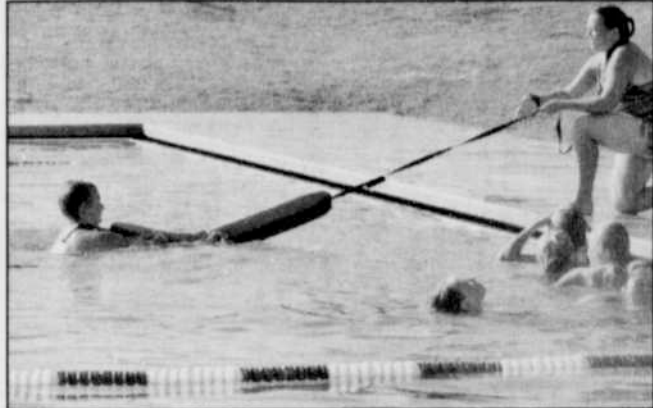
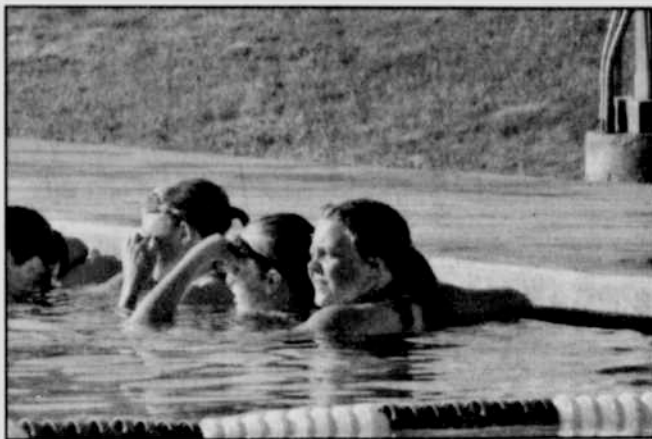
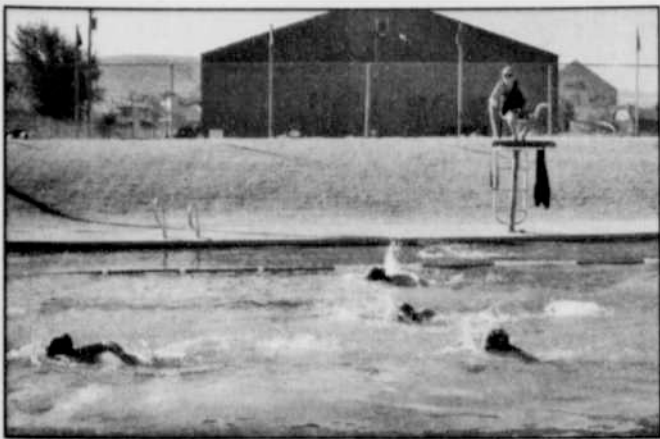


# Students set to complete jr. lifeguard training



Jr. lifeguard training at the Willow Creek Water Park began July 20 and will conclude on July 30. Lane Wright is the instructor and Merry Chandler is the pool manager. Top Left Photo: Trainees swimming laps. Top Center Photo: Lane Wright briefs trainees about lifeguard devices. Top Right Photo: (L to R) Jordan Jones, Kayla Kindle and Lilly Sandford listen to their instructor. Bottom Left Photo: Lilly Sandford uses the 'guard tube' to pull in distressed swimmer (Wright) to safety. Bottom Right Photo: Larissa Gray also works on pulling Wright to safety. -Contributed Photos

## Basile awarded July Yard of the Month

By Kay Proctor

The home of Joan Basile at 815 Lakeview Court has been chosen as Heppner's Yard of the Month for July by the Heppner Garden Club.

A native of Bronx, NY, Joan moved to Heppner in 2001 to be closer to son, Joe, and his family. For her new home here, Joan chose a sloped, hilltop lot with a view of Willow Creek Reservoir. Builder Rick Drake constructed the home and did terracing work. For a jumpstart, Joan had help with curb lawn edging, underground sprinklers, sod, basalt rock hardscaping and the beginning of the yard's landscaping. She has been maintaining and adding to it ever since.

Learning to garden in Eastern Oregon after keeping a half-acre yard in Greenport, Long Island, NY for 30 years has been an adjustment, particularly the lack of humidity and rainfall. Roses have done well here as in LI. Hydrangeas bloomed well in NY, but her lone 'Lacecap' hydrangea here has yet to bloom. Surprisingly, the soil on her lot is good and not overly rocky.

At the top of the 5' terrace in her backyard, Joan keeps an herb garden; oregano, mint, sage, thyme, rosemary, and, of course, basil. Also on top of the terrace are 'Skyrocket' junipers and lilacs, both white



Joan Basile received the July Yard of the Month. -Photo by Kay Proctor

and purple blooming, which are Joan's favorite plant.

Other plantings include yew, spirea, potentilla, rock daphne, 'Blue Star' juniper, 'Mugo' pine, euonymus, Butterfly bush, barberry, holly, blue nest spruce and dogwood. Perennials are lupine, lavender, iceplant, dianthus, snow-in-summer, vinca, mum, violets, cranesbill, blanketflower, campanula, sedum, creeping phlox and hollyhocks. A Lenten rose flourishes next to the heat pump in a side yard while the only tree, a weeping crabapple anchors a corner in the front yard. Tulips, daffodils and grape hyacinths make a showing in the spring.

Joan enjoys her front porch after shade covers it and can watch and sometimes hear lake activities from there. Close by a honeysuckle vine and feeder attracts hummingbirds.

Future plans depend upon the visiting deer. If they eventually destroy her roses, that bed would be a good spot for a water feature.

Retired as the bookkeeper in her late husband's accounting practice, Joan has more opportunity now to travel coast to coast visiting her son, John, in Alaska, and daughter, Vicki, in Virginia.

Stating that she enjoys gardening much more than doing housework, Joan's advice is to "get advice from people who know the area" and has received plant starts from local friends. She believes that working in the yard is a "great hobby" and that it is "fun to try things". Not surprising words from someone who moved from an island next to New York City to a rural hilltop in Oregon to establish a new home.

Yard of the Month recognition is co-sponsored by the City of Heppner, MCGG-Green Feed, Windwave-Heppner TV and the Heppner Garden Club.

councilors to suggest any language changes to the code and/or the resolution before the final re-write. The council is expected to take action on Resolution No. 23-2009 and associated municipal code language changes at their next meeting.

In other city business, councilors approved a liquor license for the new owners of the local grocery store, renamed Boardman Select Market. Councilors approved \$300 towards a puncture vine eradication program, which will pay citizens \$1 a bag for puncture vines removed within the city's residential areas and bike paths. The council heard a report from the Boardman Chamber of Commerce updating the council on their activities this past year and planned goals for the coming year.

The next meeting of the Boardman City Council will be Tuesday, August 4, at 7 p.m.

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two older sisters, Justyce and Malysa.

When the Smith's arrived here in 1991 from Nebraska, they found the yard frying in the July heat and sun. A pickaxe would not penetrate the sod and the entire house and vegetation was totally engulfed in English Ivy. They set about removing ivy from such places as under siding and shingles and even inside the house. They discovered a cactus native to where they grew up in Idaho which tolerated the reflective heat well and an entry landscape of heat tolerant plants was conceived.

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## Boardman one step closer to new parking regulations

Tuesday night the Boardman City Council tabled passage of a resolution establishing parking regulations along the city's truck routes. Although Resolution No. 23-2009 has been in the drafting phase for several months now, the council decided to hold off its passage until associated language changes can be made to the City's Municipal Code.

The Municipal Code will need some rewrites to address issues of concern to the council. One major concern is whether the city should include language which puts time limits on parking in the city's right-of-ways. Some of the council felt the changes in the code, written as-is, does not go far enough to ensure the city's right-of-ways stay clear of long-term parking. The council would also like to include language to remedy violators who move from one location to another to avoid a citation.

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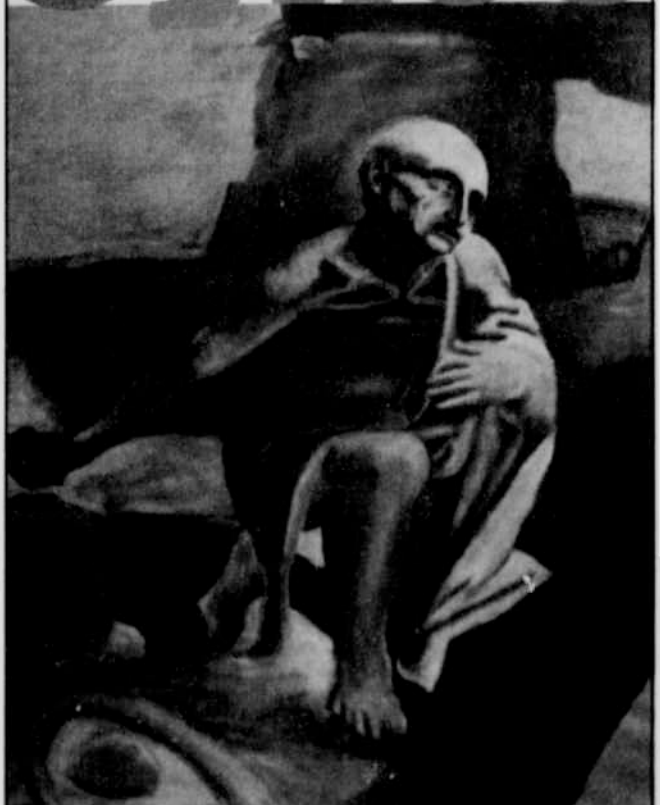
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## Ladies Play Day results

Ladies Play Day was held on Tuesday, July 21, at the Willow Creek Country Club. Results are as follows:

**July 21**  
Low gross of the field was a tie between Pat Edmundson and Corol Mitchell. Low net of the field was Lorrene Montgomery. Least putts of the field was a tie between Bernice Lott and Jean Strange.

Flight A winners were: long drive, Pat Edmundson.

Flight B winners

were: low gross, Joanne Barbee; low net, Pat Dougherty; least putts, Jackie Allstot; and long drive, Bernice Lott.

Flight C winners

were: low gross, Luvilla Sonstegard; low net, Ann Elgin; least putts, Burul De Boer and long drive, Ann Elgin.

K.P.: Pat Dougherty (11-inches).

Chip-ins: Lorrene Montgomery (#6).

Longest putt: Jean Strange.

Justice Court Report

Judge Charlotte Gray, Heppner Justice Court, has released the following report:

-Dustin D. Rollis, 28, Heppner, Driving While Suspended Violation, No Operator's License, \$244 fine.

-Mark Jerry Charles Bangham, 33, Newburg, Failure to Use Seatbelt (Child 4 years), \$76 fine.

-Joseph M. Coscadellie, 34, Susanville, CA, Violation of the Basic Rule by going 85 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$185 fine.

-Barbara L. Cutsforth, 46, Heppner, Failure to Use Seatbelt, \$99 fine.



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