

Community health fair to provide free shots

FamilyCare will be providing free shots for children at the fourth annual community health fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on August 20 at McKenzie Park in Hermiston. The free immunizations will be available for children two months to 18 years of age who are uninsured or on the Oregon Health Plan. Parents bringing children for free shots also need to bring their child's immunization records.

The health fair is open to everyone. All immunizations required by law for child care and school attendance will be offered, including DTaP, measles, mumps, rubella, and hepatitis A and B. Tdap, Gardasil and Menactra will also be available for adolescents.

In addition to the immunizations offered by FamilyCare health plans, the event will also feature free dental checkups from

the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic and blood pressure checks from Good Shepherd Medical Center, along with food, games, music and prizes from other community partners.

Several childhood immunizations are required by law for child care and school attendance; the goal of this year's health fair is to provide kids with necessary immunizations before school starts.

Garden Club announces June yard of the month

By Kay Proctor

Creating a welcoming yard of memories has earned Skip and Sandy Matthews Yard of the Month recognition for June from the Heppner Garden Club.

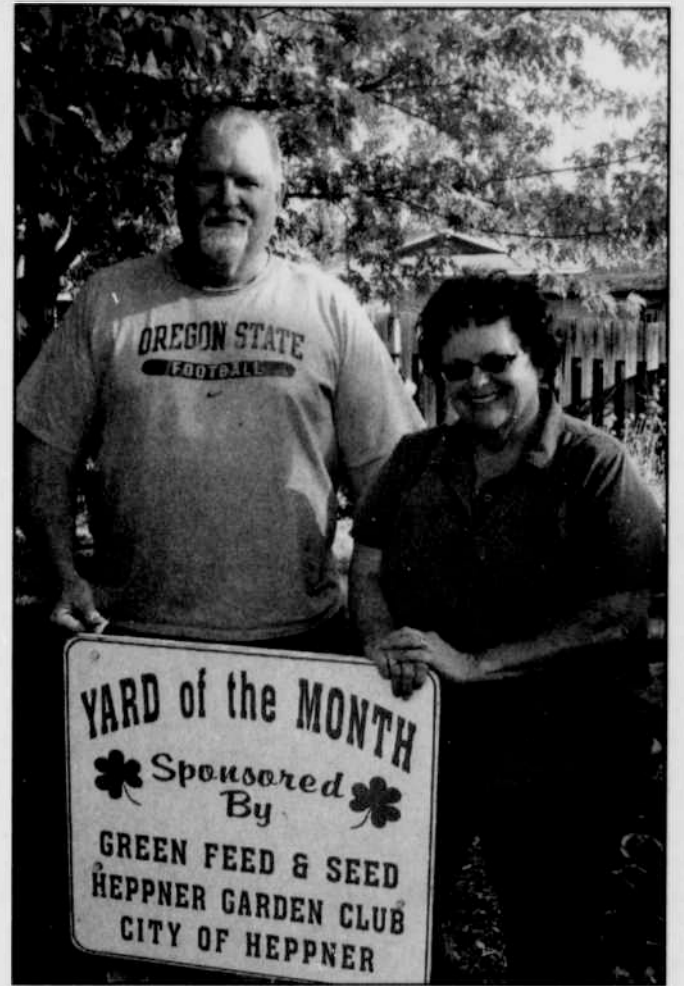
The house at 155 Rock Street had sat empty with a water-damaged interior and nothing but rock and hard alkaline soil for a yard when the Matthews purchased it 24 years ago. Since then, the interior has been remodeled. Outside, the couple has added a partial lot, shop, a garden shed, carved out terraces and brought in over 100 yards of topsoil. Most importantly, they raised their family there; daughter, Whitney, and son, Donald.

The view from the front yard is of the town, Willow Creek Valley and Mt. Adams. But the favorite outdoor spot for both is their brick paved patio looking out to Cross Hill's peaceful slopes, where they can watch "the deer and the antelope play." Close by is a pergola built by Skip.

Pink roses grow along a split-rail fence that borders the quiet cul-de-sac. A nearby sycamore tree is Skip's favorite planting, while Sandy's is her herbaceous lavender. Labrador Retrievers Lexi and Luci share the yard, and the Matthews keep feeders filled to attract wild birds.



A quiet corner provides a shady place of refuge in the Matthews' yard. -Photo by Kay Proctor



Skip and Sandy Matthews proudly display the Yard of the Month sign after the Heppner Garden Club awarded them the honor for the month of June. -Photo by Kay Proctor

Sandy "loves how so many people have given...things" to them for their yard. Starts have grown to lush plantings while rustics used as yard art all "have a meaning" because she is reminded of the person and story behind each item. She also enjoys the nursery at Morrow County Grain Growers/Green Feed Store.

Growing up in Newburg, OR, Skip was influenced by his parents' love of gardening and growing things. Passing on the recommendation to "get an idea" and "give it a try, get your hands dirty," Skip acknowledges that he gained gardening knowledge by trial and error. Sandy recommends the use of perennials for those who have limited time to garden.

Some of the plant varieties on the Matthew's property are weeping cher-

ry, linden and maple trees, clematis and ivy vines, dahlias, snapdragons, perennial daisies, sage, yarrow, salvia, iris, hosta, peony, tiger lilies, snow-in-summer, phlox and astilbe. Shrubs include junipers, mugho pines, spirea and lilacs. A vegetable garden is tucked away behind an apple tree.

Skip drives school bus and has served on the board of the Willow Creek Park District since 1995. Sandy, a native of Heppner, works as the office manager at Windwave Communications. Her skills at photography have made her the town's unofficial photographer. An excellent source of photographs would be in her very own yard of memories.

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

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Community College and Eastern Oregon University. The plan would enable high school teachers to teach college-level courses and students to get dual credits (both high school and college) while still in high school.

"I can tell you that what we're doing (now) is broken," said Mulvihill.

"[The Eastern Promise plan] is moving," he said, adding, "It's the right thing for a lot of reasons. It's about getting kids to a proficiency level, not what their undergraduate degree was."

He said that the IM-ESD plan is being looked upon with favor by the governor and the State Board of Education, which are planning to set dollars aside for innovative plans. He added that the Ione School District is positioned "pretty much better than anyone else" and has one of the highest capacities for opting in on the plan, and added that the Morrow County School District has been very active and is also positioned well.

-approved the following hires: Orissa Burghard as the high school science teacher; Brandi Orem as half-time kindergarten teacher; Stan Weiper as head football coach; Jill

Martin as assistant high school volleyball coach.

-accepted the resignation of Gale R. Pratt as special education teacher.

-received a financial update as of June 30; however, is planning to receive clarification at the next board meeting from Chief Financial Officer Beth O'Hanlon, IMESD, concerning four general fund cost centers and other funds that were over budget.

-adopted the following housekeeping resolutions for the 2011-12 school year, designating the following: Mark Mulvihill of InterMountain ESD, superintendent/clerk and executive officer, custodian of funds, authorized check signer, budget officer; Beth O'Hanlon, IMESD, business manager/deputy clerk, authorized check signer; facsimile signatures for Mulvihill, O'Hanlon; the short-term borrowing limit at \$200,000; fidelity bond amounts at \$100,000 each for Mulvihill and O'Hanlon; Fife and Cockburn, LLP, as official auditor; Corey, Byler, Rew, Lorenzen & Hojem as the legal counsel; Bank of Eastern Oregon as the depository for funds and participation in the Local Government Investment Pool; Wheatland Insurance, insurance agent of record; East Oregonian and

Heppner Gazette-Times, official newspapers; the IRS rate per mile for authorized travel, lodging at the single party rate and reimbursement for meals at \$35 per day; confidential employees, Marla Royal, board secretary, Michael Lasher, deputy superintendent, and Colette Blakely, human resources specialist; the substitute teacher rate at \$162.25 per day or \$20.28 per hour for the first 10 days, more than 10 consecutive days in any one assignment a minimum of \$190.74 per day or \$23.84 per hour; authorization of short-term, non-interest loans between funds when necessary due to timing of receipts and expenditures; authorization for investment of any money held by the Morrow County Treasurer; the board as the local contract review board.

-announced the following upcoming meetings: Boiler review hearing, Thursday, August 4, 4-5 p.m. at the Ione School; bids awarded, Monday, August 8, 1 p.m.; special board meeting--new hires, Monday, August 15, 3:30 p.m.; regular board meeting, Tuesday, August 23, 3:30 p.m.; in-service Tuesday-Thursday, August 23-25; Oregon School Board Association annual conference, November 10-13, Portland.

St. Patrick's welcomes back Condon

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish is hosting a welcome-back potluck barbecue for Father Gerry Condon in the parish hall after the 11 a.m. mass on Sunday, August 7.

Hamburgers and table service will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

Community lunch menu

Hope and Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, August 10 at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include creamy almond chicken, rice pilaf, broccoli salad, Jell-O with fruit, hot rolls and ice cream. Menu is subject to change.

Football camp planned

The 19th annual south Morrow County football camp will be held August 8 through August 11 at the Heppner High School. All students grades five through 12 are welcome.

The camp for grades five through eight will be from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.; the camp for ninth through 12th grades will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The cost for every grade is \$25. Every participant will also receive a hat.

Deadline for legal & classified advertising Mondays at 5:00 pm

Now that's puncturevine!

Reno Ferguson and Kevin Smith were knocking on doors in Lexington, looking for a paying job to help students who couldn't afford school supplies and to help save for something each one wanted. They had made about fifteen dollars, washing cars and doing odd jobs.

They finally knocked on Jean Brazell's door. Jean, the Lexington mayor, had made it her goal to get the puncturevine cleared off the right-of-ways on her walk to Town Hall. A wheelbarrow load and two five gallon buckets later, the mission had been accomplished...or so she thought. The maintenance man laughed and said there were three more bad spots. Then came the knock on her door.

Brazell and the boys negotiated a price, and Kevin has been getting his friends to help him clean the puncturevine from Lexington's roadsides and alleys.



The youth of Lexington, led by Kevin Smith and Reno Ferguson, have struck a deal with Lexington mayor Jean Brazell to rid the city of puncturevine. It's a win-win for the city and for the kids, who earn some extra money. -Contributed photo

Lexington wins, and the kids have some extra spending money and a feeling of accomplishment. They have made Lexington a better place to live and to ride their bikes. One boy remarked, "I thought a mayor sat behind a desk!"

Hope to hold yard sale, ice cream social

A yard sale will be held at Hope Lutheran Church on the corner of Alfalfa and Cowins in Heppner on Saturday, August 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The sale is to raise funds for painting of the church.

Di Salvo's Italian Ice Cream will be available for purchase between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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