



Toddler tees up

Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Callen Chester, 1, focuses as he gets ready to smack a ball off a tee Saturday shortly before Mac-Hi's game against Estacada during last weekend's Spring Break Crossover Tournament in Milton-Freewater.

PILOT ROCK

Bill Caldera takes helm as chief of police

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Bill Caldera is done with his job as the lieutenant for the Pendleton Police Department.

The 37-year veteran of law enforcement officially begins his new job Friday as chief of police for Pilot Rock.

Caldera has already been handling chief duties for the small town south of Pendleton for more than a month. That includes assessing department needs and negotiating a new contract for the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office to provide dispatch services.

The city council earlier this month approved spending \$15,300 on police department upgrades, including security measures and better phone service. Caldera and city staff also recently spent two days organizing the department and getting rid of outdated equipment.

The police department budget had extra money because there has been no police chief drawing a

salary for more than a year. City recorder Teri Porter said some of the funds will go toward tactical equipment the department needs.

Caldera retired Wednesday from Pendleton police, where he worked for 29 years and the last six as a lieutenant. Pilot Rock will pay him \$6,000 a month, according to his employment contract with the city. That will be about \$20,000

less per year than he made with Pendleton. He also will receive a benefits package and start off with 40 hours of vacation and 80 hours of sick leave.

Caldera lives in Pendleton. Pilot Rock agreed to provide him with a work vehicle and work cell-phone. He also will work four 10-hour shifts a week, according to the contract.

The city has one full-time officer, Daniel Badal, and is looking to hire another to fill a vacant position.



Caldera

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BRIEFLY

Test offers Canine Good Citizen

PENDLETON — Testing for the Canine Good Citizen certificate is planned in the area.

Gail Hescocock of La Grande will offer the test Saturday, April 30 in Pendleton. Time slots are available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$15, plus an AKC fee for the certificate, which is \$20 for AKC registered dogs or \$8 for non-registered dogs.

The CGC test is a series of elements, including sitting to be petted, walking through a crowd, coming when called, sitting and laying down on command. The Round-Up City Barkers 4-H Club is sponsoring the test as a fundraiser to help pay for county fair expenses.

In addition, Julie Wunderlich will host a pre-test class to go over the elements, which provides an opportunity for dogs to practice. That session is Saturday, April 9 beginning at 9 a.m. It costs \$20.

For more information about the test or class, including the locations, call Wunderlich at 541-377-3193.

Community breakfast features apple pancakes

STANFIELD — Apple pancakes are the featured entrée for this month's Stanfield Community Breakfast.

With many items to choose from, people may purchase food a la carte, which generally costs \$3-\$5 for a full meal. The breakfast is Saturday from 7-10 a.m. at the Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt. The event also includes a bake sale, featuring cakes, cookies, pies, and homemade bread and rolls.

Money raised from the monthly breakfasts serve as the main source of fundraising for the center. For more information, call 541-449-1332 or 541-571-6019.

Gymnastics to start new session

PENDLETON — A new eight-week gymnastics session begins the week of April 11 through Pendleton Parks & Recreation.

Classes are available for those ages 18 months through 12 years old. The fees range from \$60-\$75, depending on the length of the class.

In addition to the physical exercise, gymnastics helps children build confidence, coordination, listening skills and cooperation with others.

For more information about class dates, times and specific costs, visit www.pendletonparksandrec.com or stop by the parks office, 865 Tutuilla Road. For more



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Hannah Fisher, a trainer with Desert Dogs Unleashed, conducts public access training in 2014 with Perps, a young German shepherd. Area dog owners can participate in an upcoming class in preparation for the Canine Good Citizen test.

information, call 541-276-8100.

Powwow 101 provides basic information

PENDLETON — The public is invited to learn about different powwow dancing styles and songs.

Powwow 101 is Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon in ST-200 at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

The free workshop, which includes a time for questions and answers, will occur before the upcoming BMCC Arts & Culture Festival. The event will feature a powwow Wednesday, April 20 from 6-8 p.m. in McCrae Activity Center.

For more information, contact Annie Smith at asmith@bluecc.edu or 541-278-5935.

MUREA program features framing techniques

PENDLETON — A special program on framing ideas and techniques is featured during the upcoming Morrow-Umatilla Retired Educators Association meeting.

The public is invited to the no-host gathering Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at Sister's Cafe, 380 S. Main St., Pendleton. Following lunch and a business meeting, the group will reconvene at Pendleton Art + Frame, 36 S.W. Court Ave., where Dena Summerfield and Cherise

Arbroath, Scotland was signed — Tartan Day is a day of wearing plaid and remembering the contributions of Scotsmen to our heritage.

The menu will feature meat pies, Scotch eggs and scones. In addition, live music will be performed by Steve Pyle.

This year's Athena Caledonian Games are July 8-10. For more information, contact Sue Friese at athenacaledoniangames@gmail.com or visit www.athenacaledoniangames.org.

Boardman seeks Cinco de Mayo volunteers

BOARDMAN — The Boardman Cinco de Mayo committee invites people to assist with planning the upcoming event.

The planning meeting is Wednesday, April 6 at 6 p.m. at Macario's Restaurant, 302 Olson Road, Boardman.

The Cinco de Mayo event is Saturday, May 7 from 4-10 p.m. at Boardman Marina Park.

For more information, call 541-481-3014.

Wills and trusts subject of meeting

PENDLETON — Karin Dallas Spratling of Corey, Byler and Rew law offices will present information on wills and trusts at a meeting of AAUW Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Vert Club Room, 234 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton.

A social time with refreshments and a short business meeting also will be part of the evening. The public is welcome to attend.

AAUW's mission of bettering the lives of women and girls now includes a student affiliate club at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton. For more information, contact Renee at 541-377-0504.

Baker will share ideas.

Membership in MUREA is not limited to retired educators, but is open to anyone interested in promoting education. For more information, call unit president Bill Mayclin at 541-276-4540.

Put on the plaid

ATHENA — The public is invited to celebrate Tartan Day.

A Scottish lunch is offered Wednesday, April 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sugar Shack Espresso Bar, 353 E. Main St., Athena.

Held in conjunction with the Scottish independence day — when in 1320, the Scottish Declaration of Independence at

IRRIGON

Armed home invasion prompts school lockdown

East Oregonian

An Irrigon woman reported an armed home invasion on Wednesday morning but police couldn't find the suspect.

Morrow County Sheriff Kenneth Matlack said in a news release that the department received a report from a resident shortly before 9 a.m. that a man dressed in a gray hooded sweatshirt knocked on her door, and when she answered it, "forced his way inside at gunpoint." She reported he stole a purse and some other items from a bedroom before fleeing on foot.

Boardman Police Department assisted the sheriff's office in searching for the suspect.

"There does not appear

to be a threat to the general public at this time," Matlack stated.

As a precaution, Irrigon schools locked their external doors until police had swept the neighborhoods around each school. Visitors were not allowed into the school, but classes continued as normal inside and the lockdown lifted at about 10:30 a.m.

Morrow County School District superintendent Dirk Dirksen said the lockdown went smoothly and was an example of the partnership between the school district and law enforcement to protect students.

"The nice part about this is we're a lot more prepared for these things than we were even five years ago," he said.

Sipe, Yoshioka appointed to state education advancement council

PENDLETON — Gov. Kate Brown announced the appointments of 17 people to the newly created Council on Educator Advancement on Wednesday, including two Umatilla County administrators.

Matt Yoshioka and Heidi Sipe will join more than a dozen educators, administrators and legislators on a committee that will look into expanding professional development opportunities for teachers.

Yoshioka is the director of curriculum, instruction and assessment for the

Pendleton School District and Sipe is the superintendent of the Umatilla School District.

"We all want Oregon's students to learn from caring, competent, and culturally responsive educators," Brown said in a statement. "The Council's efforts will help ensure educators have meaningful opportunities to expand their skills and capacity to pursue ongoing professional learning and leadership development."

The council will report its findings and recommendations to Brown by Sept. 1.

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