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UNFORTUNATELY, THE ENTERPRISE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS A PROTRACTED HISTORY OF ACCEPTING MEDIOCRITY. Oregon Association Chiefs of Police Executive Resources Agency Review

Enterprise Police review slams leadership



By Kathleen Ellyn  
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The department that eats up 37 percent of Enterprise's general fund has not been a good buy for a long time. That's the finding of the 27-page report by

the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police Executive Resources Agency Review, commissioned by the Enterprise City Council after the resignation of former Chief of Police Wes Kilgore on March 23, 2015.

The recently released docu-

ment details a history of "mediocrity" and includes some pointed comments from the three chiefs of police who conducted the review in early May: Chief Brian Harvey of La Grande; Chief Wyn Lohner of Baker City and team leader

Chief Stuart Roberts of Pendleton.

Although the document praises the officers currently on staff and makes a point of exempting them from criticism, it is critical of the way in which Kilgore, chief of police

from 2002 to 2015, ran the department. Comments run from "there is no excuse for such complacency" to "lacking in ethics, role modeling and showing favoritism."

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Joseph council adds Evans

By Steve Tool  
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The Joseph City Council voted Tyler Evans as a new member at its Aug. 6 meeting at the Joseph Community Center. Joseph resident Olivia Williams was also up for the position, but Evans won the vote by a 3-2 margin. The resignation of council member Liza Butts created the opening.

Evans is originally from Pendleton, but grew up in the Portland area.

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Resident asks county to influence dam owners

By Rob Ruth  
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Wallowa County commissioners are weighing a proposal from Wallowa resident Rocky Wilson to help them influence Wallowa Lake Dam owners' decisions on funding the dam's repair.

Two of the three commissioners — Susan Roberts and Mike Hayward — have previously offered supportive remarks for a private investment strategy that the Associated Ditch Companies (ADC), the dam's owner organization, already is pursuing to pay for rehabilitation.

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Junior Homemaker award winner does it all with TALENT TO SPARE



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Alisha Melville, 8 (and about to turn 9) strikes a pose that shows how a homemaker juggles her many skills. In her right hand is her blue-ribbon full wheat bread and in her left is her Best of Show quilt, behind her on the table are the many other entries that won blue ribbons. Alisha won six blues and two Best of Shows in quilts, preserves, baking and edible flower arrangement (for her green onion praying mantis) and took the Junior Homemaker Award. Alisha says canning is her favorite domestic art because she enjoys the steps of processing. She declined to share the 'secret recipe' for her blue ribbon chocolate cake. She is the daughter of Heather and Kurt Melville of Enterprise.

Cemetery's friends halfway to goal

By Rob Ruth  
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Enterprise Cemetery's supporters say they're now roughly halfway to their fundraising goal for purchase and installation of an underground irrigation system, expected to cost around \$90,000.

Friends of Enterprise Cemetery, a grassroots group that was formed last year by people who were unhappy with the cemetery's unwatered condition since 2011, mailed more than 600 letters this spring appealing for donations. The effort has also included web-based crowdfunding through gofundme.com. Friends also has a Facebook page.

Ella Mae Hays, one of the

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group's founders, says the Friends account for irrigation contains \$41,017 as of Aug. 11, marking a fifth consecutive month of brisk donation activity. She said Friends received 18 separate donations by April 11, 12 more by May 11, a whopping 133 from May 12 to June 11 (a spike reflecting the mass-mailed appeal), 29 more by July 11, and 21 from July 12 to Aug. 11.

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A sign at the top of the entrance lane to Enterprise Cemetery invites people to join the restoration effort led by the relatively new grassroots group that has already raised over \$41,000 for an underground irrigation system.

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