

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's office reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

September 30: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a possible Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. It was a civil matter;

Morrow County deputy responded to Sunridge Mobile Sales for a report of theft from storage units. Numerous unknown items/value were taken;

Morrow County deputy responded to 8th Street, west Irrigon to begin an investigation of a burglar and theft of a boom box of unknown value.

October 1: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to Terrace Heights for an adult male with an illness. The patient was transported to the Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire Department to a grass fire between Heppner Cemetery and Willow Creek Highway;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray Fire Department to the Culver residence in Service Creek for a field fire;

Morrow County deputy began a burglary investigation at a residence on East Wilson Road in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in West Glen for vandalism done to a door. The investigation is continuing.

October 2: Morrow County deputy contacted an Irrigon resident for a health and welfare check;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Oregon State Police with a report of a possible shot elk cow;

Morrow County deputy assisted a motorist on I-84 at milepost 201 eastbound. A tow truck was contacted;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Department to a grass fire on Paul Smith Road;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in the West Glen area in Boardman and recovered stolen property;

Morrow County deputy arrested Michael Edward Taigaafi, 19, of Boardman, for the Possession of Stolen Property. Taigaafi was lodged at the Umatilla County jail.

October 3: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Mitchell ambulance for an elderly woman with an injury;

Morrow County deputy assisted with an interview;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for suspicious circumstances;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray Fire Department to a grass fire on Chukkar Drive in Spray;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Oasis Park in Irrigon for a report of suspicious circumstance;

Morrow County deputy responded to Kunze Road for a report of a cow hit by a vehicle.

October 4: Morrow County deputy responded to the Wagon Wheel for a report of an animal problem;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Heppner Police Department with a parade in Heppner;

Morrow County deputy began an investigation of a break-in to a residence in the Boardman area;

Morrow County deputy assisted a citizen who was broken down on the Boardman off-ramp;

Morrow County deputy assisted a citizen who was

broken down in the Three Mile Canyon area, with obtaining a tow.

October 5: Morrow County deputy responded to Paul Smith Road for a suspicious person;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Lexington EMTs, Oregon State Police, Heppner ambulance and Fire Department to one vehicle motor vehicle accident on Highway 207 milepost nine. One patient was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Heppner area for a theft of a fire pump belonging to a local resident;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence at Blake's Ranch for an attempted burglary. The investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for disturbance with some gang members. The investigation is continuing.

October 6: Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Lexington for a report of a theft of cell-phone of a vehicle and vandalism done to a vehicle. The investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a suspicious vehicle;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Heppner area for a report of a neighborhood disturbance;

Morrow County deputy responded to South 15th in Irrigon for a report of suspicious persons. Odon Complido Soto, 23, of Irrigon, was arrested for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Possession of a Controlled Substance/Cocaine. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Sheriff's office jail;

Morrow County Deputy arrested Jose Ricardo Cardenas-Gonzalez, 27, of Standfield, for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. Cardenas-Gonzalez was lodged at the Umatilla Jail;

Morrow County deputy responded to Kain Drive, Irrigon for a fight in progress. People were sent on their way;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray ambulance to Thorton Street in Spray for a female with unknown illness. The patient was transported to Prineville's

Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

October 7: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the lone Fire Department to Four Mile Canyon for a controlled burn that was out of control;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to HIS Place for a female with an unknown illness. The call was cancelled en route.

Students hear motivational speaker



Nick Jones with students at Heppner High School

Nick Jones, Portland Trail Blazer community activities coordinator for the past seven years, spoke to south Morrow County students at an assembly Monday, Oct. 7, at the Heppner High School gymnasium.

Jones stressed PRIDE-possibilities, respect, intelligent choices, dreams and goal setting and education in his motivational talk to the students.

Last season, Jones traveled to more than 50 cities in Oregon and Southwest Washington, visited over 300 schools, civic groups and organizations, addressed nearly 23,000 students and

discussed a variety of subjects, including "Stay in School", "PRIDE", the Trail Blazers and the Rose Garden.

Jones, a native Oregonian, attended Marshall High School in Portland and the University of Oregon. While at Oregon, he was selected to the All-PAC-8 Basketball Team and served as varsity basketball captain. He went on to play professionally with the San Diego Rockets and the golden State Warriors of the National Basketball Association.

Jones is the son of local TV celebrity, Geneva Jones, and brother of Blazers broadcaster, Steve Jones. He and his wife, Cheri, have one daughter and reside in northeast Portland.

Off the Wall

By Marilyn Robinson

Murphy's Law, that anything that can happen usually does, seems to be an intrinsic part of a ranch operation. In the process of getting some 150 cow/calf pairs back to home ground, there's the usual complications. Just a few minor head-banging details like flat tires, a horse throwing a shoe, missing cattle dogs, trailer brakes locking up and even a spare trailer tire that took off on its own for a roll down a hill.

Once the cattle were gathered, the progress was impeded by a continuous stream of traffic in both directions as we drove them three miles on a busy highway to where they could be loaded. In the process, a lady driver with a Connecticut license plate almost had a heart attack when she approached our mass of moving bovines blocking her travels. Once back home, she'll probably tell her friends how the cattle out west stampeded her car.

Those scrapes and bruises incurred from thornbrush thickets and shale rock hillsides are marks of bravery when gathering livestock. Yet the die-hards in the cattle industry seem determined to keep food on the table.

But the public's understanding of the impact of Measure 38 to Oregon's economy, if passed, seems vague. Oregon taxpayers will have to foot the expense of fencing, at \$5,000 per mile, for all waterways on federal and state lands that are judged as water quality limited. Likewise, private landowners would have to bear that expense. But the determination by DEQ for water quality listing refers not solely to pollution, but for water temperatures exceeding 50 degrees on any seven consecutive days. Over 77 organizations are backing this measure to prevent all livestock from accessing waterways and riparian areas.

Most ranching headquarters are located near water. The riparian areas of 100 feet on each side of a stream would become off-limits under this law. Therefore many livestock holding facilities and pastures would be unusable. Property values could drop to a destructive level. Property owners could not afford to pay taxes on unusable land.

Many Oregon ranchers would be forced out of business. Oregon's cattle numbers have remained relatively stable at about 1,000,000 for a number of years, while Oregon's human population has tripled. Livestock add dollars to Oregon's agri-businesses and noticeably help to balance the overseas trade deficit.

Measure 38 contains a provision that allows anyone, even someone not directly affected, to file suit against a landowner for an alleged violation involving any domestic animal including horses, poultry or other species. A landowner could be liable for all court costs and the plaintiff's attorney fees. It would also create a backlog of court cases in an already overburdened legal system.

If extremists hadn't effectively blocked salvage logging to clean up dead and dying trees, this year's forest fires, aided by excessive fuel loads, wouldn't have desecrated thousands of acres of live timber. Measure 38 isn't about clean streams and the environment; it's about allowing extremists and their lawyers to rule, thus destroying the cooperative efforts that are underway to enhance and improve the watersheds within Oregon.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

-- Former resident Don Campbell visited recently with relatives and friends from Texas.

-- Bill and Bonnie Klinger recently visited at the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Padberg.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

There were 79 people present for the senior meal Oct. 2 and four meals were home delivered. Members of the Methodist Church served. Blood pressures were taken before the meal.

The menu for Wednesday, Oct. 16 will be chili, cheese sticks, saltines, coleslaw, fruit and cinnamon rolls. Members of the Lutheran Church will serve.

The Nutrition Site Committee will meet Oct. 16, postponed from Oct. 9.

One table of cards was in play Friday afternoon. There was no movie Sunday evening.

The Health Fair will be held in the senior center dining room Thursday, Oct. 10, from 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Flu shots will be given during that time. There will be several other health booths and displays. A soup and roll luncheon will be served.

Other dates to remember: Tuesday and Thursday exercise, 10 a.m.; Wednesday blood pressure clinic, 11 a.m., senior meal, noon; Friday cards, 2 p.m.; Sunday movie, 7 p.m.

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