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It's here - Juab Xtreme Racing event this Saturday

The 9th Annual Juab Xtreme Racing event is here. This "must see" challenge will be held Saturday, June 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Juab County Fairgrounds in Nephi. Yes, it's that time of year again! The fairgrounds arena is being transformed into a maze of obstacles. Off-road motorcyclists will try to take on the logs, boulders, jumps, mud and whatever else the event track committee throws in there. Drive by the fairgrounds and check out the progress!

You won't want to miss this exciting, challenging, action-packed, motorcycle event. It's going to be bigger, better and tougher than ever this year! It will keep you on the edge of your seat! Top Professional riders from all over, including the X Games and National Endurocross participants, will be here competing for the top prize! Come and get their autographs! There will be three heats for pro riders. A purse of \$5,000 for 1st place will be split for the heats. If one rider wins all three heats, he can take home the \$5,000 purse plus an extra \$1,000 bonus!!! Finishing is anything but easy. The skill and determination to win this top spot is pure intensity!!! It's a must see!

Participants can register on Friday, June 28th at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. You can also register online at juabxtrem racing.com.

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Nephi City wants to get it right when approving development plans for Jones Subdivision

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A developer attended council meeting to discuss development plans for the recent annexation north of Nephi.

Nephi City Council members and the city planning commission met together to discuss the Jones Annexation in light of the Nephi City General Plan.

Terry Messersmith, the de-

veloper, met to discuss what he had in mind.

"The development review committee and the city staff have some concerns," said Seth Atkinson, city administrator. "We would need a substation before the subdivision could be completed."

Another problem, he said, was that the council thought that they and Messersmith were in agreement as to the number of lots to be built.

"If the subdivision will be

such a strain on the electrical grid," said Donald Ball, "and a new substation has been built on the south end of the grid, would it be possible to rearrange how it is delivered?"

"We reviewed 22 lots and the planning commission approved 44," said Atkinson.

A subdivision agreement will need to be established before building could begin, he said.

"The planning commission offers their position," said Jus-

tin Seely, mayor pro tempore. "Can we then decide what we want to do?"

"They are the recommending body," said Kasey Wright, city attorney.

"I am the liaison between the council and the planning commission," said Skip Woodward, council member. "They have two other steps that must

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Personnel costs are the largest expenditure in the JSD general fund budget

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The largest expenditure in the Juab School District general fund budget is for personnel.

"Personnel costs account for 90 percent of the general fund," said Darin Clark, JSD business administrator. "The Juab School District has approximately 425 employees, most are paid from the general fund."

Clark explained the budget to those attending the district budget hearing on Wednesday.

Following the public hearing, the board of education, opened the general board meeting. One of the agenda items there was the adoption of the budget and the board approved that item with a unanimous vote.

The 2019 final budget was also adopted.

During the hearing, Clark said that the 425 employees include 181 full-time equivalents (FTEs) that are "contract

employees. Of the 180 FTEs, 125.25 are teachers, 42.25 are classified employees and 13.5 are school or district administrators.

"In the non-K-12 programs," said Clark, "\$570,000 has been budgeted. Those programs include athletics and other extracurricular activities, preschool and adult education."

Growing programs include soccer and tennis.

He said that \$1.95 million was budgeted in the debt service fund to pay bond principal and interest plus miscellaneous fees related to bond compliance and reporting.

Also included was \$100,000 budgeted for technology.

The 2019 final budget highlights were that the revised general fund budget increased 2.9 percent over the original budget.

"The 2019 general fund budget increased mainly due to additional state grants and \$500 certified/\$250 classified salary adjust," said Clark.

The general fund state revenue includes a 4-percent in-

crease in WPU (Weighted Pupil Unit) which will generate approximately \$250,000 in new revenue, an additional \$313 generated through growth and a Teacher & Student Success Account to generate an additional \$136,000.

Property taxes, because of state law, cannot be raised to bring in more than had been contributed the year before. Therefore, he said, the property tax would decrease a bit.

New growth brings in the extra tax, he said.

Revenues for the 2019 FY (fiscal year) were \$4,450,000 from property taxes and other local revenue, \$13,685,000 from state funds, and \$900,000 from federal funds. That comes to a total of \$19,035,000.

The proposed budget revenues for 2020 are \$4,600,000 from property taxes and other local revenues, \$14,600,000 from the state and \$900,000 from the federal government for a total of \$20,100,000.

"Reviewing the general fund revenue by source shows that state funds bring in 73 percent,

local funds bring in 23 percent and federal funds bring in 4 percent," said Clark.

The 2020 budgeted general fund expenditures by function indicate that instruction is 67 percent, maintenance is 8 percent, school administration is 6 percent, student instruction and support is 9 percent, transportation is 4 percent, general administration is 4 percent and central is 2 percent.

The basic state M&O (Maintenance and Operation) was set at .001666 in 2019 and was proposed to be the same for 2020.

"That is still to be determined," said Clark. "It will be adjusted when that is determined."

Voted Leeway (M&O) was .000394 in 2019 and is proposed to be .000380 in 2020; the board local levy was .002421 in 2019 and is proposed to be .002350; the charter school levy was 000044 in 2019 and is proposed to be 000027 in 2020; capital outlay was .002465 in 2019 and is proposed to be .002377 in 2020; and debt ser-

vice was .001756 in 2019 and is proposed to be .001769 in 2020. The total for FY 2019 was .008746 and is proposed to be .008569 in 2020.

Clark said that watching the assessed valuation of property was interesting.

"For the first time, we reached \$1 million in assessed valuation for the Juab School District," said Clark.

In 2017, the JSD assessed valuation was \$842,220,893, in 2018 it was \$890,264,000, in 2019 it was \$954,079,967, and in 2020 it was \$1,025,323,535.

"The general fund expenditures for the 2019-2020 budget includes: a 2.5 percent cost of living increase for all employees, a \$500 increase for all teachers, funding of step and lane increases, and increase of 2.6 percent in health insurance premiums and changes in staffing," said Clark.

The school activity fund accounts for individual school

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