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**Heppner Police Department**

May 19: 2:30 p.m. - report of Theft.

May 20: 12:28 - citation issued for Violation of the Basic Rule (50 mph in a 35 mph zone); 7:05 p.m. - report of Civil Matter.

May 21: 10:18 p.m. - request of officer for security check; 1:33 a.m. - report of Hit and Run.

May 23: 8:06 p.m. - citation issued for Expired Vehicle License.

May 24: 12:26 p.m. - request of officer for security check.

May 25: 3:25 a.m. - citation issued for Violation of the Basic Rule (38 mph in a 25 mph zone also for Expired Vehicle License; 7:42 - citation issued for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; 9:48 - assist Oregon State Police.

**District Attorney's Report**

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office reports handling the

following business during the past week:

Leonard David Abercrombie, 28, Irrigon - entered a change of plea on May 23 and pleaded Guilty to Driving While Revoked before Judge Ralph Currin. He was sentenced to two years in the Oregon State Corrections Division which is suspended on the condition that the Defendant successfully complete two years probation to Parole and Probation, pay \$50 to the Crime Victims Assistance program.

Curtis Gene Cutsforth, 29, Lexington - entered a change of plea to Guilty of Careless Driving. He was fined \$7 to be paid to the Board of Police Standards and Training and fined \$75 to be paid within 30 days after sentencing.

**Health Dept.**

Tuesday, June 3 - blood pressures and immunizations, 1:30 - 4 p.m., Boardman City Hall.

Wednesday, June 4 - blood pressures, 1-2 p.m., Lexington School Bldg.

Friday, June 6 - immunizations and blood pressures, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Heppner office.

Tuesday, June 10 - blood pressures and immunizations, 1-4 p.m., Irrigon County Offices.

**Correction**

Bill Cox has not been the mayor of Heppner. The position was incorrectly listed as one of his volunteer activities in a story in last week's Gazette Times headed "University Women Honor Volunteers". The Gazette regrets the error.

**Hospital Notes**

Pioneer Memorial Hospital reports admitting and dispatching the following patients during the past week:

Erma Hams, Heppner - admitted May 19, discharged May 21;

Betty Curnutt, Heppner - admitted May 20, discharged May 21;

Linda Sinerius, Heppner - admitted May 20, discharged May 25;

Lois Cooney, Spray - admitted May 19, discharged May 24;

Duane Ball, Heppner - admitted May 22, discharged May 25;

Gay Harshman, Lexington - admitted May 25, discharged May 26;

Mindy Binschus, Heppner - admitted May 16, discharged May 18; and

Archie Cox, Fossil - admitted May 17, discharged May 26.

The following patients were still receiving care at the hospital Tuesday:

Viola Gilman, Heppner - admitted May 20; and

Ray Blankenship, Heppner - admitted May 13.

**Justice Court**

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Larry Ray Stubben, Vancouver, Washington - Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, \$582 fine plus two days in jail with credit for time served and one year's driver license suspension.

Michael D. Graves, Heppner - Violation of the Basic Rule (36 mph in a 25 mph zone), \$30 fine.

David Jean Florea, Heppner - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (65 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$13 fine.

Larry Dean Heath, Heppner - Truck Speeding (65 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$13 fine.

Kirk Leroy Robinson, Heppner - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (73 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$30 fine.

Traci R. Lindsay, Lexington - Violation of the Basic Rule (43 mph in a 25 mph zone), \$30 fine.

Ernest Robert Wood, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho - No Headlight When Required-motorcycle, \$17 fine; Suspended Operator's License, \$140 fine.

**Sheriff's Report**

May 19 - The Morrow County Sheriff's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling or dispatching the following business during the past week:

On May 19, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon State Police responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle and persons along Bombing Range Road just South of Homestead. The people were inside of the Bombing Range itself.

On May 21, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to lone on a complaint of a possible Domestic Dispute.

Also on May 21, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office dispatched the Heppner Fire Department to a house fire at 280 Church St. An unknown amount of damage was reported.

In a third May 21 incident, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to a motor vehicle accident on Bombing Range Road after receiving a report that a pickup had hit a deer. When the deputy arrived, no one was there.

Also on May 21, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to the Wagon Wheel Addition in Ir-

rigon to a report of a possible Domestic Dispute.

In a final May 21 incident, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to a hit and run accident in the Wagon Wheel Addition of Irrigon. A fence was run into. Charges of Criminal Mischief I and investigation are continuing.

On May 18 and 22, the Lions Club in Irrigon was burglarized. Four juveniles have been taken into custody and referred to juvenile court.

On May 22, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office assisted an Irrigon citizen with an injured animal.

In a second May 22 incident, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report that two toolboxes and tools belong to Cleta Walters, lone, were taken from her yard. Value is unknown.

Also on May 22, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon State Police attempted to locate a vehicle which a citizen had reported driven by an intoxicated person.

On May 23, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office assisted the Heppner Police Dept. in checking the top floor at the Heppner Hotel under suspicious circumstances: lights were left on and window was found open.

In a second May 23 incident, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and The Dalles office of the Oregon State Police attempted to locate a speeding vehicle on I-84 west bound.

Also on May 23, the Sheriff's Office dispatched the Boardman Police Dept. to investigate a report of a Burglary at the Bill Teft residence in Boardman.

On May 24, Boardman Police Dept. cited James Michael Huber, 28, Portland for allegedly Driving While Suspended.

In a second May 24 incident, the Sheriff's Office received a report who had observed a male subject in the Boardman rest area destroying a public telephone. Information was given to Oregon State Police.

Also on May 24, the Sheriff's Office received a report of numerous thefts of food, gasoline and similar items from the Beverly Boyle residence in lone.

Also on May 24, the Sheriff's Office arrested William Moyer, 44, Kennewick, Washington for allegedly Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was released on his own recognizance.

In another May 24 incident, the Sheriff's Office responded to investigate a report that gasoline has been stolen at the Lexington airport.

In a final May 24 incident, the Sheriff's Office responded to an Irrigon residence to assist a citizen in checking for an unknown male wandering in the vicinity.

On May 25, the Sheriff's Office, at the request of another agency, made a welfare check on an Irrigon residence.

In a second May 25 incident, the Heppner Police Dept. arrested Larry R. Stubben, 32, Vancouver, Washington, on a charge of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was lodged at the Umatilla Police Dept.

On May 26, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office investigated a complaint of a vehicle stuck on Hwy. 74 in Lexington.

Also on May 26, the Boardman Police Dept., the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, and a Boardman Ambulance assisted the Oregon State Police with a two-vehicle accident on I-84 near milepost 159 westbound. One person was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. One subject was fatal.

On May 27, the Sheriff's Office dispatched a Heppner Ambulance to a residence in Lexington. A baby born (delivered by a midwife) just before transport and the mother were taken to Good Shepherd Hospital.

**Local students attend writing festival**

By Ashley Conklin

A contingent of nine local students and two advisors attended the Oregon Writing Festival at the University of Oregon in Eugene on Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10.

Representing Heppner at the festival were high school junior Sofi Struthers, eighth grader Kim Stookey, sixth grader Nicole Duncan, and Heppner High School English teacher Linda Dutcher.

Also attending were Jennifer Richardson from Riverside High School, Bill Byrd from Condon Junior High School, Jim Davison from lone Junior High School, Jana Mounts, from Sam Boardman Elementary, and David Wagenblast from lone Elementary, David Ball, a teacher from A.C. Houghton, also was an advisor to the group.

The contingent attended several different workshops, presentations, and sessions on different topics concerned with writing skills.

A presentation by Kim Stafford to those in grades 4-6 seemed to be especially popular according to Dutcher.

"It was very informative, and the kids enjoyed it," she said. "This group of kids represented themselves, their school, and their communities very well," she added. "I was proud to be associated with this group."

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