

School board approves salary agreement with ESD

The Morrow County School Board, at its Dec. 13 meeting at Columbia Middle School in Irrigon, approved a contract with the Umatilla Education Service District for the ESD to provide \$35,065, one-half of the salary of the district's technology coordinator's position now held by Nate Arbogast.

The district approved a contract for Rhonda Lorenz as deputy clerk beginning July 1, 2000, replacing Shirley Landauer, who will be retiring.

The board also established the process for selection of a board member to replace Scott Bauska who resigned because he is moving out of the district. Interviews for this Boardman position will be interviewed at Riverside High on January 3.

In other business, the board: -accepted as a second reading and adopted a three-year maintenance plan for the district;

-accepted the job descriptions as first readings for food service director, computer technician assistant I, computer technician assistant II and deputy clerk, which combines the payroll clerk's and business manager's positions with action to take place in January;

-heard a report from Lyle Mann, Union/Baker ESD, on providing alternative education services;

-heard a report from board members Barney Lindsay and Pat McNamee and superintendent Bruce Anderson on the school board association convention held in Portland;

-approved a resolution to accept and appropriate a \$1,121 special education grant;

-heard a curriculum report from students and faculty at CMS on the school's Basic Program which is geared to improve students' skills in math and language arts;

-heard principals' reports and academic excellence reports;

-approved resignations for:

Virginia Garcia, Sam Boardman Elementary English as a second language educational assistant; Gloria Schmidt, Riverside High School ESL ed assistant; Adam Eldridge, RHS assistant football coach; and Dale Holland, Lone Middle School assistant track coach for the 1999-2000 season.

-approved employment for: John Thompson, CMS assistant custodian, replacing Josh Tarvin;

-approved transfer/employment for: Shelly Salisbury, from half-time CMS special ed assistant to full-time CMS ESL ed assistant;

-approved extra duty contracts for: Gabe Flores, RHS assistant wrestling coach; and Kristy Crowell, Lone High School annual advisor;

approved increasing hours for payroll clerk from 30 to 40 hours a week and for the administrative/board secretary from 37-1/2 to 40 hours a week, as of January 1;

-heard as a second reading and adopted the job description revision for the maintenance/technology secretary position and approved as first reading the technology coordinator/software specialist job description revision;

-accepted a donation of \$137.88 from Archie and Jeanette Padberg to Heppner High School (their tax kicker check);

-heard from Bill Kuhn, representing the HHS Site Council, who read a letter to the board concerning maintaining electives at HHS and not reducing staff;

-denied a grievance by Morrow County Education Association;

-heard the following announcements: last day of school for 1999-December 22; winter break begins-December 23; school resumes-January 3, 2000; next board meeting and administrator performance reviews-January 10, Heppner Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

Nov. 21: MCSO received a report of two people with flashlights in a field on Bombing Range Road.

MCSO received a report of an Econoline van that was all over the road on I-84.

MCSO received a report of a white semi speeding at 90+ mph on I-84.

MCSO, Hermiston Police Dept. received a report of property found in Irrigon.

MCSO received a report of too much traffic on an Irrigon street.

Oregon State Police received a report of a tractor with a refer traveling at a high rate of speed on I-84.

MCSO deputy arrested Richard Breuer, 32, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Theft II. He was lodged at the Umatilla County work release center.

MCSO, Irrigon Fire Dept. received a report of a possible structure fire in Irrigon. It was an overheated dryer.

MCSO received a report of a subject who threw dog refuse in the street in Irrigon.

MCSO received a report from a woman who said her sister and three kids have been missing since Friday and are believed to be heading to New Mexico with a male subject in a blue van.

MCSO received a report of a subject riding his three-wheeler again.

Nov. 22: Oregon State Police received a report of a tour bus speeding at 85+ mph plus swerving on I-84.

MCSO received a report of a tour bus still speeding.

Heppner ambulance received a request for an ambulance for a woman in and out of consciousness and with shallow breathing. The patient was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

MCSO received a report of a silent panic alarm at the Lone Bank of Eastern Oregon. It was a false alarm.

MCSO received a report of a small red pickup headed toward Lexington on Highway 207. A passenger was reported to have climbed out of the window to the back, then back to the cab while the vehicle was going about 60 mph.

MCSO deputy cited Dan Michael Vernon, 23, for Careless Driving.

MCSO deputy arrested Everett Peone, 21, on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/No Angling License. He was arraigned and released.

MCSO deputy cited a 15 year old for Theft II for Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card.

MCSO deputy cited a 13 year old for Theft II-Lost, Misplaced Property for Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card.

MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report of an intoxicated male subject threatening to kill himself in Boardman. He wasn't suicidal, just intoxicated.

US Forest Service received a report of a possible forest fire behind Ditch Creek Guard Station on Road 2105 with flames over the tops of trees.

MCSO deputy, while on a call, was flagged down by a citizen for a citizen's complaint.

MCSO, Heppner Police Dept. received a report of two horses out south of Heppner. The owners were located and the horses retrieved.

MCSO, Heppner Police Dept. received a report of a car backed into by a yellow Blazer in the back parking lot of Kate's Pizza.

MCSO deputy located the vehicle in the hit-and-run on Highway 207-206 near Clark's Canyon. Delbert Darrel Duncan, 43, was arrested for DUII. He blew a .15. He was also cited for No Operator's License, Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver (Involved in an Accident) With Property Damage. The vehicle was impounded.

MCSO, Oregon State Police received a report of a cow near the freeway on I-84. The owner was located and the cow put back in the pasture.

MCSO received a report of cattle out near Wilson and Paul

Smith roads. The cattle were put back in the pasture.

MCSO, Irrigon ambulance received a report of a female with high blood pressure who had fallen. The deputy assisted the ambulance.

MCSO received a report from a woman on Bombing Range Road that her ex-husband threatened to come to the residence and beat her up. She requested a deputy. The ex-husband was arriving from Hermiston in 20 minutes.

MCSO received another call from the above caller saying a subject kicked in the door and her boyfriend was scuffling around with him. Another subject was also there who was intoxicated.

Nov. 23: MCSO deputy arrested Victor Lee Bledsoe, 38, Hermiston, for Burglary and Criminal Mischief II. He was lodged at the UC Jail with \$31,000 bail.

Heppner ambulance received a report of a 54 year old female with her left side numb. The patient was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

MCSO received a report of two shots fired in Boardman.

MCSO received a report of cows out at Wilson and Paul Smith roads.

MCSO received a report from a female subject that another woman was telling her how to do stuff with her son to the point of harassment.

MCSO, Morrow County Behavioral Health responded to a report of a naked woman in a vehicle in Irrigon. She wouldn't come out and was afraid the world is ending. She was transported to Eastern Oregon Psychiatric Center in Pendleton.

Heppner Police Dept. received a report of two juveniles behind the school house in the city park by the creek who should be in school. They were transported to Heppner High School.

Oregon State Police received a report of a VIN inspection requested at an Irrigon residence.

Heppner Police Dept. received a report of a small red car that spun out on Willow View Drive. It was a non-injury, non-blocking accident. Bonney Jo Hill, 19, was cited for Careless Driving.

MCSO received a report of three cattle out on the south side of the freeway.

MCSO received a report of items missing from a Boardman residence.

Boardman Police Dept. received a request from a woman for assistance with her brother.

MCSO, Heppner Police Dept. received a report of a red Ford Ranger pickup involved in a vehicle hit-and-run heading south towards Highway 207.

MCSO received a report from a man that his daughter-in-law is saying she has a stalking order against him.

MCSO received a report of a burglar alarm at a Boardman residence. The building was secure.

MCSO received a report of 20-30 cattle along Wilson Road in front of a residence. The cattle were put in a pasture.

Nov. 24: Boardman Police Dept. received a report of an audible alarm at the Boardman Pharmacy.

MCSO received a report of cows out again on Wilson Road.

Boardman Police Dept. arrested Javier Herrera-Alvarez, 21, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear-Driving while License Suspended. He was lodged at the UC Jail with \$12,000 bail.

MCSO deputy advised she was stopping to make contact with three subjects attempting entry into a vehicle. The subject had locked her keys in the car.

Columbia Middle School in Irrigon requested deputies to keep an eye out for two students who left school. One, who was reported as a runaway, was located shortly after the report was received.

Gresham Police Dept. arrested Robert Bruce Baird, 29, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Failure to Appear Boat Citation. He was lodged at the Multnomah County Justice Center with \$772 bail.

MCSO, Heppner Police Dept. received a report from a distraught mother that her baby had been taken by its father who was on foot with the child.

MCSO received a report of

four loose cows.

MCSO received a report of a young male urinating on the city shop building in Irrigon.

MCSO received a report of a vehicle fire on I-84. It was not in a fire district.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a group of kids at Columbia and First in Boardman. One on a bike almost hit someone and he intentionally didn't move.

Heppner Police Dept. received a report of juveniles throwing rocks at a trailer. The juveniles were located and talked to.

MCSO received a report of a vehicle run off the road near Ukiah by a blue Dodge pickup, which caused damage. The vehicle was headed toward Heppner.

Oregon State Police received a report of a truck on I-84 without lights on the trailer or the cab.

MCSO received a report of cows out again. They were put back in the pasture.

MCSO received a report from a deputy that he and the Irrigon Fire Dept. were checking out an illegal burn in Irrigon.

MCSO received a report from a female subject in Irrigon that her boyfriend, who was intoxicated, grabbed her by the neck and yelled and swore at her while her daughter was there. She said her neck hurt but refused an ambulance.

Victor Cuevos Reyes, 27, was served a warrant out of the Irrigon Justice Court for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while License Suspended. He was already lodged at the UC Jail on other charges with a hold placed for Morrow County.

MCSO deputy arrested Robert Martin Leinweber, 33, for Assault IV Domestic Felony Child Present. He was lodged at the UC Jail with \$7,500 bail.

Nov. 25: MCSO received a report of a motion alarm at Huwe's Washboard in Irrigon. It was a false alarm.

MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a male subject that he was being assaulted by another male. There was a lot of yelling in the background and the line was disconnected.

MCSO, Irrigon Fire Dept. received a report of a fire alarm at an Irrigon residence.

MCSO received a request for a deputy regarding the sale of a pickup.

MCSO deputy advised he was out with a pickup on I-84 which had pulled off the road. It appeared to have lost a lot of stuff out of the back of the pickup. The road dept. assisted in pickup up stuff.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report that someone attempted to break in an apt. complex laundromat.

Boardman Police Dept. received a request for assistance with someone blocking a driveway.

MCSO received a request for a deputy for a 15 year old out of control in Ione.

Oregon State Police received a report of a possible drunk driver with a van all over the road and kids in the back on Highway 26.

MCSO deputy arrested Donald John Willis, 30, for Domestic Menacing. He was lodged at UC Jail with \$6,000 bail.

Oregon State Police received a report of a reckless driver driving 90+ mph and cutting people off near Boardman.

Oregon State Police, Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a \$10 drive-off from the Boardman BP station.

MCSO deputy reported a red cow out on Depot Lane.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a \$5 drive-off at the Boardman BP station. A male subject tried to steal a lighter and didn't pay for gasoline.

MCSO received a report of several cars at the Boardman Cemetery with headlights on around 3:30 a.m. The subject were visiting family members.

MCSO deputy changed a flat for a disabled vehicle at Blackhorse and Piper Canyon roads.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a vehicle which had power steering go out and the vehicle missed a corner.

MCSO received a report from a woman that three boys let her horses out.

A deputy from the Sheriff's Office in Prineville arrested Traci Dawn Cant, 20, on an Irrigon Jus-

stice Court warrant. Bail was set at \$6,000. She was lodged at the Jefferson County Jail.

Heppner Police Dept. received a report of someone messing with cars behind Bucknum's Tavern. An officer was unable to locate anyone.

Boardman Police Dept., Boardman ambulance received a report from a woman who said she may have broken her leg. The call originated with a 911 hang-up call. The subject refused transport.

MCSO, Heppner Police Dept. arrested Garrett Wilhelm, 21, for Coersion and Resisting Arrest. He was lodged at the UC Jail with \$13,500 bail.

Nov. 27: Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a minor motor vehicle accident.

MCSO received a report of dogs knocking over garbage cans at the Irrigon BP station.

MCSO received a report of two large white dogs at a Boardman residence.

MCSO received a report of all long distance lines down.

MCSO received a report of a possible disturbance at Woodland Trailer Court. The parties were separated.

MCSO, Oregon State Police, Irrigon ambulance received a report of a single vehicle accident on Highway 270, 2.5 miles east of Irrigon. The vehicle, which had rolled, was in a ditch. Three teenagers were involved and injuries were reported.

MCSO received a report from the Cenex store in Lexington that they sold beer to two people over 21 but they were loitering outside with 8-10 minors in the parking lot.

Umatilla County Sheriff's Office reported that Merle Eugene Conlon, 55, turned himself in on a Morrow County indictment on charges of four counts of Unlawful Sexual Penetration, six counts of Sodomy First Degree and two counts of Sexual Abuse First Degree. Bail was set at \$100,000.

Oregon State Police received a report from a truck driver that his freightliner ran off the road and took out a milepost. It was a non-injury, non-blocking accident.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report of loud music at DSE in Boardman.

MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report of an audible burglar alarm at the Boardman Pharmacy.

Heppner Police Dept. received a request for an officer from a woman so she could pick up her son's belongings. An officer advised she needs a court order.

MCSO received a report of a residence burglarized in Irrigon.

MCSO received a request for a deputy concerning civil problems with divorce papers and a vehicle.

MCSO, Boardman Police Dept., Boardman Rescue, Boardman ambulance received a report of a 50 year old male at the junction of I-84 and Highway 730 who was slumped over the wheel and who didn't appear to be breathing.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report of dogs barking.

MCSO, Irrigon Fire Dept. received a report of a possible pellet stove fire.

Ione EMTs, Heppner ambulance received a request for an ambulance for an 85 year old man who was not breathing. His son was doing CPR.

MCSO received a report of a fire alarm at Logan International in Boardman. The alarm was cancelled.

MCSO received a report of someone who tore up a fence in Irrigon.

MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report of an audible burglar alarm at a Boardman residence. Someone had dropped off a key just inside the door and alarms were set off.

Oregon State Police received a report of two shots fired from a green Jeep Cherokee in Ione. No one was in position to respond.

US Forest Service received a report of a small fire on French Pass Road approximately two miles from Highway 207 south of Anson Wright Park. No structures were threatened.

Portland Police Dept. reported that a person at Fred Meyer was trying to cash a check. A Heppner woman reported having her purse stolen Friday in Portland.

MCSO, Oregon State Police received a report of a dark Jeep Wrangler in Irrigon with the occupants yelling, cursing and squealing tires.

Baker, Morrow partnership moves forward

The Oregon Community Solutions Team has entered into negotiations to form a new community and economic development partnership between Baker and Morrow counties.

The partnership, the next evolution of the Oregon Regional Strategies Program, will allow Baker and Morrow counties to collaborate for traditional community, economic and business development efforts, according to a news release from the Baker County Board of Commissioners.

The intent of the new partnership is even broader to include growth management, environmental quality, housing, and other issues.

"I am very pleased with the decision by the state," said Brian Cole, chairman of the Baker County Board of Commissioners. "We were concerned that our unusual geographic relationship might cause the state to hesitate."

Traditionally, economic development regions have been formed from contiguous counties. Baker and Morrow counties are separated by approximately 100 miles.

"Our new partnership is based more upon what we want to do and how we want to work together," said Cole. "We both wish to take a very pro-active stance about economic development matters. In effect, we see this partnership as our 'ticket to state government' in its broadest sense."

Terry Tallman, Morrow County Judge, agrees, according to the release. "We are appreciative of the broader scope of what regional partnerships can be," said Tallman. "We think it will allow our two counties to advance all of our priorities in partnership with the state."

Tallman emphasized that he wanted to build upon the relative strengths of each county. "We are known in Morrow County for our business development successes led by the Port of Morrow," said Tallman. "We admire the many community development and grant writing

successes of Baker County."

Both Tallman and Cole stressed that their respective counties could learn from each other to have stronger community and economic development programs.

Cole noted that the spirit of the partnership has already benefited both counties. The Port of Morrow recently passed along a business development lead and Cole forwarded the name of a developer interested in a housing project in the Boardman area. "Despite our distance geographically, our similarity of purpose should ensure that we will see many tangible benefits from this partnership."

Baker County has historically partnered with Malheur County for the Regional Strategies Program. Morrow County has partnered with five counties in the North Central Region.

Bowling League

Koffee Kup Keglers Week of Dec. 2		
	W	L
MCGG	33	15
No Pin Hitters	26%	21%
The CJs	26	22
Team #1	25%	22%
The Dregs	25	23
High game, men: Rodney Ehrmantraut 189		
High series, men: Rodney Ehrmantraut 516		
High game, women: Joan Smith 189		
Janet Beamer 184, Peggy Michel 183.		
High series, women: Joan Smith 494.		

Week of Dec. 9		
	W	L
MCGG	37	15
The CJs	29	23
Team #1	28%	23%
No Pin Hitters	27%	24%
The Dregs	26	26
High game, men: John Breidenbach 235		
High series, men: John Breidenbach 534		
High game, women: Joan Smith 182		
High series, women: LaJuana McKenzie 485		
Splits: LaJuana McKenzie 3-10.		