

screwdriver from his pocket and worked the tip into the ground to make a hole for the flagpole. He adjusted the flag and examined his work.

He walked on, looking for another veteran gravestone.

Other veterans joined Sackenreuter. Larry Seureau,

65, and Bud Shrode, 72, also placed flags.

These two took the edge off the occasion, bantering back and forth like a bickering married couple.

Their antics were a relief for Sackenreuter and other volunteer attendants.

Seureau served in the Army and completed two tours of Vietnam, and Shrode served in the Navy during the Korean War.

Seureau said the VFW Chelan Post 6853 posts flags at the Fraternal and Riverview cemeteries every year for Memorial Day

and Veterans Day. He said the VFW's work focuses on helping veterans and their families.

"It is important we keep this going. We always need new members to help care for those who have served and are serving - and to remember," Seureau said.

Skate park gets more funding

Slab to remain nearly bare through most of summer

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EDITOR

A committee of city officials and skaters will be looking next week at design options for an all-new skate park in Don Morse Park. The possibilities were enhanced May 24 by the Chelan City Council, which voted unanimously to take \$20,000 from the recreation capital improvement fund and put it into the park.

The appropriation puts the total kitty for skate park accessories at \$64,000, most of which is city money. The Chelan Rotary has chipped in \$5,000, and the skaters' group, known as the skate crew, has contributed

\$9,000.

The total amount will pay for phase 1 of a planned three-phase development of ramps and other elements for skaters and BMX bicyclists.

Seven skate park manufacturers have submitted design proposals for Chelan's skate park. The skate park committee, consisting of new parks manager John Keates, city administrator Dave Fonfara, city council members and park users, will meet June 6 to select the best and most economical design.

All but three of the original ramps were removed earlier this spring, and other ramps donated last fall by the community of Twisp were never installed.

Council member Steve Olsen, an advocate of the skate park and a member of its committee, said the used and donated ramps are not up to the city's liability standards. The original ramps, which

were in use for 2-1/2 years, were only expected to last one or two years, he said.

John Guimond, a junior at Chelan High School and a skate crew member, said the skate park in its current arrangement is practically useless. He saw three people using the few ramps that are in place all of Memorial Day weekend, when last year 50 kids a day were on the ramps during the same weekend.

"It's a disservice to the community," Guimond said in a phone interview. "Many kids would be out using it now, but there's nothing to use."

He said the ramps that were removed were structurally sound, and some superficial damage could have been fixed cheaply.

Guimond said his best guess was that the new ramps would be in place by mid-August.

The \$20,000 of additional investment now will save the

city money in the long run, Olsen said. Future phases will be developed as the park users determine what pieces they want to add. They can then raise the money they need for the additional pieces, Olsen said.

Council member Dave Weldy reiterated a concern he expressed last year about the need for lighting at the skate park. He said that in the mild spring and fall months, when the sun sets well before Don Morse Park closes, kids are more likely to use the lighted parts of downtown Chelan to skateboard illegally.

"I know where the kids are when they can't do it at the skate park," he said. "They're under the lights at the Chamber of Commerce."

Olsen said new ramps are a higher priority and that lighting

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Third downtown planning meeting tonight

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After two lively meetings last winter to consider downtown Chelan's future, business owners and residents meet again tonight, June 1, to begin giving it shape.

for the design committee.

City planning director Dan Valoff said tonight's meeting would be an opportunity for the committees to meet in separate groups, brainstorm on their topics and report back to the full group.

Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce

said. He added that it is not the Chamber's role to take the lead on the downtown initiative project, which was kicked off by the City of Chelan in February.

"I hope the committees take their own lead," Hodge said. "It's probably time for the city to say, if there's a group of people

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