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Nancy, Scott and Jeff Greene are this year's Old Fashioned Christmas Parade Grand Clauses. Photo by Erica Holland

2021 Old Fashioned Christmas Parade Grand Clauses are Scott, Nancy & Jeff Greene

By Erica Holland
Clearwater County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

If you happened to be near Hwy 12 at Michigan Ave in Orofino on Sunday morning, you may have seen a lot of activity at the City Park. Thirty volunteers came together to lend a hand in hanging lights for the Christmas Festival happening Dec. 3, from 5 to 9 p.m. I was overwhelmed by the response and so appreciative of our community!

Together we enjoyed teamwork and the spirit that brings out the best in people. Conversations, smiles and a few laughs were had as well. With good weather to boot, we were able to accomplish much in a short amount of time.

Thank you to the community for extra caution using the park during this time. An estate sale was happening last weekend in the fair building during the same time, so parking was a little difficult and we appreciated the courteous responses from those who used the alternate trestle entrance.

Six-day weather forecast

Wednesday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Wednesday Night

Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. East wind 3 to 5 mph.

Thursday

Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. Southeast wind 3 to 5 mph.

Thursday Night

Rain likely, mainly after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.

Friday

Rain likely, mainly before 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Friday Night

A chance of rain, mainly before 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Saturday

Partly sunny, with a high near 47.

Saturday Night

Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Sunday

Partly sunny, with a high near 47.

Sunday Night

Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Monday

A slight chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 49.

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Clauses to visit for a photo opportunity. The Greene family, Scott, Nancy and Jeff have graciously agreed to receive the honors in our 2021 Old Fashioned Lighted Parade. If you have an entry for the parade, please give Orofino LCCU a call to register at 208-476-5112.

There is still room for more. If you have time or equipment such as high lift or bucket truck, we would love to hear from you. Tree tops are the most difficult and time consuming, as we must be careful not to damage the lawn, so efforts are concentrated on reaching from the pavement with machines. There will be a caution area this Sunday as we work to hang lights in trees along the road above the park.

Volunteers will continue work each Sunday morning until the event. If you would like to help, give me a call to sign up or just stop by. 208-476-4335.

Thank you to Dan Lambert and the Ziplly Fiber bucket truck, Dave Holland operating the Decco high lift on loan from Shannon and Lonnie Simpson, Fire Chief Jonathon Hoyt and Lt. Tony Crockett with volunteers Joshua Pospychalla, Brayden Hoyt and Jessica Ruppe of the Orofino Fire Dept., Stephanie Crockett of Orofino Builders Design Center, Will and Becca Crockett (Declan and Savy) and Ian Stemrich of Orofino Builders Supply, Jolene and Jon Isabelle of Isabelle Construction, Dan and Terri Kiele of US Bank, Nick Whiteman, Shannon and Diana Schrader, Matt Sartini of Edward Jones Investments, Jordyn Howell, Trapper and Christy Stewart and Lexi Maetche (Dayna and Layla) with thanks also to Laura Wolverton for keeping stock on the shelves.

Heritage Plaza is also getting decorated with help from Jason and Stephanie Lichti and Jared and Malia Erlewine of Lewis Clark Credit Union.

Thank you all so much!! Orofino is lighting up to bring joy and you are making it happen!

Last Week's Weather			
	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Nov. 8	54	32	.00
Tuesday	52	39	.00
Wednesday	55	35	.00
Thursday	45	38	.00
Friday	56	44	.00
Saturday	56	47	.00
Sunday	69	47	.00
Last year's weather			
	Max.	Min.	Pre.
Nov. 16	48	41	.00
Tuesday	55	44	.00
Wednesday	58	40	.00
Thursday	52	36	.00
Friday	49	29	.00
Saturday	48	29	.00
Sunday	49	31	.00

Temps. are read the following morning for the previous day, i.e. Friday's listed temp. would be for Thursday.



Former Orofino Fire Chief and much-loved resident Elbert "Bert" Snyder was carried to the Orofino Cemetery in a 1928 Graham fire truck. This is the very first engine purchased by the Orofino Fire Department, shown here driven by former Chief Lanny White (right), who is accompanied by former Orofino volunteer fireman Rick Scott. Photos provided by Carol Lonsbury

Former Orofino Fire Chief honored

Elbert "Bert" Snyder, a longtime resident of Orofino, and former Orofino Fire Department (OFD) Chief, was honored at a memorial service held Saturday, Nov. 6 at Pine Hills Funeral Chapel in Orofino. Bert died Oct. 31, at the age of 89. Chief Snyder took his final ride in a 1928 Graham fire truck, Orofino's first motorized machine. He was laid to rest at the Orofino Cemetery.

Former Fire Chief Lanny White presented some history on Bert at his memorial. He said that Chief Snyder joined the department in 1957, rising to the rank of Fire Chief in 1965. He served in that position until 1978, with a total of 21 years of service. "He was a well-known and highly respected Fire Chief by his peers, volunteers and his community," said White.

White continued to tell those attending the memorial service that the fire service is steeped in American tradition and symbolism, dating back to the 17th century. Following tradition, the OFD

placed a set of "in the ready" turnouts in the front of the chapel. The boots were turned backwards, symbolizing that they will no longer be worn.

A white helmet rested on top of the bunkers and boots, signifying the rank of a Chief Officer, and as in the case of Bert, Chief 501 of the OFD, which was indicated on the helmet front shield.

Next to the turnouts was a silver ceremonial speaking trumpet. The trumpet was used long before the current two-way radios were used as a means of communication. The Fire Chief issues orders and commands during fire ground operations, but on Saturday the trumpet was silent.

White said, "In the back, we have placed a small fire bell representing the firehouse bell that was used in by-gone years to alert firefighters in the community of a fire alarm and again later signifying that the incident had been completed." Following that, current OFD Chief Jonathon Hoyt

sent a request to the 911 center for a special page. Dispatch then transmitted a pre-alert with the announcement, "Orofino Fire Department, final alarm for Chief Elbert Snyder" which was followed by the alert tones.

The bell was then struck three times, which symbolizes "End of shift-All is well." Following the bell's toll, the pipes sounded Amazing Grace.

The following article appeared in a newspaper article in 1965.

Aides Named by New Chief

New Fire Chief Elbert Snyder conducted his first meeting of the Orofino Volunteer Fire Department this week and named three assistant chiefs.

First assistant is Jack Williams, truck driver for Orofino Creamery, whose assignment will be trucks and maintenance. Neil Berry is second assistant chief. Berry, a National Guard employee, will have charge of

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Future of Community Thrift Store is unknown

By Diana Colgan

I represent the Community Thrift Store (FISH Inc.) as the manager and, in that role, I need to express my concerns for the store and the volunteers. The store has been an important part of the community for over 40 years and is staffed 100% by volunteers. The purpose of the store has been to generate funds with donated items to help people in many types of emergency situations.

It has become very hard to find volunteers who can help with the various duties that are necessary to operate the store every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and to keep up with the sorting, pricing and displaying of items for display and sale and to operate the cash register and help customers.

Sometimes the store is well-staffed with volunteers and much work has been accomplished; and, at other times, only two vol-

unteers may be available to operate the cash register, answer the telephone and talk to individuals about their needs, which are all that can be accomplished during the hours store is open. The store cannot operate with just one volunteer and will be closed.

The future of the Community Thrift Store is unknown, it has become one day at a time to decide if the Community Thrift Store can be open for business.

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Council asks for second hearing for Special Use permit

By Elizabeth Morgan

At the regular council meeting Nov. 9, Orofino City Councilmembers Mark Swayne, Jennifer Dunaway, Shannon Schrader and Doug Donner listened to the Findings and Facts presented by Building Official Todd Perry, on behalf of the Orofino Planning and Zoning Commission for the Special Use public hearing held Oct. 19.

After examining written testimony and discussion, P&Z Commissioners voted to recommend approval for a request by Paul Pippenger to build storage units at 1629 Michigan Avenue because of a need for storage units.

P&Z Commissioner Trapper Stewart added two conditions in (See...Council pg 4A)