

# Last-minute appeal



Glenn Green, of Pilot Rock, holds a sign encouraging Republicans to vote while sitting in the back of his truck on Dorion Avenue on Tuesday night in Pendleton. Green said he was motivated to encourage Republicans to vote because he does not want his children and grandchildren to live in a country run by Democrats.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## PENDLETON

# Council narrowly rejects airport hotel lease, discusses housing

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ramping up to 2 percent per year.

Before the meeting, Makad Corp. agreed to extend the revenue percentage setup through the life of the lease and build a new parking lot to replace the long-term parking lot on which the hotel would be built.

And right before the council took a vote, Councilor Becky Marks made a motion to approve the lease contingent upon Makad Corp. providing a security bond, securing financing, and obtaining a franchise agreement with a hotel chain.

Even with all the amendments to the deal, councilors Paul Chalmers, Scott Fairley, Dale Primmer and Neil Brown voted against the

lease. Councilor Jake Cambier was absent.

A brief period of confusion ensued as the council tried to figure out how the city would proceed.

“At this point, I have no idea what is going to satisfy the council,” City Manager Robb Corbett said.

Fairley and Brown said they were generally opposed to the concept of a hotel at the airport and were unlikely to support it regardless. The other opposing councilors indicated they were amenable, but only if the lease was further amended.

Brown asked City Attorney Nancy Kerns if the city was legally liable for backing out of negotiations, but she declined to speak about it in open session.

Although the city touts Makad Corp.’s involvement in developing the River Lodge and Grill in Boardman, the company’s other projects at the Port of Morrow weren’t as fruitful.

Planned manure and ethanol plants were never built, while a power plant got tied up in a lawsuit before it was sold off.

Makad Corp.’s other Pendleton project, a data center on the Airport Road extension, has yet to break ground since the council approved a 30-year lease in 2015.

The council also discussed the Pendleton Heights housing development behind closed doors, but did not take any action when members returned to council chambers.

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## HERMISTON

# School board picks new member

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in the system,” he said. “I want to be part of the school and help out.”

He said he would fill whatever role the board needed him to, but said he hopes especially to be an asset when it comes to passing the next school bond.

At an interview last month, Pitney answered several questions from the board. He stated that he did not know the exact roles and responsibilities of a school board member in the community, but would learn if appointed.

Each board member is “adopted” by one of the district’s schools, and attends events there throughout the year. Pitney said he will likely be taking over that role for Highland Hills Elementary School.

“I already do that with work,” he said. “I’ll try to be positive, be a voice.”

Board members voted

5-1 to appoint Pitney to the seat, with only board member Mark Gomolski voting against. Gomolski nominated Mike Todryk for the spot. Three others also applied for the position: Kris Lerten, Mark Millard and Trish Rossell.

The board also voted unanimously against an amendment to a state school board bylaw, which would preserve one voting position on the Oregon School Boards Association board of directors and legislative policy committee for a member of the OSBA Members of Color Caucus. The resolution, which will be voted on by school boards that are members of OSBA, and uses a weighted system based on student enrollment, stated that the Members of Color Caucus has been supported by the OSBA board of directors since 2016, and has elected officers, regional and at-large repre-

sentatives, and bylaws.

Board vice-chair Josh Goller made a statement about the proposed amendment.

“I don’t believe this is appropriate,” he said. “I believe it is divisive.”

He said he felt it set an untenable precedent for OSBA, and that it may encourage other groups to distinguish themselves and ask for specialized treatment. He said that anyone has the opportunity to run for a position on the school board, regardless of race.

The motion failed 6-0.

## MILTON-FREEWATER

# Teen dies from gunshot wound

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A Milton-Freewater high school student died Tuesday from a gunshot wound.

Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer said in an email the shooting occurred Sunday at about 5:15 p.m. An investigation indicated the 15-year-old victim shot himself accidentally. Boedigheimer stated he would not reveal the boy’s name “out of deference and respect for his grieving family.”

The shooting did not take place at the boy’s home. He received treatment at Providence St. Mary Medical Center, Walla Walla, and then an air ambulance flew him from the medical center to another hospital. Boedigheimer did not report the name of the second hospital, but stated the teen died at that location on Tuesday from his injury.

The chief called the death “very tragic” and confirmed the police investigation is complete.

“Unless something else in the way of tangible, investigable information

comes forward to us,” he stated, “we’re deeming it as originally indicated, an unfortunate accident.”

Milton-Freewater Unified School District Superintendent Rob Clark said rumors started circulating Monday morning at McLoughlin High School that a student died.

He made calls to track down more information, he said, and around 10:40 a.m. heard from Boedigheimer who confirmed the student suffered an accidental gunshot wound. From there the school made counselors available to high school students in the library.

The Milton-Freewater School District is a member of the InterMountain Education Service District, which provides a crisis team to help students. ESD communications director Michele Madril said Milton-Freewater school and InterMountain officials discussed that option, but the school is handling the counseling.

Clark said this is a short week for the high school due to parent/teacher conferences, but the extra counseling probably would be available for students through Wednesday.

# Ham radio operators going to participate in emergency test

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The Oregon ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) announced that a Simulated Emergency Test is set for Thursday, Nov. 8.

Don Drayton of the Hermiston Amateur Radio Club said the Oregon ARES indicated it’s one of the most challenging tests to date. Ham radio operators from across the state will join the Oregon Office of Emergency Management in participating in a drill that begins with a fictitious bird-flu virus that spreads like wildfire.

The scenario in the

exercise is designed for ARES volunteers to use their ingenuity and training to find ways to restore emergency communications. Anyone who happens to hear communications regarding the simulation is reminded that it is only a test.

For more information, contact Drayton at ddrayton@hotmail.com, 541-314-3138 or visit www.oregonares.org.

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