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Routine inspection of Nephi City drinking water system revealed five minor items needing attention

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A recent survey of Nephi's drinking water system revealed five minor items needing attention.

"The Nephi City drinking water system was the subject of a routine inspection conducted on August 23," said Randy McKnight, city administrator.

Three of the items related to the chlorinator building, one to the Marsh Springs collection area and one to the silver storage tank, said McKnight.

To put the issue into perspective, he said, the city could lose approval if they received 150 demerits but the city had only generated eight demerits.

"Ours will go away when we take the necessary steps to achieve compliance," said McKnight. "We do have a current emergency plan and so we received 10 points."

The Utah Division of Drinking Water, in the Department of Environmental Quality, establishes standards and rules for public



DRINKING WATER • Nephi City passed its drinking water survey, but five minor items will need to be corrected. Above, Nephi's blue and white tank above the golf course looks out on the Juab Valley and puffy white clouds in the morning sun

drinking water systems.

"Part of the process to insure compliance with those rules and standards is to perform periodic surveys, or inspections, of water systems," he said.

The venting system on the

silver water tank needs to be changed, McKnight said.

In the era when the water tank was constructed, a vent cover, sometimes referred to as a "Chinese Hat" was used. That system is no longer permitted and the vent must now have a pipe and screen system.

Plans are being designed to allow that conversion. As soon as the plans are completed the vent may be changed for the new approved system.

The other items needing to be addressed is the chlorinator building.

"The chlorine we use is a gas and the system we use is a gas injection system," he said.

The gas is injected into the system underground which presents a venting challenge.

"As you will recall, one high priority in the budget at budget time was to have funding to convert the system into an above-ground process," McKnight said.

"We are in the process of drawing up plans and will then consider cost estimates for the two projects," said McKnight.

The third problem was one that needed to be clarified rather than fixed, he said.

"At Marsh Spring a stock-type

fence needs to be built around the collection area," he said. "There are no stock there so we can request a non-grazing exception."

Wildlife, such as deer, are not

considered in the requirement for a stock fence. Only domestic cattle need to be considered.

"There are no cattle kept in the vicinity of the collection area," said McKnight.

Get ready for Homecoming parade on Friday at 4 p.m.

By Karlee Ockey

JHS Correspondent

This week is an exciting one because it is Homecoming week. It will go as follows:

Wednesday—Flotation Day where you dress up in flotation devices like pool floaties. The night activity will be a barbecue at the school at 5:00 along with a pep rally after that at 7:00. At the pep rally this will be the first time that the Homecoming Royalty will be announced and there will also be other really fun things along with that. This year we are introducing something new and that is miniature golf in the school where teachers have provided places to golf in their rooms.

Thursday—P.I.N.C. Day (Pirates, Indians, Ninjas, and Cow-

boys Day) and you can dress up in any of those or all of them. That night there will be a volleyball game and the JV and Freshmen football teams will be traveling to ALA, and after that there will be a cereal party where the students can come eat cereal and play games.

Friday—School Color Day where the students can dress up in crimson and gold. There will be a parade this day also that will start at 4:00 and run through Main Street, after that there will be a football game, and after that a movie night on the side of the school.

We appreciate all the businesses that let us paint their windows. It helps out with our school pride and it reminds us of the community that is here to support us.

Nephi City Council discussed plans for long-term use of the Old Gym

By Myrna Trauntvein

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Should Nephi City Council plan for long-term use of the Old Gym as a recreation center, its current use, or should the council plan to "make-do" with the facility until something more can be built.

That must be decided before the project to replace windows in the building can be put up for bids on replacement windows which are more energy efficient.

"Sometimes an offset proposal can be made and approved," said Randy McKnight, city administrator.

He said that, after meeting with officials in the government program, it was determined that the city police department, once an LDS Seminary building, did not necessitate the need to meet the historic requirements.

McKnight said that the win-

dows and other aspects of the building design had been altered previously. This had been done enough that the requirements no longer needed to be considered.

However, the Old Gym and the gas department building both had maintained their original character and had their original exterior look.

The state agency operating the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program is required to follow certain historic preservation guidelines that affect the amount and type of work that can be done with federal funds and that affect the exterior appearance of any buildings more than 50 years old.

"There is not enough money in the grant to allow us to replace all of the windows in the Old Gym

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South Jordan man died in Motorhome accident on I-15

By Myrna Trauntvein

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A failed tire on a motorhome caused a fatal accident on Thursday, September 9.

James C. Roderick, 65, South Jordan, a passenger in the vehicle, died as a result of the noon accident.

Hoby Metz, Utah Highway Patrol Sgt., said that the 2003 Alpine motorhome, pulling a Chev Avalanche pickup, was traveling southbound on Interstate-15, near mile marker 212.5, when the left front tire on the RV (Recreational Vehicle) failed and lost tread.

"The driver of the vehicle, Kathryn Roderick, 59, also of South Jordan, lost control of the vehicle," said Metz.

After losing tread, the motorhome left the roadway to the left, impacted a delineator post, traveled into the median and crossed both northbound lanes of the freeway.

The vehicle then went off the road where it impacted another delineator post. It then traveled down a steep embankment where the right wheels were off of the ground.

"The motorhome then went through the UDOT fence, impacted a dirt berm and vaulted," said Metz. "The Chev Avalanche pickup broke away from the RV and came to rest straddling the dirt berm."

The motorhome continued for a short distance and came to rest in the field located beyond the fence.

"The cabinetry from the motorhome coach came down upon the occupants," said Metz. "The passenger was unresponsive."

"The cabinetry was lifted off of the passenger and he was removed from the vehicle seat," he said.

CPR was preformed on the scene and then James C. Roderick was taken by East Juab County Ambulance to Central Valley Medical Center where he was later pronounced dead.

Metz said that speed was not a factor in the accident. The posted speed was 75 mph and that was the speed the vehicle was traveling. Both vehicle occupants were wearing seatbelts.

UHP Trooper Corey Houskeeper was the investigating officer. He was assisted by Metz and by UHP Trooper Chad McWilliams.



FATAL ACCIDENT • James Roderick, 65, South Jordan was killed in this fatal accident on I-15 South of Nephi on September 9th. Photo UHP



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