

Boardman student removed from class after report of gun at school

A student at Riverside Jr./Sr. High School was removed from class on Thursday, Mar. 8 following a report the student had brought a gun to school.

Principal David Norton immediately contacted law enforcement and removed the student from class and searched his belongings. No firearm was located on the student's person nor in the school. According to Morrow County School

Superintendent Dirk Dirksen, there was no imminent threat to students or staff at any time.

Dirksen said the Morrow County School District and law enforcement take this situation very seriously. The student has been removed from school, a threat assessment will be conducted and law enforcement will continue the investigation, said Dirksen.

According to the press release, the Morrow County School District advises that it takes a proactive approach to ensuring school security and student safety.

Students, parents, staff and community members are encouraged to use the SafeOregon website, a statewide tip line for reporting student safety threats. The website address is www.safeoregon.com.

Joe Lindsay chosen as St. Patrick's 2018 grand marshal

Joe Lindsay, long time resident of south Morrow County, has been chosen as the grand marshal for the 2018 Heppner St. Patrick's celebration. Joe's family immigrated from Ireland in the 1800's.

Joe's great grandpa, B. P. (Barney) Doherty was born 1857 in Glen Keen Donegal, Ireland. He immigrated to Boston and worked as a carpenter until he could make his way to Morrow County and work for his cousin Theresa's husband of the Cunningham Sheep Co.

He built lambing pens and took his wages in sheep until he could start on his own sheep farm, taking a homestead in Sand Hollow and purchasing an adjacent homestead. He built up his operation to 1,000 head of sheep which he ran clear to the Idaho border in the days of no fences. His lambing camp he called the "Flat Camp" is now on the Grieb Ranch.

In 1895 he married an Irish colleen by the name of Catherine (also surnamed Doherty) who was born in Donegal also. She arrived in Morrow County at the age of 15 to work and stay with a family at the head of Hog Hollow. She shed many tears of homesickness for the green glens of Ireland when she first viewed



Joe Lindsay and his family of musicians. Pictured in the back row are Joe, Leanne and Cori Jo. Front row are Ryan and Andrew. -Contributed photo

the barren hills.

Barney and Catherine were married in 1895 and raised nine children. One daughter, Rosella, married a Scottish boy named Alex Lindsay. Alex was raised on a homestead in Sand Hollow and worked with Rosella's brothers

raising sheep until he was able to purchase land and grow wheat near Lexington, while running cattle in the sand country of north Morrow County.

Joe's dad, Larry, was the only child of Alex and Rosella Lindsay. Joe is the youngest of seven children

including Ann, Cathy, Alex, Theresa, Barney and Dan. Joe's first memories are of his parents and siblings practicing music together with an accordion, piano, flutes, trumpets, banjo and guitar playing Irish music while he danced in his playpen. His favorite time

of year was getting to play with the family during the St. Patrick's Parish Church dinner where he continues to perform to this day.

The annual celebration played a major part in shaping his love of Irish music and humor. His favorite singer was Bill Kenny, fa-

vorite music group was the Irish Singers that performed upstairs at the Elks Lodge and his favorite comedian was Kenny Turner who performed pretty much wherever he was. The people of this community were and still are his heroes, he claims.

Joe met his wife, Leanne Way of The Dalles, in the choir department at BMCC. Although Joe was taken with her at the start, it took her many years to finally take him seriously enough to marry him. Their three children Cori Jo (14), Ryan (12) and Andrew (9) are all gifted singers and musicians and are still willing to be seen with their dad in public singing and playing Irish songs. According to Joe, they look forward to the music and fun in the upstairs of the Elks in the morning and the parade and activities following. Joe and Leanne are passing on the Irish traditions that meant so much to Joe to their children.

Each year, Joe composes and performs a song that includes information about all of the winners at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner.

Joe and Leanne live and work on Lindsay Ranch with Joe's parents Larry and Corrine and his brothers Dan and Barney.

City considers ordinance banning park troublemakers

By David Sykes

The city of Heppner is considering drafting an ordinance which would allow troublemakers to be "eighty-sixed" or banned from using the city parks. The council discussed the proposal at its monthly meeting Monday night.

The issue has come up because there are apparently several youths causing trouble in the park and not listening when authorities tell them to stop the bad behavior. Under the proposed ordinance sheriff deputies and city personnel could warn the troublemakers they need to stop, or they could be kicked out and prohibited from using the parks for a period.

Undersheriff John Bowles, who is also a member of the Heppner City Council, said young people enjoy the parks in Heppner, and having the threat of taking away park usage could be helpful in cutting down on bad behavior. "If kids are going to go down there and destroy the parks, we need to stop that," Bowles said. "It is not just kids," he added. Public Works Director Chad Doherty, who, along with the city crew, works around the parks and witnesses the behavior, agreed, saying he would have no problem warning the troublemakers. He said he ultimately would call

the sheriff to enforce the ordinance, however.

The council agreed and instructed the city attorney to investigate drafting a proposed ordinance specifically for the problem. Attorney Bill Kuhn said a list of offences needed to be developed as well as the length of time for banning and an appeals process, such as bringing it to the city council, if a banned person wanted to contest the action.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council head an update from Bryant Foundation Director Kim Cutsforth, who talked about all the projects going on around the city as the result of Foundation funding. "We have ground broken

in five places," she told the council.

The new sports complex down near the swimming pool is proceeding quite well Cutsforth told the council. She said several pickleball courts will be put in as well as basketball courts, restrooms and a large grassy area. "Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America," Cutsforth said. "People should have a lot of fun with those."

The entire complex when completed will cost \$325,000 with \$100,000 coming from grants and the rest from the Bryant Foundation. There will be no cost to the city as

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Pickleball is a paddle sport (similar to a racquet sport) that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Two, three, or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net. It has been described as the fastest growing sport in America. Several pickleball courts will be installed at the new sports complex now under construction in Heppner.

Searching for Meaning play repeats March 15



The first showing of Fr. Condon's latest drama, "Searching for Meaning" featuring several locals was a huge success. There will be a repeat performance Thursday, Mar. 15 at St. Patrick's Parish Hall at 7 p.m. Donations are accepted for "Anson Strong", the Anson Fairbank family. -Contributed photo

Sweet Productions closing after more than a decade

Sweet Productions Restaurant and Bakery will be closing its doors after more than 11 years in business in Heppner. "At age 50, I think my body is saying that running a restaurant on my own is no longer the blessing it once was," said owner Jodi Segraves.

The business originally began across the street from the Heppner City Park, but after six months was moved to its current location at 233 N. Main St.

Besides serving restaur-

ant customers, Segraves has provided over 400 orders for cakes, cupcakes, pies, cookies and various catering jobs that included event planning for parties, weddings and showers.

In addition to food service, Segraves has also been involved in group travel planning, coordinating all-inclusive trips to Mexico, cruises to Alaska, Mexico and Jamaica, as well as theatre tours to New York City and Seattle and individual travel plans.

Following a scheduled foot surgery, which is one of the contributing factors in deciding to close the business, Segraves says that she may have more time to do travel planning. She does have plans, however, to convert her home kitchen into a commercial one, in order to continue her baking and also plans to continue teaching dance.

Baking and operating a restaurant are not her only

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