

PENDLETON

Dispensaries back in front of council

East Oregonian

With time ticking on the city's moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries, the Pendleton City Council will look at its options Tuesday night.

Police Chief Stuart Roberts will deliver a report with his recommendations to the city council ahead of the city's May 1 expiration date.

In his report, Roberts presented his top two options — either imposing an outright ban of medical marijuana dispensaries or passing a set of local rules that “clearly articulates the time, place and manner dispensaries are operated.”

If the city council wants to pass any dispensary laws, Roberts advised the city write a draft before adopting it to avoid conflicts with any rule

changes or preemptions from the state.

The path to this point is complicated and stretches back to 1998. That's the year Oregon voters approved Measure 67, which legalized the possession of medical marijuana.

After two failed ballot measures, House Bill 3460 was passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2013 and authorized medical marijuana dispensaries.

A year later, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 1531, which allowed cities and counties to create “reasonable regulations” for dispensaries and impose a year-long moratorium.

Roberts advised against waiting for the Legislature to allow the extension of the moratorium.

BRIEFLY

Economic luncheon features bank executive

PENDLETON — Bill Conerly, economist with Conerly Consulting LLC, is the keynote speaker for Pendleton's annual Economic Outlook Luncheon.

Conerly, along with Craig Reeder, vice president of Hale Companies, and Todd Davidson, chief executive officer of Travel Oregon, will discuss the economic outlook and share ways to strengthen the economy of the region.

The event is Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. The cost is \$25 for chamber members, if paid for by Friday, Feb. 20. For non-members, the cost is \$30.

For more information, visit www.pendletonchamber.com/eol. To RSVP, call 541-276-7411.

Sun Zero celebrates one year

IRRIGON — Entertainment, including a comedy show and live DJ is planned in celebration of the year anniversary at Sub Zero Restaurant & Lounge.

The doors open Saturday at 5 p.m. with comedy at 7 p.m. and a live DJ at 9 p.m. at 100 W. Highway 730, Irrigon. Tickets are \$10, which includes meal specials and a coupon for \$5 off dinner.

Reservations are recommended by calling 541-922-4374.

Nixyaawii Chamber of Commerce adds two members

MISSION — The Nixyaawii Chamber of Commerce welcomed two new members to its board of directors.

According to a press release, the board elected Jiselle Halfmoon, the manager of KCUW Radio, and Clare Jacobson, a senior teller at Banner Bank.

The board also held officer elections, electing Wildhorse Resort and Casino human resources officer Lorena Thompson president, Attitude Marketing CEO Michelle Liberty vice-president, Wildhorse general manager Al Tovey and *Confederated Umatilla Journal* editor Wil Phinney secretary.

The board is rounded out by Past President Dana Quaempts, the owner of Cayuse Country Flowers, and board member Terry Clark, owner of Pioneer Asphalt.

Cemeteries commission seeks regional member

SALEM — A position representing northeastern Oregon on the Oregon Commission on Historic

Cemeteries is open. The commission of seven citizens develops and maintains a listing of all pioneer and historic cemeteries in Oregon, makes recommendations for funding, obtains grant funding, seeks legislative appropriations for historic cemeteries and assists in the coordination of restoration, renovation and maintenance of historic cemeteries statewide.

The group meets four times per year in changing locations across the state. There may be other occasional meetings for extra projects, programs and grant selection. Commissioners also are asked to provide informal meetings in their regions and work on other projects outside of meeting time.

To apply, send a letter of interest and resume to commission coordinator Kuri Gill at kuri.gill@oregon.gov by March 15. Include reasons for wanting to serve on the commission, any skills or knowledge you will bring to its work and ideas or goals you have for your participation. For more information, call Gill at 503-986-0685.

Library district seeks board candidates

PENDLETON — Area citizens interested in supporting local libraries are invited to considering running for a seat on the board of directors for the Umatilla County Special Library District.

Four of the five positions are up for election May 19. The filing period, which is currently open, closes at 5 p.m. March 19.

Candidates for the positions must be registered voters in the library district, which includes all of Umatilla County, with the exception of the city of Hermiston.

Interested individuals are encouraged to attend the next board meeting, which is Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the second floor jury room at Pendleton City Hall, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave.

Information about the library district board, including a job description, contact information and minutes from previous meetings, can be found at <http://ucslid.org/board> members meetings or call 541-276-6449.

BOARDMAN



The Boardman Chamber of Commerce honored some of the city's finest during the 25th annual Citizen's Awards Banquet. From left: Delmer and Barbara Hug, Pioneers of the Year; Jill Parker, Business Person of the Year; Charlene Baker, Educator of the Year; Deanna Camp, Citizen of the Year; Hans Rockwell, Youth Citizen of the Year; and Lt. Zachary Lantis, Fire & Safety Award. Staff photo by George Plaven

Mardis Gras comes early at port

Deanna Camp named citizen of the year as awards banquet turns 25

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
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Boardman residents swung with the beat of the Big Easy Friday night as they honored some of the city's finest volunteers, educators and business leaders.

The 25th annual Chamber of Commerce Citizen's Awards Banquet took on a Mardi Gras theme — complete with colorful masks and Dixieland jazz — for its dinner and celebration at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center.

More than 120 people arrived to recognize seven award winners, nominated by their peers for outstanding service in 2014. Amber Killingbeck, the chamber's assistant director, said the event is Boardman's time to let its hair down and say thank you for each other's hard work.

Citizen of the Year was awarded to Deanna Camp, a tireless chamber and Kiwanis Club volunteer who helped spearhead new kids' games and activities for the city's big Fourth of July celebration last year. Camp also lends her time to the Boardman Halloween party, wine tour and, during football season, cooks weekly dinners for the Riverside High School team.

“There are so many people who volunteer in Boardman, and I'm just thankful to be recognized for what I do,” Camp said.

RHS student Hans Rockwell won the chamber's first ever Youth Citizen of the Year Award, as an honor roll student and dedicated athlete. Not only does Rockwell help put up Christmas decorations for the community and assist with voter registration, but finds time to serve as student body president and is a three-time Class 3A state wrestling champion.

Last August, Rockwell gave a verbal commitment to wrestle for Oregon State University.

Special education teacher Charlene Baker was honored with Educator of the Year. She was described by RHS Principal Marie Shimer as someone who's first in the building, last to leave and always prepared to go above and beyond for her students to help them practice life skills.

Pioneer of the Year is a special award given each year to someone who has lived in Boardman for at least 40 years. This year, the award went to Delmer and Barbara Hug, the couple whose dedication helped launch and continues to enrich the Boardman Senior Center.

Delmer Hug, a longtime local watermelon farmer is one of four people to have lived in Boardman for more than 80 years.

Lt. Zachary Lantis, of the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District, won the 2014 Fire & Safety Award. Lantis came to Boardman in 2006 from Stanfield, where he began volunteering for the district and was later promoted to lieutenant in 2009.

In addition, Lantis vol-

unteers his time with the Neighborhood Watch, 4-H Club and as a Little League baseball coach.

Finally, Jill Parker was named Business Person of the Year. Parker, who works as vice president and a commercial lending officer for the Bank of Eastern Oregon, also serves on the Morrow County Health District Board of Directors and is president of the Boardman Community Development Association, which recently provided homeownership education and incentives for 40 potential home buyers.

“I love Boardman, and I am so thankful life brought me to this community,” Parker said. “It's been such a good experience for me, individually and professionally.”

The party continued into the night with a casino games and a silent auction. Sponsors included ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston and EOM Construction.

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Post office to stop processing incoming mail

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
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Recent consolidation efforts made to the U.S. Postal Service will change the way mail comes in and out of Pendleton.

Declining mail streams and excess capacity will force the Pendleton Post Office's processing center to close. Pendleton joins Eugene and Bend in outsourcing all of their processing services to Portland.

USPS spokesman Tony Hass said outgoing mail has already been processed in Portland for two years, while incoming mail will start being processed in Portland on April 15.

Despite the processing center's closure, Hass said the Pendleton Post Office's

customer service center will remain open. That means Pendletonians will still be able to use the post office to buy stamps, rent P.O. boxes and make use of other post office services.

The USPS website states no union workers have been laid off, transitioning to different roles instead.

With sorting and processing now happening in only one city in Oregon, standard delivery times for first class mail were increased Jan. 5.

According to the USPS website, first class mail — which consists mostly of mail like personal correspondence, bill payments and greeting cards — has decreased by 53 percent in the past decade.

That led the USPS to

increase the standard delivery time of 1-2 days for first class mail to 2-3 days. On average, mail that used to take 1.8 days to deliver will

now arrive in 2.3 days. Packages, medicine and advertisements aren't affected by the service change.

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