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Lexington business owner seeks to start Neighborhood Watch



One Lexington business owner is seeking to start a Neighborhood Watch in response to increased crime in the small town. Carol Dougherty, who owns the Broken Spoke restaurant in Lexington with her husband, Sean, spoke out about the idea at a recent Lexington Town Council meeting.

"We've had a lot of different weird things going on around town, at all times of day and night," said Dougherty.

Dougherty said she thought a community presence would help to curb the rising crime and mischief in the town.

Several residents, including council members, have echoed the concern about crime. Lexington Town Councilor Katie Imes responded that she had things stolen from her property and had reported the thefts to the sheriff's office. City staff also recently discovered the theft of the solar panel and light

fixture on one of the town's welcome signs.

Dougherty said she had received good feedback for the idea on Facebook, though she didn't see the turnout she hoped at the council meeting.

"A lot of people will say that they want to help, but then do they show up or not?" she said.

The town council and staff as a whole seemed to like the idea of a Neighborhood Watch program in Lexington and discussed what they could do to support it, including getting Neighborhood Watch signage.

"That alone can deter people," said Lexington Councilor Bill Beard.

Lexington Mayor Juli Kennedy said Kelly Boyer had worked to get a Neighborhood Watch going a few years ago.

"And she had signs," said Kennedy, adding that it might be good to check with the Morrow County Sheriff's Office for more information on resources.

The council agreed that they should move forward with that and schedule an informal town meeting at a later date for anyone who is interested in participating.

Lexington residents or neighbors who would like to help with a Neighborhood Watch program can stop by the Broken Spoke and speak with Dougherty.

From the Archives Of the Gazette-Times

From the Archives, August 16

50 years ago.....1973

Heppner Gazette-Times editor Ernest Joiner received this letter and made a brief reply:

Usually you are pretty clear in reporting news, and I believe dedicated in presenting it in a way that all who read your paper can't miss reading what goes on.

However, in your Aug. 9 issue there were a few lines about a chicken that left lots of questions unanswered.

The reference led me to believe that you ran over a \$95 chicken. That whets my interest. Was it a Barred Rock, Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red, White Leghorn, or what the hell kind of chicken was it? A crowing chicken, a laying chicken, or was it a household pet and sort of like one of the family?

And then under the circumstances, when you were in a hurry to get back to your new home and business in Heppner, I am curious to know what happened when you hit this chicken? Did you stop and report the collision to the owners? How did you arrive at the monetary value of the bird? Were herd laws involved? Did you voluntarily or involuntarily have the services of a third party to determine the value of the kill?

That was quite a chicken. It could have won a prize at the fair.

We would like to know the answers to all these questions, and to more that keep popping up.

W. W. Weatherford,
Heppner
(ED. NOTE—The mat-

ter was settled by the Internal Revenue Service, which has charge of such matters of price control, with the requested assistance of the National Medication Board, and I'm sorry I ever brought the subject up in the first place.)

105 years ago.....1918

The more things change, the more they stay the same:

The heaviest wind-storm ever known in the Lone section, so report reaches this paper, occurred there at about 5:30 Monday afternoon, followed by a heavy downpour of hail and rain that lasted for more than an hour and a half. The course of the storm was from southeast to northwest and struck with full force on the Ben Buschke place on Rhea Creek and ending near the Henry Stender farm nine miles northwest of Ione.

The storm swept area was two miles wide and 18 miles long and wherever the hail struck the grain fields were laid bare.

The heaviest downpour near Ione occurred in Rietmann Canyon and on the hills just north of town. This caused the water to collect along the embankment of the railroad east of the depot and gathering up of rubbish forced the water over the track and down the main street of the town.

Stores and basements along the street were overflowed and deposits of mud left to a depth of from one to eight inches.

Jones reenlists in Navy



Joseph Jones reenlisted for another six-year term in the U.S. Navy last month. Pictured L-R are Jones's wife Socorro Gonzalez, holding their son James, mother Liz Puckett of Heppner, Jones, father-in-law Jose Gonzalez, and the officer who swore Jones in July 21. -Contributed photo

Joseph Daniel Jones has reenlisted for another six years in the U.S. Navy, his family announced recently. He has reenlisted as an Aviation Machinist's Mate Second Class.

Jones has already served six years in Navy. For eight months of that time, he was deployed on the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln. During his deployment, he traveled to China,

Japan and the Philippines.

He received his honorable discharge on July 20, 2023, one day before being sworn in for his new term on July 21.

Jones's wife, Socorro Gonzalez, recently reenlisted for a three-year term. The couple also has a son, James.

Jones is the son of Liz Puckett of Heppner.

Seniors Matter menus for August

South Morrow County Seniors Matter has announced the following menus for the month of August:

Aug. 22: Quiche, hash-browns, peaches, coffee cake and dessert.

Aug. 29: Meatloaf with garlic mashed potatoes, corn, salad and dessert.

Meals are served at

11:30 a.m. every Tuesday at St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. Seniors 60 and above may donate what they can toward the cost of the meal. Those 60 and younger are asked for a suggested donation of \$5.

No to-go plates or delivery are offered at this time, but diners may bring empty containers for a portion to take home.

Soccer camp this weekend

A soccer camp for kids kindergarten to sixth grade will be held this Friday and Saturday, Aug. 18-19, from 8-9 a.m. at Hager Park in

Heppner. The fee is \$5 per person, which will be used to purchase equipment for the upcoming season.

100 Horses to appear at Tamástslíkt



Gauntlets with tribal craftsmanship on display. - Contributed Photo

"100 Horses: An Equine History in Beadwork" opens at Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute on Friday, Sept. 1. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Opening day is free.

The Fred L. Mitchell Collection combines the colorful history and culture of both beadworking and horses to create this amazing exhibit. Thanks to a lifetime collecting Plateau floral and pictorial beadwork, Walla Walla, WA resident Fred L. Mitchell has amassed the premier collection of that material.

His collection is particularly noteworthy not only because of its size, but also because of its quality and diverse subject matter.

Included in "100 Horses" is a portion of that collection focusing on beaded depictions of horses. Additional pieces have been added to the exhibit by

local Tribal members and Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute.

From gauntlets to horse trappings, bags, vests and more, this exhibit highlights the extraordinary craftsmanship of the makers and demonstrates the importance of the horse and the affection Plateau Tribes had for their horses.

The beads themselves also have a colorful history. Glass beads were first traded in the Pacific Northwest after the 1770s, and for the next half century most of the glass beads were acquired through trading with the Hudson's Bay Company and other fur trading enterprises whose supplies came from Chinese and European sources.

The Plateau tribes of Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla had a history with horses that is equally important. The bunch



Vest with tribal beadwork on display. - Contributed Photo

grass-covered hills of Columbia Basin was the home of the Cayuse and Appaloosa, as well as Pintos, Paints and Mustang horses.

The Cayuse Tribe was known for its large horse herds that grazed in the foothills of the Blue Mountains. Prestige and wealth were partly reflected by the number of horses that a person owned.

Tribal elders recall that in those days the tribes had thousands and thousands of horses and that they used to graze horses all through the Umatilla Basin, across the Columbia River on the Horse Heaven Hills all the way to Hanford to the north, on the east side of the Blue Mountains from the Grande

Ronde country all the way to Huntington, to the John Day River country in the South and all the way to the Cascades in the west.

The horse expanded Shahaptian and Cayuse culture, improved mobility, and brought the Cayuse, Walla Walla and Umatilla into contact with other Indian cultures throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Horses allowed for new ideas to be introduced from new places as well as allowing other Indians to travel and trade along the Columbia River.

The exhibit closes on Dec. 2.

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