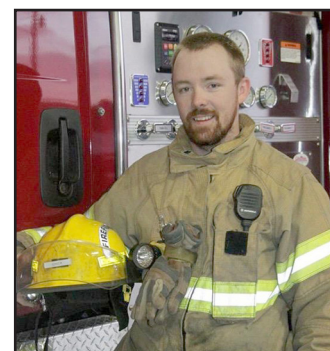


Heppner firemen receive promotions

Firemen for the Heppner Fire Department received promotions Monday evening at the firehall. Those promoted were Andrew Johnson, Mike Jones, Jeremy Cimmiyotti, Brian Kollman, Eric Chick, Trevor Rhea, Peter Wenberg and Stacy Lauritsen.



Upper Left
(L-R): Fire Chief Rusty Estes and Mike Jones-Safety Officer
Upper Right
(L-R): Fire Chief Rusty Estes and Peter Wenberg-Lieutenant
Lower Left
(L-R): Fire Chief Rusty Estes and Trevor Rhea-Lieutenant
Lower Right
(L-R): Fire Chief Rusty Estes and Stacy Lauritsen-Lieutenant
-All photos by Sandy Matthews.



Andrew Johnson-Safety Officer

Eric Chick-Lieutenant

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Town forms committee to study proposed RV park

By David Sykes
The town of Lexington has decided to form a committee to look at all aspects of a proposed recreational vehicle park to be built on the old school grounds. The RV park was discussed extensively at the town council meeting last Tuesday, and councilmembers decided with that much interest from the public it would be best to form a committee to talk more about the proposed facility. Councilmember Bobbi Gordon and community members Sid Kennedy and Sheila Miller all agreed to serve. The 15-space park has been proposed by local man Sam Bellamy who purchased the former school property from the Morrow County School District in April of 2016. He recently came to the council with

his plans for the new facility. Some neighbors to the project are concerned it may become run down, have unruly tenants and pets or be unsightly. Bellamy has assured them he will maintain the property and not rent long-term where problems could develop. Access to the property has been discussed also. The property is at the junction of and has frontage to both Highways 207 and 74. A city street also runs along the back side of the property. The Lexington planning commission is made up of the same members who are on the town council and they will be deciding any conditions to be placed on the property. Councilmembers Bobbi Gordon, Bill Beard and Curtis Thompson were the only councilmembers at the meeting, with Gordon

acting as mayor. Since resigned (see story this issue) Mayor Marcia Kemp was ill and not able to attend. Councilmember Marcia Sticka was also not in attendance. It was announced that the town maintenance man had quit. The town recorder had previously quit and been replaced part-time by local man Kevin McCabe who is working two hours per day. The council discussed how to take care of maintenance duties until a new person can be hired for the job. The council also talked about some complaints received of people receiving excessive water bills. It was decided that it was probably a meter reading issue and the council voted to remove late fees on last month's water bills because of the meter reading issues.

Umatilla National Forest invites public to open houses

Umatilla National Forest supervisor Eric Watrud will host five open houses across the forest to provide opportunities for community members to share information about their interests and engage with local forest leadership and staff. "I believe strong community connections and partnerships are an integral part of the Forest Service mission," said Watrud. "I am excited for the opportunity to engage with commu-

nity members surrounding the Umatilla and hear what is important to the people that we serve, so that we can explore ways to work together to manage the public's land." Local district staff will also be available to talk about forest management, current and ongoing projects and other interests or concerns. The open house scheduled for Heppner will be

Thursday, November 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Heppner Ranger District, 117 S Main St. Additional open houses will be held in Pendleton, Ukiah, Walla Walla and Pomeroy, WA. For additional information about the upcoming open houses, please contact Darcy Weseman, Public Affairs Officer at (541) 278-3722 or darcy.weseman@usda.gov.

Ione-Arlington volleyball wins one, loses one

The Ione-Arlington volleyball team lost to Sherman 3 to 2 in the game played Oct. 1. They rallied back to take the win 3 to 1 at South Wasco later that week on Oct. 3. "We struggled staying in the game mentally and Sherman came ready to play and put the ball back over to force us to make the mistakes," said Coach Teren Humphrey after the loss against Sherman. Emma Rietmann had

11 kills and Tresslyn McCurry had seven in the Sherman game. McCurry also had three blocks. Eva Martin got 21 assists and Isabella Mastriona had 13 digs. The matches were 25-23, 16-25, 25-19, 20-25 and 11-15. The South Wasco matches were 25-22, 25-27, 25-19 and 25-20. Tresslyn McCurry had 11 kills and Grace Ogden had six. McCurry got five blocks, Eva

Martin had 24 assists, Ola Rietmann got 20 digs and Isabella Mastriona had 18 digs. Coach Humphrey reported, "This was a different team for us than what showed up on Tuesday. It was a great win to put us back on track and still fighting for a spot at the district tournament. The girls did a great job defensively and were aggressive offensively."

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