

Burglars hit Office Tavern in Ione and Boardman beauty salon

Orville Cutsforth, Rt. 2 Box 2082 in Heppner, reported to the Morrow County Sheriff's Office this week that the two .30 caliber Luger pistols he reported stolen recently were returned. He found them in his pickup truck on the seat.

Whoever returned the guns did not ask for the reward Cutsforth was offering. Other cases reported by the sheriff include: the Office Tavern in Ione had \$30 taken when someone broke open the back door and entered the

building. The owner of the tavern is Montie Lee Crum. Akers Trailer Court in Ione. Billie June Akers, P.O. Box 265 in Ione, reported the money missing to the sheriff's office. There was \$150 in the box that the money was taken from.

Sandra Maxwell, Rt. 2 Box 542 in Irrigon, reported that Ronald Curtis Maxwell's 1974 Honda Z 50 was stolen from their shed. The gold motorcycle was valued at \$100. Bob Leichter, Sandpiper Apts. No. 4 in Boardman, reported the theft of \$150 in

cash and \$70 in checks from the One Step Hair Styles on Columbia Avenue in Boardman. Leichter, the owner, said the front door was kicked in. Among the stolen checks was one for \$40 with the payee line left blank.

David Dee Schwarzin, P.O. Box 381 in Heppner, reported that he ran into and killed a cow on Highway 74 while he was driving his 1969 Mercury Montego. The cow was owned by Charles J. Daly of Butter Creek.

John Raymond Cook, Rt. 6 Box 6714 in Caldwell, Idaho, reported some tools stolen. He reported that he was in an accident and the tools in the back of his truck were thrown

out. When he returned to get them, they were gone. Roscoe Wesley Moore Jr., 306 Columbia Court in Boardman, violated a court order by contacting his wife, Cassie. He was lodged in the Hermiston Safety Center for violating the restraining order.

Naomi Sarrah Hurn reported that Deborah Franke's 1970 Chevy Nova worth \$1,000 was taken from the Hurn residence. In other sheriff's news, Virgil Cook, a security guard for PGE, reported a burglary of two guns. Lisa Collins reported the loss of a diamond ring but it was later found. Randy Zimmerman, Marilyn Collette and James Judd were cited for having an open container in a car. Vickie Pate of Irrigon reported a stolen Yamaha 80 that was later recovered.

Morrow County receives \$64,629

The State Highway Division has distributed \$16,892,385.99 in highway user fees to the 36 counties of the state during the period July 1 to Dec. 31, 1979. H. Scott Coulter, state highway engineer, said recently.

Morrow County with 8,628 registered vehicles, received \$64,629.79.

Multnomah County, with 437,242 registered vehicles, received the most money with

\$3,276,614.07. The allocation is based on the statutory 20 percent, with the appropriation being made on a monthly basis.

The funds come from the following sources: motor vehicle registration and operator's license fees, gasoline tax, use fuel tax, motor carrier fees, and fines and penalties collected for violations of the size

and weight statutes from citations issued by Highway Division weighmasters.

The allocation to each county is based on the number of vehicles registered in it during the year. This year's allocation is approximately \$2 million less than for the same period a year ago when the counties received \$18,701,235.88. The decrease is attributed primarily to the gas shortage.

Forestry agent on Extension staff for two counties

A new agent, who will conduct a forestry education program in Grant and Morrow Counties, has joined the Oregon State University Extension Service.

Maurice Mitchell will be responsible for educational programs related to the production and management of timber products and the management of timber and

rangeland resources, according to H.A. Wadsworth, OSU Extension director.

In addition, Mitchell will work with private timber owners and public agencies, said Harold Kerr, Morrow County Extension staff chairman. His work is intended to help people make sound timber management decisions on public and private lands.

Mitchell will be located in the Grant County Extension office in Canyon City. He can be contacted by calling the Morrow County Extension office, 676-9642.

Since 1974, Mitchell has been an instructor and forest land manager at Mississippi State University in Starkville. He managed the university's 8,200 acres of forest land and taught courses in forestry. Prior to that, he was a forester with the Arizona State Land Department in Phoenix. He obtained and distributed tree seedlings to land owners, and provided assistance to small woodland owners and resource conservation districts.

Mitchell attended Northern Arizona University, where he received a bachelor's degree in forestry in 1970. He received his master's degree in forestry from the same school in 1972.

The new agent is a member of the Society of American Foresters and the American Forestry Association.

He began working in the Grant-Morrow County extension offices on Dec. 31.

Environmental Impact statement released

It is estimated the Heppner Unit of the Umatilla National Forest will supply nine million more board feet of wood, 133 more wood fiber jobs, \$513 million to the county but 140 fewer elk.

Those statistics are part of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Heppner Planning Unit, Land Management Plan, that has been researched by the USDA Forest Service.

The Forest Service has prepared a 486 page book with maps of the land in the Heppner Unit and recommended a plan on how the land should be used so it will benefit the county the most.

Five management alternatives were prepared and Alternative E was selected as the best for the Heppner Unit.

Alternative E emphasizes a high level of timber production. It also placed an emphasis on domestic livestock grazing, semi remote recreational areas and less than half

of the unit will be planned for optimum wildlife habitat to support a high level of elk.

Of the 271,155 acres in the Heppner Unit, 78,000 acres will allow timber harvesting and domestic grazing only if the elk habitat can be optimized. About 24,000 acres of that land will have road restrictions.

The other 168,000 acres will emphasize timber production and domestic grazing and roads will remain open as long as there is no resource damage.

Alternative E was selected over the other alternatives.

Alternative A emphasized wood fiber production, domestic grazing and maintaining wildlife levels.

Alternative B blends the amenity of land management and commodity products with a major emphasis on recreation in the forests, wood fiber production, domestic grazing and the least important aspect of that plan, to supply an elk habitat.

Alternative C placed its emphasis on timber harvest and domestic grazing and Alternative D planned for the development of recreation, with timber production second in importance and elk habitat third.

Some of the projected environmental impacts for the Heppner Unit with the implementation of Alternative E include:

An increase of today's 33 million board feet of wood to 42 million.

Wood fiber jobs up from 490 to 623.

Money returned to the county up from \$1,881 million to \$2,394 million.

And a drop in elk from 4,440 to 4,300.

The impact statement was studied by the public, an interdisciplinary team, state and local government agencies.

The major issues of consideration were outdoor recreation opportunities, wood fiber

yield, forage for domestic livestock grazing, habitat diversity for wildlife, water quantity and quality, soil productivity, Rocky Mountain Elk and road use.

Ben Seminoe of the Ranger District office in Heppner said Alternative E will be implemented Feb. 9.

He said the impact statement is a guideline for the allocation of the Heppner Unit land to emphasize different land uses for the forest resources.

He said the Forest Service land will be used to supply the "greatest good for the greatest number of people."

Seminoe said the impact statement will help them to manage the resources available.

"It took several years of planning to decide on a management alternative, research and to prepare the impact statement," Seminoe said.

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