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New sidewalk going in

Frank Jones of J&G Services of Heppner puts the finishing touches on a section of freshly poured concrete along Linden way in Heppner. J&G is putting in curb, sidewalk and drainage as part of a city project funded by Oregon Dept. of Transportation.

Shrine Game set August 5; two Heppner boys to play

The 54th Oregon Shrine East-West All-Star Football Game will be played Aug. 5 in Baker City. Kick-off is at 4 p.m. with Fox Sports NW televising the game for the second year in a row.

Heppner High School players Rory Kilkenny and Matt Kenny were selected to play in the game.

This game, run by volunteers, raises money for the Shrine Hospital for Children. Last year over $100,000 went directly to the Shrine Hospital.

Ralph Patterson, Union, who played in the 1954 game representing Powder Valley H.S., is this year's game chairman.

East Queen is Crystal Yergen of Summerville. West Queen is Stephenie Schlenker of Madras. Honorary Captain is Blake Bedlion of Vancouver, WA. All three were patients in the Shrine Hospital.

The head coach for the East Team is Greg Grant, Heppner High School football coach. Lance Lovett, La Grande (3A) and Steve Colkitt, Union 2A round out the East Team coaching staff.

Head coach for the West Team is Bill Masei, North Bend (3A). The West Team coaching staff also includes Doug Ierardi, Regis (2A) and Skye Flannagan, North Powder (1A).

Following is the schedule and roster for the West and East Teams. All rosters are final as of July 16, 2006. Player pickup is in Wilsonville the evening of July 27 and the morning of July 28. The players will tour the Shrine Hospital before heading east to Eastern Oregon University in La Grande where they will be housed for practice sessions until game day.

Thursday, July 27- Wilsonville, 4-6 p.m. Players' have physicals and receive game pants; barbecue, 6 p.m.

Friday, July 28- Wilsonville, 7:30 a.m. breakfast; 8:30 a.m.; introduction of dignitaries, players receive jerseys; 9 a.m.-team and coaches board buses to Shrine Hospital; 9:30 a.m. hospital visit; 12 noon lunch at Shrine Hospital; 1:15 p.m. team and coaches board buses for EOU; 5 p.m. Umatilla Indian Reservation – dinner; 7 p.m. board buses for EOU; 8 p.m. EOU check in.

Saturday, July 29-La Grande, players at EOU; 8 a.m. pictures on the field for players, coaches & royalty.

Sunday, July 30- Players at EOU.

Monday, July 31-6 p.m. player welcome dinner-Hoke Hall.

Tuesday, August 1- Wednesday, August 2- players at EOU.

Thursday, August 3-Baker City-player lunch at 11 a.m.; 12 p.m. busses depart for East/West Day - Baker City Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and county fair, view downtown window displays, tour Bulldog Stadium, Shrine Day Baker County Fair; 6 p.m. hosted barbecue at Baker County Fairgrounds; 7:30 p.m. Teams board Buses for EOU.

Friday, August 4- 9 a.m. Shrine Golf Tournament - Buffalo Peak in Union; 6:30 p.m. player/ family/Shriners barbecue at

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ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE:
MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

Lexington Council hires recorder

The Lexington Town Council approved the hiring of Jaylene Slinger as new Lexington Town recorder and swore her in at the July 11 regular meeting.

Slinger replaces Nicki Clement who resigned to take a job elsewhere.

Some objection from the audience was raised to Slinger's hiring because her father is newly-appointed council member Jay Papineau.

The mayor and council differ with some members of the audience who maintain that the most recent Lexington charter prohibits the hiring of relatives as employees. Audience members also differ as to whether the recorder should be sworn in or simply hired. The council and mayor plan to hold a work session concerning changes to the charter, which must be approved by Lexington voters.

The council and mayor also discussed the possibility of having a Lexington harvest festival, perhaps the third week in September between the Pendleton Round-Up and hunting season.

Lexington resident Marcia Kemp reported on a Neighborhood Watch meeting attended by Morrow County Sheriff Ken Matlack. Kemp voiced her concerns over unkempt properties, trespassing, underage drinking, drug use and other illegal activities. "We're not a vigilante group," said Kemp, "but we're going to be watching."

A frustrated Mayor Doherty, who had earlier admonished members of the audience to be quiet until the portion of the meeting for public input, told Kemp that as long as people weren't breaking the law, they could do anything they wanted.

Kemp also complained about a road near her residence that needed graveling, rather than another street that had been selected for rock. Lexington maintenance man Dan Marshall replied that the streets getting the most usage took priority over less-used roads. "We don't have enough money to take care of everything that needs done," said Doherty. "We will have to work it into the annual plan. We only have so much money and it has to go so far. Dan is going to prioritize."

It was also suggested that Kemp buy rock on her own, as have council members Jean Brazell and Jim Nelson. "We've spent lots of money...spraying weeds," countered Kemp. "It seems like other people get the gravel and we don't."

Old pool renovation progressing

The progress of renovating the old pool site is "going great," according to information received at the July 13 meeting of the Beautification/Parks and Lands Commission at Heppner City Hall.

The report indicated that the pea gravel isn't in, but the project is almost complete. Planting sagebrush and irises will be completed the week of July 17. Some additional plants will be planted in the fall when the weather cools down. Some additional work to fill in holes and finding materials for additional fencing is ongoing but the site work is coming to a close.

The commission recognizes Gerald and Sonja Smith for their efforts in helping to maintain this area and keeping it as nice as they could during the long period of changes. Bob Harrison was also recognized for moving the plow into place and helping to make the site as attractive as it has become.

Hanging baskets were discussed at length because of the problem with wilted baskets. According to a list of problems presented by those doing the watering, the one time the flowers did not get watered, the volunteers could not reach anyone from the city. The mayor stated that a list of names/phone numbers will be provided so that this does not happen in the future. Attempts were made to water every day but the pumping equipment has not functioned properly due to the faulty battery on the water pump on the city's tank.

Last year the main problem had been the battery and not the pump itself and the battery had to be charged periodically at that time. Two new batteries have now been purchased and the new battery will be charged by the city two times a week in the future. The wilted baskets are being replanted and should be re-hung this week. The watering on the new plants will be monitored closely to make sure they are in good condition. The watering will be done before and after regular business hours and the one time it was done at 10 a.m. will not be repeated. If the watering cannot be done before 8 a.m. for some reason, the city crew will be notified. It was noted that the volunteers are very responsible young ladies, although they did not have the experience to deal with these types of problems and they did the best they could under the circumstances.

Hager Park has been measured and the water lines should be installed within the next three weeks. Investigation on the grant for playground equipment has begun.

The tennis courts now have two new nets but the resurfacing will cost $4200 to $8000, depending on the material used. Two grants will be applied for this and additional funding might be obtained from another source. Columbia Basin Electric has been contacted about redirecting the lighting so night tennis can be played in the future.

Former Boardman Air Force Range meeting to be held

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is holding a public informational meeting from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, July 20, at the Port of Morrow, River Front Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman, to provide the public an overview of the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP), Site Investigation (SI) process and Department of the Army Right of Entry request information.

The Corps is evaluating Formerly Used Defense Sites that had historically been used for military training. One of these sites is the Boardman Air Force Range, located in Morrow County near Boardman.

The Corps will do this evaluation by conducting a MMRP, SI. The SI will be conducted in the next few months by a Corps contractor, Shaw Environmental. The work to be performed will include access to and a visual inspection, of property that was part of the Boardman Air Force Range. The inspection may also include soil and/or water sampling.

In order to begin the SI, the Corps will be contacting property owners of the Boardman Air Force Range and request the owner to provide a signed ROE for investigation and sampling.

Between 1941 and 1943, the U.S. Army Air Corps acquired more than 95,000 acres of land through private purchase and Department of Interior (DOI) land transfers for a practice bombing and gunnery range at the former Boardman Air Force Range. The Array Air Corps operated the range until 1946 when the land was placed in excess.

In 1948, the U.S. Air Force withdrew the range from excess and used the bombing range from 1948 until August 1960 when it was placed back in excess. In November 1960, the Air Force transferred the eastern half of the land to the U.S. Navy. The western half is owned by agricultural organizations, Portland General Electric, Morrow County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Boeing Company and the Nature Conservancy lease two large tracts of land.

Information about Boardman Air Force Range will be available on Portland District's website at www.nwp.usace.army.mil/pa/fuds.

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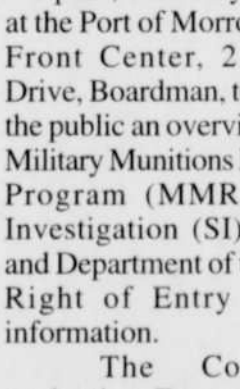

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