at 7 o'clock at the old overpass east of Boardman on the cemetery road. Breakfast will be served following the services in the Fellowship Room at the church. Sunday School will be at 9:45 a.m. and church services at 11 a.m.

There were seven tables of pinocle in play at the card party held last Tuesday at the Greenfield Grange Hall, sponsored by the Women's Activity Committee of the grange. Mrs. Arthur Allen was hostess. High prize was won by Mrs. Tom Harrison and second high went to Mrs. Glen Smith. Mrs. Hazel Carpenter and Faye Anderson received the traveling pinocle prizes.

Mrs. Frank Marlow visited a week in Portland at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Smith.

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No subsidy for wool, mohair sold in 1973

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced that there will be no payments made to growers on their 1973 sales of wool and mohair.

The USDA explained that payments are unnecessary because prices received by growers in the marketplace for wool and mohair last year were higher than the support level established for these commodities for 1973 under the national wool act of 1954.

Wheat TCK upsets Chinese

The presence of tiny plant disease spores in wheat, called TCK, a disease found only in winter wheat areas where fields remain snow-covered for approximately 30 days a year, is causing concern among Northwest agriculture officials.

This disease is harmless to humans and animals, say the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

China, the Northwest's third biggest wheat customer, taking more than 30 million bushels of wheat since the first of last July, has complained and is pressuring private grain trading firms and U.S. government officials for tighter inspection.

Irvin Mann Jr., Oregon agriculture director, said recently that the first regional effort to cope with this Chinese complaint will be aimed at a meeting of the Pacific Northwest Grain Quality and Standards Committee in Portland, May 1.

Police protection offered

A plan to provide police protection for Boardman was proposed last week by the East Central Oregon Association of Counties.

William Dietz, law enforcement planner for the administrative district, said a state-administered program could provide the city with an officer free-of-charge for a year. He said the policeman would work under the Work Incentive Program and is paid by the state. He added that ECOAC may also be able to work with the Board of Police Standards and Training to provide other officers.

He suggested the city most with Leonard Skinner of BPST to discuss the situation. He said one officer may not be sufficient for the population expected in the city this summer and Boardman may have to consider hiring two or three policeman.

Federal projects dropped

The Federal Bureau of Reclamation announced Saturday that there is no need for a Federal South Side Project.

The South Side Study area includes northern Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties, along the Columbia River from the Umatilla River on the east to the Deschutes River on the west.

The bureau stressed the development by private individuals and groups has been responsible for developing 33 per cent of all arable land in the area between 1968 and 1973, and are expected to have developed nearly all of the arable land below the 600 foot elevation by 1990.

This rapid development, and private expansion of irrigation land, has made it difficult to identify or justify any federal irrigation projects in the area.

The Bureau of Reclamation study also reported the "appraisal investigation indicated that a federal multipurpose water resource development in the area cannot be justified under present national priorities, and economics conditions."

New plant ahead of schedule

Progress on the Desert Magic Inc.'s Boardman food processing plant is "ahead of schedule," according to a spokesman for the plant.

Scheduled opening date will be about July 1, but plans depend on arrival of equipment and materials. Machinery and equipment for the plant are due for installation beginning around May 1.

The main contractor for the project, Northwest Industrial Construction of Ontario, Ore., has been using many local workers in the construction, which in turn has further helped the growth of Boardman.

A plant spokesman said a certain amount of out-of-state employees will be needed when the plant opens for the harvest in July, due to the fact that many workers will not be trained or qualified for certain positions in the operation.

Construction of the Desert Hills housing complex should be completed to match Desert Magic's full operation late this summer.

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