

# Mustangs take Pendleton Babe Ruth championship



Back row (L-R): Coach Scott Coe, Adan Guerra, Jake Lentz, Ty Boor, Karver Wilkins, Tucker Ashbeck, Carson Eynetich, Kason Cimmiyotti, Cameron Proudfoot and Coach Andy Ashbeck. Front row (L-R): Caden George, Dylan Christian, Joe Sherman, Mikel Jaca, Bryan Collins and Jace Coe.

The 2019 Pendleton Babe Ruth champions were the Heppner Mustangs. Local athletes from Pendleton, Athena, Pilot Rock and Heppner competed in the 2019 Babe Ruth league.

The Pendleton Babe Ruth League Hodgen White

Sox fell behind early in the game against the Mustangs and were unable to come back, suffering a loss of 17-7.

Tucker Ashbeck allowed two hits and three runs over four innings,

striking out eight for Heppner. Carson Eynetich led Heppner with three hits in four at bats. Heppner stole nine bases during the game as three players stole more than one. Bryan Collins led the way with three.

# SAGE Center concert scheduled

On Sunday, June 30, listen to the sounds of Boise-based band, Tylor and the Train Robbers, as they hit the SAGE Center stage performing songs from their new album "Best of the Worst Kind." This four-man band features singer/songwriter Tylor Ketchum, accompanied by a lead guitarist, bassist and drummer.

Opening for Tylor and the Train Robbers, local musician Wade Aylett will bring his acoustic talents to the stage. Aylett writes and performs original music, in addition to, covers of hit country music songs.

"We want to take the opportunity to bring the community together to enjoy an evening of great old-fashioned country music," says SAGE Center Manager, Lisa Patrick. "There will be a pre-party

on the patio at Burnt Field Brewing beginning at 4 p.m. for any guests who would like to attend. We hope you will call friends and make plans to come over for this entertaining event."

The SAGE Center is located at 101 Olson Road in Boardman. The event will take place indoors on the stage at the SAGE Center, which has 214 comfortable seats, a climate-controlled environment and state of the art sound and projection equipment.

Ticket cost is \$15 and may be purchased by phone at the SAGE Center, as well as in advance at the SAGE Center in Boardman, Murray's in Heppner, Ace Hardware in Arlington and at the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce. The event is open to all ages. Doors open



at 5:30 p.m. and the show begins at 6.

This inaugural event is made possible due to generous sponsors: Boardman Foods Inc., Port View Apartments, and hospitality sponsor: River Lodge and Grill. For more information about the event, please call the SAGE Center at 541-481-7243 or go to the website: www.visitsage.com.

# New building inspector hired

## Long-time inspector Brett Cook retired

By David Sykes

The city of Boardman has hired Glenn McIntire as the new building codes inspector. He replaces long-time inspector Brett Cook, who recently retired. Like Cook, McIntire will be handling the building inspections for Boardman, but also for the entire county.

McIntire was introduced to the Morrow County Commission at last week's meeting by Boardman City Manager Karen Pettigrew, who advertised, interviewed and hired him. McIntire, who has been on the job since May 20, was most recently the building official for the city of Grain Valley, Missouri, population 13,683. "I'm glad to be here," he told the commissioners. "We look forward to working with you and we are glad you are here." Commissioner Don Russell said. To reach the building inspector, his phone number is the City of Boardman 541-481-9252 and his email is mcintireg@cityofboardman.com.

In other business at last week's meeting, the commissioners learned only one bid for the planned remodeling of the Bartholomew Building in Heppner came in for \$88,000. This was more than planned so County Administrator Darrell Green said he would talk to the contractor and see if some parts could be redone

to get the price within budget. The \$60,000 - \$75,000 project includes moving the current conference room into the lobby area of the building, moving a break-room into a current storage area and construction of three new offices spaces in the former breakroom location.

In other action, the commissioners signed a lease with Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon for use of two covered, enclosed parking spaces in which the county will park The Loop transportation bus and van. The county will pay Stokes \$150 per month. The council also signed an agreement to continue having its yearly audit done with Barnett & Moro, P.C. of Hermiston. The county sent out a total of six letters requesting bids to firms in eastern, central and Portland, Oregon. Barnett was the only firm responding with a proposal of a three-year agreement for \$107,100. Commissioner Lindsay said she had some concern to keep awarding the audit to the same firm for a long period of time. "Not for anything they did. I just like to get another set of eyes on it (county finances)." The commissioners voted unanimously to accept the single proposal received and keep the same auditors.



Glenn McIntire Building Official

In other business the county discussed the impending problem of sand dunes on the Navy Bombing Range each year moving closer to the county maintained Bombing Range Road. Commissioners are concerned with who is going to take care of maintenance once the dunes reach the road. Since 1994 the dunes have moved 650 feet closer to the highway. There are others but the closest dunes are located in an area across from a potato shed on the Navy side of Bombing Range Rd.

Since the county has had problems working with the Navy on other issues on its Bombing Range property, such as wildfire and predator control, commissioners are concerned they will get no help with controlling the dunes once they reach the highway. "They (Navy) are trying to make the sand dunes our problem," County Planner Carla McLane reported to the commissioners.

# Boardman to fill council vacancy

The Boardman City Council is seeking letters of interest from individuals willing to be considered for appointment to fill a vacancy on the city council. The person appointed will fill Toni Connell's council seat, who resigned in June due to taking on a new position at

the City of Boardman. Her term expires December 31, 2020.

Those interested must have resided in the city of Boardman during the twelve months immediately preceding the appointment. Letters of interest must be received no later than 5

p.m. Thursday, August 1 by the city manager, Karen Pettigrew at Boardman City Hall for consideration. The city council will interview the candidates and appoint the new councilor at the August 6 city council meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m.

# LEXINGTON

-Continued from PAGE ONE in arrears right now and the city needs to work on getting those up to date. Beard suggested the city set up a payment plan saying, "We need to work with people because everyone has hard times." Kemp agreed but said the council needs timely payments. "We are not the bank," she said. The council voted to change the late notifications from 40 days to 60 days behind, and to shut off water 10 days following the 60-day notice. It was also suggested that in the case of renters, the property owners also get a late notice. Gordon noted that in many cities the water bills are included in a person's rent payment and the landlord pays the city.

The council also dis-

cussed a proposal by the new Wheatridge Windfarm going under construction soon near Lexington, that the company pay to rehabilitate a second unused city well located at the Lexington Airport. Wheatridge needs water for construction and wants to buy the water from the city, however the well needs work to get enough water out for the company. It was decided to invite Wheatridge to the July meeting of the council to discuss the matter further.

In other business the council voted unanimously to give the two city employees a cost of living raise of three percent for the coming year.

The council heard a request from Shelia Miller

for a variance to construct a home on 170 E West St. She is putting in a 28 X 70-foot 3-bedroom 2-bath home, and in order to fit in the septic system needed to change set back requirements from 10 feet to six feet. The council voted unanimously to grant the request.

At the May meeting the council had heard a report from Mary Kay Bellamy who wants to put in an RV park on her property next to the old school building. She said the property would need to be rezoned from residential to commercial. Mayor Kemp suggested at that time that the council take a tour to find out what is being planned. Citizen John Edwards asked if the city well could handle the new development.

# Sheriff's Report

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-MCSO received a report at Columbia Ln/W Eighth Rd, Irrigon that she thinks there may be a bag of dead dogs on the corner, black garbage bag. She did not want to open it. Deputies located bag. Bag of garbage, no dogs.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman of a drunk driver in a work truck. Unable to locate.

**March 13:** Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on I 84 W, Boardman that a red Toyota Yaris cut him off and he nearly hit it.

-MCSO received a report at N First St/NE Main Ave, Irrigon that a black Toyota Camry cut the corner as he was crossing the street almost hitting him. Deputy made contact with the vehicle.

-MCSO received a report at Frontage Ln/Pateron Ferry Rd, Hermiston that there are cows out. Deputy was unable to locate; area is open range.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 E, Boardman that a big boulder fell off and is sitting on the fog line. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report that Daniel Lucatero was arrested by Bakersfield PD on MCCC warrant. Lodged at Kern County jail, bail of \$1,000.00.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a white Chevy pickup parked next to his Jeep and left it so close that if he needed to leave, he couldn't. Truck was blocking him for 10-15 min. RP advised male did it to make him angry and he is tired of people messing with him.

-MCSO received a report on Rhea Creek Rd, Ione of MVA. Fedex truck all air bags deployed. Advised he is ok, partially blocking.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman of a possible disabled bus, backed up traffic. Vehicle has been moved and cleared.

-MCSO received a report at SE Fourth St/SE California Ave, Irrigon of a dog possibly chasing kids.

-MCSO received a report at W Hwy 730/SW

Fourth St, Irrigon that RP was just assaulted. Male subject tried to pull him from his vehicle and hit the vehicle with a bat. Under investigation.

-MCSO received a report at Wilson Ln/Laurel Rd, Boardman of brake failure, ran into a farm fence.

-MCSO received a report at AC Houghton on NE Main Ave, Irrigon that the lights are on on the Head Start bus. MCSO responded. All was secure, appeared to be left on accidently.

-MCSO received a report of hit and run at Bucknum's on N Main St, Heppner. Under investigation.

**March 14:** Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at Green acres on Paterson Ferry Rd, Irrigon that a vehicle is parked on the side of the road with its lights on. Been there since 0230.

-MCSO received a report of a house fire on S Cherry St, Ione.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 206 Condon, Heppner that the log trucks going back and forth on Heppner hill are taking up both lanes on the S curves.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman that a yellow semi with oversize load has clamps or chains loose. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a red Chevy car flew down Tenth St. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman that a silver sedan can't maintain lane. Driving on the center lane and going back and forth between both lanes. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report on NW Water St, Heppner that someone had attempted to break into her house yesterday. RP states that they did not make entry but she sees damage to the lock.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman that a car pulled in front of a pickup pulling a horse trailer and hit the brakes and making inappropriate hand gestures.

-MCSO received a re-

port on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a red Chevy Geo Metro is speeding on SE Utah towards Tenth St.

-MCSO received a report at NE Quaid St/NE Elder St, Heppner that a male driving a blue Ford pickup got out of his rig, said he was looking for someone. Then when he realized RP was not him, he took off back towards Main St. Unable to locate.

**March 17:** Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at Knight's Inn/Village Restaurant on First St NW, Boardman of a fight in progress. MCSO and BPD responded; subjects had already left the location. Under investigation.

-MCSO received a report on Laurel Ln, Boardman that a blue car is doing 100+ into port of Morrow. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on Dee Cox Rd, Heppner that a 72-year-old male is not breathing. CPR refused. Deceased.

-MCSO received a report at SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a black dog has all the dogs barking. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a grey Lincoln came by and cranked his music up.

-MCSO received a report at SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a blue and white semi and cab just came down Utah and is now stuck on Tenth St. Deputy responded, vehicle was not stuck. It was getting filled up with dirt from the landowner. Unfounded.

-MCSO received a report on Columbia Ln, Irrigon that his dog has been missing since this morning.

-MCSO received a report on W Eighth Rd, Irrigon that a there is a Doberman that showed up at their house yesterday. They left for the night and when they came back today it was still there. Dog was taken to pet rescue.

-MCSO received a report on Paterson Ferry Rd, Irrigon that RP would like subject removed from her property. Advised she has been letting her stay with her and now would like her to leave. MCSO talked

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