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Elk Ridge Bugle

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Message from the Mayor...

Don't forget to register for elective office before August 15th. The position of Mayor and two Council positions are up.

Fire season is upon us and we have had three arson fires so far in the month of July. We encourage all property owners to cut the tall weeds and grass and where practical, to remove the combustible materials.

The sewer work on Loafer Canyon road should be over by the tenth of August or sooner. We will still have to pave the road surface but it is expected that everything will be finished prior to the start of school. We regret that the road was closed for a couple of days but the width of the road base and the trench created some logistical problems.

We continue to hear expressions of concern regarding chip and seal on our roads. As with every subject there are pro's and con's. There is sufficient evidence and studies to justify this form of maintenance and road repair. The life of a road is extended by many years with early application of chip and seal. The cost difference compared with overlay is substantial and the extension of road life is measurable in years.

Don't forget our public hearing on August 9th, regarding a proposed property tax rate change. As you may have seen in the newspaper release the increase for a home valued about \$245,000 is \$35. a year. The cost of fuel, cost of living, materials, and everything else goes up each year.

If a citizen wishes to address the Council during this public hearing we would appreciate being notified NLT the 8th of August so we can plan on making sufficient time for remarks. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes for their comments however if several persons having common concerns want to yield to a single representative we will extend the time to 10 minutes. With the increased costs of

providing services we feel we have no alternative other than to cut services and no one wants to do that.

It was in 2001 that we last increased the property tax rate by 6%. This new rate will equal about 12%. Some of the needs of the city are police services and a new snow plow each of which carries with it a figure of \$100,000.

Other expenses can be deferred or planned for by putting money aside until something serious breaks or falls apart.

Managing city resources including money and personnel requires some juggling and occasionally things we would like to accomplish get deferred for a year or two, case in point a trails system. The consensus in the Council appears to be that now is the time so you will see some positive action in this area next year. The trails system is paid for by grants and impact fees and has no relationship to a property tax source of revenue. Impact fees can only be spent on parks, recreation, and trails systems. If we don't spend it within a specified period of time we must return the impact fee to the developer.

In closing, if you think you have something to offer the city by way of time and talents run for public office.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 423-2300.

- 3rd Fire Department
- 4th Planning Commission
- 9th City Council
- 10th EMS
- 17th Fire Department
- 18th Planning Commission
- 23rd City Council
- 24th EMS
- 31st Fire Department/EMS

All Meetings are at 7:00 pm unless otherwise specified.

CITY CELEBRATION NEWS

BEAUTY OF AMERICA



Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's **PARADE**. We had a great turnout and had a lot of fun. We would also like to thank our sponsors for their support and our volunteers for their great help. The winners of the float contest were:

- 1st **Families of Park Circle**
- 2nd **Ray & Ernie Folks Family**
- 3rd **Seth & Shelly Waite Family**

We hope everyone will plan on participating next year so we can make our parade even bigger and better.

A Very Large Thank You to all of the many, many people who helped to make our City Celebration 2005 a grand success! A week long event could never be accomplished without the help of many volunteers. Our committee heads deserve much Thanks for recruiting the community and spending a vast amount of time in putting the festivities together.

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| Alvin Harward - Golf Tournament | Steve Linford - Basketball Tournament |
| Connie Reece - Parade | Robin Brown - Visual Arts |
| Sandy & Derek Johnson - 10k/1 mile run | Dayna Hughes - Carnival |
| Elk Ridge Volunteer Fire Department - Pancake Breakfast | |

And all the countless others who remained behind the scenes!

A celebration this size always is appreciative of the people who step forward with a generous offer of donation. Thank you to all who contributed!

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| Rawlings Lawn | Magelby's Fresh | Earl Jorgenson Family | Macey's Food |
| SESD Services | Shopko | Papa Murphy's Pizza | Sonic |
| Olive Garden | Joe's Crab Shack | | |

Elk Ridge Mountain Challenge 10 K & 1 Mile Race

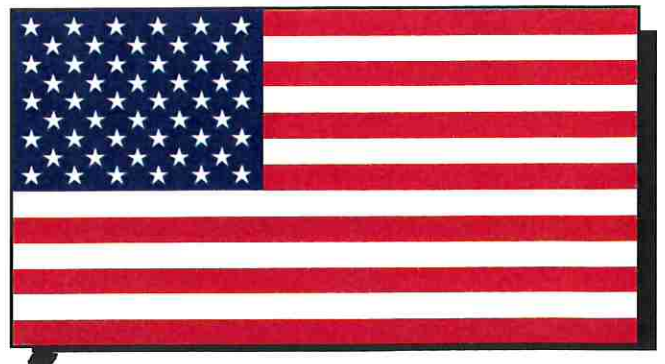
- | <i>10k Male</i> | <i>10k Female</i> |
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| 1. Patrick Loss | 1. Chelsea Loss |
| 2. Matthew Hatch | 2. JoAnn Nyabo |
| 3. Alan Thorpe | 3. Melanie Linford |
| 4. Neal Hatch | 4. Laura Rupper |
| 5. Spencer S. | 5. Audrey Hatch |
| 6. Russ Lundberg | 6. Jeni Bonny |
| 7. Brock Newitt | 7. Lori Brinkerhoff |
| 8. Wade Dalton | |
| 9. Doug Brinkerhoff | |
| 10. Mike Riley | |
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- | <i>1 Mile Male</i> | <i>1 Mile Female</i> |
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| 1. Michael Bracetti | 1. Janay Brinkerhoff |
| 2. Zach Lundberg | 2. Savannah Brady |
| 3. Kolby Linford | 3. Jessica Olson |
| 4. R.J. Lundberg | 4. Allison Reece |
| 5. Dallin Gould | 5. Sabrina Brady |
| 6. Tyler Brinkerhoff | 6. Bryanne Colver |
| 7. Parker Barton | 7. Summer Johnson |
| 8. Tyler Hatch | 8. Lanay Brinkerhoff |
| 9. Collin McNeal | |
| 10. Dallin Heward | |
| 11. Tony Lundberg | |
| 12. Kevin Colver | |
| 13. Steven Barton | |
| 14. George Brinkerhoff | |
| 15. Jarren Howard | |

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT VICTORY GOES TO THE NILSSON BOYS OF MAGELLAN LANE COBY, TYLER, PRESTON, BLAINE & LANDON

**CITIZENS OF THE YEAR 2005
LINDA JONES & LINDA GOODWIN**

**OTHERS NOMINATED:
PAUL EDDY & JOANN BIGLER**

*Results for the Golf Tournament and Visual Arts were posted in the July Newsletter.



CAUTION

True Story (FYI)
 A police officer named Jeff was needing to clean off his home computer so he bought a 3 pack of DUST OFF. Dust off is a can of compressed air to blow dust off a computer. A few weeks later when I went to use them they were all used. After asking my 2 sons about it, they said they had used them to clean their computers and were messing around with them. I yelled at them for wasting them. I then bought a jumbo can of DUST OFF and set down beside my computer. On March 1st I left for work at 10 PM. At 11 PM my wife went down to kiss Kyle goodnight (My son). At 5:30 am the next morning she went to wake him up for school, before she left work. He was sitting up in bed with his legs crossed and his head leaning over. After calling to him a few times, she shook his arm. He fell over. He was pale white and had the straw from the DUST OFF can coming out of his mouth. He had the new can of DUST OFF in his hands. Kyle was dead. I am a police officer and had never heard of this. My wife is a nurse and had never heard of this.

- Kevin Watson - Fire
- Darrell Hodges - Fire
- Chad Gottfredson - EMS/Fire
- Kip Hardy - Fire
- Ron Johnson - Fire
- Troy Peterson - Fire
- Justin Hayes - Fire
- Terri Pierce - Fire
- Mark Johnson - Chief Engineer
- Linda Jones - Emergency Svcs. Sec. Heather Abbott -
- Karen (KD) Taylor - Finance
- Cindi Ellis - Supply
- Marie Jo Stout - FD Training
- Spencer Edwards - EMS Training
- JoAnn Bigler -
- Craig Olson - Fire Chief
- Doug Stout - Asst. Fire Chief
- Kamille Peterson

Fire Dept. News: If you see any of the following people give them a pat on the back and a big 'thank you' for all they do to help keep our city safe.

Fire Department Spotlight: Ron Johnson and his wife Lesley have 5 children the last still living at home. They have lived here for 6 years. Ron has been on the Fire Dept. for 5 1/2 years. He enjoys motorcycles, especially his Harley Sportster, as well as camping, fishing and his 6 grandchildren. He likes living here because of its small town feeling and the opportunity for public service that is not always available in large cities. He loves being able to recognize people you see walking down the street and feeling connected with your neighbors, especially during the Fireman's Breakfast. We appreciate all that he does.

air, with oxygen out. It decreases the oxygen to your brain, to your heart. There is no level that kills you, it's not cumulative or an overdose. Educate yourselves and your children so you don't lose someone you love for doing something they didn't think could hurt them.