

Council forced to extend deadlines

Work on Heppner's major city streets and the city's sewer reconstruction are running beyond the anticipated completion dates. Both projects will hopefully be completed in August, but not as soon as anticipated.

According to street engineer Doug Ferguson, Mt. Vernon, the base work on street reconstruction is complete. Underlaying of narrow strips is scheduled for August 10-11 with chip sealing to follow. Major asphalt paving will be underway throughout fair and rodeo week, with some cleanup anticipated after August 20.

Residents have had to cope with parking and access problems during this project. Council members have received complaints about dust problems and access to private driveways.

To solve drainage problems from runoff on Gilmore Street, a concrete curb was built on the west side of that street. Ferguson said that the area behind the curb will be backfilled. All private driveway access and the courthouse parking lot access will be acceptable, according to Ferguson. "Let us finish and the people will be pleased," he said, adding that it was hard to explain the process to individuals.

Council members also approved overlaying Minor Street, a short street off Water Street, that was cut from the original project. City manager Gary Marks said the condition of the street makes it too costly for city crews to patch. Having contractors do the job while they are in the area will be less expensive, he said. The anticipated cost is \$3,360 which is within the street improvement budget.

But along with the headache

of major street repairs, the city is running up against the DEQ deadline for sewer renovation compliance. In order to be eligible for grant construction funds, the new facility must be up and running by September.

Change orders have slowed the project that was scheduled to be completed by August 14. That deadline is now set for August 28. According to engineer Don Olsen, \$49,700 or about 99 percent of the contingency fund, is needed to recondition the existing clarifiers at the sewage plant. The condition of these clarifiers could not be determined before there was an alternate method of handling sewage. The work involved sand blasting and painting, along with new steel bolts.

The city also needs to acquire an easement from private property owner Tom LaRusso in order to repair a section of city sewer mainline near the Court Street Bridge below the court house. Easement or use of that private property is necessary for the operation of large equipment needed to replace this damaged line.

In other business: -The city approved the annual renewal of all liquor licenses.

-The council requested that a letter be sent to the county court regarding transfer station accommodations. According to county council weekend hours and container restrictions have deterred city residents from complying with clean-up projects.

-According to Mayor Bob Jepson, the Housing Authority has approved the St. Patrick's Hotel parking lot repairs and renovation of the downstairs apartment.

-On recommendation of the city planning commission, the council decided that it was not necessary to have a work program to comply with the periodic review of Heppner's Comprehensive Plan.

-A request from Joe Wilhelm for council endorsement of the Willow Lake Sailing Club was tabled. Wilhelm was not present at this meeting.

-Public hearings regarding private property cleanups were evaluated. The mini-park area, which was thought to be own-

ed by Unocal Corporation, is the property of the highway department. It may be listed as surplus property. City Attorney Bill Kuhn said that property value assessment will determine if the area is surplus property and may be obtained for a nominal value of \$500.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



There were 95 people present for the senior dinner Aug. 3. Winnifred Cox won the meal ticket, Walter Joyce the door prize and Schoonover won the guest prize. Members of the Nazarene and Seventh-Day Adventist churches served. The meal site committee met following the meal. Hearing aid service was given and blood pressures taken before the meal.

The menu for Aug. 17 will be spaghetti and meatballs, corn, tossed salad, garlic bread, cookies and fruit. Members of the Baptist Church and Christian Missionar Fellowship churches will serve.

Seniors are needed to volunteer to work in the pie booth at the fair Wed., Thurs. and Fri., Aug 17-19. There are three shifts each day and three people are needed for each shift. Lots more pies are also needed. There will be no cream pies served this year because of stricter state regulations. Any pie baked for an hour in the crust is OK including pumpkin pie that is properly refrigerated.

Sixteen seniors and bus driver Dot Halvorsen traveled to Pendleton Monday, Aug. 8 where they enjoyed lunch, music and dancing at the meal site. The next bus trip is to Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon for lunch on Aug. 22. Please sign up in the office.

Off the Wall By Meryn Robinson

Here's hoping you have prepared that jar of pickled peppers, grandma's old shoehorn or that wierd abstract picture to enter as fair exhibits. My hats off to those ambitious souls whose entries make the fair a big success.

I haven't tried this year's Wheat League cake recipe, the Oregon Pear-Walnut cake as given in the premium book. My excuse is that it's been too hot to fire up the oven. However since I can't seem to boil eggs without scorching them, as I did recently, maybe it's best to stay out of the baking department. Alas, there doesn't seem to be any fair categories for wilted petunias, stunted cabbage or crooked carrots, which are some of my best efforts.

Another happening that is almost simultaneous with fair is preparing youngster's wardrobes for school. I remember when no self-respecting mother would let kids enter school without new underwear and socks. In spite of gallons of bleach, those tattered summer undies usually looked like they'd spent three months in the hog lot or a frog pond, far from what you'd call sparkling white.

Along with a basic assortment of new duds for our kids, including tops, skirts and jeans, my old sewing machine sometimes whirred into the wee hours. It seems it's much easier for the younger set to make a fashion statement these days.

The clompers on some girls' feet look as though they came from Army surplus stores. Today's youth must also shop at the Salvation Army outlets. The bigger and baggier that shirts and bottoms are, the more acceptable they become. Parents could save a bundle if they'd buy their kids a magic marker. Plain T-shirts can be purchased for less than \$10. But when they come with sayings such as "Nerdsville," "The University of Malfunction" or "BUM" they sell for upwards to \$50.

Manufacturers of today's sportswear are definitely in cahoots with the appliance industry. I've got nothing against the cotton-picking industry, but I do have an aversion to firing up the iron. I understand one reason for purchasing garments several sizes too large. After several washings, those all-cotton clothes are reduced to doll size. And then there is an assortment of things that say "dry clean only". I question that as being practical especially for those youngsters who artistically drape clothes on the floor as a form of self-expression.

It's pleasing to occasionally see a young woman dolled up in a somewhat fitted dress. After one acquires a somewhat lumpy form, no one is going to pay attention even if one wore a sack tied with a sash. But I do wonder if manufacturers are trying to cut costs due to the present length of skirts.

Allowing youngsters to wear shorts in school is a definite plus. Shorts are far less revealing than the short skirts on girls who might drop a pencil or book. A young Sir Galahad might be reluctant to come to a girl's aid, women's rights, you know. However compared to today's "next to nothing" bathing suits worn in public, those "less in better" fashions seem to go along with the times.

On the flip side are those youngsters who continue to be involved in 4-H sewing. Their talents and tastes select a great deal of smartness in making fashionable garments which require a great deal of skill. The 4-H public style review always inspires me to dust off the sewing machine, another one of those good intentions that often dies quickly.

Camp Fire group needs leaders

School is about to start and so should Camp Fire. But, even if the children are ready, there are no leaders for a local Camp Fire Group.

Former leaders, Merry Brannon and Cindy Kennedy, have had between 38-45 children in two groups, kindergarten through second grade and

third through sixth grade. Brannon and Kennedy, however, are taking some time away from Camp Fire. "It was a challenge for Cindy and me, but we loved it. We knew we were doing something to help the youth in the community," said Brannon. "Our hearts were opened wide by each child."

But, their departure leaves some big shoes to fill. Brannon is hoping that someone will volunteer. She suggests starting small, with one group of

eight to 10 children. She says that a small group would be easier for leaders and would allow for better meetings, better crafts and more outings. "Camp Fire isn't complicated," added Brannon. "You are given books to follow and the plans are given step by step." She emphasizes that the "quality time" spent with the kids through Camp Fire is very important to them.

To volunteer or for more information, call Brannon, 676-5263, or the Camp Fire main office, 276-6181.

Jack and Jill

slated Aug. 12

The Willow Creek Country club golfers will hold a Jack and Jill mini-tournament on Friday evening August 12, at 6 p.m.

The tournament will involve mixed couples playing in a modified nine-hole chapman type of play.

Prizes will be awarded for low scores and special events. Admission will be \$4 per couple for members and \$10 per couple for non-members.

Light snacks will be served by the committee in charge. Hosts will be Mike and Cindi Doherty, Gary and Barb Watkins and Duane and Robanai Disque.

meeting set

A Fieldmen's breakfast has been scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 6:30 a.m. at Frasu's Restaurant in Hermiston.

Paul Koepsell, Extension plant pathologist from OSU, and George Clough, horticulturist with HAREC, will speak on minimizing damage caused by the disease "take-all" in wheat fields following onions and onion fields following wheat in wind strips.

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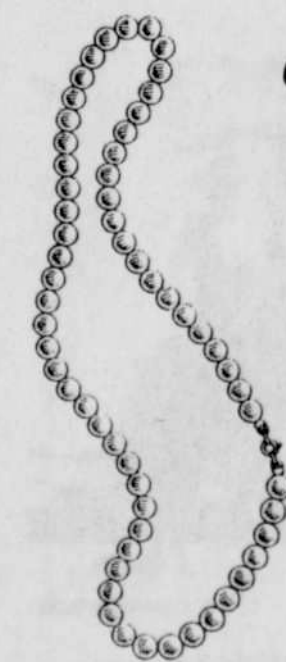
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Home Testing Kit for AIDS

Testing kits for in-home use have increased in popularity recently due to an increased emphasis on preventative health and self-care. When properly used, self-testing kits can be helpful in the early detection and treatment of various health problems. And kits are useful in monitoring the progress of certain conditions. According to the most recent edition of the *Handbook of Non-prescription Drugs*, most manufacturers of in-home test kits claim a better than 95 percent test accuracy if the user strictly adheres to kit instructions and recommended procedures.

Currently testing kits are available for monitoring blood pressure and for the detection of pregnancy, colon cancer, and urinary tract infection. A new test kit for in-home use is being evaluated for the detection of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome).

A few months ago the manufacturer of a test kit for HIV applied to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for permission to market an in-home kit and counseling service. According to a report in the *Wall Street Journal*, the kit would sell for about \$30. If approved, the kit would be the first for self-testing for AIDS. An FDA advisory panel is evaluating the kit.

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