

# Mayor Kindle holds first meeting

## Dave Gunderson joins the council

By David Sykes

New Heppner mayor Jim Kindle held his first council meeting Monday night, and Dave Gunderson was sworn in as a new councilmember. Incumbents Dale Bates and Adam Doherty also took their oath of office to serve another term on the council. Gunderson takes the place of Joanne Bureson who chose not to run for another term. Bureson and out-going mayor Cody High were given awards in honor of their service to the city.

Most of the city business to come before the council was ongoing issues from previous meetings, however, the city is now without a manager as the council fired Edie Ball last Friday. (See related story this issue). The council was also informed the finance officer had turned in her two-week notice and would be leaving. The council will appoint an interim manager and then start advertising for a permanent replacement. The city has already started advertising for a new treasurer. It was stressed that the treasurer resignation and the city manager firing were not

The council heard reports from several departments including Fire Chief Rusty Estes who said his department had the following activity during 2018: 29 motor vehicle accidents, secured the helicopter landing 52, wildland fires 19, five structure fires, 14 ambulance runs, one flood, eight false alarms, two rescues, two vehicle fires and one haystack fire.

Public Works Director Chad Doherty said the following work was done by his department in the past month:

- Water Dept.
- Fix door at well #5.
- Fixed water leak on South Court St.
- Fixed water leak on Green St.
- Fixed water service leak on Willow View Dr.
- Sewer Dept.
- Cleaned contact basins one time.
- Did four Septic dumps.
- Performed routine sewer cleaning on Rock and Thompson Streets.
- Did emergency sewer clean on N Main St.
- Installed new outside lights at Wastewater Treatment Plant.



Outgoing Mayor Cody High (L) swears in new Mayor Jim Kindle.

ment Plant.

-Did the outfall inspection report for DEQ. This report is done every 5 years.

-Finished first draft of Quality Assurance Laboratory manual for DEQ and sent it in for editing.

Streets Dept.  
-Serviced street sweeper. Repaired back engine, had a bad solenoid.

-Changed light bulbs on Lakeview Ct.

-Cleaned storm drain line on Thompson St.

-Took down Christmas wreaths and banners.

-Took down lights off trees.

Parks Dept.

-Took down all Poplar trees at Waterland Little League field.

-Took out bleachers at Waterland Little League field per request of Corp of Engineers.

-Took down all Christmas lights from Heritage Park.

The council also heard from several citizens who said they were having trouble with barking dogs, and neighbors property needing clean up. It was reported that several properties had received citations for property clean up.

In other business the council approved a lease agreement with Dickenson Chiropractic who rents space from the city. The rent is \$450 per month and Dickenson has been leasing from the city since 2014.



Mayor Kindle (L) swears in re-elected council member Adam Doherty.



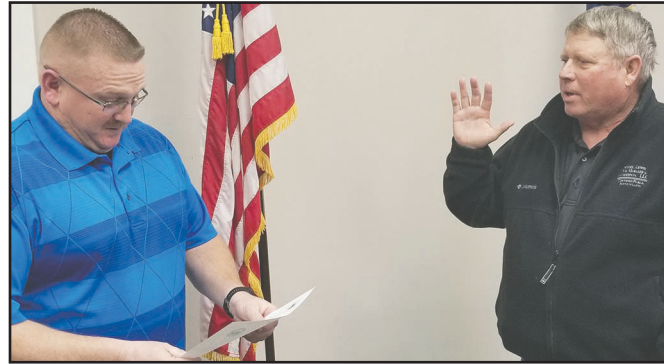
Mayor Kindle (L) gives oath of office to council member Dale Bates. Bates was re-elected to the council.



Council member John Bowles gives a special recognition award to out-going council member Joanne Bureson.



Council President Corey Sweeney (L) gives out-going Mayor Cody High an appreciation award for his service to the city during High's term as mayor.



Kindle (L) gives oath of office to new council member Dave Gunderson.

# Boardman swears in new city councilor members



Councilor Brenda Proffitt, Councilor Roy Drago, Jr., Councilor Brandon Hammond were sworn-in.

The City of Boardman held a swearing-in ceremony during their city council meeting Tuesday night. Councilor Roy Drago, Jr. was elected and Councilors Brandon Hammond and Brenda Proffitt were re-elected to their seats in the November election. All three will serve a term ending Dec. 31, 2022. Councilor Hammond was elected to serve as council president

for 2019.

The council also voted to re-appoint Bill Ellis and Sonja Neal to the budget committee with terms ending Dec. 31, 2021 and appoint Delbert Turner to a vacancy on the budget committee with a term ending Dec. 31, 2019. Also re-appointed are Adam Cole and Cynthia Navarro to the planning commission with

terms ending Dec. 31, 2021. The council appointed Michelle Seeley to a vacancy on the planning commission with a term ending Dec. 31, 2019.

In other city business, councilors scheduled a workshop session to discuss a buildable lands inventory project. They will meet in a workshop session on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 5:30 p.m. The council also heard from local farmer Dan McCarty requesting permission to allow goose hunting on his agricultural fields located within city limits. The council requested staff prepare a report with more information to be brought before the council for a decision.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boardman City Council is Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at Boardman City Hall.

# BEO wrestling invitational scheduled

The Bank of Eastern Oregon 2019 Invitational Wrestling tournament will be held Saturday, Feb. 2 at Heppner High School. Competition will begin at 10 a.m. and the public is invited to come and watch the athletes compete. Tickets can be purchased at the door and concessions will be available.

Mark Lemmon, Bank of Eastern Oregon's chief financial officer and Heppner High School wrestling coach, has been instrumental in organizing the bank's sponsorship of the event. "The bank's management has been very involved in establishing this annual tournament and looks forward to the 2019 competition. The first ten years of the event were outstanding and we intend



Carson Brosnan competes in the 2018 BEO Invitational

the BEO Invitational to be a can't-miss tournament on every school's future schedule," said Lemmon. "We appreciate bank staff and local citizens who volunteer to help at the event or sponsor amenities; their help makes the tournament run smoothly." For additional information contact Greg Grant, HHS Athletic Director, at 541-676-9138 or Mark Lemmon at 541-676-0224.

# Community awards scheduled

The Heppner Chamber's annual Town and Country Community Awards event will be held Thursday, Feb. 7 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds beginning with a no-host bar provided by Bucknum's at 6 p.m. A buffet dinner and the awards will follow starting at 6:30.

Alvin Liu of the Gateway Café will be catering the event, serving prime rib with au jus, creamy garlic mashed potatoes, green beans in garlic sauce, garden fresh salad, a dinner roll with butter, dessert and a beverage.

At the event, community members who have been nominated will be

recognized for Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Business of the Year, Youth, Citizen-Educator of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award.

Tickets are \$25 per person prior to the week of the event and can be purchased at Bank of Eastern Oregon, Chamber office, Heppner city office, Community Bank and Murray's Drug. Tickets purchased later will be \$30 per person.

For additional information, to reserve tickets or to reserve seating for a group of six or more, contact the Heppner Chamber at 541-676-5536 or email heppner-chamber@centurytel.net.

# Chamber Chatter

Thursday, Jan. 17 from noon to 1 p.m., Heppner Chamber's Annual Luncheon at the Senior Center dining room. Lunch of French dip, salad and dessert will be catered by Heppner Fresh Market for \$10 per person. RSVPs are required. A tour of the Gilliam-Bisbee building will follow the meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 7, Heppner Chamber's Annual Town and Country Community Awards event to be held at the Morrow County

Fairgrounds beginning at 6 p.m. The theme for the event will be "An Evening With the Stars."

Thursday, Feb. 28 from noon to 1 p.m., Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group Hosted Annual Luncheon in the Senior Center dining room. There will be an update on the projects that Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group has been working on along with plans for the future. RSVP is required.

# Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Ann Spicer, has released the following Justice Court report:

- JD Lehn, 19, Lexington was convicted of driving uninsured, fine \$265.
- Hope J Butler, 25, Hermiston was convicted of violation of basic rule, 72/55 mph, fine \$165.



Pictured (L-R) back row: Sandra and Dan VanLiew, Brandon Houck, Kristy Crowell, Dave Fowler and Bryce Fowler. (L-R) front row: Bill Ewing, Hunter Houck and Luanne and Steve Brownfield.

Ten skiers enjoyed sunny skies and warm, spring-like temperatures on Saturday, Jan. 12 for the Arbuckle Nordic Clubs second outing of the season.

The group parked at the junction of the 21 and 2107 roads and skied past Ditch Creek cabin and into Martin Prairie.

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