

## Elementary school class ends year with a special outing

An experience in the Heppner Elementary School classroom of Mary Ann Elguezabal prompted a very special field trip for her elementary students that HES Principal Matt Combe forwarded on to the Gazette-Times.

"The last week of school, my students were taking a spelling test and I noticed one of the students had been looking at someone else's paper," said Elguezabal. "I gently corrected the student by reminding everyone to keep their eyes on their own paper."

"Howard (Bryant) told us to always do an honest day's work and if you are cheating, your aren't doing an honest day's work," said Connor McKinney, jogging the memory of his fellow classmates.

"Howard's other rule is to always tell the truth," declared Faith Holsinger.

"Mrs. Elguezabal, you told us we could go to Howard's house," added Sophie Rodriguez.

"Can I go?" called out Adrian Negrete.

"I want to go too," chipped in Kayden Riser.

"You told us we could go see the man that gives us flowers," said Paige Bebee.

"What about the card for my calf, Fluff?" asked Owen Guerra.

"We need to see Mr. Kilkenny about my backpack," pleaded Isaiiah King.

"Oh, my goodness!" exclaimed Elguezabal. "Everyone freeze for a minute. I need to think."

"I stopped and thought for a moment," she said. "I realized school would soon be over and the children were reminding me of the places I had promised to take them."

"Okay class, I'll talk to Mr. Combe and see if we can take a field trip this week," she said.

"Of course, Mr. Combe granted us permission to go and the next morning Lorna Botefuhr and I made a trip itinerary. We were lucky when Jack Johns agreed to be our chauffeur. Our journey started at Howard Bryant's home where he told the children about his mother's rules and growing up on the farm without television. The children had made a big poster of 'Life's Rules' for Howard. The children were delighted when he told them they could pick a few flowers from his garden.

"Next we headed over to Bob Kilkenny's house with two big posters. One poster was from Owen Guerra with a picture of his calf, Fluff?" asked Owen Guerra, a treasured gift from John



Students from Mary Ann Elguezabal's class at Heppner Elementary made surprise visits to several notable people in their lives during an impromptu end-of-the-year field trip recently. Several of the students are pictured here with Howard Bryant, whose 'life rules' inspired the children to—among other things—greater honesty during a spelling test. —Contributed photo

Kilkenny. Students had another poster for Bob, and inside it read, 'Pencils are yellow, backpacks are blue. Thanks so much for all that you do.'

"Bob gave each student a pen and a flashlight from Kilkenny Ranches. I quickly collected those and handed them out at the end of the school day in a sealed envelope, even though the students were disappointed," said Elguezabal.

"Our final stop was to be a surprise for Dave Zachry, but instead he surprised us by not being home. I knew he wouldn't mind if the children each picked a stalk of rhubarb and looked around at the

beautiful yard that supplied us with a fresh bouquet of flowers each week. By the end of the school year, the children were able to label 21 different kinds of plants. We also left Dave a big homemade poster of many different flowers with the youngsters' signatures.

"It's a good thing that Jack was driving because I needed a few minutes of rest to collect my thoughts... It has been another wonderful year at Heppner Elementary School...It really does take a village to raise a child, and Heppner is the perfect village to raise our children. Thank you one and all for helping raise our children; we couldn't do it without you."

## Community Bank serves up customer appreciation



Community Bank's Heppner branch held its annual customer appreciation barbecue June 5. The event was well-attended as community members gathered to share hamburgers and conversation on Main Street in front of the bank. —Photo by David Sykes

## IRRIGON STABBING

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the abdomen. The suspects then fled the scene.

Witnesses at the scene identified the suspect who stabbed VanFossen as Seth Edward Lee Finch, 19, out of Pendleton, OR.

An Attempt to Locate teletype was put out and the suspect was located and arrested by Umatilla Tribal Police. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail on multiple charges.

Myren said the investigation is ongoing and additional arrests are likely.

MCSO was aided in response and investigation by Boardman Police Department, Umatilla Police Department, Umatilla Tribal Police Department, Oregon State Police, Pendleton Police Department and the Morrow County Ambulance.

## DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

—Kelly Ray Finger, 44, was convicted of Harassment, a Class B Misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended, with 24 months' bench probation with 40 hours of community service with the Morrow County Community Corrections Community Service program, have no offensive physical contact with the victim, submit a written apology to the victim, submit to random monitored drug testing, obtain a substance abuse evaluation, complete a course in anger management and comply with numerous other conditions and pay \$1,000 in fines, fees and assessments.

—Frank Matthew Thompson, 50, was convicted of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, a Class C Felony, and was sentenced to lifetime revocation of his driver's license, 40 days in jail, 24 months supervised probation, participate in a substance abuse evaluation, submit to alcohol or controlled substance testing, complete 240 hours of community service with the Morrow County Community Corrections Community Service Program, not use or possess alcoholic beverages, not enter into or frequent any establishment whose primary income is derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages, take Antabuse, comply with a DUII package and numerous other conditions and pay \$2,100 in fines, fees and assessments.

—Ryan Duwane Payne, 35, was convicted of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, and was sentenced to five years' supervised probation, to have no direct or indirect contact with the victim, her family, her residence or her place of employment, have no contact with any female or male under the age of 18 without prior written approval from the court, the probation office and/or sex offender treatment

## Boardman rezones property, changes political sign ordinance

During their June 3 council meeting, Boardman City Councilors passed two ordinances, one which rezones commercial property and another pertaining to political signs in the city.

Ordinance No. 2-2014 rezones 2.85 acres of property from Commercial to Multi-Family Subdistrict Residential. The property is the western portion of a 5.15-acre parcel of property located on S. Main Street between Willowfork Drive and Wilson Lane. The

owners of the property originally applied to rezone the entire parcel to Multi-Family Subdistrict Residential, but it was the recommendation of the Boardman Planning Commission to rezone only 2.85 acres. Councilors voted five to zero to approve the zone change.

Ordinance No. 3-2014 changes the City Development Code to allow up to 4' x 8', or 32-square-feet, political signs to be placed in all areas in Boardman with

a 10-foot setback from the sidewalks and streets. The language change is a result of local candidate Don Russell asking for clarification on the city's current code pertaining to political signs. Councilors voted five to zero to approve the language changes in the City's Development Code.

In other city business, councilors approved drafting a contract with the owner of Frontier Trailer Court, David Jones, who also serves as a Boardman City Councilor, allowing

him to make payments to the city for System Development Charges for the expansion of his trailer park located on South Main Street. The contract will be for the amount of \$18,908 to be paid over two years. Councilors voted four to zero to approve the contract. Councilor David Jones abstained from the vote.

The next meeting of the Boardman City Council will be Tuesday, June 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Boardman City Hall.

## Sheriff's Report

**March 14:** Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a suspicious vehicle on Frontage Lane. A deputy determined that the subject works for PGG fumigating the trees.

—MCSO received request for deputy contact on Taggares Lane, Boardman, because an employee there was fired and he was refusing to leave and trying to fight people. The caller called back and advised MCSO to disregard the request as the on-site supervisor was going to give the subject a ride.

—MCSO deputy received report of a white building with graffiti.

—MCSO cited Gary C. Morrison, 32, for Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device.

—MCSO received report of a small white bus with Gilliam County Transportation on the door that was driving all over the road, speeding up and slowing down. The caller made contact with the driver and asked if she was drunk, but she said "No." The Sheriff was advised and attempted to locate the bus.

—MCSO received report of graffiti at Threemile and I-84.

—MCSO Deputy advised he was trying to catch up to a speeding vehicle. The vehicle went by the undersheriff, who turned around attempting to catch up. Another deputy

was setting up for the vehicle. OSP also advised of an incident with a white half-ton pickup truck with a dealer plate that forced another vehicle in the bar pit and threw a bottle at them. OSP reported they were en route. Joseph Edward Armijo, 29, was cited for Violation of the Speed Limit, 84 mph in a 65 mph zone.

—MCSO received report from a Heppner woman that she was assaulted by her daughter-in-law, but did not want to press any charges. She said that her daughter-in-law did not want to come back to the property to get her items. The caller wanted to know if she had to let her on the property to get the items. MCSO made phone contact.

—MCSO received report of a small cream colored dog running in and out of traffic and causing people to swerve on Hwy. 730/S.E. Division, Irrigon.

—MCSO received report from a 91-year-old female in Heppner that she needed transport because she was weak from surgery. An ambulance responded and she was transported.

—MCSO received a 911 hang up call. On call back, the man said he was on the scene where a vehicle went off the roadway. The driver stated that he was not injured. The information was relayed to Washington State Patrol.

—MCSO received report

that a female in Irrigon was acting violently, destroying property. The caller said the woman was supposed to have left the property, but kept coming back. A deputy made contact and trespassed the woman from the property.

—MCSO received report of a redbone hound dog puppy in Heppner. The dog was located by its owner.

—BPD received report from a Boardman woman that her neighbor was yelling, opening the door and yelling outside and slamming doors. The caller said she did not need contact; she just wanted the officer to make contact with the neighbor so she could get some sleep. BPD responded and determined that the subject had stubbed his toe, but would keep the noise down.

—BPD received report of a runaway juvenile.

—BPD received report from a woman that her son threw her husband on the floor. She said they had been arguing and it got out of hand. Officers responded.

—BPD received report of intoxicated people at the hotel that were going in and out to their vehicles. The caller was worried that they would drive their vehicles. Officers made contact with a male subject.

**March 15:** —Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call transferred from Benton

County and then Umatilla County. The call was made by a Spanish-speaking male, but MCSO was unable to determine what the problem was. The call pinged near Butter Creek and the coordinates of the call were determined. A deputy checked the area but was unable to locate anyone.

—MCSO, Boardman Police Department received report of a sex crime with two girls possibly assaulted during the night.

—MCSO received report from the manager of the mobile court in Irrigon that he asked a male subject in a vehicle to move from the middle of the road, but the driver showed him a gun and then left the scene.

—MCSO received report of an iPhone found in a park bathroom in Heppner.

—MCSO Deputy reported being flagged down on Fairview Way in Heppner concerning a missing eight-year-old girl. She was located at a neighbor's house.

—MCSO received report from a couple in Heppner of a verbal dispute between two males in front of the caller's residence. They reported that one male was screaming at the other; when the second male started to walk away, the first male started running toward him with a knife in his right hand. He was last seen on Main St. near the bank.