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Police net guns in Irrigon drug raid



Verlin Denton, Morrow County Undersheriff looks over the 35 guns seized during drug raid in Irrigon last week.



Morrow County Deputy Steve Myren escorts suspect Philip Midland to police car. Midland was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance.

Hunter's breakfast set in Hardman

The Hardman Community Hall will be holding a hunters breakfast on Sept. 29 starting at 4 p.m. on Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 7 and 8 starting at 5 a.m.

This year hunters may choose between breakfast and hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, homemade potato salad and desserts, served all day long.

Hunters are invited to "stop by for some country cooking and good luck on your hunt."

Morrow County law enforcement authorities have arrested three people in connection with an early morning raid of an Irrigon residence, Morrow County Sheriff's Department and Morrow County District Attorney, Jeff Wallace have announced.

Michael Gunderson, 29, Phillip Midland, 33 and Kenneth Phipps, 38, all of Irrigon, were arrested in conjunction with the execution of a search warrant on the Gunderson residence at Rt. 2 Box 126, Irrigon, around 9 a.m. Sept. 22.

Michael Gunderson was arrested near Heppner following a traffic stop by Oregon State Police. Gunderson was charged with Delivery of a Controlled Substance and Possession of a Controlled Substance following his indictment by the Morrow County Grand Jury. He was also arrested on probable cause and charged with additional drug-related charges. He was lodged on \$35,000 bail in the Benton County Jail.

Phillip Midland was arrested and charged with three counts of delivery of a controlled substance following his indictment by the Morrow County Grand Jury. He was also arrested on probable cause for additional drug-related charges. He was also lodged in the Benton County Jail.

Kenneth Phipps was arrested and charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance following his indictment by the Morrow County Grand Jury. He was also arrested on probable cause for additional drug-related charges, and was lodged at the Benton County Jail.

In searching the Gunderson residence, police seized some controlled substances, including methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana, a large number of weapons, including automatic weapons, an unspecified amount of cash and records, and recovered a large amount of stolen property. Police also seized a vehicle belonging to Michael Gunderson.

The arrests and search followed a lengthy investigation by the Morrow County Drug Task Force, including Morrow County Sheriff's department, the Oregon State Police and the Irrigon Police department, the Boardman Police department, the Hermiston Police department and Umatilla Sheriff's department.

Parent's club to meet Sept. 27

Parents "who want to make a difference in their child's education" are invited to attend a Parents' Club meeting Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary School cafeteria.

Topics include events planned for the 1989-90 school year, and the upcoming Halloween party. Parents club sponsors the annual school carnival, sports desserts, Campbell soup label drive among many other activities during the school year.

For more information call Joyce Hughes, 989-8412 or 676-9228.

Market Report

Complements of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Sept. 26	
Soft White	
Sept.	\$4.56
Oct.	\$4.57/\$4.59
Nov.	\$4.61/\$4.62
Dec.	\$4.64/\$4.65
Jan.	\$4.66/\$4.67

Paula Anderson sentenced for baby deaths

Paula Anderson was sentenced Monday, September 25th following her plea to two counts of criminally negligent homicide.

Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace says Anderson, 22, had previously been charged with two counts of murder, two counts of abuse of corpse, and two counts of concealing the birth of an infant. The charges arose from the discover on February 15, 1989, of the body of an apparent full-term infant in a Heppner apartment, and the subsequent discovery, on March 3, of the skeletal remains of another apparent full-term infant in lone. The lone infant had apparently been born in April, 1987, and was found in the bedroom which had been occupied by Anderson.

On August 14, Anderson entered pleas of "no contest", which had the same effect as a guilty plea, to two counts of criminally negligent homicide.

Morrow County Circuit Judge Robert Abrams suspended imposition of sentence, and placed Anderson on six years formal probation. Anderson was ordered to undergo mental health evaluation by Morrow County Mental Health Department, to include in-patient residential treatment as appropriate, to undergo monitoring for pregnancy every three months, and to pay the costs of treatment. As a further condition of probation she was required to abstain from drugs and alcohol, and to fully participate in any treatment

program established by mental health.

"It is the intent of the Court to strictly monitor your performance on probation," said Judge Abrams, "and if you do not fully comply in every respect, you will be brought back before the Court and the maximum sentence of ten years in prison will be imposed."

In imposing the probationary sentence, Judge Abrams noted that Anderson had been diagnosed by several treating psychiatrists during the court process as suffering from a mental disorder, namely that she was a paranoid schizophrenic. The Court also noted that there was no conclusive medical evidence to prove that the children had actually been born alive.

Teddy bears needed for Foster Bear Care program



Sue Warren with Foster Bear

The Foster Bear Care idea, in which each child placed in a foster home receives a teddy bear, is modeled after the Portland's "Officer Bear" program and modified to fit the needs of the foster child. It is a two-fold concept which provides an emotional bridging for the new foster child, and educates the public about the need for foster homes and the purpose of Children's Services Division.

When the program first began it was composed of a handful of concerned Morrow County residents. These workers made posters, created brochures, distributed information, and allowed their names to be used as contact people in each of the five towns in Morrow County.

"I have seen a wonderful involvement and positive reaction to CSD through this effort," says Susan Warren, CSD human resource assistant. "What started with a few seeds has sprouted and grown to include five drop points and workers, 15 contributors, a group of 25 senior citizens from Heppner, coverage from our local paper, invitations to come and speak about foster bear care, a newsletter I have started to encourage our supporters to stay involved, requests for more brochures (which have been placed at each drop point), and so many loving people that I can't possibly identify each person that has been touched."

The ramifications are endless. An individual sees our poster, picks up a brochure, reads the article in the paper, and thinks, "there are children in my county with needs I can meet." Everyone cannot take a child into their home, but almost everyone can afford a \$10 bear. Through the gift of the bear and various media coverage the fact that CSD is in the business of helping children, and that the need for foster homes is an ongoing need is obvious to the bear-giver. The thank yous and the monthly newsletter encourages that positive support to continue.

"At this time my bear supply is dangerously depleted," said Warren, "and I know there are many of you who believe in this program, so I appeal to you individually and through service groups to respond to this urgent need."

Ranger district closes roads

The Heppner Ranger District is revising the road closure orders for the Texas-Madison area in order to control big game harassment.

There is an increasing amount of motor vehicle traffic in the Texas Butte-Madison Butte area. Access to the area is generally from the private lands to the north. These access points and the use of old road and trail systems by motor vehicles is in direct opposition to the intent for closing Forest Road 5350 (the "Texas Road").

At the time that the 5350 road was closed it was the intent that this would control motor vehicle use in the area since the other old road

systems had been physically barricaded. Since that time, due to various causes, access has been re-established on these old systems and people are now connecting through to the new road system.

The revised orders will close all roads and trails within the Texas-Madison area to all motor vehicles with the exception of snowmobiles during the winter months. The Ranger District will also be doing some work to re-establish the physical closures on some old roads.

If you have any questions about this action, please call the Heppner Ranger District office at (503) 676-9187.

Booster Club to sponsor Reno Night

The Heppner High School Booster Club is again sponsoring a "Reno Night," to be held at the Elk's Lodge on Saturday night, October 21 from 7 p.m. until midnight.

This fund raiser is open to the public. It is a yearly fund raising event, allowing the Booster Club to provide certain services to the high school students. The Booster Club is available to any HHS club or department in need of financial assistance for a worthy cause.

The Heppner Booster Club is interested in providing a service to the youth of our community and the entire proceeds from this event will be used toward this end, according to a club spokesperson.

This past year the Boosters provided four scholarships of \$200 each to graduating seniors. Boosters also contributed \$150 toward the cost of the senior class trip to the Oregon coast, donated toward the cost of new baseball uniforms, purchased walkie talkies for school use during football season, hosted a hospitality

room during football playoffs; helped with expenses for the football team, band and cheerleaders for the trip to Corvallis for the State Class "A" football championship; provided a donation to Nance Wright to help with expenses for her volleyball trip to Germany; purchased a video cassette for a training aid to be used during football practice next fall; purchased patches for letter jackets for members of the football team and the 1989 track team that won the boys state title for class "A" schools; and purchased ice cream and punch for both the fall and spring sports banquets.

Boosters are seeking either monetary or merchandise donations in any amount. The merchandise will be auctioned off as a conclusion to the "Reno Night" activities.

Anyone with donations may contact in Lexington, Martha Munkers, 989-8532; and in Heppner Peggy Fishburn, 676-5246; Susan Johnston 676-5562 or Linda Conklin 676-5426 by September 29.

Ione firemen attend school



Ione fireman sprays fire during training session

Eleven members of the Ione Rural Fire Protection District attended a basic recruit fire school held in Ione Aug. 26 and 27 and Sept. 9 and 10.

Those attending received 32 hours of training towards their basic fireman certificate.

The Dist. 12 training association put on the training session.

Attending were: Virgil Morgan, Ken Nelson, John Edwards, Harold Rietmann, Wayne Rietmann, Clint Krebs, Loren Heideman, Wayne Hams, Tim Holtz, Jack Crum and Dick Allen.

Volunteers are welcome to attend regular meeting nights the first and third Weds. at city hall.

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