

UMESD hires veteran business manager

The Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District (UMESD) announces the hiring of Bob Reese, a former Pendleton School District business manager, as its new purchasing and marketing specialist. He began work July 22.



Bob Reese

Reese retired from the Pendleton School District June 30, 2009, after 10 years as the district's director of business services. However, Reese soon realized he wasn't quite ready to be retired.

"I wanted to continue doing something meaningful, which means accomplishing tasks," Reese said. "I call it 'redirecting my life in retirement age'."

The purchasing and marketing specialist position at the UMESD is a new one for the agency, and Reese hopes his extensive background in finance, business and education will provide a good starting point. His position will serve two primary functions: one, with the guidance of the Director of products and services Scott Rogers, Reese will share responsibilities associated with the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA) related activities, including contract review and negotiations, vendor evaluation, and marketing-related events and needs; two, with guidance from Chief Financial Officer Beth O'Hanlon and the UMESD's business office, Reese will provide direction and expertise to the UMESD's umbrella districts in regards to public procurement, financial management and business practices, and purchasing contracts.

The UMESD, with the AEPA, takes pride in helping school districts save money by cooperatively purchasing a variety of goods and services.

"All of my experiences - because there's such a wide variety of them - have prepared me for situations that can help in

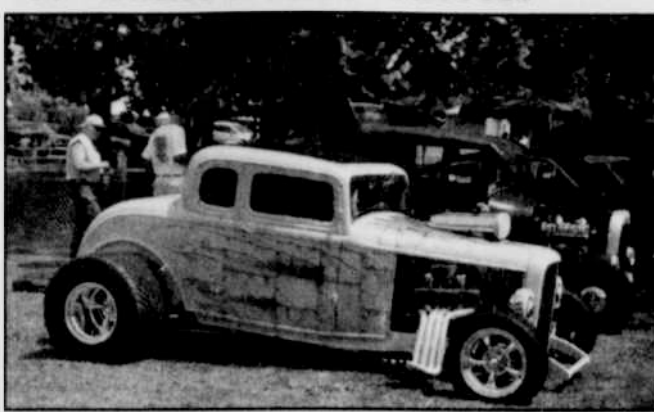
this position," Reese said. "I think my background will help me grasp what works well and what doesn't. I'm looking forward to getting my hand around the programs so I know all that's involved."

The UMESD staff are excited to have Reese join the team. "I am very excited about Bob accepting the position, as he brings a wealth of real world experience which I know will be of a great benefit to the Umatilla-Morrow ESD," said Scott Rogers, the UMESD's director of products and services. "Bob's in-depth knowledge of public education finance coupled with his experience in the private banking sector will be a huge asset to UMESD, as well as our respective districts."

Reese has a degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing from Washington State University, and also is a graduate of the University of Washington's Executive Development School, and the University of Indiana's Graduate School of Savings and Loans. Prior to being hired at the Pendleton School District, Reese was vice president of sales and construction development at Coldwell Banker Whitney and Associates, vice president of ancillary services and director of the St. Anthony Hospital Foundation at St. Anthony Hospital, and vice president and regional manager for the Benjamin Franklin Federal Savings and Loan, among other positions throughout his career.

Reese is also active in the Pendleton community. He is currently the chairman of the Pendleton Progress Board, as well as a founding member and board member of the Pendleton Economic Development Board. He is an adjunct professor at Lewis and Clark College, and active with the Round Up City Development Corporation and Pendleton Chamber of Commerce.

Boardman's 3rd annual Show 'N' Shine a "hot" success



The third annual Show "N" Shine car show was held this weekend at Boardman City Park. -Contributed Photo

Over 200 spectators braved the hot temperatures Saturday to attend the Desert Rats Classic Car Club's 3rd Annual Show "N" Shine at the Boardman City Park. Although temperatures reached 100°, thirty-four participants, from as far away as the Tri Cities, turned out to show off their prized vehicles.

New this year to the show was the motorcycle category which gave attendees a chance to see some two-wheeled favorites. The show was free admission and spectators were able to admire unique cars and motorcycles, while listening to fun oldies and eating great food provided by Judy Scott's Chuckwagon. Organizers of the event raffled off several car gift packages and gave away trophy awards in seven categories.

Winner of the Best of Show trophy went to Darrell and Lorrie Hart of Boardman with their 1938 Chevy Pickup. The Best Custom trophy went to Larry Stormont of Hermiston with a 1955 Chevy Pickup. The Best Classic trophy went to Donna Anderson of Hermiston with her 1942 Ford Pickup. The Best Hot Rod trophy went to Gene Long of Hermiston with his 68 V-8 powered V W Bug. Steve and Terry

Boyer of Pasco, WA won the Best Contemporary trophy for their 2008 Shelby Mustang. Best Motorcycle went to Ron Ford of Boardman with his 2009 Harley Davidson, and Best Muscle Car went to Scott Adams of Hermiston with his 428 powered 68 California Special Mustang.

The proceeds of the event go directly back into the Boardman community. The Desert Rats Classic Car Club offers scholarships to Riverside High School graduates, gives money to the local gleaners organization, and donates at Christmas time to the area Giving Tree programs. The Desert Rats Classic Car Club is a Boardman non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote interest in the sport of Classic Cars, Street Rodding, and Muscle Cars, with an emphasis on family and community service. The Club membership is made up of Classic Car enthusiasts who own pre-1975, American made cars or trucks. They meet the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

Organizers of the event plan to start right away planning next year's Show 'N' Shine, which promises to be even bigger. For more information, contact George Price at 481-3217.

City of Boardman places bounty on noxious weed

City councilors gave the green light Tuesday night to begin a new program aimed at controlling Puncturevine. Each year the city receives complaints of the plant growing along the bike path, sidewalks and curbs. Throughout the month of August the city will pay \$1 per bag collected of the noxious weed.

If you have ever stepped on a Puncturevine seed, you know what a pain the plant can be. Each spiny bur or seed pod from the Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*), also known as a "Goathead", contains 20 seeds equipped with long sharp spines capable of puncturing a bike tire or a shoe. It takes only three weeks for this weed to sprout and make seeds. To make things worse, the seeds are some of the hardiest in nature; they may lay in the ground dormant for up to 20 years until just the right conditions come along for them to grow. Any established Puncturevine will

continue to grow and spread until frost comes along - unless you stop it.

The city hopes to enlist the aid of its citizens to control the spread of Puncturevine by offering to pay for collection of the weed. The Puncturevine and their seed pods need to be collected in bags provided by the city and returned to City Hall to receive the \$1 per bag bounty. The city's code compliance official, John Russell, said "this is a great opportunity for local youth to raise money for their organizations and to do something good for their community".

Areas of the most concern are the city's bike/pedestrian paths, and residential areas. The Puncturevine Control Program will run the month of August or until the first 300 bags are collected. Bags can be picked up at Boardman City Hall anytime from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on the program, contact Boardman City Hall at 481-9252.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Two sides to every coin

To the editor, my neighbors, friends, and relatives:

There are always two sides to every coin. I would like to share my side.

I made a deliberate and well-thought out purposeful decision to return to the farm with my husband 26 years ago after eight years of marriage living elsewhere. Our choice was made because we wanted to be a part of maintaining the rich tradition and deep-rooted values that are only found in a rural environment. We wanted communities like Ione and Heppner to survive and to continue raising people that understand the importance of family, hard work, serving God, and caring for the land. We believe the values of small communities that care for each other - fight with each other and hang in there together - over years and years, develop people that know how to stick in there for the long run and have much to offer a society that knows nothing about truly sustainable community (no matter how those city people toy with the term!) I also came to the farm because I love the privacy, the out of doors, and the immense blue sky - and learning to live with, struggle with, and become a part of nature and helping plants to grow. I like being part of the chain that helps feed the world.

I have no desire to live in the midst of an enormous power plant. Looking to the north - both east and west I am so saddened. Beautiful, productive farmland is being covered with cement and machinery and big red lights. All for the handout - not the hard work. The wind farms could not even be feasible without the enormous government subsidies that I believe are being given out to increase the government's power over our lives. Environmentally, they are a sham. One coal-fired plant (Boardman) on about 5,800 acres of non-productive land produces 586MW of power hourly while PGE's Biglow Canyon wind facility on 25,000 acres of prime farmland will only produce an average of 150 MW on a leased footprint of 25,000 acres. In addition the coal plant produces this power consistently. The wind doesn't blow all the time or at a consistent rate and often times it is not windy when it is very hot or very cold - peak usage times. You cannot store wind energy, and the demand on other sources of electricity are not so easy to put on line and take off line when wind is unavailable. PGE estimates that its own wind energy plant will produce on average only a third of its stated capacity for these reasons. Much of the expressed energy demand is not even within our region, but will be shipped to California. When the subsidies dry up - the companies will go away. No one will know how or be able to afford to remove them. Our rural farmland environment will be permanently changed. Those who make this choice must be aware of the huge impact on the lives of their neighbors.

Old timers will tell you that living here and maintaining our communities has never been easy - but no one came here to live an easy life. They came here to work the land and raise their families. No matter how big the payment - farming around these towers will not be easy. Living near them will not be easy. Many who receive the payment will decide the money is so good - why farm? As farmers move away our communities and schools will truly become in jeopardy. I think the investment in wind energy, particularly in a state already rich in renewable energy is short-sighted. I think we are selling out on the goals that brought most of us here in the first place. We are letting ourselves and our neighbors down for short term and in most cases for personal enrichment at the cost of our lifestyle and values. I don't think the return on the investment is worth the cost to our environment, our homes, our land, and our future. I don't think we should be letting our struggling, brave pioneer forefathers down and give up on their dream and ours so easily.

Think about where and how you want to live and what is truly important to you before signing wind leases. Do not believe that this will not change our part of the world forever - it will. There are more creative, positive ways to maintain and sustain our communities - than to take the money and run. My vision for the future of our communities may contain struggle and hard work - but doesn't anything that has value take that? Isn't resilience and hard work our legacy to the world? As I am a relative outsider and newcomer (even after 24 years) in the time frame of a small community, I don't believe we have the right to dismiss the thoughts of newcomers. I commend Mr. Kluehe on his ability to see so quickly my side of the coin.

To my neighbors, friends, and relatives who are invested in wind - this is a small community - we can disagree and still love each other as we have in the past. Your choices are your own - I wanted you to know what mine will be - and why.

Kerry Rietmann
Ione

Senior Center Menu

Nazarene/7th Day Adventist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, August 5. The menu will include spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad with tomatoes, Jell-o with fruit, garlic bread, and tiramisu.

Free sports physicals to be offered

Free sports physicals will be offered for Heppner and Ione school students in grades 7-9-11 at Pioneer Memorial Clinic

from 1:30-5 p.m. Physicals for girls will be given August 4 and physicals for boys on August 5. All transfer students must have a physical.

Forms are available at Heppner TV office or online at www.osaa.org. Forms will also be available at the clinic. A parent signature is required.

Free sports physicals will also be offered at Irrigon Medical Clinic for fall sports on August 18 from 1:30-5 p.m. and for winter and spring sports on August 25 from 1:30-5 p.m.

Large newly remodeled home in Heppner



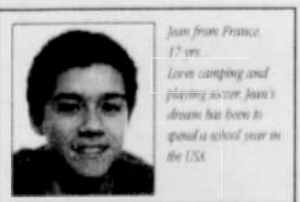
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