

Lexington discusses how to spend raised money

Just how over \$2,400 in money recently collected for the Lexington Fire Dept. Auxiliary will be spent, was a major topic at the Lexington town council meeting last Monday night.

Some fire department members want the money given to the department to spend, however, the auxiliary decided to consult the council before anything is purchased.

The money was collected in a recent scrap metal drive orchestrated by Jean and Al Brazell of Lexington Machine Works.

The auxiliary is an official non-profit organization, so any donations from individuals to the organization now will be tax deductible. The auxiliary will make final decisions how the money will be spent, however, Monday they asked that all requests from the fire department for equipment over \$50 be sent to the town council first.

According to Lexington Mayor John Renfro the auxiliary has decided to allocate all funds not donated for a specific purpose at 75 percent for the fire department, and 25 percent on fire education, smoke detectors, etc. The auxiliary also decided to request two bids on any equipment or supplies that will be purchased.

Lexington resident Carmen Wilson expressed frustration with what seems like red tape and the slowness with which the fire department requests for equipment were being handled.

"We want our homes protected, so we go out and raise money

(for the fire department). We (Lexington Auto Body) donated all the metal we could from our place so the money would go to the fire department. That's why everybody donated. Now the money's tied up. We have to get the (fire department) rigs up and running. It's just a mess. It's frustrating," she said about the process.

"They keep putting us off. It's been a hassle. I don't know what's going on," she said.

She said the council did vote to let the fire department have batteries it needed for the fire trucks.

In other town business Renfro said following an accountant's review of the 1998-99 budget, the council was informed it must hold a supplemental budget to correct a \$23,000 short fall in the general fund. "This is a violation of state law and must be corrected," Renfro said. He said the council had until June 30 to correct the problem.

He added that the town budget committee will meet Jan 31 to work on the problem.

Renfro also said the town has qualified for a 10-year \$75,000 loan from the Morrow Development Corp. The money will be used for a planned town water system upgrade project.

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Card, bunco party set at St. Pats Parish Hall

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A card and bunco party will be held at St. Patrick Church parish hall on Sunday, January 23. Play of bridge, pinochle, and bunco will begin at 2 p.m.

The church's Altar Society is again sponsoring this break from mid-winter routines and will be serving refreshments and offering prizes.

Cost of the event is \$2.

MCGG to hold growers meeting

The Morrow County Grain Growers agronomy department will hold their winter growers' meeting Wednesday, February 16, at the Willows Grange Hall in Lone.

The meeting will start with coffee and doughnuts at 7:30 a.m., followed by the first presentation at 8 a.m. Lunch will be provided at 12:30 p.m. with the conclusion of the meeting.

Local representatives from Morrow County Weed Control District and Wheatland Insurance will give presentations as well as representatives from AgriCheck ag testing labs, Novartis, BASF and Monsanto. Products and label updates will be topics of discussion along with a wheat fertility nutrient management program.

Oregon recertification and CCA credits have been applied for.

Nikki, Mark McElligott earn youth group awards



Mark McElligott helps sell raffle tickets for the Jason Halvorsen Memorial Fund quilt raffle on the 4th of July in Lone.



Nikki McElligott (left) and Allison Halvorsen make sandwiches at Outreach Ministry of Burnside.

Mark McElligott and Nikki McElligott are the 2000 recipients of the Outstanding Service Award given by Lone Ecumenical Youth Group.

The award is the highest honor given by the group and reflects four years of full participation and "sincere commitment and service to others."

Mark and Nikki, both seniors at Lone High School, have regularly attended meetings and sold and delivered Christmas trees to make money for group projects. They have helped with the annual food drive to benefit the Neighborhood Center and helped with the Jason Halvorsen

Scholarship Bazaar by setting up and serving in the kitchen the day of the sale. They have also volunteered at the Topic Club fund raiser for the Lone Public Library.

Both students have been actively involved in the Human Race, a pledge walk that benefits the Burnside community, and have shovelled snow for senior citizens. Throughout their high school years they have made yearly trips to Burnside to serve the poor. They have toured agencies, served in soup kitchens, passed out hygiene kits in the local hotels and made

sandwiches and sorted clothing for the poor of the area. They have also been readers at church.

Mark and Nikki are members of St. William's Catholic Church, where they were confirmed in May of last year.

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