

**PENDLETON**

# EOCI work ban back on council agenda

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Having failed a few times before, the Pendleton City Council will try Tuesday to lift the city's ban on Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution work crews.

The council enacted the ban in 1987, and although officials have tried to reverse it a few times since then, public opposition was strong enough to table the idea.

EOCI Superintendent Jeri Taylor has made two presentations to the council asking members to lift the ban, and each time the council was highly agreeable.

"Previous testimony was that the risk of inmates walking away from work crews was very low and in those instances where it occurred, re-capture was routinely quick and uneventful," City Manager Robb Corbett wrote in a report to the council. "Council also heard from leading law enforcement officials who have no concerns."

Council members also said they've heard from constituents who are in support of allowing work crews to work outside EOCI walls.

At the previous meeting,

Councilor Chuck Wood said EIRae Wells, a retired educator and longtime proponent of the ban, has reversed her opinion and is now supports lifting it.

Under the proposed resolution, prisoners would be allowed to work in city limits for one year. Afterwards, the council would evaluate the program and decide whether to reimpose the ban or not.

## Plute leaves seat

While Tuesday is the day candidates will find out whether they'll join the council, Councilor Al Plute will use Election Day to

leave it.

With Plute already having submitted his resignation letter, the council will vote to declare a vacancy on the council and begin searching for a replacement for the at-large seat.

In previous instances, the council has solicited letters of interest in the vacated council seat and held interviews for the position before voting on a replacement.

Plute's term runs through 2018.

The council meeting will be held Tuesday at the council chambers in city hall, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave.

**HERMISTON**

# Alan Keown named Distinguished Alumnus

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Alan Keown, a 1975 Hermiston High School graduate, was picked as the 2016 Hermiston High School Distinguished Alumnus.

Keown is a well-known percussion teacher and arranger throughout the Pacific Northwest. In 1989 he founded the Alan Keown Marching Percussion Camp, held in Eugene, and has taught at the University of Oregon, Oregon State University and various high school programs, along with Ted Turner's Goodwill Games ceremonies and the competitive tour sponsored by Drum Corps International.

The Distinguished Alumnus award recognizes

former HHS graduates who went on to serve in critical roles within business, industry, academia and government throughout the United States and the world, and who will inspire

current students to pursue excellence and achievement in their own endeavors.

Keown is a 1980 graduate of the University of Oregon, where he earned a bachelor's degree in percussion performance. He publishes marching band music with Matrix Publishing Company, concert percussion literature with Alfred Publishing and TapSpace Publications, and indoor drumline shows with Marching Show Concepts.

Keown is married to Denise, and they have two sons, Matt and Chris



Keown

## Rep. Smith to address Heppner chamber

HEPPNER — The guest speaker for the upcoming Heppner Chamber of Commerce meeting is Rep. Greg Smith.

The no-host luncheon is Thursday, May 19 at noon in the conference room at Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St. Catered by Bucknum's, the meal includes chicken fajita salad, cheese breadsticks and a dessert. The cost is \$10.

To ensure there's enough food, those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Tuesday. For more information or to reserve a meal, contact heppnerchamber@centurytel.net or 541-676-5536.

## Business lunch promotes building bridges

HERMISTON — Greg Block, president of Sustainable Northwest, will discuss building bridges to promote a healthier and more self-reliant rural Oregon during the upcoming Hermiston Chamber of Commerce B2B Luncheon.

Block will share about his work with for the Oregon Business Council and Craft 3, a nonprofit financial institution dedicated to investing in people, their communities and healthy natural systems.

The no-host luncheon gathering is Tuesday, May 24 with networking starting at 11:45 a.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. The meal, which is catered by Country Gentlemen, is \$10 for members and \$13 for non-members.

For more information or to RSVP, contact 541-567-6151 or kelly@hermistonchamber.com.

## Group looks to create connections

PENDLETON — An advocacy group interested in creating a shift in the way audiences think about arts and culture will present a free training at Pendleton Center for the Arts.

Businesses and organizations that want to learn to make better connections with audiences regarding arts and culture programs, events and activities are encouraged to attend. Creating Connection is a national initiative designed to advance the position of arts and culture as a recognized, valued, and expected part of our everyday lives.

People interested in a brief overview are invited Monday from 8-8:45 a.m. at

the arts center, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Those who would like more in-depth information can attend from 9 a.m. to noon.

Participants may bring marketing materials, including brochures, programs, social media posts or annual letters to practice applying the Creating Connection message in a small group setting.

Those interested in attending the May 16 training or to be notified of future sessions can contact ltaylor@metgroup.com. For more information, call Roberta Lavadour at 541-310-7413.

## North Morrow Co. women unite on projects

IRRIGON — An effort to promote a spirit of unity in community service projects in Boardman and Irrigon will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

The Community Women's Club of Irrigon and Boardman invites anyone interested to attend Tuesday at 7 p.m. For more information, including the location of the gathering, call Judy at 541-571-6117.

## Children's Fair highlights area resources

BOARDMAN — Vendor booths and kids' activities are featured during the Morrow County Children's Fair.

Sponsored by Community Counseling Solutions, the event is Thursday from 3:30-6 p.m. in the Riverfront Center at the

Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. There is no charge to attend. Families are invited to bring their kids and have fun and learn about Morrow County resources.

More than two dozen booths will provide information and activities, including face painting, button-making, a story time, hand-washing, health tips and safety information.

For more information, contact Tiah Sanderson Devin at sadeproject@gmail.com or 541-980-5436.

## Shari's pies receive gold medals

Shari's Cafe & Pies, formerly known as Shari's Restaurant, received a record 14 gold medals during the 2016 National Pie Championships held April 29-30 in Orlando, Florida.

The West Coast restaurant chain, which first opened in Hermiston in 1978, has competed in the contest six times. In 2015, seven of Shari's' pies placed first.

The pies receiving top honors in 2016 were: banana cream dream, Oregon marionberry, sweet Montana cherry, black forest cherry, lemon meringue, fresh pecan, Ghirardelli triple chocolate cream, no-sugar added apple, cookies & cream, sour cream lemon blueberry, chocolate cream supreme, tropical coconut cream, peach perfection and fresh strawberry with chocolate ganache.

Kevin Bechtel, Shari's senior vice president, said most of the ingredients in the company's pies are made with products from the Pacific Northwest.

Amateur pie makers,

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professional baker/chefs and commercial pie companies from across the country and Canada have competed at the National Pie Championship since 1995.

## Ag tour features historic farms, wine tasting

MILTON-FREEWATER — Tours of historic farms and barns in the Milton-Freewater area, lunch at the Frazier Farmstead Museum and a visit to Zerba Cellars are featured in Bricks, Barns, and Farms: The 2016 Agricultural Heritage Tour.

Presented by the Umatilla County Historical Society, the event is Saturday, May 21 with a departure time of 9 a.m. at Heritage Station Museum, 108 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. The cost is \$55 for historical society members and \$60 for non-members. The ticket includes charter bus transportation, lunch and wine tasting. The tour concludes at approximately 4 p.m.

Also included in the tour is a history of the Weston Brickyards.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, call the museum at 541-276-0012.

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