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City of Irrigon infrastructure appropriation

Irrigon - The City of Irrigon, like other communities, is experiencing housing growth needs and challenges. A major shortage is housing, available rentals, and home prices are increasing and adding to the growing homelessness crisis.

Additionally, decades of underbuilding have left our city and state with this housing shortage. Oregon is currently behind by 140,000 housing units and over 400,000 units over the next 20 years to keep pace with the demand.

To assist in Irrigon's portion of the growing demand and to keep growing prices to a minimum the State of Oregon legislators directed \$1,705,000.00 of direct spending under Senate Bill (SB)1530 for infrastructure towards water, sewer, and stormwater. The City of Irrigon's portion is amongst over \$85 million that is directed to several Oregon cities for infrastructure, leading to increased and sustainable housing. SB1530 was recently signed into law by Governor Kotex on April 17, 2024. Business Oregon is the lead state agency ensuring contracts, timelines, and expenditures are in compliance with the appropriated legislation to meet the housing needs of jurisdictions receiving

appropriations.

Irrigon is not anticipating receiving its portion of SB1530 direct allocation until after the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1, 2024. Funding will be used to ready two projected development areas for public water and sewer infrastructure in the public right-of-way, saving developers from building and passing costs onto future buyers and/or renters. Once funds are received the city will have their engineers design project work and create public bidding documents. It is anticipated that design and contracting bidding will take place by the fall of 2024 with construction completed for water and sewer in 2025. Installed infrastructure enables developers to finalize platting requirements and begin building homes soon, thereafter, leading to an estimated 65 single-family homes for purchase and/or rentals.

City Council and staff would like to thank the governor, state legislators, and the League of Oregon Cities staff for their commitment and dedication to prioritizing resources and seeing housing increase by committing to the funding of SB1530.

Aaron Palmquist
City of Irrigon Manager

Lexington's 4th annual May Day celebration schedule

Fireman's breakfast at Lexington Fire Hall from 7-10am. Soup and Grilled Cheese lunch at the Lexington Fire Hall at 10 am. 2024 Young Eagles Event at Lexington Airport from 8:30am to 1:30pm, see details on Free Flight flyer. 5K run/walk registration 9am at the Lexington Fire Hall. Classic Car show at the Lexington Town Hall

10am to 4pm. The May Day parade starts at 11am. Various vendors at the Lexington Town Hall 10am to 4pm. Kids crafts/games/bouncy house at the Lexington Town Hall 9am to 4pm. Live music featuring the Duncan Girls, Corey Peterson, and Wade Aylett from noon-4pm. Cornhole tournament at the Lexington Town Hall at 1pm.

Oregon Wheat Commission to meet May 6th

Monday, May 6, 2024, the Oregon Wheat Commission will meet on Monday, May 6, 2024 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Fairfield Inn, 2014 West 7th Street, The Dalles, OR. This meeting is also available via video/phone conference at:

Videoconference: <https://zoom.us/join> Teleconference: 1-253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 885 9356 0337; Passcode: 955684

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Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

"Our Cross is Re-Lit!" Many of the citizens of Heppner may have noticed that our community cross atop "Cross Hill" had been dark for the past few nights. Thanks to community members Bill McDowell and Tommy Wolff, it is now back in full illumination! These two handymen traversed to the cross last Friday to replace the lamp and electric-eye fixtures that provide our community with the glowing cross at night that has become an icon of our city. Well, done Fellas, and may our cross shine on for many more moons.

David and Andrew Sykes, father, and son, celebrated their birthdays recently with a party and a trip to Wildhorse with family members. David's wife, April, Chris, and Rachel Sykes, with children Waylon and Sophie, along with Irma Rodriguez and her daughter Gianni all joined in for a fun afternoon of lunch and bowling. Wildhorse bowling alley has special guard rails that pop up for the youngsters, so they won't get all gutter balls, which makes for a more fun and competitive game. Afterward, the kids went to the arcade while a couple of the adults tried their hands at the slot machines. April, as usual, came away a winner. Previous to Wildhorse, the group gathered at Andrew's home in Pendleton for a cake and present opening. David's birthday is April 18th, and Andrew's is the 19th.

An exceptionally large group of seventeen women from Ione, Lexington, Heppner, and Condon enjoyed lunch at the Heppner Elks Lodge last Thursday, gathering to celebrate Darlene Lovgren's April birthday. Absentee April birthday babies Pat Edmunson and Joyce Ward were also toasted and will be receiving their birthday cards in the mail this week.

Only two months old, but Bo Alden Jack's world is expanding rapidly in experiences and his social circle! In the past two weeks, Bo met "first cousin once removed" Ashley Maddox from California and great-aunt Janet Bliss from Wilsonville. And he has already attended his first cattle-branding and helped parents, Keenan and Emily, search for morel mushrooms! (Ashley is the daughter of Grandmother Susan Thompson's brother Craig and wife Meg Robison. Janet is sister to Grandfather Terry Thompson.)

Grandson Carson Brosnan will be graduating from training at Quantico on May 17, soon will report for more weeks of training at Camp Lejeune (This MeMa warned him to test the water before drinking), and eventually report to his three-year assignment in Yuma, AZ.

This Saturday, Lexington invites everyone to its May Day Celebration, promising fun for everyone, so we can hope for dry, inviting weather!

Smiles, reasons to laugh, positive thoughts = welcome at dbrosnan123@gmail.com or 541-223-1490.

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

Father/Son lunch

Tuesday, May 14th from 11:30-1 pm Heppner and Ione Graduating Senior boys and their fathers or male mentors are invited to the Heppner Masonic Lodge, 138 W Willow St. for a free lunch with a guest

speaker. Heppner Lodge #69 wants to honor the hard work these local men have put in and wish them well in their future endeavors. Please RSVP to Cody High at 541-256-0847 to ensure we have enough for everyone.

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Obituaries



Jeanne Marie Grijalva, 77, of Heppner, entered the Kingdom of Heaven when she peacefully passed away on April 1, 2024, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Jeanne was born October 28, 1946, in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan to Robert Harry and Dorothy Margie MacNamee Gille. She graduated from high school here in Morrow County, in Irrigon.

While living in Kelso, Washington she served her Community as the Cowlitz County Director of Emergency Management. It was in the capacity of this job that, due to her incredible and dedicated handling of Mount St. Helens' catastrophic eruption and resulting devastation, she received an honored invitation to speak in front of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Washington, D.C. not once but 2 years in a row.

After a car accident took her ability to continue her work, she devoted her life to her two greatest passions - her family and writing. In approximately 2002 her dream of becoming an author came true when her horror novel, The Honing, was published. She then set her sights on a sequel to The Honing as well as collab-

orating with her daughter, Cheyenne, on a government thriller. Sadly, neither came to fruition.

Her hobbies included crocheting blankets for her family, gardening, reading, writing and storytelling, movies, cooking, and crafts such as making dolls and angels.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Robert Jr, infant son Billy, grandson Cody Allan, and grandson Donovan Coreno.

She is survived by her son Brian Keith of Longview, Washington, daughters Cheyenne Rogers (Sam) of Heppner, Melanie Marie (Nicholas) of Madras, Oregon and Teri Lynn (aka Tammy Ruth) of Connecticut, grandsons, Schuyler, and Cory Alexander (Landon) of Steamboat, Colorado, granddaughters Caty Jane (Sean) of Ridgefield, Washington, Amanda Leilani (Anthony) of Heppner, Ashley Elizabeth Kealani (Andrew) of Heppner, and Makayla Marie (Caden) of Heppner. As well as great-grandchildren Daniel Geoffrey, Nathan Andrew, Jesse James, Lyra Ensley, Emma Jane, and Emma Rae and several nieces, nephews, honorary grandchildren, and dear friends.

A celebration of life will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the Hopeful Saints Church in Heppner. All are welcome to attend.

Sweeney Mortuary is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

Celebration of Life

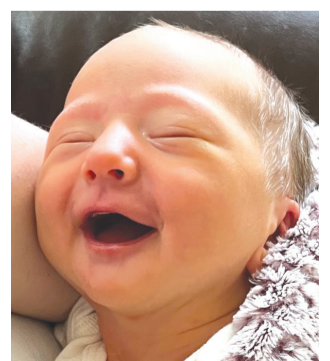
Randall Peterson

Heppner Community Get-Together to Celebrate the Life of Randall Peterson: With the recent passing of Randall Peterson (Peterson's Jewelers) there will be a get-together on Friday, May 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge to share how Randall influenced our community in a very positive way and share memorable stories. A dinner will be provided and if the community members would like to contribute either makings for a green salad or dessert (brownies, cookies in a disposable container), please call Melissa Lindsay at 541-561-0234 or Sheryll Bates at 503-970-

7226 to confirm what we need you to bring. All are welcome Feel free to wear any of the jewelry in honor of such a great man!

We are trying to put together a video, so if you have any pictures of Randall, please email them to dale.d.bates@gmail.com or drop off the picture at the Heppner Chamber office (put your name on the back so the picture can be returned) no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Sheryll Bates at 503-970-7226 or email at sheryllbates74@gmail.com.

Tilly Lynn Murray



At 8:20 AM on April 24, the Murray clan of Heppner welcomed its newest member, Tilly Lynn Murray. Tilly was born in Portland, OR to Kelly and Kevin Murray. She was 7 lbs. 5 oz, and 19.5 inches long.

You're invited!

GIRLS DAY
May, 11th @ Schatzi's Mane Attraction
180 n Chase st, Heppner
10 am - 3 pm

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May 10th, 2024

Cardinal Cafe Ione, Oregon \$60 per team (up to 6 players) Prizes for top teams!
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Reserve your spot now!

To register your team, please contact Elizabeth Trahan at 541-980-4159.

Let the games begin!

The City of Heppner will be offering vouchers for 1 free dump, per account, at the South Morrow County Transfer Station. Vouchers are redeemable for the period beginning April 20, 2024 and valid through May 19, 2024. Must be a current customer of the City of Heppner (water or water/sewer account,) and your account must be in good standing. Customers must request their voucher in advance at City Hall and present to Transfer Station attendant at time of redemption. No rain checks.