

Irrigon City Council

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ty of documentation for why it was approved or denied?" ask Irrigon Councilor Heather Bishop.

"If it's going to recommended for a denial or questioned, then it would come through and we would consult with law enforcement to say, 'Is there stuff that's out there?' That would come back to council," replied Palmquist.

The city council also approved a resolution updating the wage table for city employees. The table increased city wages by 6.3 percent, which is consistent with the Northwest Regional Consumer Price Index. (NW-CPI).

In his report, Morrow County Undersheriff Brian Snyder addressed the shots fired and attempted kidnapping at the Irrigon Shell Station May 1. He said that the MCSO officers did an outstanding job on the case, but he also wanted to highlight important citizen involvement.

"There were some witnesses, civilians, that caught part of it on video and then actually assisted the female victim," he said. "I think its important that we acknowledge them because they did an outstanding job of assisting one of our victims, one of our citizens."

Snyder said law enforcement continued the investigation all week.

"They worked on it very hard, and by Friday evening they had the suspect located, interviewed and lodged in the Umatilla County Jail on multiple charges," he added.

The lead detectives were Deputy Zach Kilgore and Detective Dalton Garcia.

In other business, Irrigon Mayor Michelle Patton mentioned that the council had discussed forming an ad hoc committee for economic development, and she would like to appoint individuals to that committee.

"I am learning on it, and I think it will be a great thing," she said.

The council also reviewed business needing to be covered at future meetings, including the HB 2017 Hwy. 730 sidewalk project bid being prepared, food pod information, joint management agreement with Morrow County, boards and commissions (Irrigon Code), ongoing work on development code, and the public contracting and purchasing policy.

The next regular meeting of the Irrigon City Council will be June 20 at 6 p.m.

Bredfield receives honorable mention at McPherson

Zachary Bredfield of Heppner has received academic honorable mention for the 2023 spring term at McPherson College in Kansas.

Students must be enrolled full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.25

to 3.54 to receive honorable mention.

Bredfield, the son of Robin Canaday of Heppner and Adam Bredfield, graduated from the college May 20 with a bachelor's degree in automotive restoration.

Heppner soccer gears up for fall with soccer camps

A soccer camp for kids kindergarten to sixth grade will be held on June 9-10 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Hager Park in Heppner.

A second soccer camp is planned for Aug. 18-19 from 8-10 a.m. The fee is \$5 per person, which will be used to purchase equipment for the upcoming season.

The Heppner soccer team is a member of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO). The

team will be holding in-person sign-ups June 13-14 from 4-6 p.m. at 127 N Main, Heppner. Cost is \$80 per person.

Team practices will start in the first week of September, with days and times to be determined. Games will be held every Saturday in September and October at Butte Park in Hermiston.

WCCC Sunday men's play

Sixteen participated in men's play on Sunday, June 4, at Willow Creek Country Club. Results are as follows:

KP #4-13, Kelly Fox, 10'11".

KP 2nd shot #6-15, Tom Shear, 4'4".

Least putts, Curt Day, 30.

Gross—1st, Dennis Peck, 68; 2nd, Kelly Fox, 70; and 3rd, Tim Wright and Rick Johnston, 71.

Net—1st, Roger Ehrmantraut, 56; 2nd, John

Edmundson, 57; 3rd, Tom Shear, 61.

There will be no play next Sunday, as the woman are holding their Jo Pettyjohn Memorial Tourney. The course will be closed Saturday and Sunday.

On Sunday, June 18, will be the Ryder Cup competition. There is a sign up sheet on the window at the clubhouse.

The Wednesday night second half play will start on July 5. Please get signed up in the clubhouse.

Corpus earns President's List recognition at Utah Tech

Aramis Corpus of Boardman earned President's List recognition for the spring 2023 semester at Utah Tech University, the school announced last week. Corpus was a 2018 graduate of Riverside High School.

Inclusion on the Pres-

ident's List indicates students' strong commitment to their academic pursuits, as they must achieve a semester GPA of 3.9 or higher to receive the honor. Students are also required to complete a minimum of 15 credits.

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

An uncommon celebration at Willow Creek Terrace last Sunday was the first special occasion for June: Resident Bob Stevens and his wife, Judy, were "low-keyed" about their 62nd wedding anniversary, but the community understood the significance of the occasion. The couple received many "congratulations," and the two enjoyed lunch at a nicely presented table-for-two in the sun-room.

The Terrace has hired an activities director, so a larger mix of weekly activities might now be expected. Bingo continues, at 2 p.m. on Mondays. The Book Club is back, meeting at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each Friday will feature an activity/game; the variety will be determined by the popularity among the residents. Of course, morning exercises and discussions continue.

Now that summer weather has returned, some residents are enjoying their gathering for afternoon conversations in the shade

of the entry. Stimulating, entertaining, informative. And some of the residents are pleased that the weather now allows them to work in the dirt! The planters and flowerbeds are looking good.

Some residents and staff are hoping for a ride to Music in the Park on the 11th. Brass Fire will be returning!

Fathers' Day, on June 18, will be especially enjoyable for some of the residents. Six men now call the Terrace "home," and four of those men are called "Dad," so they can expect guests to visit, join them for lunch, or take them out to celebrate the day. The men at the Terrace are going to be responsible for deciding what will be served for lunch on that day.

New staff members recently joining these activities are Makayla Silva and Heather Turmire. Employment opportunities still exist, so interested persons are encouraged to call 541-676-0004 or visit the Terrace.

Summer safety fair planned in Boardman

The Neal Early Learning Center in Boardman is hosting a summer safety fair on June 15 at 5:30 p.m.

The event is open to the public and aims to educate families on summer safety. Attendees will learn about water safety, sun safety, boat safety, car seat safety, fireworks safety, mosquito safety and bike safety from community superheroes.

Free car seats, bike helmets and life jackets will be available. Services include free car seat and helmet checks, library summer

program sign-ups, fire department fireworks safety, vector control mosquito awareness, Morrow County marine safety, and demonstrations from the Boardman Police Department, Scotts Cycle and Morrow County Health Cocoon Nurse.

The free safety equipment is provided by Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub.

A light dinner of hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided.

Kids golf free at WCCC this year

Willow Creek Country Club has announced that kids high school age and under can golf for free in 2023.

Children's golf equipment will be available for use. Kid tees will be set up on Thursdays, and an attendant will be available from noon to 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. An instructional clinic and kids' tournament will be held on July 6, 7 and 8.

Children under the age of 12 must have an adult accompany them.

The course is reserved on Wednesday evenings and Tuesday and Sunday mornings for men's and women's club play, as well as for scheduled events.

Kids' golf is sponsored by the Morrow Country Unified Recreation District.

Health district looks to the future

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ready has \$363,378 set aside for a new ambulance hall in Irrigon. The ambulance service there is currently co-located with the Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District. MCHD and IRFPD are exploring options to partner together and remain co-located in a new building on the existing lot.

They also have to explore more funding options for this long-term objective.

proposed budget shows \$26,357,830 in anticipated resources and requirements.

Highlights of the budget include the planned completion of 24/7 staffed ambulance services in Boardman, Irrigon and Heppner along with the addition of six full-time EMS staff to be located in Heppner. The budget also reflects the completion of the building renovation to house Boardman Immediate Care and the purchase of real estate for a Boardman adult care home.

Budgeted gross patient revenues are up eight percent, or \$1.4 million, over last year. At the same time, total budgeted operating expenses are up nearly 12 percent over current totals, including salaries and benefits. According to the budget report, both increases can largely be attributed to the opening of Boardman Immediate Care.

Budgeted grant amounts also increased due to capital projects that are reliant on those grants. Two new loans totaling \$755,000 are planned for the Boardman properties.

Forecasted property tax revenue shows an increase of 16 percent, or \$3,578,486, due to increased property values.

The board of directors will hold a budget hearing June 13 at 6 p.m. at Pioneer Memorial Clinic.

First aid training

Another health district goal is to offer CPR and first aid training throughout the community in partnership with other local entities. According to the strategic plan, "CPR saves lives, but skills can fade over time, so it is important for the community to have ready access to CPR training." To that end, MCHD plans to increase the number of staff trained to teach CPR and first aid in order to make the training, including low-cost and free training, available to more people.

Also included in the health district's strategic plan are service excellence, enhanced community partnerships and financial sustainability.

Speaking of financial sustainability...

Also at the meeting, the MCHD Board of Directors approved the proposed 2023-2024 budget. The

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