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Local tribe, community voice opinions on armed protesters

By **TERRENCE PETTY** and **MANUEL VALDES**
Associated Press

BURNS — The leader of an American Indian tribe that regards an Oregon nature preserve as sacred issued a rebuke Wednesday to the armed men who are occupying the property, saying they are not welcome at the snowy bird sanctuary and must leave.

The Burns Paiute tribe was the latest group to speak out against the men, who have taken several buildings at the preserve to protest policies governing the use of federal land in the West.

"The protesters have no right to this land. It belongs to the native people who live here," tribal leader Charlotte Rodrigue said.

She spoke at a news conference at the tribe's cultural center, about a half-hour drive from Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, which is being occupied by some 20 men led by Ammon Bundy, whose father Cliven was at the center of a standoff in Nevada with federal officials in 2014 over use of public lands.

Ammon Bundy is demanding that the refuge be handed over to locals.

Rodrigue said she "had to laugh" at the demand, because she knew Bundy was not talking about giving



Harney County Sheriff David Ward listens to concerns during a community meeting at the county fairgrounds Wednesday in Burns.

AP Photo/Rick Bowmer

the land to the tribe.

The 13,700-acre Burns Paiute Reservation is north of the remote town of Burns in Oregon sagebrush country. The reservation is separate from the wildlife refuge, but tribal members consider it part of their

ancestral land.

As with other tribes, the Burns Paiutes' link to the land is marked by a history of conflict with white settlers and the U.S. government. In the late 1800s, they were forced off a sprawling reservation created by an

1872 treaty that was never ratified. Some later returned and purchased property in the Burns area, where about 200 tribal members now live. Bundy's group seized buildings

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Transfer of depot lands hinges on water 'solution'

By **PHIL WRIGHT**
East Oregonian

Water remains the pivot point to transferring land at the former site of the Umatilla Chemical Depot to the Columbia Development Authority's local control.

Rep. Greg Smith of Heppner said he remains hopeful the transaction will happen in the near future.

Smith is the project manager for the development authority. The bottom line, he said: "We're getting really close to being ready to transfer the land."

Just how close is close,

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PENDLETON

City sets crosshairs on old wood stoves

Zero interest loans available to those with uncertified stoves

By **KATHY ANEY**
East Oregonian

Gradually, inefficient wood stoves are vanishing from Pendleton homes, but the pace has slowed.

In 2000, the city started offering zero interest loans of up to \$3,000 to homeowners with wood stoves that aren't certified by the Environmental Protection Agency or Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. During the first two years, 93 residents replaced their stoves with cleaner burning gas, electric or certified wood units.

Though the city boosted the loan amount to \$3,500 in 2004, use of the program has dwindled over the past few years. In fiscal year 2013-14, nobody applied. Last year, there were only two. Altogether, 172 stoves were replaced using city loans since the program's inception.

City employee Steve Quinn applied to replace an uncertified fireplace insert about eight months ago when he moved into a new home on Jay Street. On Tuesday, the new Neptune gas unit glowed in his living room, flame visible through a glass door. His yellow lab puppy, Rudy, lay near the brick hearth as Quinn rubbed the dog's ears. Quinn said he loves the new stove for a pair



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Steve Quinn of Pendleton replaced his uncertified fireplace insert with a new gas burning one using a loan program through the city of Pendleton.

of reasons.

Number one — "I don't have to chop wood," he said. "It's nice to push a button and be done with it."

Secondly, his expenses dropped to \$120 a month in the winter for electricity and \$35 for gas.

Pendleton's regulatory specialist

Klaus Hoehna and Umatilla County Public Health Director Meghan DeBolt hope more people will use the loan program. The city seeks to reignite interest and finish the job of consigning all those inefficient stoves to the recycling center.

"There's been a steady decline

in use of the loan program," said DeBolt, who is a member of the Pendleton Air Quality Commission.

The commission doesn't know if most of the stoves have been replaced or if people are unaware

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Backers of track event donated heavily to Kitzhaber campaign

By **SAUL HUBBARD**
The Register-Guard

EUGENE — When Vin Lananna, president of TrackTown USA, and Paul Weinhold, president of the University of Oregon Foundation, first contacted then-Gov. John Kitzhaber in mid-2014 to request a \$40 million state subsidy for TrackTown's bid to hold the 2019 track

world championships in Eugene, they were met with coolness and skepticism, newly released emails show.

After Lananna gave an in-person pitch to Kitzhaber on July 7, Kitzhaber economic policy adviser Vince Porter sent a scathing assessment of the request to the governor and his top advisers.

Talks should continue, Porter wrote, but "there are a lot of hurdles

to get over before it becomes much more than a pipe dream."

Nonprofit TrackTown's request contained "probably as much as \$20 million that we would never want to consider subsidizing," he added. "I don't think the state should be even considering something larger than \$20 million" to help fund the event in Eugene, he wrote.

The subsidy request — which

would require three-fifth votes in both chambers of the Legislature — also was met coolly by Salem's two most powerful legislators, Senate President Peter Courtney and House Speaker Tina Kotek, both Democrats, Porter's emails indicate.

Yet, only five months later, Kitzhaber publicly pledged to "use all

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