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Boardman to allow medical marijuana

Pilot Rock, Umatilla ban all marijuana businesses

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Four local councils considered marijuana bans and ordinances Tuesday night and only one — Boardman — voted to allow marijuana businesses of any kind.

Pendleton

The Pendleton City Council staved off a ban on marijuana sales for at least one more meeting.

With Councilor Chuck Wood in the midst of a month-long vacation, the council voted 4-3 to ban both medical and recreational marijuana sales, one vote shy of the five votes needed to pass the ordinance.

Ten attendees spoke against the ban and four spoke for it, which matched the number of councilors that voted for the

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By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

A proposed gas tax in Pendleton failed Tuesday, according to unofficial election results from Umatilla County.

The result was 64.5 percent of voters opposed and 35.5 percent in favor. In city limits, 3,791 people returned ballots.

The proposal would have added a five cent tax onto each gallon of gas sold in Pendleton for a decade. The money raised would have gone to fix city streets.

Election results*

Umatilla fire bond
Passed (Yes 51%, No 49%)

Heppner fire bond
Passed (Yes 76%, No 24%)

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*Unofficial results as of Nov. 3, 10 p.m.

The results were only slightly better than the last time the city sought a long-term gas tax in 2006, which 70 percent of voters were against.

Councilor Al Plute, who led the political action committee support the gas tax, said it was a “pretty rough vote.”

Despite it going down at the ballot box, Plute said he still thought a gas tax would be the best way to raise money for streets because part of it would be paid by out-of-town drivers.

Resident Rex Morehouse had a very different opinion, calling the defeat a “victory for Pendleton.”

In addition to supporting the Oregon Fuels Association PAC in its opposition to the gas tax,

Morehouse said he spent \$69 to print out his own anti-gas tax pamphlets and distribute them door-to-door.

Noting that the eventual \$5 street utility fee will raise \$481,000 for road maintenance, Morehouse said the council will have to find room in its existing budget to further fund pavement preservation.

The first reading for the law that would establish the fee was at Tuesday’s city council meeting. It is scheduled for final consideration at the Nov. 17 meeting.

STANFIELD

Singer shares positive message against bullying

X Factor finalist on eight-school tour

By SEAN HART
East Oregonian

A teenager who turned her story of being bullied into a song of hope took to the stage Tuesday to inspire local students.

Rachel Crow performed a collection of songs including her single “Mean Girls” at Stanfield Secondary School Tuesday morning, the first of an eight-school, three-day miniature tour, followed by an afternoon stop at Weston-McEwen High School. She is performing for free, hoping to bring a positive message against bullying.

“I feel like it’s a really important message to get across to people that you can change it,” she said. “It’s just as simple as me getting on the stage and singing a few songs and talking to the kids. They really, I think, respect people who tell them it’s not OK (to bully). It’s not funny. It’s not cool. It doesn’t make you bigger. It just, in fact, makes you smaller.”

Crow is no stranger to the spotlight. At 13 she showed talent, making it to the top five on The X Factor tele-



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Singer Rachel Crow poses for a photo with the band The Johnsons and students attending a concert Tuesday at Stanfield Secondary School.

vision competition in 2011. She has been on Nickelodeon shows, starred in the Disney Channel movie “Invisible Sister,” and voiced Carla in the animated movie “Rio 2.”

Now, at 17, she is turning a week of downtime between projects into an opportunity to help others feeling what she once felt.

Crow said she was

frequently bullied in school before she moved to California. As the “bright, cheery, out-of-this-world, weird kid,” she said other students enjoyed trying to

bring her down.

“For a long time, I thought maybe I really am a really bad person, maybe

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Schimmel to moderate conversation with Obama

By KATHY ANEY
East Oregonian

A young member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation will moderate a discussion on Thursday between President Obama and tribal youth.

Jude Schimmel, a standout basketball player at the University of Louisville, author and member of



Schimmel

Generation Indigenous, will meet with Obama during a session of the White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington D.C.

“I’m excited and honored to announce that I will moderate a conversation between President Obama and Native youth about how we can work together to help more young people reach their full potential,” she posted on Instagram. “What questions do you have for the President?”

Schimmel is a visible member of Generation Indigenous, an organization Obama launched last year after he and the First Lady visited Standing Rock Sioux Indian Nation in North Dakota. The goal of Gen-I is to engage and improve the lives of Native youth. Schimmel was one of the featured youth at the White House Tribal Youth Gathering at the White House in July.

During her stellar collegiate basketball career, Schimmel won the NCAA Elite 89 award for having the highest grade-point average among Final Four players in the 2013 NCAA basketball championships. She graduated in three years and is earning her master’s degree in sports administration at Louisville. She signed with

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Young Mayo doc’s enthusiasm contagious

Award-winning doctor started as PHS math teacher

By KATHY ANEY
East Oregonian

Just the word “neurology” can seem complicated and headache-inducing.

Dr. Jeremy Cutsforth-Gregory sees panic in the eyes of his first-year neurology students at the beginning of the semester at Mayo Medical School. He enjoys watching their anxiety ebb away as the weeks go by and the tumblers fall into place.

“Neurology (which deals with disorders of the nervous system) is very complex, but it’s also logical,” Cutsforth-Gregory said. “You can see the lights turn on.”

If Cutsforth-Gregory sounds like a veteran teacher, think again. The



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Dr. Jeremy Cutsforth-Gregory, a neurologist, teacher and fellow at the Mayo Clinic, was amazed to learn he had won the Golden Apple Award, something no other fellow has ever won.

Pendleton native graduated from medical school six years ago and only began teaching neurology as a fellow last year.

This month, first-year students voted to give Cutsforth-Gregory the Golden Apple Award, which honors the class’ favorite Mayo faculty member.

“Dr. Cutsforth-Gregory is the first fellow to ever win this award,” said medical student Maggie Cupit. “He is just that good.”

Some of his teaching chops were earned, not at medical school, but while instructing math at his high school alma mater — Pendleton High School — in 2006. That year, the 24-year-old intended to substitute teach in Pendleton while applying to medical schools. That was the plan, anyway, but as he and some friends prepared to hike into the Sisters Wilderness one late-August day, his cell phone buzzed. Then-PHS principal Tom Lovell

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