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Justice Court

The Justice Court department at the courthouse annex in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Joseph Michael Anderson, Pendleton-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 68 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$30 fine;

Todd Lindsey Dockstader, Tigard-No Valid Deer Tag, \$36 fine;

Rudolph Louis Quintana, LaPine-Failure to Validate Elk Tag, \$36 fine;

Richard Merlin Moon, Metolius, Illegal U-Turn, No Operators License, \$34 fine;

Robert Dean Carlson, Tangent-Waste of Game Mammal (elk) Killing Cow Elk, closed season; \$892 bail forfeited;

Marty Allen Britt, Echo-Improper Passing, \$24 fine;

Paddy J. Howell, Heppner-No PUC Permit, \$57 bail forfeited;

Richard James Gooding, Hermiston-No Elk Tag, \$82 bail forfeited;

Robert Donald Scott, Soap Lake, WA-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 68 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$57 bail forfeited;

John Jay Griffith, Spray-Group Axle Overload, \$254 bail forfeited;

Patrick Oralyn Mitchell, Hermiston-Expired Vehicle License, \$9 fine;

Michael S. Balfe, Anchorage, Ala-Violation of the Basic Rule, 50 mph in a 35 mph zone, \$30 fine;

Michael Kim Sears, Bend-No Elk Tag, \$82 bail forfeited;

Noel Leonard Lumpert, Clarkston, WA-No PUC Permit, \$57 bail forfeited;

Michael Vogele, Heppner-Assault IV, \$555 fine, 60 days in jail, 1 year probation, no further violation, excluding traffic;

Kelly Keen, Heppner-Assault IV, \$337 fine, 60 days in jail, 1 year probation, no further violations of law, excluding traffic.

Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police department reports handling the following business during the past week:

Nov. 21: 1:12 a.m.-citation issued for Violation of the Basic Rule, 50 mph in a 35 mph zone; 3:15 p.m.-assist ambulance; 8:47 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief; 9:04 p.m.-citation issued for Violation of the Basic Rule, 50 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Nov. 22: 12:42 a.m.-request of officer for Security Check; 2:58 p.m.-false alarm; 8:58 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 9:28 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department.

Nov. 23: 1:50 p.m.-accident traffic; 6:21 p.m.-found property.

Nov. 24: 7:14 p.m.-motorist assist; 11:56 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief; 11:59 p.m.-motorist assist.

Nov. 26: 12:50 a.m.-request of officer for Security Check; 6:17 p.m.-motorist assist; 9:34 p.m.-Dog complaint.

Nov. 27: 12:02 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief.

The Last Laugh



A couple of years ago, this county was as divided as I've seen it over an issue once again on the tip of many tongues.

The movement then was toward a new level of government, a new taxing district, a new bunch of elected officials. A petition was passed, lots of names gathered and there were several public hearings with lots of opinions expressed.

The issue was divisive, north vs. south. Boardman and Irrigon (mostly Boardman) on one side, Lone, Lexington and Heppner (mostly Heppner) on the other side. And the war was heated, emotional, and destructive.

In the end, though, sane, sound minds prevailed and all out battle averted. Some semblance of peace was restored and the issues went away. Until just recently, that is.

What was it all about? The creation of a medical services district, a separate level of government with taxing authority to control absolutely the tax supported medical service facilities in the county. Two years ago the plan was to create a north-end district to support ambulance and clinic facilities and then north-enders could feel free to vote down a tax levy to support Pioneer Memorial.

The war was averted when the county appointed a single county wide Medical Services Board.

Now, when the County Court and the Board are having a little difficulty sorting out who's boss, the idea of a medical services district arises again. Medical service in the county is a particularly tough problem. The needs of various areas of the county are so diverse. The recognition of those needs is also very diverse. It really is hard for someone in Irrigon to vote taxes for ambulance and hospital services when they have little if any benefit of either.

The present Medical Services Board was the best answer two years ago and it is the best solution today. The County Court just needs to step back and let them do the job.

"Dr. Z." was the main proponent of a separate medical services district two years ago. We don't think he should have the last laugh.

Letters to the Editor

Second grader wishes team good luck

To the Editor:
Dear Ted Schwarz,
I hope you win Salem Academy and I hope you win the State Championship and I hope your team wins!
From,
(s) Jaci Joy Hughes
2nd grade

Residents concerned about schools

To the Editor:
We are writing to express our concern for the health of our Morrow County Schools.

Morrow County has historically been proud of its good schools. Until a few years ago citizens always supported the schools by passing each tax levy. At the present time we are in the "safety net" due to failure of tax levies and our teachers are working without a contract because of stalled contract negotiations. These two problems reflect a decline in interest and support for our schools. There is no more certain way to destroy our communities and our future than by neglecting our schools.

It is time we all became more involved. Our children are the future and the schools are the heart of rural communities. Only interested citizen support can bring back a positive "can do" attitude to management of Morrow County Schools.

Please. See what you can do to help.

Sincerely,
(s) Bob and Betty Rietmann
Lone, Oregon

Sheriff's Report

The Sheriff's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

November 21: Morrow County dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a one-car accident on I-84 at the Port of Morrow exit. One female was taken to Good Shepherd;

Morrow County deputy assisted Oregon State Police with an accident investigation at Port of Morrow exit, I-84. Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the scene. One patient with unknown injuries was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital. Deputy arrested Raymond Hopper, 59, Irrigon for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants;

Deputy responded to back up Boardman Police department at a disturbance involving several individuals at a local business.

November 22: Morrow County dispatched the Boardman ambulance and Rescue I to a report of an accident and people trapped. One female was taken to St. Anthony's in Pendleton by an Arlington ambulance;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon to report of an altercation. No action was taken;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a residence outside the Boardman city limits to investigate a neighborhood disturbance, problem was resolved.

November 23: Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the Irrigon area to investigate an animal problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a complaint of threatening phone calls. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the Boardman area to assist Boardman Police department with a warrant arrest.

November 24: Morrow County deputy took report and began investigation of a one vehicle accident near Cutsforth corner. Driver and passenger were taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital by a private vehicle. Property damage amount was unknown at this time.

November 25: Morrow County deputy began investigation of criminal mischief in the Irrigon area.

November 26: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a residence just south of Heppner for an unknown illness. One female was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the Boardman area to assist Boardman police department with the arrest of a male involved in a Domestic Assault.

November 27: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a residence in Lexington for an unknown illness. One female was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

November 28: During the week of November 21-27, Morrow County deputies assisted three disabled motorists.

Chief Rathbun's Tips

Remember Oregon law requires children under 40 pounds to be in child restraints while driving; over 40 pounds restrained in seat belts.

Shane
Happy Birthday! 😊
Even tho your far away, hope you know your with us everyday.
Love,
Bud & Mom

OPEN SUNDAY 'TIL CHRISTMAS

For Your Shopping Convenience Heppner Businesses are Opening Their Doors with Special Christmas Shopping Hours.



12:00 NOON - 4:00 p.m.
EVERY SUNDAY UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Sunday Dec. 4 OPEN 12 - 4 p.m.
Sunday Dec. 11 OPEN 12 - 4 p.m.
Sunday Dec. 18 OPEN 12 - 4 p.m.

These Stores Will Be Open Every Sunday Until Christmas for Your Shopping Convenience. Special Activities Have Been Planned Too.

The Country Rose
Gardner's Men's Wear
Peterson's Jewelers
Fabrics Etc.

Murray's Drug
The Shoe Box
Coast to Coast

These Businesses Always Open on Sunday.

Court Street Market
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Kate's Pizza
10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Central Market
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

R&W Drive In
10 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Heppner Mustangs VS Salem Academy

KUMA FM 107.7 or 100.1

12:00 p.m. Sat., December 3rd.

WE SUPPORT THE MUSTANGS!