

Sheriff's Report

MCSO and Oregon State Police received a report of wood smoke coming from under the overpass at Three Mile Canyon. It turned out to be an ODOT controlled burn.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a lost flip phone between Portland and Boardman.

MCSO received a report of a vehicle hitting a house in Umatilla and then taking off toward Irrigon. An officer was unable to locate anyone.

Oregon State Police received a report of a white Mazda driving off the road near the fish hatchery in Irrigon, damaging some arborvitae and then leaving the scene. The driver was possibly intoxicated.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a customer at the Boardman Texaco verbally threatening a man.

Heppner Police Dept. received a report of a sorrel mare that got loose from a residence on Slaughterhouse Road.

MCSO received a report of a hitchhiker on I-84 eastbound, milepost 168. An officer was unable to locate anyone.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report of an alarm from the front door of the Boardman Chevron. All was secure.

MCSO deputy gave two citizens a ride into Irrigon. They had run out of gasoline.

Dec. 25: MCSO received a report from a woman that her boyfriend who is supposed to be under house arrest, took her car and brought it back wrecked.

MCSO received a report of a suburban traveling east on the westbound lane on I-84, milepost 148. An officer was unable to locate anyone.

MCSO, Boardman Fire Dept., Boardman ambulance received a report of a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of I-84 and Highway 730.

Oregon State Police arrested Jeannette Kay Taylor, 39, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while License Suspended and Failure to Appear/Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver Involved in an Accident with Property Damage. Taylor was lodged at the UCSO jail.

MCSO, Oregon State Police received a report of someone possibly poaching on the Circle C alfalfa fields.

MCSO, Oregon State Police received several reports of a small yellow vehicle running into stop signs in Irrigon.

Dec. 26: MCSO received a 911 call from Boardman. MCSO was unable to understand the caller and lost contact. The call was traced and all was okay.

MCSO received a report of a 78 year old female in Irrigon who had fallen and was dizzy. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

MCSO received a report from a neighbor of two people pulling up at a Heppner residence. The caller said he wanted to report the incident in case of further trouble. The caller then called back and said there was no confrontation.

Heppner Police Dept. received a report of a gun reported missing that was found at the residence of the woman who reported it missing.

MCSO received a report of a stolen vehicle in Irrigon.

MCSO deputy cited Christopher Swope, 20, for MIP by Consumption. Tracy Garver, 21, was cited for Providing Liquor to Minors.

MCSO dispatched to the City of Heppner a report of a waterpipe broken under a house. MC Road Dept. received a re-

port of a stop sign down in Boardman.

MCSO deputy arrested Christopher Swope, 20, for 13 counts of Hit and Run, 13 counts of Criminal Mischief, 13 counts of Reckless Endangering and Initiating a False Report. Swope was lodged at the UCSO jail.

MCSO received a report of loud music at an Irrigon residence.

Dec. 27: Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a hit and run at the Boardman BP station.

Boardman ambulance received a request for an ambulance for a man with chest pains and tingling in his arm. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

MCSO, Oregon State Police received a report of a man beating a woman and damaging her car in Irrigon.

MCSO deputy arrested Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., 35, for Assault IV/Felony Domestic. Gutierrez was lodged at the UCSO jail.

MCSO received a report from a woman in Irrigon that her neighbor's garbage keeps ending up in her yard.

MCSO received a report of a brown Oldsmobile Cutlass possibly abandoned, vandalized and left on a person's property on the Bombing Range Road.

MCSO, Oregon State Police, ODFW received a report of a person finding a wounded crane in Boardman. The person kept the crane until officers arrived.

MCSO received a report of subject previously arrested for domestic assault went back to the residence, threatened the woman and apparently hit her in the head with the phone receiver.

Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., 35, was arrested for Release Agreement Violation and was transported to UCSO jail.

MCSO received a report of a hitchhiker wearing dark clothing, and with a dog on I-84 westbound. Drivers had to avoid them. An officer was unable to locate anyone.

MCSO received a report from Oregon State Police of a possible drunk driver.

MCSO received a report of a vehicle speeding and flashing lights when he passed other vehicles.

MCSO received a report from a man that his neighbor's dog almost attacked him while he was holding a baby.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report of \$70 in rolled coins, \$50 in old coins and a mini-tape player was missing from a Boardman residence.

MCSO received a report of two power surges in Heppner.

MCSO received a report of a door open, dogs out and a VCR gone from an Irrigon residence. The owner had only been gone 45 minutes to an hour.

MCSO received a report of high wind warnings for Morrow, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

MCSO received a report of power out in Heppner at 11:46. The power was back on at 12:05.

MCSO received a report of people going in and out of a residence in Heppner and the neighbors couldn't get any sleep. The caller was advised that the people lived in the house and there was nothing the police could do.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a dog needing a vet asap.

Boardman Fire Dept. received a report of an ammonia leak at Morrow Cold Storage in Boardman. An officer was unable to locate any leak.

MCSO deputy arrested Octavio Gutierrez-Munoz, 22, on a warrant for Failure to Appear/DUII.

Heppner High Site Council has meeting

Heppner High School's Site Council met December 9 at the high school.

In addition to members Ron Anthony, HHS principal, teachers Jason Just, Steve Brownfield and Tanya Scanlon, HHS staff member Ginger Bowman, Charlie Anderson, Molly Rhea, and April Sykes, those attending included board member Russ Morgan and advisory board member Kelly Merrill. Members Juan Elguezebal and Marianne Kahl were not in attendance.

Anthony submitted a request by math teacher Keelie Keown to attend a math conference in Umatilla. This conference would deal with the new state math assessment requirements. The cost for the conference was \$10. The request was approved by the council.

Under old business Anthony informed the council that the junior high school parents seemed to be satisfied with the results of their meetings with him. He has assured the parents that he will try to keep junior high and high school students separate whenever possible. Parents will be informed which classes are not segregated and can then decide whether or not they want their child to take that class.

Heppner High School's state test scores were discussed in reference to the school improvement goals. The 1997 and 1998 scores for eighth and 10th graders were compared.

The 10th grade scores showed improvement in both language and math, though the eighth grade scores were down in reading and literature, but up in

math. However, it was pointed out that the scores are deceptive because a different group of eighth and 10th graders are being compared (class of 2001 in 1997, class of 2002 in 1998 for example).

This led to a discussion of a grant for successful schools. Anthony explained that John Bridges from the Oregon State Department of Education contacted him about a grant which gives monetary rewards for schools whose students' scores improve from year to year. The money is awarded to the school's teachers and is to be used for teaching enhancement. Anthony received the council's approval to complete and send in the application.

The district's academic eligibility policy was next on the agenda. The district requires that all students involved in extracurricular activities have a 2.0 or higher grade point average. The high school performs grade checks every four weeks and at the end of the nine week grading period. Anthony asked for feedback as to whether the grades for these checks should be cumulative through each semester or if they should start fresh at every nine weeks.

It was decided that junior high students' grades would begin anew at each nine weeks, but high school students' grades would be cumulative and begin fresh at the beginning of each semester.

Anthony brought up parents' concerns about students carrying too much weight in their backpacks. Parents are afraid that these heavy backpacks will

do physical damage to individuals. They wondered if students needed more time between classes to stop at their lockers and to use the restrooms.

Anthony pointed out that students only needed to carry, at the most, books for two or three classes at a time. Also, he said, that he felt most teachers are understanding about allowing students to use the restroom.

Another parent concern dealing with the large number of

games on school nights was addressed. The c-team in particular has been playing two games a week on school nights. These team members then have early morning practice (6 a.m.) the next day. It was felt that this was not an ideal learning situation and Anthony agreed to discuss this with his athletic director.

The next site council meeting will be on January 13 at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

County receives CSEPP decontamination trailers

Two decontamination trailers, for use by emergency first responders in the event of a chemical release at the Umatilla Chemical Depot have arrived in Morrow County.

The trailers would be used to decontaminate anyone exposed to a hazardous chemical such as the nerve gas agents GB and VX or Mustard (HD) stored at the depot.

Advanced Containment Systems Incorporated of Houston, Texas, built the trailers to specifications established by local fire officials and the Oregon Health Division. The 32-foot long gooseneck trailers will be located in Boardman and Heppner.

Inside, the trailers have specially designed compartments that assist in the decontamination process. At the entrance is the "dirty room" where contaminated clothing is put in a stainless steel clothes hamper.

The individual then proceeds through several stages of decontamination. There are 10 shower wands that discharge either a decontamination solution

or fresh water rinse. Before exiting the trailer, the individual is determined to be free of contaminants and is dressed in fresh clothing.

The trailers are provided with two 7.5 KW generators and a 100-gallon propane tank installed in the gooseneck overhang. The floors are coated with a chemical resistant polyurethane rubber to make them waterproof.

The fully self-contained trailers are supplied with power, heating, fuel resources and storage containers for both potable and wastewater. Tow vehicles will be provided for both Boardman and Heppner. Umatilla County will receive identical trailers in approximately a month.

"With the addition of the trailers, the personal protective equipment and, hopefully the Improved Chemical Agent Monitors, first responders will now have the tools they need to respond to an event," said Dan Knoll, Morrow County public information officer.



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—John Elway, Quarterback

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