

**STANFIELD**

# City looks for input on downtown design

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The Stanfield City Council will give residents and business owners a chance to weigh in on its proposed new standards for downtown development during its Dec. 6 city council meeting.

The public hearing will start at 7 p.m. at the city council chambers at 150 West Coe Avenue.

The new standards would come through amendments to the City of Stanfield Transportation System Plan and

Development Code, which the city has been working for months to update. The stated goals of the amendments are to encourage a more pedestrian-friendly downtown, emphasize design standards for the downtown streetscape, encourage mixed use of the downtown area and remove barriers to development.

Some of the proposed amendments are as follows:

- New buildings on interior lots are to occupy 100 percent of the property's frontage when feasible.

- All buildings in the downtown area must use an approved color palette created by the city for their exterior.

- Ground-floor, street-facing building fronts must be at least 60 percent transparent windows and doors.

- Developers must use a change in materials to define the base, middle and top of the storefront as well as to differentiate between upper and ground floors.

- Pedestrian shelters such as permanent awnings or canopies must provide cover

along at least 75 percent of the ground-floor, street-facing part of the building.

- Equipment such as HVAC systems must be screened or otherwise not visible from the street.

The full list of amendments, the staff report and the proposed color palette can be found online at [www.cityofstanfield.com](http://www.cityofstanfield.com) or at city hall, 160 South Main St. in Stanfield.

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**MISSION**

# Six file to run for vacated BOT secretary

Special election will be Feb. 7

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A mix of familiar and new faces are running in the special election to replace former secretary David Close on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Board of Trustees.

The CTUIR announced Wednesday that six people were in the running to join the tribes' governing body through a special election Feb. 7.

The field includes Kat Brigham, who previously served as secretary before vacating the seat in 2015 to run unsuccessfully for the board chair position.

Leila Spencer and Lawanda Bronson ran to take Brigham's spot before falling to Close in the election and are now running again for the seat.

Another secretary candidate, David Wolf, also ran

in 2015, although it was for an at-large spot on the board.

Rounding out the field are Roberta Kipp and Jiselle Halfmoon, the operations manager for KCUW, the tribal radio station.

According to a CTUIR press release, the board secretary is responsible for all board correspondence, issuing of public notices, taking of minutes, recording of official actions and custodian of all board files and records.

Close was recalled Oct. 4 amidst allegations of failing to fulfill the tribes' constitution, elder abuse and abuse of position. Additionally, Close sued several tribal agencies and officials to gain access to employee files.

Tribal members can vote in person at the Nixyaawii Governance Center on Feb. 7 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots may be requested from the tribes' election commission by going to the CTUIR website.

**PENDLETON**

# Holiday Music Festival rings in the season

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The public is invited to get in the Christmas spirit as the Oregon East Symphony presents its annual Holiday Music Festival.

Featuring a variety of community ensembles, the ecumenical celebration of the holiday through song is Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3:15 p.m. at the Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors or \$45 for a family of four.

The Holiday Music Festival offers the season's most unique performance, including Our Songs Are Alive, organized by veteran singer and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation cultural historian Fred Hill Sr. They will perform traditional songs. Other featured musicians include Damien Totus and Julian Gone.

Sisters In Song, the Pendleton women's choir, will perform arrangements of the Spanish carols "What Shall We Give" and "Spanish Allelu," as well as other selections. Under the direction of Lezlee Flagg and Cheryl Carlson with piano accompaniment from Suzi Wood, they will be joined by Steve Muller on guitar and John Wilson on percussion.

Area youths will be represented in the Sherwood Heights Elementary Children's Choir under the direction of Cheryl Carlson with assistance from Karen Case and piano accompaniment from Suzi Wood. Members of the choir crafted festive hats especially for the performance.



Contributed photo by Cheryl Carlson

**The Sherwood Heights Elementary Children's Choir is among the community groups that will perform during the Oregon East Symphony's annual Holiday Music Festival. This year's event is Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Vert Auditorium in Pendleton.**

The Holiday Music Festival serves as the debut performance of the Eastern Oregon Community Big Band. Led by Pendleton High School band director Andy Cary and featuring musicians from Pendleton, Hermiston and Walla Walla, the Big Band will perform arrangements of holiday standards, such as "Winter Wonderland" and "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas." Soloists include Jill Scanlan, Emily Muller Callender and Aaron Engum.

Advance tickets are available at [www.oregoneastsymphony.org](http://www.oregoneastsymphony.org), Pendleton Art + Frame, 28 S.W. Court Ave., and the symphony office, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton. For more

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**BRIEFLY**

## Armand Larive student named to state student council

Courtnee West, an eighth grader at Armand Larive Middle School, has been elected to a one-year term on the executive board of the Oregon Association of Student Councils.

Representing Eastern Oregon and middle schools statewide, West will be responsible for planning and presiding over two statewide conferences, communicating with the schools in her region, writing newsletter articles and participating in policy decisions for the association.

"This will be a great opportunity for Courtnee, and we are all very proud of her selection. She will be a great representative of not only our school and our community, but what student leadership is all about," Armand Larive leadership advisor Cathy Kay said in a statement.

The Oregon Association of Student Councils is a nonprofit member organization that develops leadership skills in middle and high school students and is sponsored by the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators.



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**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

## Athena lights up for holiday season

ATHENA — A Holiday Lighting Ceremony will brighten things up in Athena.

Presented by the Athena Mainstreet Association, the event is Sunday at 5 p.m. on Main Street. In addition, the community tree will be lit up at Duggar Park.

The event features live music, refreshments and family holiday fun.

People are invited to come early, as ornament-making is planned at 4 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 318 Main St., Athena. The ornaments will be placed on the community tree.

For more information, contact April Flatt at [apriljoy1982@yahoo.com](mailto:apriljoy1982@yahoo.com).

## Library announces upcoming activities

PENDLETON — Upcoming activities designed for kids and adults are planned at the Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave.

Kids of all ages are invited to the Hour of Code, which features information on simple computer coding. There will be computers to use,

but participants are encouraged to bring their own device. The event is Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 6-7:30 p.m.

A special program on beekeeping is planned Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. The OSU Master Gardeners program features Bob and Tami Pace, who will share about the role of bees and your garden.

People of all ages are invited to don their jammies, bring their favorite stuffed animal and enjoy the Pajama Story Time. The event, which also includes a fun bedtime craft, is Thursday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

Each of these events are free of charge. For more information, call 541-966-0380 or visit [www.pendletonlibrary.weebly.com](http://www.pendletonlibrary.weebly.com).

## Chamber music to fill Kirkman House

WALLA WALLA — Cellists Edward Dixon and Benjamin Gish will be joined by harpist Bethany Evans for two performances at the Kirkman House Museum in Walla Walla.

Experience the captivating sound of two cellos and a harp performing selections from the newly released album "A Tale of Two Cellos." The

Saturday performance, which includes wine and hors d'oeuvres, is at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$40. The Sunday performance is at 2 p.m. and costs \$25. It features light snacks.

The museum is located at 214 N. Colville St., Walla Walla. Tickets are available at [www.kirkmanhousemuseum.org](http://www.kirkmanhousemuseum.org). For more information, call 509-529-4373.

## Seminar offers holiday eating tips

PENDLETON — Eating healthy during the holidays can be a challenge — however, a pair of St. Anthony Hospital employees are available to help.

Justin Norris, executive chef, and Christine Guenther, registered dietitian, will provide tips for healthy alternatives, substitutions and making good nutrition choices during a free seminar. In addition, a recipe or two will be provided.

The event is Thursday, Dec. 8 from 3-4 p.m. at McKay Creek Estates, 1601 Southgate, Pendleton. Due to space limitations, people are asked to register in advance by calling 541-276-1987.

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