

Two COVID vaccine events scheduled in the county

One-shot Johnson and Johnson doses approved to resume

Two COVID-19 vaccine events have been scheduled for this week, one in Heppner on Wednesday, May 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Heppner city park. And the other on Thursday, May 6 in Boardman at the Oregon Trail Library from 3 to 7 p.m.

The vaccines are free, open to anyone and no appointment is needed. No health insurance is required but if you have insurance you are asked to bring your insurance card. Anyone with questions may call 541-676-5421.

The vaccines are the one-shot Johnson and Johnson type which has been approved by health officials to begin administering again. Distribution and administration of the Johnson and Johnson had been suspended but is now approved by the CDC, Centers for Disease Control.

The following notice was posted on the CDC web site:

CDC and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommend use of Johnson & Johnson's

Janssen (J&J/Janssen) COVID-19 Vaccine resume in the United States, after a temporary pause.

Reports of adverse events following the use of J&J/Janssen vaccine suggest an increased risk of a rare adverse event called thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS). Nearly all reports of this serious condition, which involves blood clots with low platelets, have been in adult women younger than 50 years old.

A review of all available data at this time shows that the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks.

However, women younger than 50 years old especially should be aware of the rare but increased risk of this adverse event and that there are other COVID-19 vaccine options available for which this risk has not been seen.

CDC and FDA will continue to monitor the safety of all COVID-19 vaccines.

By Doris Brosnan

".... Out came the sun and dried up all the rain, and..." the May Day parade came off just as it had been planned. Such good news for Lexington's optimistic, hard-working citizens determined to bring back an event from the past. And good news for the viewers who lined the parade route to show their appreciation—a fine float, many fine cars, a fine group of Papineaus, a fine display of Lexington equipment and Starvation Farms equipment and all else that made the event fine—and could later enjoy visiting and free pie.

On the next day, May 2, Earl and Peggy Fishburn celebrated their 57th anniversary. Peggy remembers her much younger self assuming that married couples probably didn't get beyond the 35 years together that her grandparents had celebrated. No secret, the need for compatibility and a glimpse of how well this couple gets along was their using much of their milestone day for work in their beautiful yard together.

Enjoying a two-week leave from his Air Force Security Force responsibilities, Nathan Putnam is visiting his mom, Alicia Doherty, and stepdad, Chad Doherty. Alicia reports that Nathan enjoys his work, is in his third year of his six-year commitment, presently

stationed in Minot, North Dakota.

A 1998 Heppner High School graduate has called the Portland area home since setting out to make her mark. Jamie Hansen, daughter of Hoby and Susan, is now Jaymes Neon, Costume Designer. Jamie's early designs were handmade accessories and reworked vintages, and now her name is well-known for her work on TV and movies, designing for both puppets and actors. She earned an award for her designs in the TV series Portlandia in 2014, and her workload continues to grow, recently including designs for a Nicholas Cage movie. Look her up. Big article in Portland Monthly.

Cam Wishart has been in touch with a newsy note: Cam moved from Heppner to Hood River sixteen years ago but has continued her subscription to the Heppner Gazette Times. She reports that she, too, is moving to Prairie City in June. She is looking forward to visits with Laurie Hire in their new homes. (Laurie's husband was a cousin to Cam's son-in-law.)

The George Waterland Memorial Field is back in shape, thanks to many, and is getting used again—practices and games are bringing back the welcome sounds of young ball players.



John and Pat Edmundson's great-grandson Max was two years old on April 30. He was so excited to share his celebration with his identical twin brothers, Olen and Archer, who were born on March 20 in Perth, Australia, where they live with parents, James and Kirsten Papanastasiou. Grandmother Vicki Edmundson lives in Baker City and is most eager for Australia to open for air travel.

Dave Allstott's crew has begun pouring cement for the new building that will stand where Lott's Electric once stood, and soon they will be hanging the preserved and framed "Green's Feed Store" sign—a surprise find hidden under that building's siding—in the ag museum's building dedicated to Cliff Green. The sign will be viewable from the sidewalk in the three-sided building just north of the main ag museum building, where one can likewise see a metal bench also dedicated to Cliff. (Yes, one of those benches.)

The museums will soon be open, a nice draw for Heppner visitors, and the Farm Foundation Museum Board is looking for volunteers to meet and greet visitors at the Heritage Museum and/or at the Agricultural Displays. Interested persons should contact Kathy Cutsforth Fulmer, 541-980-2352 or at the library or in the museum on Main Street.

New windows have been installed on Main Street's Artisan Village. So, a few set-backs (including a window with a crack), have slowed the greatly

anticipated change, but the welcome, attractive look will soon be complete.

According to news reports, Oregon's population has increased 10.6 percent in ten years (mostly in the metropolitan area, of course), which is 3 percent higher than the general increase in the USA. And this growth means that our number of US Congressional seats will increase from five to six in our next election. One more voice to speak for Oregonians. Also, a six-member redistricting committee in Oregon now has the job of looking at our populations and completing a redistricting process by September—so says the news reports.

We find ourselves amid a plethora of dandelions, known in ancient times as a health tonic, and at least once appreciated for their beauty by adults as well as children, who continue to pick bouquets of these beautiful flowers for special people. Some say dandelions symbolize happiness and youthful thoughts, or health, power and perseverance. They are an important food source for bees, which appreciate their pollen and nectar. So, as well as making's for dandelion wine, dandelion flowers, greens, and roots are apparently great raw and cooked, as ingredients in many dishes. A banquet outside our doors—as long as you are not allergic. Bon Appetit. (But what about those white puff balls of seeds that blow in the wind?)

Rare seems to be the person who does not appreciate reading someone's good news, so this column will continue to share good-news tidbits as long as people email them to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or to call 541-223-1490 (can leave a message if necessary) or stop me on the street.

As always, hoping some good news comes to everyone reading this.

Students named to EOU dean's list

Kellen Grant and Hunter Nichols, Heppner, have been named to the dean's list for the 2021 winter term at Eastern Oregon University.

Eastern Oregon University named 629 students

to the dean's list for the 2021 winter term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded EOU coursework.

Join us Wednesday, May 5th

Cinco De Mayo Celebration!

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tacos with all the fixins! Drink special!

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Heppner SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN WALK AUDIT

Heppner PLAN DE RUTAS SEGURAS A LA ESCUELA AUDITORIA DE CAMINATA

Do you walk or bike to school?

With planning assistance from the Oregon Department of Transportation, the City of Heppner has been working to create a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan for Heppner Elementary and Heppner Jr/Sr High School. This is an opportunity to make our streets safer and more comfortable for students and families to walk and bike.

JOIN US FOR A WALK AUDIT!

MAY 18TH, 2021- HEPPNER ELEMENTARY
MAY 19TH, 2021- HEPPNER JR/SR HIGH

Heppner Elementary and Heppner Jr/Sr High School will be hosting socially-distant community walk audits to observe student arrival and dismissal and document the walking and biking conditions around the school area. We will be identifying barriers to safe walking and biking, as well as potential improvements.

Please note:
Group sizes will be limited to 12 participants.
Please note that masks are required for participation.

To participate in this walk audit, please RSVP at bit.ly/HeppnerSRTS

¿Caminas o usas la bicicleta para ir a la escuela?

Con la ayuda de planificación del Departamento de Transporte de Oregon, Heppner está trabajando para crear un plan de Rutas Seguras a la Escuela (SRTS) para Heppner Elementary y Heppner Jr/Sr High School. Esto es una oportunidad para hacer nuestras calles más seguras y cómodas para caminar y andar en bicicleta para los estudiantes y las familias.

¡PARTICIPE CON NOSOTROS PARA UN AUDITORIA DE CAMINATA!

18 DE MAYO- HEPPNER ELEMENTARY
19 DE MAYO- HEPPNER JR/SR HIGH

Heppner Elementary y Heppner Jr/Sr High School organizarán auditorías de caminata comunitaria socialmente distante para observar la llegada y salida de los estudiantes y documentar las condiciones para caminar y andar en bicicleta alrededor del área escolar. Identificaremos barreras para caminar y andar en bicicleta y posible mejoras.

Por favor nota:
El tamaño de los grupos estará limitado a 12 participantes. Tenga en cuenta que se requieren máscaras para participar.

Para participar en esta auditoría de caminata, por favor RSVP en bit.ly/HeppnerSRTS

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