

Community leader's memory honored with rental property

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UMATILLA — The city of Umatilla is in the vacation home rental business, after having purchased and renovated a house near the Columbia River.

It all started with the death of Boyd Sharp on June 29, 2021, nearly one year ago. Sharp, a community leader, left his Umatilla home to his adult children to sell to the city, according to David Stockdale, Umatilla city manager.

The city manager said the house, which sits on roughly a quarter acre near the Umatilla Marina & RV Park, was in good shape. Also, it had the added bonus of an unimpeded view of the Columbia. The city purchased the house for \$179,000.

There were necessary improvements, Stockdale

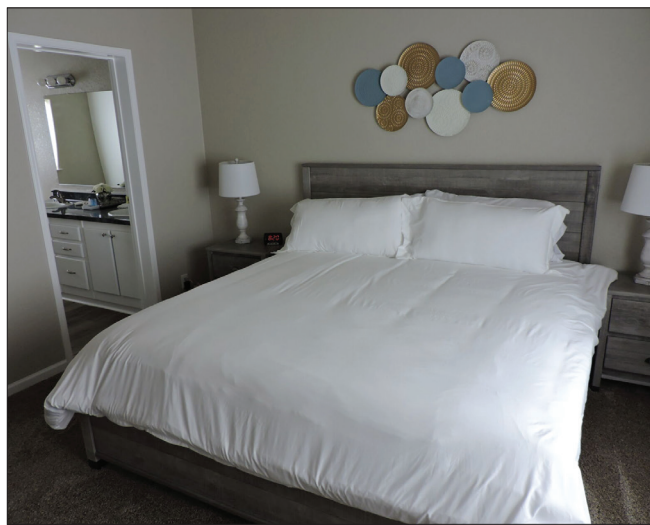


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Photographed May 26, 2022, Boyd's Place is at 1651 2nd St., Umatilla.

said. Carpeting and painting were needed, he said, as the house was a bit dated. After completing this work, the city brought in new furniture. In all, Umatilla spent around \$30,000 to ready the house for its new purpose —

to serve as a vacation rental. Named Boyd's Place, after the house's previous owner, it has three bedrooms, two baths and around 1,400 square feet of total space. Also, there is a soaker tub, two televisions, a washer



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The largest of three bedrooms at Boyd's Place, photographed May 26, 2022, is furnished with a king-sized bed.

and dryer and more. The kitchen contains standard appliances.

It is near the marina, and ideal for visiting fishers, Stockdale said. A short walk separates a person from a great fishing opportunity, he added.

"This is a great place to entertain," Stockdale said.

Besides being available to visitors, the house is used by the city as a hospitality house. During Landing Days and other events, the city is planning to use the house for

gatherings of visitors.

Stockdale said that he is pleased with Boyd's Place. The house is frequently rented, he said, which is encouraging the city to consider opening a second house somewhere in town.

Stockdale said he is especially happy about the house, as it keeps Sharp's memory alive.

A framed proclamation is on a wall in the house. It honors Sharp, who served Umatilla "as a champion for citizen inclusion and involvement in all things and did so until the very end of his stalwart and exemplary life." It further notes that he served on the Umatilla Planning Commission and the city's budget committee, as well as various boards, and the proclamation calls him "our friend."

Call 541-922-3939 for more information, including rental reservations.

CTUIR chair appointed to Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee

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MISSION — Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Chair Kat Brigham now also serves on the first-ever Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

CTUIR in a press release reported U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced Brigham's

appointment to the committee on Wednesday, June 15, at the National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference in Anchorage, Alaska.

"I am honored to be selected to serve on this inaugural committee," Brigham said in the press release. "Having a seat at the table to amplify our voices at this level of communication is extremely important. Tribes have solutions to broken poli-

cies and we know what needs to be done."

"Tribes deserve a seat at the decision-making table before policies are made that impact their communities," according to a statement from Haaland. "Tribal members who are joining the first-ever Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee will

be integral to ensuring tribal leaders can engage at the

highest levels of the department on the issues that matter most to their people. I look forward to continued engagement and ensuring that the department honors and strengthens our nation-to-nation relationships with tribes." The committee is



Brigham.

composed of a primary tribal representative from each of the 12 Bureau of Indian Affairs regions and one alternate. Brigham will serve as the primary member of the Northwest Region, and Timothy Greene, chair of the Makah Tribe, will serve as an alternate. The members are on a staggered, two-year term.

A complete list of the members of STAC can be

found here: on.doi.gov/3xYm-hph.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation comprises the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla tribes, formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley. In 1949, the tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the reserved treaty rights guaranteed under federal law.

UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST

Campground host for Jubilee Lake needed

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PENDLETON — The Umatilla National Forest is looking for volunteers to spend the summer as campground hosts at Jubilee Lake campground.

A campground host greets campers, provides information on the surrounding area and generally makes campers feel at home. Hosts will visit with campers and day-use visitors, clean and maintain restrooms, restock supplies, occasionally clean up after

camp and carry out minor maintenance as needed.

Individuals or couples can apply to be hosts. Retirees often apply to the campground host program, finding it the ideal way to spend the summer in a beautiful setting. Hosts need to be friendly, flexible and responsible. Host applicants may be subject to a criminal background check.

Those who apply will need to supply their own trailer, camper or motor home. Campground hosts will be provided a campsite, usually

near the main entryway to the campground. Though the host program is a volunteer program, a food allowance and propane is offered and personal vehicle mileage associated with hosting duties is reimbursed.

Jubilee Lake Campground is located 12 miles northeast of Tollgate and is the largest developed campground on the Umatilla National Forest offering 53 campsites, four picnic areas and a 2.8 mile accessible hiking trail around the 92-acre lake.

This campground is very popular for overnight camping as well as day-use activities. Campground hosts are typically on-site from early-July through mid-September, with potential to work as late as mid-October depending on fall weather conditions.

For more information on becoming a Forest Service Volunteer Campground Host at Jubilee Lake Campground, contact Kiyoshi Fujishin at the Walla Walla Ranger District, 509-520-1410 or Kiyoshi.fujishin@usda.gov.

Reward offered for info in alleged poaching

HERMISTON — Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife is looking for help in finding the owner of a light-colored SUV last seen around October 2021 near Hermiston.

A camera caught a picture of the vehicle, but the license plate is unreadable, according to OSP.

According to the department, "it is believed the vehicle may reside in the Benton County area of southeast Washington and is connected with a poaching incident nearby."

In a press release, the department states it "has exhausted all other leads in this case and is now urging anyone with information regarding this case to call the Oregon State Police Tip-line

at 800-452-7888, *677 or email at TIP@osp.oregon.gov.

The reference case No. SP21-290284.

Meanwhile, Fish & Wildlife is publicizing the Turn In Poachers program, which offers preference points or cash rewards for information leading to an arrest or citation for the unlawful killing of wildlife and or waste of big game.

"Cash rewards can also be awarded for turning in people who destroy habitat, illegally obtain licenses/tags, and for the unlawful lending/borrowing of big game tags," according to the press release, which adds that rewards can be as high as \$1,000.

More information is at oregon.gov/osp/programs/fw/Pages/tip.aspx.

Hermiston City Council approves annual budget

HERMISTON — Despite adding some new improvements to the city, Hermiston expects to spend less and make more than it did last year.

Hermiston City Council at its meeting Monday, June 13, at the Community Center approved the 2022-23 fiscal budget on an 8-0 vote.

This year's budget came in at almost \$65.3 million, approximately 4.7% less than the 2021-22 budget. According to the city, the relative size of the budgets is due to a larger number of capital projects completed in the previous year.

Last year's projects include the construction of a city hall building, development of Riverfront Park and

Southwest Seventh Street stormwater and groundwater remediation.

Meanwhile, the general fund is almost \$16.4 million, according to the city, approximately 2% more than 2021-22. This is despite certain losses, such as the decrease in water revenues following the closure of Shearer's Foods.

For its money, Hermiston will be adding two new police officers, one of which is to be partially grant funded.

The city funded Parks & Rec Department to complete the playground at Riverfront Park and the Teen Adventure Park. Other goodies include street projects and a new position for the water department. And employees are receiving a 2% cost of living adjustment.

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LOCAL BRIEFING

Children's center receives \$20K grant

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PENDLETON — The Pendleton Children's Center has been awarded \$20,000 from the Wildhorse Foundation. The nonprofit organization will use the grant for renovations in the first phase of its child care building project.

Pendleton Children's Center's mission is to provide high-quality care, as affordably as possible, for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, in a safe, nurturing and educational environment to enhance the economic vitality of Pendleton and surrounding rural communities.

The center's board of directors has begun a capital campaign to build a nonprofit child care center and preschool serving at least 150 children. The first phase includes renovating the former Senior Center of Pendleton at 510 S.W. 10th St. Priority for the first phase will be to serve children eligible for Oregon's Preschool Promise program. The second phase will be the acquisition and renovation of the adjacent building at 920 S.W. Frazer Ave.

"We're very grateful to the Wildhorse Founda-

MORE INFORMATION

- For more information about the Pendleton Children's Center, visit www.pendletonchildrenscenter.org or www.facebook.com/PendletonChildrensCenter.
- The Wildhorse Foundation manages a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The board considers quarterly grant applications in the areas of public health and safety, education, the arts, historic preservation, gambling addiction services, salmon restoration, environmental protection and cultural activities. The next application deadline is July 1. For more information, visit www.thewildhorsefoundation.com.

tion, as this grant will help us move forward quickly on construction this summer," said Britney Jackson, the organization's child care director.

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