

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's office in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past two weeks:

July 23: Morrow County deputy responded to the Blake Ranch addition, in the Heppner area, for a report of a domestic assault. Robert Blodgett, 49, Heppner, was arrested for Assault IV Domestic; Blodgett was released on his own recognizance;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. and ambulance to a motor vehicle accident on I-84 eastbound, milepost 172. No transport was made.

July 24: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to a canola field fire on Rhea Creek;

Morrow County deputy responded to I-84 a half-mile west of Boardman for an animal problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office received a report of a juvenile that may be a victim of abuse. The investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to Oasis RV Park for a report of a dispute;

Morrow County deputy responded to Paul Smith Road for a traffic problem;

Morrow County deputies responded to assist the Multnomah County prisoner transport bus;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Emergency Medical Technicians to the Sentry Market. No transport was made;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Driftwood Village for a male with an illness. One patient was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County deputy arrested Toby Rodriguez, 25, Irri-gon, for Driving While License Suspended/Felony. Rodriguez was released on his own recognizance.

July 25: Morrow County deputy attempted to locate a reported assault in a vehicle in the Irri-gon area;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Oregon State Police with a traffic complaint;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to the Hinton Creek bridge by the fairgrounds. One male patient with an illness was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner;

Morrow County deputy began an investigation of a reported theft of mail from an Irri-gon area residence;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire Dept. to a reported grass fire north of the railroad tracks on I-84 milepost 135, just west of Arlington;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to a grass fire behind the Connor house on Court Street;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Mitchell ambulance to a residence on Highway 207 for a female with an injury. The patient was taken to the Prineville Hospital.

July 26: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irri-gon area for a juvenile problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irri-gon area for a report of a careless driver; Morrow County deputy began an investigation of credit card fraud in the Irri-gon area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to a field fire up SandHollow. The fire was out of the district; the firefighters stood by the district line to

make sure it didn't jump over; Morrow County deputy responded to the Wildlife Refuge in Irri-gon for a report of a field fire caused by a vehicle fire;

Morrow County deputy responded to Wilson Road in Boardman for a petroleum spill;

Morrow County deputy responded to I-84 eastbound at milepost 171 for a reported vehicle traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes. The deputy was unable to locate;

Morrow County deputy responded to a neighborhood disturbance in the Irri-gon area.

July 27: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil Fire Dept. and Emergency Medical Technicians for a vehicle rollover near the Kinzua golf course. One patient was transported to the Condon Clinic;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon Emergency Medical Technicians to a residence on A Street in Condon for a female with an injury. The patient was transported to the Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Lone Fire Dept. to a fire alarm sounding at the Lone Elementary School. It was a false alarm;

Morrow County deputy arrested Mark Allen McCormick, 36, Irri-gon, for Failure to Appear/Driving While License Suspended. McCormick was lodged at the Umatilla County Sheriff's office;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irri-gon area for a family problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Lone Fire Dept. to a fire alarm sounding at the Lone Elementary School. It was a false alarm;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irri-gon area for a civil matter;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire Dept. and ambulance to a one vehicle rollover on I-84 eastbound, milepost 119. Two patients with injuries were transported to the Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irri-gon area for an animal problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to the Elks Club for a person who had fainted. The patient was transported to the Condon Clinic.

July 28: Morrow County deputy responded to assist the Boardman Police Dept. with a domestic problem at a residence in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irri-gon area for a report of a possible drunk driver;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irri-gon area for a message delivery;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a residence on Elder Street for a female with an injury. The ambulance was cancelled en route;

Morrow County deputy responded to I-84 eastbound, milepost 155 for a motorist assist.

July 29: Morrow County deputy responded to Wyoming Street in Irri-gon to take a theft report of a air compressor of unknown value from a pickup;

Morrow County deputy responded to 4th Street W and Highway 730 to investigate a complaint of a potato truck with no muffler;

Morrow County deputy responded to the westbound Boardman Rest Area to check the welfare of a juvenile that was inadvertently left by parents. The parents returned

to pick up the child;

Morrow County deputy arrested Randal Lee Raph, 40, Meacham, on a Umatilla County Sheriff's office warrant for Parole Violation. Raph was transported and lodged at the Umatilla County Sheriff's office;

Morrow County deputy responded to the I-84 and Highway 730 junction for a report of a person who may have been kidnapped. The report was unfounded;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Bartell Fruit Stand on Highway 730 in Irri-gon for a report of a possible person driving while intoxicated. The deputy was unable to locate;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Penland Lake area for a report of juveniles possibly drinking and harassing subjects in the area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray ambulance to Bull Prairie for a female with a broken ankle. The patient was transported by private vehicle to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Lone Emergency Medical Technicians and the Heppner ambulance to a residence on 2nd Street in lone for a female who fell and hurt her back. The patient was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area to investigate a four-year-old juvenile who was bitten by a dog in the Irri-gon area.

July 30: Morrow County deputy responded to Irri-gon Marina for a suspicious person;

Morrow County Sheriff's office paged the Condon Fire Dept. for a grass fire off Highway 206 by milepost 8;

Morrow County Sheriff's office paged the Lone Fire Dept. for a grass fire on Gooseberry Road;

Morrow County deputy responded to a Boardman residence for a report of a juvenile runaway;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Heppner area for a harassment case;

Morrow County deputy responded to a custody problem in the Irri-gon area;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irri-gon area for a possible fire along the shore.

July 31: Morrow County deputy arrested Aaron Jason Ledford, 24, of Bend for Theft III. Ledford was cited and released;

Morrow County Sheriff's office took a report of a hit-and-run vehicle in the Irri-gon area;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irri-gon for a report of vandalism;

Morrow County Sheriff's office took a report of theft from a vehicle in Irri-gon;

Morrow County deputy responded to Knapp Street for a report of an animal problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Lone Fire Dept. to Third Street in lone. It was a false alarm;

Morrow County deputy responded to Washington Street in Irri-gon for a report of an animal problem.

August 1: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. to a reported grass fire between Marine Drive and the Port of Morrow offices. It was a controlled burn;

Morrow County deputy responded to Wilson Road to take a report on a juvenile problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon Fire Dept. to a field fire near Mayville, east of Highway 19;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Oregon State Police with a four-vehicle accident on Highway 730/Third Street West, in Irri-gon;

Morrow County deputy took a report of a civil matter in Irri-gon;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. to the Boardman Marina Park for a grass fire;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Wagon Wheel

Additions in Irri-gon for a report of vandalism.

August 2: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irri-gon area for a report of theft;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Wagon Wheel Additions in Irri-gon for a disturbance complaint;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to Oregon Street, Condon, for an adult female who had fallen. The patient was transported to the Gilliam County Medical Center.

August 3: Morrow County deputy responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle on Bombing Range Road;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire Dept. to a brush fire at the Arlington exit off I-84;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irri-gon for a report of a traffic problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office took a report of a theft from the lone area;

Morrow County deputy responded to I-84 for a driving complaint. The deputy was unable to locate;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to Jay Street in Fossil for an adult male with an illness. No transport was made;

Morrow County deputy responded to Water Street in Heppner for a report of a disturbance;

Morrow County deputy took a report of suspicious circumstances in Boardman;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Lone Fire Dept. to a field fire on Eight Mile Canyon. The report was unfounded.

August 4: Morrow County Sheriff's deputy arrested Terri Lorraine Hunter, 39, of Portland on a Umatilla County warrant of Parole Violation/DCS. Hunter was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail;

Morrow County deputy responded to take a stolen vehicle report from a resident of the Irri-gon area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance and Fire Dept. for a report of a vehicle rollover in the median on I-84 milepost 155. One patient with unknown injuries was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irri-gon area for a report of a disturbance;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire Dept. to a report of a grass fire on I-84 milepost 118. The fire was on the Washington side;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a disturbance at the Nomad;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irri-gon Marina for a report of a suspicious person.

August 5: Morrow County deputy assisted a disabled motorist on the on-ramp to I-84 westbound at the Highway 730/I-84 junction;

Morrow County deputy responded to assist the Irri-gon Fire Dept. for a grass fire in Irri-gon;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire Dept. and ambulance to a semi-truck accident on I-84 eastbound milepost 142. Two patients were transported to the Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irri-gon for a property dispute;

Morrow County deputy took a report of telephone harassment in Heppner;

Morrow County deputy took a report of an animal problem outside Heppner;

Morrow County deputy took a report of criminal mischief in Irri-gon;

Morrow County deputy responded to Lexington for a traffic problem;

Morrow County deputy took a report of harassment in Heppner;

Morrow County deputy responded to West Glen Estates in Boardman for a report of an animal problem.

Cattlemen hold environmental tour

Coordinated by the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Oregon's first environmental stewardship tour, July 13, showcased around 21,000 acres of Heppner Ranger District forest land that has been enhanced through the combined efforts of permittees, and state and federal agencies.

About 50 people, including local ranchers and agency representatives, were given a first-hand look at the successful efforts to protect riparian areas, improvement of stream-side vegetation and dispersed cattle grazing practices through pasture rotation.

"This is the way to tell our story," said OCA President Fred Otley. "Getting people out on the land is one way to convince others outside of the industry that ranchers are striving to do an even better job of taking care of the natural resources upon which they depend."

"The land has taken good care of us and we take good care of the land," said Ned Clark, one of the local permittees. Clark's family and the Don Andersons and Mark Rietmanns are Wright family descendants who continue to maintain large cattle operations based on century farms.

"It's a new way of doing business, not a cookbook approach," said Derald Walker, assistant state director of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department. Tour members viewed miles of stream corridor permanent fencing to prevent cattle from congregating along creeks. Permittees also use an innovative system with portable solar-powered electric fencing which is moved in conjunction with grazing allotment rotation. This system is less costly to build and maintain, it works effectively with livestock and it permits freer access for

recreation such as hunting, Rietmann said.

Grazing on public land has become an expensive and labor intensive operation. Rietmann said that two days of labor per person are required for one day of cattle grazing. Clark added that because cattle grazing on public land has been challenged, they are "trying to stay on the cutting edge" of technology to improve their management.

Wilson Creek, a permanently fenced corridor costing about \$10,000 per mile, has a series of fish weirs to create deeper pools and to help lower water temperature. Yet the forces of nature, including waterspouts and ice damage, along with wildlife impact, are also part of the equation.

"People don't realize how complicated it is," said Heppner District Forest Ranger Delanne Ferguson. These permittees have taken a positive attitude as they have learned the science and become self-reliant. There have been many frustrations, but we've worked things out. It's a perfect example of people working together to accomplish a goal.

The impending effects of a proposed 'clean stream initiative' to cattle industry sparked a lengthy discussion after a barbecue dinner following the day long tour.

Over 900 Oregon streams and waterways are already listed as 'water quality limited' by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. In many instances this is based on stream temperature exceeding 50 degrees rather than pollution, as the ballot title implies. Should this measure be passed in November by Oregon voters, it could effectively remove livestock from many public as well as private rangelands where alternate livestock water sources are not available.

Rural residents to receive new addresses

Hundreds of Morrow County residents outside city limits are receiving a new address as part of the county's rural addressing program. County officials say the new five-digit house numbers will help emergency workers respond to calls more quickly and the program will bring the county into compliance with the Oregon State Enhanced 9-1-1 program.

Once the address change is permanent this fall, Enhanced 9-1-1 will automatically identify a caller's address in the dispatch center.

For residents, the new address will mean filling out change-of-address forms for mail, drivers' licenses and voter registration cards. In the meantime, the post office will continue to deliver mail to the old route and box addresses. In a few weeks, residents will receive a letter that tells them their new address.

Contractor TK Associates is currently installing house number posts at every residence outside city limits. Each post has a five-digit house number on it. County officials are asking residents not to move or remove the posts because the highly visible signs will help police, fire and rescue crews identify residences.

Residents may notice a change in the name of the road

they live on. All north-south running roads will still be called roads. All routes running east west will be called lanes. The new system also does away with duplicate and similar-sounding street names, which can cause confusion in an emergency situation.

Earlier this year, the Morrow County Rural Addressing Advisory Committee suggested road names for all routes in the rural part of the county. Duplicate names were eliminated and when two roads had similar-sounding names, one was changed.

In some areas, committee members found that residents along some roads had different names for their road than what appeared on Department of Transportation or Morrow County maps. A few road names have been changed, but the committee made every attempt to maintain the roads' historical significance.

The Morrow County Court examined rural addressing systems in many other counties before adopting the new house-numbering system, said a county spokesperson. The new system is identical to those used in Union, Wallowa, Gilliam, Wheeler, Lane, Linn, Sherman and Benton counties.

For more information, call TK Associates, (541) 676-9169 or (541) 963-9237.

NCORSB to meet at Boardman

The North Central Oregon Regional Strategies Board meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 15 at 10:30 a.m., at the

Port of Morrow office at Boardman.

The meeting will include a tour of the port facilities.

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