

Sheriff's Report

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

-MCSO deputy reported a human skull located at a residence.

-OSP received report of a propane tank found on Hwy. 74 at the gravel pit possibly used for manufacturing meth.

-MCSO received request for contact regarding a letter needed for her son to leave the country.

OSP, BPD, MCSO received a 911 hangup call from an Irrigon location and heard a scream. The caller was recontacted, address confirmed and caller hung up. The situation was a domestic dispute involving two subjects. One subject left before law enforcement arrived. Officers were unable to locate the suspect.

-BPD, MCSO received a 911 hangup call. The residence was recontacted and Spanish speaking female confirmed that there was no emergency. It was a child playing on the phone.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that she had a valid restraining order against her husband and he showed up at this residence. Caller said she was hiding in a bedroom and he didn't see her so he left.

-MCSO received report that the caller had just bought property in Boardman and the alarm was going off, and she didn't know how to turn the alarm off. The alarm company reported the alarm and stated the caller didn't have a password.

-MCSO, BPD arrested Noe Emanuel Sanchez on an Irrigon Justice Court Warrant for Failure to Appear-Driving While Suspended/VBR. He was lodged in Umatilla County Jail with \$6,000 bail.

-MCSO received report regarding the above call that a \$5 bill was found on the prisoner with a white substance on it, possibly meth.

-Hermiston PD, BPD received report of a 1990 Ford, four door, brown in color involved in a hit and run on Highway 395. Vehicle, last seen westbound in Hermiston, was registered to a Boardman resident.

-MCSO received report of stray dogs at a Boardman residence.

-MCSO received report of a black yearling cow at an Irrigon location.

-MCSO received request from the Irrigon Post Master that deputies be notified that they do not want kids on roller blades or skateboards in the front parking lot, sidewalks or the back lot where there is a ramp that the postal employees use.

-HPD received report of an

audible burglary, ground motion alarm in Heppner.

-BPD received report that someone had broken into caller's apartment sometime between late Monday night and Tuesday morning. Caller related the subject(s) had caused some damage.

-BPD received report that someone has been calling the caller's house and breathing in the phone. The subject stays on the phone until the caller hangs up. Caller related that this had been happening a lot. Caller's ID is unable to identify the subject. Caller requests officer contact.

-HPD received report that a subject's husband had passed away and the subject was very distraught.

-Klamath Falls Sheriff's Office arrested David B. Swisher, 36, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Contempt of Court. He was lodged at Klamath County Jail with \$30,000 bail.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that her five-year-old daughter had been pinched and squeezed on the buttocks and her hand squeezed. She had also been verbally abused while on the school bus, at school and in front of their house. The caller related that this has been an ongoing problem and that he was fed up with it. He further related that his son knew who was doing it.

-MCSO received report that a subject may have entered a vehicle in Lexington. The subjects had written in an unknown substance the last six numbers of the VIN of the vehicle and 2001 on the windshield.

-HPD received report of an audible burglary alarm at Les Schwab in Heppner. It was a false alarm.

-MCSO received report of a vehicle in Irrigon passing in a no-passing zone, causing traffic to swerve out of the way. There was no deputy available and vehicle turned off Hwy. 730.

February 7: MCSO received report that caller's ex-boyfriend was having his friends call, harass her and threaten her.

February 8: MCSO received report of two dogs running loose near the caller's residence and chasing cats.

-MCSO received report of a possibly intoxicated female walking westbound on Hwy. 730. Deputy gave subject a ride home.

-Boardman Fire Department received report of a vehicle on fire on Main Street.

-Heppner Police Department received request for officer contact because it appeared that the storage units behind Bucknubs Tavern had been tampered with. The caller believed that individuals were able to get into one.

SWCD, Weed Board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, April 3, at 6 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office building conference room in Heppner.

Agenda items include: manager's report, partnership reports: NRCS (EQIP, CRP), FSA, ODFW, county court, extension and the weed report. The public is invited to attend.

Legion, Auxiliary hold birthday dinner

The Lone Legion #95 and Legion Auxiliary held their annual birthday dinner at Beecher's in Ione on March 19 with 40 members were present.

Conrad Tworek presented 55-year pins to Charles Doherty and Don Peterson. Henry Krebs and Bob Baker were presented with 35-year pins.

Helen Crawford presented a 35-

Births

Benjamin Jacob Lynch-a son Benjamin Jacob was born to Teri and Greg Lynch of Heppner on March 14, 2001 at Richland, Washington. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 3 1/2 oz and was 18 1/2" long.

He joins siblings Hannah, 4, and Brian, 2, at home. His grandparents are Mel Piper of Heppner and Gary and Judy Lynch of Tucson, Arizona.

Willow Creek Symphony to perform

The Willow Creek Symphony and the Willow Creek Singers will perform their spring concert on Friday, April 6, at 7 p.m. at the Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon.

The concert is free to the public and is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and the Umatilla Electric Cooperative. Everyone is invited to attend.

Ione Elementary students celebrate 100 days of school



Ione Elementary School students Mikey Raible, Tanner Rietmann and Jordan Braun string 100 Fruit Loops in commemoration of the 100th day of school.

Ione Elementary School students in kindergarten through second grade celebrated 100 days of school recently. This has become a tradition at the school and students count down the days as a part of a "Math Their Way" program.

The day included time to do activities involving "100" such as

stringing 100 Fruit Loops, putting together 100 small pieces of art paper to make a picture, jumping rope 100 times, bouncing a ball 100 times and doing 100 jumping jacks. They also learned two songs written especially for 100 days of school. The day concluded with teachers serving cake and punch to the students.

Karen's Korner By Karen Masshoff Items of Health - Tobacco Prevention

Shamrock Lanes/Pot O' Gold Cafe's "Quartermania" (promotion paid for by Morrow County Tobacco Prevention) on March 15 was a marvelous success. We have had very positive feedback in regards to having this kind of event and I know the folks at the lanes will be doing something like this again in the near future. I certainly enjoyed taking pictures of many of the different groups in action, plus a couple of "twosomes."

Someone during the evening made an observation while watching the crowd of young people bowling that there was a wonderful mix of ages - from little ones to older teens and twenty-somethings, and that there was a nice sense of respect and community. What a gift we have given ourselves.

I am in the process of talking to other restaurants in Morrow County in terms of setting aside a day or an evening where the dining area is smoke free, with perhaps various student or community groups or individuals providing entertainment. If this sounds like a good idea, let your favorite eating place know how you feel. When you are in the vicinity of the Health Department, drop in and let me know too.

I was in Portland for the annual Tobacco Prevention Conference on March 12-13. One session was very sobering: just how brilliant the ad people are who work for the various tobacco companies. One thing to always remember: that their stockholders mandate these tobacco companies to make money. For all the charitable events they seem to be associated with, it is the "bottom line" and name familiarity that is all-important to them. They are spending millions telling us of the thousands they have spent on various projects.

Off The Wall... By Merlyn Robinson

The most effective exorcism for spring fever is a few days of warmer weather that allow digging and raking in the yard, burning weeds or some other Herculean task outdoors. Then one is only too happy to limp back indoors and favor aching, long-unused muscles. Of course, there are those exercise freaks, whose efforts keep their well-conditioned bodies in the best of shape. But somehow, as the years roll by, I find that bent-over stance more demanding. So it's not surprising that raised gardening beds hold an added attraction.

In view of the so-called electricity shortage and looming drought conditions perhaps we need to re-think our landscaping efforts. One thing this country is not short on is rock, so a rock garden with cactus might be the way to go. Or perhaps it would be wise to cement the yard and paint it green. Of course, yards need only a pittance of water compared to all the large landscaped areas including golf courses. But hey, everyone has to have a playground, right?

I think back to the days when rural folks raised large gardens without the convenience of sprinklers and instant water. As a child it was always my job to hoe that large potato patch. Evidently I must have left a goodly number of potato plants growing, because we always had many sacks of potatoes that required digging, sorting and storing in the old root cellar for the winter. Those dry-land potatoes, usually grown in a former haystack or feeding area, were always good "keepers," since they had less water content. That was before there were any deer in this open country that nowadays invade even fenced yards. Too, there was that large patch of sweet corn, cultivated with a horse and walking plow, to provide many jars of canned corn.

Fortunately during my growing up years we seldom were short on water as long as the windmill pumped water to the reservoir for household use. However, irrigated gardens were planted where springs provided water that trickled down ditches dug beside vegetable rows. Compare that with today's lifestyle when an electricity interruption brings everything to a standstill. The lights go out, the furnace and the stove don't work and there's no power to pump the water. Ah, the price of convenience. Yet most of us would be sorely put out if we had to return to those former self-sufficient days.

Back then we didn't have thoughts about our food being contaminated in some way, even though it was propagated with barnyard fertilizer. Currently, everything we eat or use is being challenged as to its safety. Now they're claiming that additives, even in soap or perfume, are putting toxins in our bodies. Perhaps old timers had fewer complicated health problems due to that simple lifestyle. However I think the real reason was that germs didn't stand a chance because of that old homemade lye soap.

Orchestra to hold young artists' competition

Inland Northwest Musicians will hold their first annual Young Artists Competition on Sunday, April 22, at the Vert club room in Pendleton.

This competition is open to all young musicians up to age 25. Entrants will be asked to perform a solo piece that has orchestral accompaniment for a panel of adjudicators. Participants will compete in four divisions: elementary (through fifth grade), junior (grades six-eight), senior (grades nine-12), and young adult (up to age 25).

All entrants will receive comment sheets from the judges and winners will be selected from each division. Winners will receive \$100 cash prizes. Some participants may also be selected to perform in concert with the Inland Northwest Orchestra.

The entry fee for the Young Artists Competition is \$20 and applications must be received by Monday, April 2.

For more information and application materials, contact Alice Massey, Young Artists Competition chairman at 276-7340.

McManus comes to Riverside



Hi Yo Silver! Young Pat gets taken for a ride by one of Mr. Muldon's pigs in "Potts' Luck" by Patrick F. McManus.

"Potts' Luck" a comedy from best-selling author Patrick F. McManus will be presented in Boardman at the Riverside High School auditorium on Saturday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. The show contains all new material adapted for the stage by McManus.

"Potts' Luck" brings a new dimension to Pat's wonderful, wacky

world. Along with the standard brand of McManus humor are moments that tug at the heart as well as the funny bone," said a news release.

Tickets are adults for \$10 and children under 12 for \$5, and are on sale at the Boardman Library, Boardman Pharmacy and Boardman Chamber of Commerce.

Inland NW Orchestra to present concerts

The Inland Northwest Orchestra, a regional symphony orchestra comprised of instrumentalists from Eastern Oregon, will present a pair of concerts on Saturday, March 31, and Sunday, April 1.

Saturday's concert will be held in the Vert auditorium in Pendleton at 7 p.m.. On Sunday, the orchestra will travel by bus to Baker City for a concert at 3:30 p.m. in the Baker High School auditorium.

The concerts will include works by George Frederick Handel, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Vaclav Nelhybel, Alan Hovhaness, and George Bizet.

Local Morrow County musicians who will be performing this weekend with the orchestra include Alissa Daltoso, Fanny Fitzgerald, Melissa McCurry, Laura McElligott, Isaiah Stillman, Emily Unruh, Kathryn Unruh, Meaghan Unruh,

Darren VanCleave and Myrna VanCleave.

Admission is by Inland Northwest Musicians membership, or tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10 (adults) or \$5 (seniors). Students are admitted free. The concerts are sponsored in part by Como's Italian Eatery of Pendleton.

Inland Northwest Musicians, a non-profit organization, is in its second season, and has presented over 30 concerts in many rural and outlying communities of eastern Oregon since its debut in October of 1999.

The organization also includes the Inland Northwest Chorale and the Willow Creek Symphony, a preparatory orchestra based in Heppner. R. Lee Friese, of Athena, conducts the performing groups.

For additional information, call Inland Northwest Musicians at 938-0645.

March 31st - Saturday
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, 4 p.m. Prime Rib Dinner at 6 p.m., with music at 8:30 p.m.

April 5th - Thursday
Ladies Night - Pat Dougherty and crew will be serving Pork Roast Dinner starting at 6 p.m.

BINGO BACK ON WEDNESDAYS STARTING AT 7:00 p.m.

HEPPNER ELKS 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

ATTENTION!
\$250 REWARD
for information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals responsible for the theft of items from 126 E. May Street, Heppner, between Wednesday night, Feb. 7, and Thursday morning, Feb. 8.
Be on the lookout for a Sony Playstation with five games, a Bionic Minnow Fishing Lure set, a ceramic heater and other small items.
Call the Heppner Police or 676-5288.