

Sheriff's Report

Morrow County Sheriff's Office in Heppner reports the following business over the last several weeks:

May 11 - MCSO received a report of a tow trailer stolen in Irrigon.

MCSO received a report of a loose emu walking on the road near Fourth and Columbia, Irrigon.

MCSO received a report of a colt out on the road near Boardman. Owner was told she would be cited if animals get out again.

MCSO received a report of a camper being burglarized behind old Ready Mix plant in Boardman.

MCSO received a report of a non-injury accident at Riverview Trailer Court in Irrigon.

MCSO received a report of juveniles taking mail out of mailboxes in Boardman.

MCSO received a report of a woman pushed by an ex-boyfriend at the Irrigon Sentry Market.

MCSO received a report of a stray dog in a woman's yard in Boardman growling. The dog was dispatched.

MCSO received a complaint concerning the way officers handled the previous dog call.

The Heppner Police Department received a report of a dispute at the St. Patrick Senior Center. Thomas C. Chavis, 43, was cited for disorderly conduct.

MCSO received a report of a black pickup spinning cookies and driving carelessly when children were present.

MCSO received a report of a transient camping at the Irrigon Marina. Caller was concerned that the man was sleeping and the sprinklers were set to go on at 8:30 a.m.

Boardman Police Department received a report of juveniles on skateboards almost running a woman over.

MCSO received a request to speak to the officer who shot the dog in a previous injury.

MCSO received a request for an officer concerning a dispute over property in Irrigon.

MCSO received a report of a fight with six-seven juveniles, both males and females, in Irrigon. Subjects were reported to be fighting heavily and a male allegedly forced a female into a vehicle. Incident was thought to be possibly gang related.

Heppner Police Department received a report of a man overdue at his home at The Dalles from the Heppner golf tournament. Man showed up later.

MCSO received a report of a person assaulted in Irrigon.

MCSO received a report of a juvenile runaway located and taken to parents in Umatilla.

May 12 - Heppner Ambulance and Heppner Police Department received a report of a man with erratic breathing. The man was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

MCSO received a report of suspicious activity on Coalmine, with a pickup in the middle of the road and two of three subjects over the embankment messing around.

MCSO received a report of a person who possibly burgled a shop in Irrigon.

MCSO received a report of two vehicles with slashed tires at Trail Apartments in Boardman.

MCSO received a report of cows out on Highway 207 at Willow Creek Highway.

MCSO received a report of a burglary at Archie's Sales and Service in Boardman.

MCSO received a report of three pumps vandalized east of Tom Camp Road in Boardman.

MCSO arrested Jamie M. McCormack, 26, on probable cause charges of Theft II and Burglary II.

MCSO received a report of

pumps vandalized east of Paul Smith Road in Boardman. A primer was also missing.

MCSO received a report of a phone prank in Irrigon. A girl called another residence and said she needed help and then started laughing.

Boardman Police Department received a report of two suspicious vehicles at Driftwood RV park in Boardman.

Boardman Police Department received a report of several calls from juveniles playing at a pay phone. Officer was unable to locate anyone.

MCSO received a report of a juvenile on someone else's property in Boardman.

May 13 - MCSO received a report of a domestic assault in Irrigon. A woman's ex-husband allegedly beat her and she left residence without any of her things.

Boardman Fire Department and Boardman Ambulance received a report of a fire at the Tidewater chip dump with flames visible. Irrigon Police Department called for mutual aid with all available personnel. Hermiston two units, Heppner and Lone Fire Department all responded and the fire was brought under control about 1:42 and turned over to Tidewater.

MCSO received a report of personal garbage dumped in the

recycling bins by the post office.

Heppner Police Department received a report of a new VCR stolen from nursing home.

MCSO received a report of a sexual assault that reportedly occurred in a restroom in Irrigon.

MCSO received a report from a male subject who said his brother used his name on a traffic citation from Morrow County.

MCSO received a report of a vehicle missing from Riverview Mobile Court in Irrigon.

May 14 - Oregon State Police received a report of a lost load of a couple pieces of rough cut lumber at Boardman rest area.

MCSO received a request for a student to be cited for theft at CMS in Irrigon.

Teenager auto accidents increase during summer

"The month of May marks the beginning of the most dangerous time of the year for teenagers to be behind the wheel of an automobile," warns Marianne Macina, regional manager for Western Insurance Information Service (WIIS).

"Automobile crashes are a particular problem for our youth," she says. "The life expectancy of every age group in the U.S. has increased during the past 75 years except one - teenagers, whose death rate is higher today than 20 years ago mainly due to auto crashes."

More than 5,500 American teenage drivers are killed every year in traffic crashes, according to the National Safety Council. Here at home, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Traffic Safety Section preliminary statistics show that Oregon teenage drivers (age 15 - 19 years old) were involved in 11,608 crashes in 1997 - 93 of these crashes were fatal, 6,075 resulted in injuries and 5,440 resulted in property damage only. One hundred ten people were killed and 10,956 were injured last year in collisions involving teenage drivers in Oregon.

In Oregon, where it is state law to "buckle up", 154 teens (both drivers and passengers) involved in accidents in 1997 were reported not wearing safety belts. Even worse, 79 of the teen drivers involved in accidents were driving impaired (drugs or alcohol). Another 1,313 of the Oregon teens involved in accidents last year were driving too fast for conditions or were exceeding the posted speed limit.

"As June, July and August come and go, the highest monthly totals of the year occur," says Macina. "That's why the insurance companies through WIIS recommend the following survival formula to teenage drivers:

-Obey all traffic laws and drive within the posted speed - a traffic violation is just a collision that didn't happen.

-buckle up your safety belt every trip and make sure all passengers do the same. It's not only the law in Oregon, it's your primary protection against serious injury.

Car manufacturers install a safety belt for the number of passengers that it is safe to transport in that vehicle. Make sure they all use those safety belts, even in the rear. "Sure, they may be uncomfortable at times, not macho and wrinkle your clothes," says Macina, "but the alternative may be two weeks in the hospital or crutches for six months, a seriously maimed friend facing years of plastic surgery or, even worse, death - so, why not start a habit for life right now and buckle-up?"

-drive defensively - most collisions are caused by driver error and are preventable.

-choose not to drink and drive. The legal age to purchase, possess or consume alcohol is 21.

Celebrate at an alcohol-free, drug-free graduation party sponsored by your school, parents and community.

A recent study by the Insurance

Institute for Highway Safety shows that the claim experience for U.S. teenage drivers, particularly 16-year-olds, isn't getting better but worse. While enough data isn't available to assess why the death rate for the youngest 1998 drivers is going up while rates are trending down among older drivers, even older teenagers, some hypotheses seem plausible:

-easier access to cars than ever before;

-inexperience at driving; -and driving more in high risk circumstances - e.g. at night.

"Unfortunately, the problem of deaths among 16-year-old drivers is not going to decline without help since the population of 16 year-olds will continue to grow through the next decade," said Macina.

Traffic safety advocates across the country contend that a promising way to reduce deaths among 16-year-old drivers is to adopt graduated licensing systems that phase in driving privileges in stages as young beginners gain more experience behind the wheel. Such stages include six months or more in a learning phase, during which supervision is required; another six months to a year in an intermediate licensing phase, during which unsupervised driving isn't allowed in high-risk situations, for example at night or with other teens in the car.

Since 1996, six states - California, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina and Ohio - have adopted programs that include essential elements of graduated licensing. Data, now

being collected on the results, should begin to draw a picture in early 1999.

Teenagers and their parents who would like free information on graduated licensing; drinking, drugs and driving; auto insurance basics; how to file an insurance claim; how to save on auto insurance premiums; shopping for a safer car; and/or auto theft prevention and more, may contact the WIIS Pacific Northwest Regional Consumer Alert Office at 11855 SW Ridgecrest Drive, Suite 107, Beaverton, OR 97008; telephone: 800-457-8713; e-mail address: wiisor@teleport.com.

"This information is also available to groups through our volunteer Idaho Insurance Speakers Bureau," Macina says. "Our speakers will address your next assembly or class at no charge. They often bring videos or slide shows and arrive with lots of handouts as well. They are not allowed to sell or promote an insurance company or insurance agency. They are simply giving of their time to help the public better understand how to prevent and reduce losses, what insurance is, how it works and how to make insurance work for them." Parties interested in the Speakers' Bureau may also contact the WIIS regional Office.

WIIS is a nonprofit, non-lobbying, insurance consumer education and communication organization serving consumers and insurers in 10 western states. It is funded by property/casualty insurance companies and is affiliated nationally with the Insurance Information Institute.

Walton workshop planned June 9th

Robert Walton, well known for his murals done on the sides of buildings, will offer a workshop on Tuesday, June 9.

Students attending may either bring a painting they haven't completed or start a new work.

Most of the painting will be done with a pallet knife.

Anyone wanting to go on the bus trip, featuring a private

cruise on Lake Chelan, is reminded to turn their slip in to Betty Mills.

For more information on either the bus trip or the workshop, call Betty at 676-5546.

Both activities are sponsored by Morrow county Creative Arts and Crafts Club who will meet Thursday, May 28, at 1 p.m. for lunch and a meeting.

Visitors are welcome to attend.

Marvin and Ruth Casebeer
invite friends and family to help celebrate
Marvin's 80th Birthday
& our 40th Wedding Anniversary
on Sunday, May 31st
at the Strawberry Grange Hall, 204 N. McHaley
in Prairie City, from 1-4 p.m.
No Gifts, Please


The family of **Kenneth DuVall**
would like to invite you to attend a barbecue
and celebration of Ken's life at the
Heppner Fairgrounds, following the service
at the **Lexington Cemetery on June 6, 1998.**
The service is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

Pioneer Memorial Clinic
will be closed Monday,
May 25th
for Memorial Day.

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Sherry Sieler
& her parents, George & Myrna,
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