

Local news

Who's a good officer? MLPD K9 unit makes first arrest

Suspect charged with attempted burglary

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MOSES LAKE — A suspect's attempt to run away from police officers resulted in the first arrest for the Moses Lake Police Department's newest canine officer.

The incident occurred at about 9:30 p.m. Sunday night on Hamilton Road, according to information from the MLPD. The police department had received "multiple calls involving a suspicious

male," the report said, including a homeowner who heard a suspect trying the front door.

"Officers contacted the subject a short time later, but they were on the opposite side of a canal," according to an account of the arrest on the MLPD Facebook page. Officer Brad Zook and K9 Rex tried to stop the man, identified as Ben Doeber, 28, Othello.

Doeber started running into a cornfield. "Officer Zook told him to stop, but that didn't work. Based on the crime and the fact Officer Zook had seen the movie 'Children of the Corn' (the remake of course,

not the '80s classic) he warned the subject to stop fleeing into the dark cornfield or Rex would be deployed."

Doeber allegedly ignored the request, and Rex was sent after him. "Rex won that race and got his first arrest."

Doeber was taken to Samaritan Hospital and treated for dog bites, then booked into the Grant County Jail. He was charged with attempted residential burglary, obstructing law enforcement and resisting arrest.

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File photo

Moses Lake Police Chief Kevin Fuhr, left, walks with K9 Rex and Officer Brad Zook along the streets of Ephrata in May. Rex made his first arrest Sunday.

SCHOOLS

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cant growth by our students," Meek said.

Overall, the superintendent said the district has met "about 90 percent of our goals."

The board then met in a closed, executive ses-

sion to consider Meek's performance for the school year. No decisions were made, but around \$15,000 of the superintendent's compensation will be based on meeting those math and budget goals.

Meek's annual salary for 2018-19 is \$198,993, according to his contract. "Josh has the com-

plete trust and support of the board," said Board President Elliott Goodrich. "We didn't over-achieve, but it sets the stage for further success."

At their next meeting, board members are also going to take up district policy of security on long, rural school bus rides and how children

of mixed ages — elementary school through high school — ride together on the same buses to and from school.

The review comes after an incident last school year at a rural school bus stop.

"I am passionate about this," said Goodrich, who lives on a farm and will soon have a child riding

the school bus. "The district doesn't do enough to protect students."

Goodrich said district policy should be explicit in having kindergartners sit up front while high school students sit in the back.

"I have concerns," said board member Vickey Melcher. "I'm not sure what the answer is,

but we should do something to ensure safety."

"Do they (the kids) beat each other up?" asked board member Vicki Groff.

"It's happened," replied board member Susan Freeman.

"No place had inappropriate behavior like the bus," Goodrich added.

LEAD

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"We want to engage our entire community so we can

create a truly unified vision and set of goals for Moses Lake to strive towards accomplishing," LEAD said in a news release. "To achieve this objective, we are looking to purposefully create, plan and

build a strategic plan."

The survey will be online until July 15, and anyone who completes the survey will be eligible to win one of ten \$50 gift cards from local businesses.

To find the links to the survey, go to www.mosesleakeread.org and follow one of the links at the bottom of the page.

"Lend your voice to a group of community residents

and business leaders who are working together across organizational, ethnic and economic lines to jointly build the future of Moses Lake," the organization said.

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WILLIAMS

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amid a review of tort claims and corresponding complaints from seven women against Williams and former Deputy City Manager Gilbert Alvarado, alleging sexual harassment, workplace misconduct and abuse of power. City Attorney Katherine Kenison noted

that, despite the circumstances of Williams' resignation, Williams would have received the salary and benefit payout if the city had simply been dissatisfied with his performance.

Though review of the complaints is still ongoing, the settlement also obligated the city to issue a "mutually agreed-upon" press release, which stated that Williams left "to

pursue other opportunities" and thanked Williams for his service to the city. The press release made no mention of complaints raised either formally or informally with the City Council or legal counsel.

In addition, the city has agreed that future prospective employers seeking references from Moses Lake's interim city manager or city manager will only

be given information regarding the dates of service, position held and last salary for Williams. Prospective employers would not be voluntarily given any information regarding complaints made against Williams, unless they file a Public Records request.

Both Williams and the council have also agreed as part of the settlement contract that

neither will "disparage" the other, which City Attorney Katherine Kenison defined as generally entailing "negative things that are not supported by facts," except as required by the Public Records Act.

Though Moses Lake Communications/Marketing Specialist Lynne Lynch previously described the ongoing review of complaints made by current and

former employees as an "investigation," which would be subject to the Public Records Act, Kenison described the review as a "work product," which would not be subject to disclosure. City Council members will additionally be barred by the settlement agreement from discussing whether the review finds the complaints against Williams to have been credible.

Recreation Guide

Zumba

Ages: 14 years and older
Dates: July 2-3, 2019, August 6-29, 2019
Time: 5:25 - 6:25 pm - Tuesdays & Thursdays
Location: Chief Moses Middle School Cafeteria
Cost: \$25.00 per person, per session, \$20.00 per person with PiYo® LIVE, \$35.00 Punchcard
Limit: Minimum of 5/Maximum of 30 students
Instructor: Cherianne Bickler

A Latin-inspired, aerobic, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and international music and dance movements, which create a dynamic, exciting, and effective fitness system. The class format combines fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body in an aerobic/fitness fashion to achieve a unique blended balance of cardio and muscle toning benefits where you can burn 500-1,000 calories in a one-hour class without even realizing you are doing so, all because this class is so much fun! Zumba will change your mind about exercise, fitness, and health. This class is energizing, fun and will inspire you to embrace your freedom to be "forever fit" with determination, while helping you maintain motivation. Together, let's make fitness F-U-N! Please wear comfortable workout clothes and sneakers. Bring water and a towel and get ready to get HOT, HOT, HOT - literally and physically!

Roller Skating Rink

Ages: All Ages
Dates: July 12, 2019 - Friday
July 27, 2019 - Saturday
August 9, 2019 - Friday
August 24, 2019 - Saturday
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Location: 610 S. Yakima
Cost with Roller Skate Rentals: \$6/Adults, \$5/Youth
Cost without Skate Rental: \$3/Adults, \$2/Youth
Roller Skating is BACK at the Larson Recreation Center! The rink opens Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Check us out! Bring your friends and do something different in Moses Lake! Private rentals available for \$125 per hour, and includes 10 skate rentals.

Explorers Summer Day Camp

Ages: 5 - 12 years old
Dates: June 13, 2019 - August 23, 2019
Times: 7:30 am - 5:30 pm
Location: The Learning Center, 701 Penn St
Cost: \$20 Half Day/ \$35 Daily/ \$129 Weekly
\$10 Registration Fee Per Child
Explorers Day Camp is a quality camp experience for

children 5 - 12 years old. Our staff offers a unique blend of recreation and educational activities in a relaxed, fun, and safe environment. Our camp will offer field trips, guest speakers, reading programs thru the public library, free movie series at Fairchild Cinemas, Surf 'n Slide Waterpark days, and breakfast and am/pm snack. Lunch will be provided while the summer food program is in service.

Community Gardens

Ages: All ages
Dates: May 6 - October 31, 2019
Location: 317 Alder St
Cost: Approximate Plot Sizes:
16 sq ft - 80 sq ft - \$11.00 per season
81 sq ft - 160 sq ft - \$22.00 per season
161 sq ft - 280 sq ft - \$27.00 per season
281 sq ft - 512 sq ft - \$32.00 per season

The Moses Lake Community Gardens is a place open to all people of Moses Lake to gather, garden, and grow healthy food; enjoy healthy leisure activity; learn about gardening, nutrition and preparing food; and eat more fruits and vegetables. Water is included in the cost of the plot.

Essential Oils and Plant Based Living

Ages: 16 years and older
Dates: July 29, 2019,
September 16, 2019
Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Location: The Learning Center
Cost: \$25 per person
Limit: 3 Min
Instructor: Nikia Schaffer
Thriving You! Essential oils are a natural and effective way to promote health & wellness. Discover how to incorporate quality essential oils safely into your daily life. In this class you will learn how to use essential oils for stress relief, discomfort, increase restful sleep, boost your immune system, purify the air and uplift and energize your mood. Each participant will be able to mix your own oil blend and make an essential oil infused foaming hand soap to take home. In addition to oils, you will learn about chemical cleaning products vs. safe plant based cleaning products. This class is not to promote any product line, only to inform the user.

Beginning Brush Lettering

Ages: 12 years old - Adult
Dates: Session 2: July 16, 2019 - Tuesday
Session 3: August 7, 2019 - Wednesday
Time: Session 1: 12:00 - 2:00pm
Session 2 & 3: 2:00 - 4:00pm
Location: Museum Classroom, 401 Balsam Street
Cost: \$30 per person, per session,
Museum Members \$27.00 per session

Instructor: Sara Wilkes

Limit: 12 (4 minimum)
Turn your letters into art with brush markings and a little practice. This class will cover basic strokes and a modern style alphabet as we advance your skills to produce steady, fluid, lines, curves and letters. No experience needed, all material will be provided.

Soccer Camp

Ages: 1st - 6th Grade (incoming)
Dates: July 8-11, 2019
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Garden Heights soccer fields
Cost: \$45 per person
Instructor: Ricardo Char & Richie Ramirez, MLHS Coaches
Participants will learn basic soccer skills such as passing, kicking, juggling and throwing through fun games, activities and drills.

Kids Kickboxing

Ages: 5 - 16 years old
Dates: Session 1: July 9 - August 15, 2019
Session 2: September 24 - October 31, 2019
Time: 5:00 - 5:45 pm - 5 - 10 years - Tue/Thurs
5:45 - 6:30 pm - 11 - 16 years - Tues/Thurs
Location: MSI - Martial Arts Academy, 216 W. Broadway
Cost: \$30 per person
Instructor: John McCabe and Staff
Basic fundamentals of Kali Jukune Do. Rather than just self defense, this program concentrates on developing enhanced listening skills, responsibility, discipline, respect and confidence, as well as balance and coordination. Taught by certified instructors in a safe and caring atmosphere.

Middle School Open Gym

Ages: 6th - 8th Graders - Incoming
Dates: June 7th - July 26th, 2019 - Fridays
Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: Chief Moses Middle School New Gym
Cost: \$35 per person or \$5.00 per person, per night
Looking for something fun to do on a Friday night? Come out to Chief Moses Middle School and join us for Open Gym. We will have Basketball, Dodgeball, Kickball, or Indoor Soccer available to play. Bring your friends or come make new ones. For more information call 764-3805 to register.

Co-Ed Softball

Dates: July 23 - September 5, 2019
Location: Paul Lauzier Athletic Complex
Cost: \$615 per team (includes player fee)
Registration deadline: July 12, 2019 at 5:30pm
For Info: Contact Park and Rec. 764-3809
A mandatory coaches meeting will be July 18th, 2019, at 5:30pm at Moses Lake Parks and Recreation.