

hired man he sent to Boardman to deliver pheasants came back without \$1,000 in delivery money plus a note that he had been robbed by two subjects in Irrigon.

MCSO received a report of a residence in Irrigon broken into. MCSO dispatched to the U.S. Forest Service a report of a fire up Shaw Creek Grade. It started out as a small campfire and grew.

MCSO dispatched to the Heppner Police Dept. a report of a woman locked out of her house in Heppner.

MCSO deputy, Oregon State Police responded to a report of a disturbance at Woodland's Trailer Park in Irrigon. Two males were fighting and one threatened to shoot the other if cops didn't arrive soon.

Nov. 13: MCSO dispatched to the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife a report of an owl with a possible broken leg.

Ione Booster

Club holds meeting

The Ione Booster Club met at Beecher's Cafe Thursday, Nov. 13. It was reported that Marlene Gray donated the land under the state championship sign on the east end of town to the city. The city plans to landscape around the base of each sign.

The first phase of the work on the bleachers by the football field is complete. They were repaired and painted under the supervision of shop teacher Robin Graff. Marc Orem, the high school shop classes, Jenny Sullivan, Nathan Rietmann, Nikki McElligott and Camie Burright volunteered their time to do the work. The next phase of bleacher repair will include a wind break and handrails. Pettyjohn's Builders' Supply gave a 10 percent discount to the club on lumber purchased.

The club made \$963.52 on the steak feed money maker during the Echo game. A refund of \$205 was received for the sports schedule posters.

Betty Gray of Beecher's Cafe donated all the hamburgers, buns, salad and condiments to the fall hamburger membership drive.

The middle school girls' volleyball team, under the direction of coach Barb Collin, earned all but \$26.18 for new uniforms. Club members voted to pay the balance. The club also voted to reimburse parents for the cost of the crowns and sashes for homecoming. A \$500 donation will be made to the weightlifting program each year until the equipment is updated.

Athletic director Dean Robinson reported that the pole vault does not meet new safety standards. Athletes will have to use helmets and new safety guards will have to be installed. Pole vaulting at the junior high level has been eliminated.

Robinson has been busy updating the basketball schedule. The printed schedule for varsity games is accurate, but there have been problems scheduling JV games because not many schools have teams.

Coach Dennis Stefani noted that many families are hard pressed to pay all the expenses involved in taking sports. Not only must students pay to play, but they also have uniform and equipment expenses. He asked for help in organizing a sponsor list for coaches to turn to when students need to earn money to play. It was agreed students could work an eight hour day for \$50 to earn money. Jim Swanson is in charge of organizing the list.

Duane and Linda Neiffer donated 25 pounds of hamburger to the club. A spaghetti feed is planned for Friday, Dec. 5 during the Pilot Rock game. Dinner will include spaghetti, salad and French bread. Cost will be \$5 per plate; \$20 for families; and \$2.50 small serving size.

It was suggested the club have a plaque made to honor the 1997 girls' state championship track team. The plaque will include a picture of the team, with coach Del LaRue's and the team members' names engraved on it.

It was noted the Ione schools received a third place overall state athletic ranking for 1A schools for the 1996-97 school year.

The next meeting of the Ione Booster Club will be Thursday, Dec. 11 at Beecher's Cafe.

Take precautions when seeding CRP

As some people are already finding out, some varieties of grass seed and alfalfa recommended for new Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts are hard to find, according to Dave Pranger, Morrow County Weed Control District.

This situation may lead some people to purchase seed from unfamiliar dealers. Some landowners in Morrow County may recall that this very situation led to seed being used for CRP when it first started and later discovered that the seed was contaminated with yellow starthistle, said Pranger.

In order to avoid such problems with new seedings, landowners should do several things to protect themselves Pranger advises. First, have samples of seed taken before seeding and have them tested. There are specific rules regarding sampling

so make sure the samples are taken correctly. Tests on germination, purity, and presence of noxious weed seed should be

run just prior to seeding.

Secondly, save all labels, invoices and receipts. That way if a problem does arise it can be investigated for possible violations. It will also help identify the lot the seed came from and any other grower that may have used the same seed.

Free water tests planned

OSU Extension water quality specialist Gail Glick, and the Master Gardeners will conduct free advisory testing of drinking water for nitrate at this year's Hermiston Farm Fair and Trade

Show, Friday, December 5, from noon to 4 p.m.

Water samples collected as close as possible to the time of testing should be placed in a clean glass container with a tight fitting lid. Only about one cup of water is needed for the test which takes about 10 minutes.

Glick will be available during this time to discuss test results, the importance of periodic

Finally, deal with an Oregon seed dealer if at all possible. State seed laws vary slightly on noxious weed tolerances. If you must deal with an out of state dealer, specify in writing that the seed must meet Oregon seed law standards.

For questions or more information, call the Morrow County Weed Control office at 989-9502.

OTPR princess receives buckle



L-R: Dori Drago, John Moffit, Shannon Muir, Sandy Mahnokini, Darcie Lappen, Princess Lindsey Ward. Not pictured are Dewena Bates and Marcie Rodelo.

Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Princess Lindsey Ward is the recipient of a Montana Silver belt buckle, donated by the Inland Empire Bank, Boardman branch. The bank has sponsored a buckle for a court member for the past

several years.

Inland Empire is also sponsoring a Christmas caring tree with the names of around 150 children from which to chose. In addition, the bank "adopts" two individual families over the holidays.

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