

LEXINGTON WATER

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the studies done and have them paid for with grants.

Baird also told the council his firm has extensive experience in municipal water and sewer projects, both doing them and finding grants and funding to pay for them. The company has offices in La Grande, Redmond and Walla Walla and is currently doing projects in Heppner, Boardman and Hermiston. The council listened to the presentation but took no action, saying they would study the proposals and talk more about it at future council meeting.

Sheriff and parking

In other business the council heard from Deputy Ryan Snyder of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, who was there on behalf of Sheriff Ken Matlack to discuss a previous request asking the town to pass an ordinance mandating parking on Main Street only with the traffic flow. The council had balked at passing the parking ordinance without hearing more from the sheriff.

Deputy Snyder said the sheriff was asking the town to pass an ordinance stipulating only with-the-flow parking on Main Street, which is also a state highway through the middle of town, to align with state law which says the same thing. "We're not talking about on the city side streets," Snyder said. "We don't have any say over that." But he did say the deputies go through Lexington on the town's main street often and they are responsible for enforcement on the state highway. "What the sheriff was speaking

of was to be the highway main street and that residents and businesses park parallel in the direction of the flow of traffic," Snyder said. "That's it and nothing more. State guidelines put us in a bad spot. We drive through Lexington multiple times and it's kind of hard for us to put a blind eye to it. State guidelines and ORS say how to park on a state highway, and we are asking for those parking on Main Street to park parallel to roadway and in the same flow of traffic," he said. He added that since the request he has driven through Lexington for three weeks and has not seen wrong way or 90-degree parking.

Concerning other law enforcement questions Mayor Juli Kennedy asked Snyder if he could relay a concern back to the sheriff about the high speeds of drivers coming into Lexington down the hill from the road to Hermiston. We have some ideas we are going to try," Snyder said. He said the office has a new radar trailer they could be moving into that area; he just did not know when. The trailer will read people's speeds as they approach the sign and warn them when they are going too fast. He said the radar would be here one to two weeks and that Lexington is one of the first areas the Sheriff's Office wants to reach. Snyder says the office is a "little short-handed" right now but are filling empty positions with deputies.

In other action, the council approved a conditional use permit to conduct a cottage industry to Haley Winters for a home business. She wants to operate a flower business. The council

approved the request.

In other business the council tabled adoption of a proposed intergovernmental agreement with the Columbia River Enterprise Zone III that will be used if a new business wishes to locate near Lexington and take advantage of the zone's tax abatement ability. If the town signs on to the agreement, it will be able to send representatives to a CREZ III meeting when a business is negotiating with the zone. Other members of the CREZ III are Morrow County and the Port of Morrow. As part of the CREZ board, the town would also be able to give input and vote on how the money in-lieu-of-taxes collected from the new business, would be spent.

A zone was established by the CREZ III around Lexington called an "influence zone" where the city would be included both on the board and in negotiations. The enterprise zone has no authority on what businesses can or cannot locate within the town limits or in the zone, and only handles tax breaks that may be granted to the businesses. The tax abatements are not geared for small businesses, and in the past all agreements that have been done, mainly in the Boardman area, have been for new investment or improvements worth in excess of at least \$25 million.

**DEADLINE:
MONDAYS
AT 5PM**

Heppner MS Walk 2nd in state fund raising



The Hopeful Saints team (All Saints Episcopal and Hope Lutheran) team of Heppner earned second place in the state in fund raising for the annual MS Walk. The walk was held Saturday, April 17, in Heppner.

Neighborhood Center helps local families

Lisa Patton, director of the Heppner Neighborhood Center, reports that the center distributed 91 food boxes in March 2021, helped six families with electricity assistance and one family with rent assistance.

She noted that 18 volunteers generously came in and helped throughout the month of March working a total of 397 hours.

The Neighborhood Center is also hiring for

the assistant coordinator position. Applications may be picked up at 441 N Main Street, Heppner.

Donations of farm fresh eggs, boxed meals (such as Hamburger Helper) and canned soups are needed for the pantry. The Neighborhood Center is also in need of brown bag and plastic bag donations which are used in the food pantry and thrift store.

The Neighborhood

Center is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for lunch). Food boxes can be picked up and donations of gently used household items, furniture and clothing are accepted throughout the week. For questions about emergency services contact Lisa Patton at (541) 676-5024.

Wranglers report April 18 playday results

The Wranglers riding club April 18 playday results are as follows:

Poles lead-line: 1st) Kinsley Schlaich 1:04.00; 2nd) Randi Wise 1:37.75; 3rd) Pierce Miller 1:43.34; 4th) Oakley Bergstrom 1:43.94

PeeWee Wranglers (7 and under): 1st) Devyn Pottala 32.88; 2nd) Jaylee Schlaich 42.00; 3rd) Kathryn Knowles 51.78; 4th) Pearl Miller 54.63

Lil Wranglers (8 - 11-year-olds): 1st) Brooklyn Hendricks 32.40; 2nd) Paige Miller 34.00; 3rd) Beau Broeckel 35.00; 4th) Rowdie Jo Broeckel 42.90.

Junior Wranglers (12 - 15-year-olds): 1st) Quaid Jensen 39.50; 2nd) Olivia Humphreys 44.80; 3rd)

Claire Lindsay 52.20

Barrels (Lead-Line): 1st) Kinsley Schlaich 45.66; 2nd) Pierce Miller 48.92; 3rd) Randi Wise 52.00; 4th) Oakley Bergstrom 76.8

PeeWee Wranglers (7 and under): 1st) Devyn Pottala 25.11; 2nd) Kathryn Knowles 27.72; 3rd) Jaylee Schlaich 29.02; 4th) Grady Henderson 43.69

Lil Wranglers (8-11-year-olds): 1st) Beau Broeckel 21.35; 2nd) Brooklyn Hendricks 23.04; 3rd) Paige Miller 25.23; 4th) Catherine Lindsay 28.00

Junior Wranglers (12-15-year-olds): 1st) Zaleta Masterson 17.76; 2nd) Quaid Jensen 20.27; 3rd) Olivia Humphreys 30.09; 4th) Saige Jensen 32.75

Figure 8: (Lead-Line): 1st) Kinsley Schlaich 41.40; 2nd) Pierce Miller 47.00; 3rd) Oakley Bergstrom 55.70 4th) Randi Wise 67.50.

Pee Wee Wranglers (7 & under): 1st) Devyn Pottala 20.60; 2nd) Kathryn Knowles 24.70; 3rd) Jaylee Schlaich 25.20; 4th) Grady Henderson 32.80

Lil Wranglers (8-11-year-olds): 1st) Beau Broeckel 19.83; 2nd) Brooklyn Hendricks 19.89; 3rd) Rowdie Jo Broeckel 21.60; 4th) Paige Miller 22.20

Junior Wranglers (12-15-year-olds): 1st) Quaid Jensen 17.00; 2nd) Zaleta Masterson 18.97; 3rd) Saige Jensen 20.63; 4th) Claire Lindsay 25.49

Chamber Chatter

By interim Chamber manager Sheryll Bates

Help me welcome our newest Chamber member: Flood Town Books - Andrea Nelson: Andrea is working hard to get the Flood Town Books business open. The business will be located at 413 N. Main Street and will be a great addition to our downtown businesses and services. Her email is "floodtownbooks@gmail.com" and you can check out her website at floodtownbooks.com. Welcome soon Andrea.

The next Chamber lunch meeting will be "All Entities Reports" on Thurs-

day, May 6, and will be held in the Gilliam and Bisbee Building. Lunch is \$10 and an RSVP is required. Tacos Hometown will be serving lunch and the menu will be sent out with next week's weekly update.

Business Oregon is opening up "Round 2" of the "Commercial Rent Relief" grant for landlords to help cover outstanding lease payments from small business tenants behind on rent due to COVID-19.

Candidate's Forum: Don't forget to listen in to the Candidates Forum scheduled for Thursday, April 22, starting at 6 p.m.

with the Port of Morrow Commissioner candidates and the Morrow County School District Board member candidates to follow. It will be "live on the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Facebook page and those who don't have Facebook may log into Zoom. They will not accept questions during the forum. The camera and microphone will be muted. The meeting number for Zoom is 829 2072 6927. Those who have questions to submit, may email them to "heppnerchamber@gmail.com" no later than Tuesday night, April 20, to be considered for the forum.

Please don't post signs, balloons, or other materials to utility poles!

Hanging items on poles can be dangerous to the lineworkers who maintain the lines that provide electricity, internet, and other services.



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