

Hermiston police seize more dogs in wake of recent raid

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HERMISTON — The latest domino in the Yorkshire Terrier puppy mill saga has fallen.

Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston confirmed 17 more dogs have been turned over to the police. This makes 29 total terriers that have been recovered.

Robin Barker, vice president of Fuzz Ball Animal Rescue, said the dogs once again arrived in their care in tough conditions.

“They’re all matted masses, just disgusting,” Barker said. “They’ve been living in hell.”

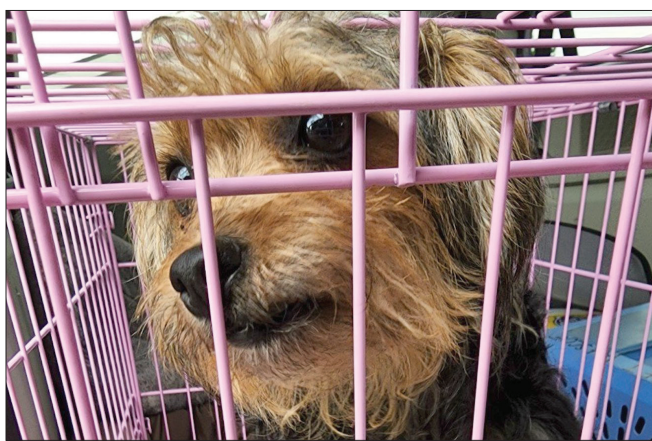
The 17 terriers appeared to be living in three small crates, and did not have a consistent source of water.

Patience McCoy, a Hermiston resident that took the dogs in for the first night, told Barker the terriers drank 1 gallon of water in the first hour.

Once again, the dogs were sent off to Mikey’s Chance Canine Rescue for canine parvovirus treatment. Despite some dogs coming in rough shape — including one recovered in the first raid that weighed less than a pound — all dogs have survived so far.

The latest seizure of dogs took place after Hermiston police responded to a call late Sunday, Aug. 7, reporting a woman was sitting in a chair in her mother’s backyard on the 80 block of West Cherry Avenue, Hermiston, and there was a cage with several dogs inside.

The caller questioned if this would be related to the press release from the



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This Yorkshire terrier is one of 29 that local law enforcement since July 30, 2022, have seized from a Hermiston woman who claimed she breeds dogs. The Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office has turned over its investigation about this situation to the district attorney’s office for possible prosecution.

Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office regarding a Yorkshire Terrier breeder.

The case began July 30, when area animal rescue

operations hustled to save several Yorkshire terriers following a raid on the 2300 block of North First Place, Hermiston, after receiving

a report of a possible puppy mill.

A deputy contacted a 70-year-old woman living in a travel trailer at the location, and she stated she bred Yorkshire terriers, according to the sheriff’s office. There were several adult dogs — possible Yorkshire terriers — in cages inside the trailer with puppies of various ages. The woman initially volunteered to surrender some of the dogs to a local animal rescue facility.

She ended up giving over 12 dogs. When a deputy returned to the location Aug. 4, however, according to the sheriff’s office, the woman and her trailer were gone.

The sheriff’s office on Aug. 5 reported it turned over its investigation to the Umatilla County District Attorney’s Office for possible prosecution in an

animal neglect case.

The Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office also did not identify the woman. Sheriff’s Capt. Sterrin Ward explained the investigation remains active, and the district attorney’s office is looking over the case for possible prosecution.

While the sheriff’s office knows who she is, Ward said it’s not prudent at this time to identify her to the public.

Ward on Aug. 8 confirmed another raid occurred, but referred all other questions to Edmiston.

Edmiston confirmed the USCO was not looking for the woman responsible for the mill. Barker, though, said she will not stop pursuing the case anytime soon.

“We’re not going to stop until we make sure she doesn’t get to do it again,” she said.

Confluence Project travels to New York City for meeting with museum art staff

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NEW YORK — Members of the Vancouver, Washington-based Confluence Project in July met with the Museum of Modern Art staff to discuss the organization’s national role in monument making.

Confluence founding board Chair Antone Minthorn and Executive Director Colin Fogarty were the two officials who traveled to New York for the occasion. It’s the latest step toward national notoriety for the organization.

The idea behind the Confluence began in 1999 with the discussions of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial. Both Minthorn, a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and Jane Jacobsen, a member of the Vancouver National Historic Trust, had a similar idea — designing a series of Columbia River public art to tell a story of Native American resilience.

Minthorn detailed how the CTUIR and other tribes had rallied from tough positions they had been put in.

“Over seven generations, a tremendous amount of impact on natural resources occurred,” Minthorn said,

A team of tribal leaders traveled to New York to meet with renowned artist Maya



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Confluence Project Executive Director Colin Fogarty, left, and founding board Chair Antone Minthorn, right, meet with esteemed sculptor and designer Maya Lin on July 14, 2022, while on a trip to New York that included meeting with staff at the Museum of Modern Art.

Lin, the designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.. Working with Lin, Jacobsen and Minthorn began the Confluence Project to not only dazzle with art but educate.

Confluence artwork is just the beginning,” Fogarty said. “We want to build a system of education behind the art.”

This style of education on indigenous issues, as well as the participation from one of the premier designers and sculptors, is something that has caught national attention. Confluence’s projects — a Chinook creation story at Cape Disappointment State Park, a land bridge in Vancouver, Washington, and story circles at Sacagawea Historical State Park — were featured in The New York Times.

That article caught the attention of MoMA officials, who reached out to Fogarty hoping to not only learn more but talk to Minthorn in person.

Ultimately, Minthorn and Fogarty traveled to New York in July to meet with MoMA but also spent a day touring the city. The pair visited the National Museum of the American Indian, the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, as well as other places around the city.

Minthorn, who spoke to around 70 employees on a matter of issues, called the trip “very positive.” Beyond the trip, both Minthorn and Fogarty also recognized how much the trip would have meant to Jacobsen. The Confluence founder passed away unexpectedly at the age

of 72 in 2021.

“Every conversation turned to Jane,” Fogarty said. “She was a real force of nature, and it’s inspiring to see her legacy get recognition on a national stage.”

After years apart, Minthorn and Fogarty reunited with another individual Jacobsen was close with, Maya Lin. Lin had not been able to travel out to the Pacific Northwest recently but remained close with Confluence.

Fogarty said the group discussed the proposed Celilo Falls Project, an educational plaza slated to educate those about the former Celilo Falls. The 40-foot waterfall was a pinnacle of tribal activity until its submersion with the creation of The Dalles Dam in 1957. All in all, the executive director called the conversation a “good visit.”

Through discussions with MoMa, talking with Lin and being in New York City, one theme continued to appear through the Confluence New York trip: education. From its inception 20 years ago to its national attention today, the organization still aims to educate those about Native issues through the use of artwork.

“We need to educate because the children of today will be our next policymakers,” Minthorn said. “Our next seven generations.”

MORROW COUNTY

County remembers Terry Tallman

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BOARDMAN — Terry Tallman, beloved former Morrow County judge and once mayor of Boardman, died July 30 at his home in Boardman. He was 76 years old.

“His legacy is exemplary involvement in the county,” Morrow County Sheriff Ken Matlack, said. “(He cared) about people, and was just one of those people that is very valuable.”

Tallman was born March 31, 1946, in Nyssa but grew up on his family farm in Adrian, where he would work until he joined the Navy in 1969. While in the Navy, he served aboard the USS Kitty Hawk during the Vietnam War as an aircraft maintainer and as a technician up-keeping the ship’s ultrasound systems. During his time as a member of the ship’s company, the Kitty Hawk was awarded the Navy Unit Meritorious Commendation for exceptional meritorious service, adding to the ship’s many accolades.

He would meet his wife of 48 years, Cheryl, through the Navy. They married in 1974.

Upon his return to Oregon after the conclusion of his service in 1974, Tallman attended Oregon State University and the University of Oregon before returning to his family farm in Adrian with his wife. They soon found themselves in Boardman, where Tallman would begin a lifelong career in community service. There he ran for and won his seat as mayor and served five years.

“He was so adept at being even-handed and seeing the best picture,” recalled Burke O’Brien, former public works director of Morrow County, where Tallman later served as county judge. “I never saw another person that was able to deal with politics like he could. He was above it.”

Tallman became Morrow County judge in 1999, a position he would occupy for 18 years, becoming the longest serving Morrow County judge in history.

“Terry was always so supportive of the community,” O’Brien said. “He could see out into the future where other people couldn’t. Terry was the best county judge they ever had.”

Tallman’s dedication to community service saw him working with all manners of people across his community, winning the hearts of Morrow County and its populace through his diligence and devotion.

“He was very concerned about people, and knew lots of people,” Matlack recalled. Together with his wife, Tallman built a great reputation for being a helper who would seek to assist others in all matters of life. Matlack recalled one of his favorite memories of Tallman, whose wife was a nurse.

“My father-in-law was sick, he had to have surgery,” Matlack said. “We were trying to determine how I could help him, so I called Terry.”

Tallman then directed Matlack to his wife, Cheryl.

“Lo and behold, she was very, very good, she got together with me and taught me how to give him injections so I could give him some shots and help,” Matlack said.

When Tallman retired from his position as Morrow County judge, he focused on spending time with his family, enjoying his passions for fishing and taking road trips to visit friends. He would also return to his beloved pastime of growing and tending to flowers, fruits and vegetables.

In 2019, Tallman and his wife would open a coffee shop, The Farmer’s Cup, on the family farm in Boardman. Through The Farmer’s Cup, Tallman continued his love of interacting with the community by creating a place for the community to meet, converse and enjoy fresh produce as well as his beloved gardens where that produce was grown.

A funeral service for Tallman was on Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Boardman Community Church, followed by a burial at the Riverview Cemetery in Boardman.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Umatilla County Fair restricts entries due to avian flu

HERMISTON — The Umatilla County Fair has announced it will be limiting 4-H and FFA avian entries to market chickens and turkeys only this year.

The fair runs Wednesday, Aug. 10, to Saturday, Aug. 13, at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, Hermiston. The fair in its Facebook page announced it will not accept poultry, waterfowl or any other type of bird species in the open class.

The restrictions came in light of an Oregon Department of Agriculture brief regarding a continued threat from the highly contagious avian flu.

4-H and FFA exhibitors brought their animals to the fairgrounds Aug. 8, where veterinarians checked all livestock and small animals.

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New Hermiston Popeyes’ location receives construction update

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HERMISTON — While driving down Highway 395, Hermiston residents may have noticed construction activity taking place.

The city has received plans to bring no life to the former Alvarez Auto Sales at 1660 N. First St as a Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen. Staff reports available online from a June 8 chamber meeting show Craig Gilbert, on behalf of Ambrosia QSR, has filed documents to the city of Hermiston Planning

Commission to build the new restaurant.

Ambrosia QSR is a Vancouver, Washington-based company that partners with Popeyes and Burger King brands. This would be their first location in Eastern Oregon.

The 80,000-square foot parcel, the site of the proposal for the 2,536-square-foot restaurant, has not yet been sold as specifics are worked out, according to the documents. Part of the trouble is the proposed drive-thru window, which is normally required to be 20 feet away

from the road. The variance request points out that the nearby Dairy Queen restaurant, however, sits closer.

“The Oregon Department of Transportation has been working with the applicant and the city to best develop the access plan for the site,” the documents state. “Several iterations of site development have been reviewed and evaluated.”

The variance was recommended to be approved, paving the way for the Popeyes location to be put in. Craig Gilbert declined to comment on the construction.

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