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Church volunteers do cleanup

Volunteers from regional LDS churches participated in cleanup activities around Heppner on Sept. 7. Volunteers painted the old schoolhouse in the park, painted city hall, weeded at the local cemetery and performed many other projects.

The group was provided with a list of requests from Heppner Day Care, Willow Creek Terrace, Heppner Cemetery, Heppner Museum, city of Heppner and the Heppner Chamber. Some of the requests included power washing, sanding, repainting inside and out, pulling and clearing weeds, clearing flower beds, planting grass, painting curbs and parking spaces, washing windows and screens, cleaning gutters, edging around gravestones and reorganizing storage spaces.



Volunteers paint the old schoolhouse in the Heppner City Park.



A group of volunteers from regional LDS churches completed multiple cleanup projects in Heppner.



The cemetery project included weeding and edging around the gravestones.



Volunteers paint the Heppner city hall.

Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, September 25 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be crispy oven-baked fish, apple bran muffin, macaroni and cheese, garlic asparagus with lime, broccoli salad and fresh fruit for dessert.

Milk, coffee and tea is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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Lexington recall vote scheduled for October 1

Controversy surrounds the recall process

By David Sykes

A vote on whether to recall Lexington town councilmember Bill Beard is set to go before voters on a special election October 1, Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers told the Gazette-Times Tuesday.

Beard's recall is one of two in the town of Lexington with the other being against Mayor Marcia Kemp. Only Beard's is going on the Oct 1 ballot, however, because Childers says she has not been able to properly notify and receive a response from Mayor Kemp.

According to state law once the county clerk receives and validates the signatures on a recall petition, she must then notify the city election clerk (who in this case is also the Lexington town recorder). The election clerk then in turn notifies the person being recalled who then has five days to respond either that they are going to resign or go through with the recall election.

Controversy has arisen because Beard says he did not receive his letter until after the five-day limit was past, so he did not have an opportunity to respond. To complicate matters Beard apparently received his letter from the clerk who then resigned before Kemp's letter was delivered, allowing Kemp to say she has not been officially notified of the recall. She has therefore not responded, however, when asked about the recall effort last week Kemp did tell the Gazette-Times she was not resigning.

Beard also said he is not resigning, and an election will now be held Oct. 1 with only his recall on the ballot. But since he missed the response deadline Beard will not be able to have his statement printed either on the ballot or in the voter pamphlet. (See letter to the editor.)

The recall against Beard, who has been at odds with Kemp on many issues, was initiated by

town maintenance man Eddie Dickenson who said Beard has failed to come to a budget meeting causing the town shutdown, and threatened employees if they argue with him. A total of 18 signatures were needed on each recall petition and 20 were validated on Beard's petition.

If Kemp's recall does move to an election Childers said now a second special election will need to be held. She said the Town of Lexington will be billed for the cost of an election which she said included not only printing the ballots but for paying election workers to carry out the counting and other jobs necessary in an election.

Will Lemmon of Lexington started the recall petition against Mayor Kemp saying, among other things, she has failed her oath of office, exceeded her authority as mayor and violated the town charter. He got 48 signatures on the petition he turned into the county clerk.

Team to walk for ALS cure

Team Heppner, a local group organized to help raise awareness and donations for ALS, will be participating in the 2019 ALS walk in Portland on Sunday, Sept. 29. The donations from the walk go toward research for a cure as well as helping support medical needs for local patients.

The team is walking for their friends, Martha Munkers and Terra Adams, who are living with ALS and for Delia Robinson, who recently passed away from ALS.

ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. There is no known cure for ALS but through funds supporting research we can hopefully find a cure soon.

Donations can be made on the ALS Association website at alsa.org. Be sure to donate to Team Heppner for the Sept. 29 Portland walk. All donations stay in the local Heppner area to help ALS patients through the loaner closet, which

provides free and low-cost medical equipment on a long-term basis.

Those interested in joining the walk should be at the World Trade Center Plaza, 121 SW Salmon St., Portland, OR at noon. For more information follow Team Heppner on Facebook under Team Heppner Walk to Defeat ALS.

For additional information contact Stephanie Rill, Darcy Robinson, Judy Healy, Rhonda Winters or Betty Hickerson.