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coordinate a tri-department memorial stair climb event for 9/11. Across the country fire departments have been honoring the firefighters of 9/11 by climbing the equivalent number of stairs firefighters climbed in the World Trade Center. Miles said they are still developing plans and hope to have promotional and advertising for the event to present to the council at next month's meeting.

The department is working on other sources for new gear and equipment including contacting the Forest Service for updated fire engines and are applying for grants such as

\$2,500 to Northwest Farm Credit Rural Grant program for updated wildland gear. The department's current wildland gear is over 20 years old and does not meet all current safety standards, her report said.

She said over the past two months Lexington Fire has been called to three mutual aid fires and one EMS call. She said it has been a surprisingly quiet fire season so far, "but we would like to remind everyone to continue to diligently follow the burn ban this summer."

Miles also reported that all six of the town's firefighters have completed the firefighter one course with

By Doris Brosnan

Little did JoyceKay Hollomon know that her kids had an ulterior motive for inviting her to join them for dinner last Saturday evening, while failing to tell her where until they headed for the Gilliam and Bisbee Building. "We can't go there; they are having that '60s class reunion," she warned them. This from the admitted "reunion crusher," who, with her young husband, Jerry, immediately felt a special attachment to the Heppner High students they met when they moved to town in 1962. They followed those classes of the '60s, shared some choice moments with them, and always "felt so privileged to be part of their lives," JoyceKay says. She has visited with attendees at several reunions over past years. But she didn't understand

on Saturday why she was told that they were invited to this reunion. After the delicious dinner gifted to her by an anonymous person, JoyceKay eventually learned why her attendance was important: The hosting class of 1965 presented her a certificate declaring "JoyceKay Hollomon, Honorary Class of '65 Graduate" accompanied by an outstandingly beautiful floral bouquet. Some memories of the Hollomons were shared, JoyceKay recognized many attendees, and she said the marvelous evening made her feel that "now I really belong."

The reunion of the HHS classes of the 60s was a greater success than the organizers had dared to hope for, says Ken Evans. About 40 attendees enjoyed a no-host dinner prepared by Alvin Liu at the Gateway

Café on Friday evening, and about the same number returned for a breakfast he prepared on Saturday. About 70 classmates enjoyed visiting and pizza at the golf course later, from 10 until 2. The evening saw 138 gather for the social hour at 5, dinner at 6, and an evening of catch-up conversations, with Roger Leonnig providing background and karaoke music. The hosting Class of '65 showed the greatest number of attendees, including a couple of classmates coming for a first time. But Evans reports that the most important feature of the evening was the visiting and the smooth melding of the decade of ages.

When people are recognized for a job well-done, they have a good reason to feel fortunate, appreciated, even proud. But "flabbergasted" topped those feelings on Saturday evening, when Ken and Jan Evans received an unexpected thank-you from the Class of '65 for their many hours of work necessary for a

successful HHS reunion of the '60s. They received air flight tickets, tickets to two nights of the National Rodeo Finals, three nights at a hotel, and many bucks to spend in Las Vegas.

And this columnist's good news is that she spent twelve days in Salem, house- and dog-sitting for her family who were on a road trip to visit some college campuses of interest to granddaughter who will graduate next year. The stay included visits with several acquaintances still living in Salem, lots of blueberry-picking, and a couple rounds of tennis and bridge. Always good to get back home, too.

Ready for more good news? Many people are, so help make it happen by sharing yours with the readers. Please, share your "tidbits" by sending them before Monday afternoon to dbrosnan123@gmail.com, or call 541-223-1490, or stop me on the street.

Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

the Ione Fire Department and completed the driver's certification courses. They will continue with the firefighter two series in the fall.

In other business the council held a hearing on a request by Lexington businessman Sam Bellamy to partition a 1.94-acre parcel he owns at the old school property into three lots. Two of the lots will be for residential building, and the third on which the school building sits would remain commercial. There are water, electricity and telephone services in the area for the building lots, but Bellamy will still need to obtain site suitability from Umatilla County Health in order to develop them as residential lots. Since

Lexington does not have a central sewer system each lot will have its own septic system.

The council also discussed several camp trailers in town that are being used as permanent residents. According to town and county ordinances RVs cannot be used for permanent living quarters. It was also brought up there may be septic waste being dumped from the RVs out onto the ground and neighbors are complaining. "That is a huge illegal activity dumping septic on the ground," said council member Lemmon.

The council learned that Anderson Perry Engineering is working on writing two grants to do an overall water system study on the town.

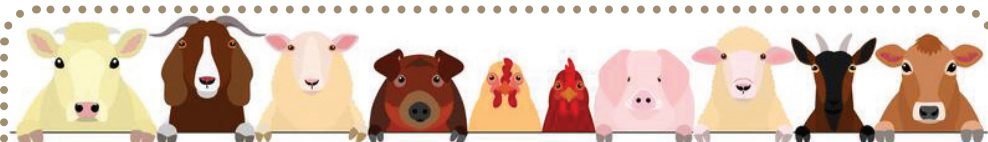
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We are also looking for advertisers for the special edition, as well as the rodeo program.

Deadline for all stories and advertising is August 4.

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