

## Sheriff's Report

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

-Ione Fire Dept. received a report of a grass fire east of Valby.

-MCSO deputy cited Rachelle Dawn Sykes, 19, for Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 85 mph in a 65-mph zone.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a report of loud music in Boardman; the caller requested contact made to turn the music down.

**Oct. 25:** MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that an expensive bicycle had been stolen.

-MCSO received an inquiry from the woman whose purse had been stolen in an earlier report. She requested a deputy go to a business on Patterson Ferry Road and get her purse back from the male subject who allegedly works there. She related that when she asked for her purse back, the male subject drove off from the location on I-84 where she had run out of gasoline. The caller also said she went to the business on Patterson Ferry but did not see the male subject's van.

-MCSO deputy cited Lino Covarrubia-Covarrubia, 22, of Hermiston for Violation of the Basic Rule, 80 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO, Heppner Police Dept. received a report of a panic alarm from the Morrow County Courthouse. It was determined to be construction work and all was okay.

-MCSO deputy cited Ismael Rodriguez-Mendoza, 21, for No Operator's License, No Insurance and Violation of the Basic Rule, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman that someone had left a vehicle on their property two weeks ago and they didn't know who the owner was. The vehicle was tagged for tow.

-Boardman Police Dept. officer cited Guadalupe Perez-Rubio, 38, for Unnecessary Noise Violation of City Ordinance.

-MCSO received a report of a lost Border Collie dog last seen in the Arbuckle area.

-Oregon State Police, Army Depot received a report from Irrigon of a large plane headed north then turning and heading south. The Army Depot said it was a military plane.

-MCSO received a hang-up 911 call from Brown's Auto in Irrigon. On recontact, they advised all was okay.

-MCSO received a request for deputy contact regarding a burglary at a residence in Irrigon.

-MCSO, Irrigon Fire Dept. received a report of a smoke alarm in a building in Irrigon. It was a false

## Arts & Crafts

### club plans

### Christmas party

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Christmas party is set for Thursday, Dec. 20, at 1 p.m. at GD's Restaurant banquet room.

The party is one week earlier than the usual meeting date because of the holidays.

Members are asked to bring an exchange gift of under \$10 and a plate of cookies.

On the agenda before the party will be the cost of prints of the next mural project depicting Heppner as a main wool shipping point. The price of framed and matted prints will be decided upon. All members are asked to be there for a "good exchange of ideas on this matter."

## SWCD, weed

### Board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Monday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. at the Coyote Springs Co-Gen conference room in Boardman.

Agenda and discussion items include: manager's report, weed report, agency reports, and the SWCD Weed Board/Wheat League annual meeting on Jan. 17.

The meeting is open to the public.

## Death Notice

### Mary Elizabeth Rigby

Mary Elizabeth Rigby, 86, wife of Grant Rigby (former teacher at Ione High School) died on Wednesday, November 21, 2001 at a rest home in Gresham. She suffered a stroke in August 2000 that left her left side paralyzed.

She is survived by three sons; a daughter; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

alarm.

-MCSO received a report of a suspicious vehicle sitting behind the Irrigon Medical Clinic. It was an employee.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that someone had thrown eggs on her car while she was travelling on a road in Irrigon.

-MCSO received information from the FBI of a break-in and suspicious activity at the water tower in Springfield. It was requested that all municipal water suppliers be notified and advised to check their water systems for signs of tampering. All cities except one (where there was no answer) in all four local counties were notified and advised.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon of a juvenile runaway.

**Oct. 26:** MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a suspicious vehicle backed up the Sam Boardman Elementary School. It was the cleaning crew.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman of two suspicious persons looking in vehicles along Columbia Avenue. An officer was unable to locate the subjects.

-Boardman Police Dept., Boardman ambulance received a report of a 20-year-old suffering from an asthma attack in Boardman. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman that her vehicle was broken into during the night.

-MCSO received another report from a caller in Boardman from the same area as the previous call that her vehicle was broken into during the night and money stolen.

-MCSO, The Dalles Police Dept. received a report from a caller who said that he had pulled off I-84 to rest. He woke up, went to the restroom, returned to the vehicle and drove off before realizing his girlfriend was not in the vehicle.

Several businesses in Arlington were contacted; the female subject was not there. The caller called back from Arlington and said his girlfriend was there; the girlfriend made contact and told him where she was. She had contacted the police. The Dalles dispatch was contacted and notified he was en route to pick her up.

-MCSO received two reports at separate times of cows out on Highway 730. A deputy was unable to locate the cows either time.

-MCSO received additional information about a runaway girl who may be with her boyfriend.

-MCSO received a request for deputy contact regarding property taken for evidence; the caller wanted the property back.

-MCSO received a report from Irrigon of a driver's side window broken out of a vehicle; nothing was taken.

-Oregon State Police received a report of a van with a blown-out tire on the side of I-84 eastbound and three male subjects.

-Oregon State Police received a report of a pickup passing vehicles on both shoulders of a road.

-MCSO received a report from a female subject in Boardman that a male subject was missing, then

## Ione Schools

### concert Dec. 17

Pack your backs and get ready to tour the world. Ione Schools Music Department will take you around the world as they sing and play songs from countries around the world.

Their concert is Monday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

All music and band classes grades kindergarten through grade seven will participate. The evening will culminate with a special vocal solo by freshman Katie Hams and the arrival of Santa Claus.

## Bake sale to

### benefit fire

### department

A bake sale in memory of the police and firemen who died in the September 11 attack on New York will be held this Friday, Dec. 14, to benefit the Heppner Fire Department. The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the Post Office.

The sale is sponsored by the Corbin family.

Flags will also be available for purchase in addition to baked goods.

Anyone who would like to donate baked goods or make a donation should call Linda Corbin, 676-5270. Tax deductible contributions may be made to the Heppner Firemen's Auxiliary, P.O. Box 743, Heppner.

hung up. Contact was made with the male subject who advised he was next door and that the female subject "tends to do this every once in a while." He advised all was okay.

-MCSO received a report of the power off at the Black Mountain station for sheriff's office radios and USFS towers. The emergency generator was running. It was advised to call other affected areas.

-USFS received a report of a fire in the Wineland Lake area.

-Oregon State Police received a report of two small vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed on I-84 eastbound.

-Boardman Fire Dept. received a report of a fire alarm at Boardman Health Clinic. It was a false alarm.

-MCSO deputy cited Wesley Medley, 21, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 60 mph in a 35 mph zone and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance.

-MCSO received a report of an older female shepherd cross dog found in Boardman.

-MCSO received a report of two cows out on Highway 730.

-MCSO received a report from Hermiston Police Dept. that Jose Luis Sanguino, 35, was arrested on a Morrow County warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while License Suspended and Driving Uninsured. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman that someone had come onto their porch and stolen her daughter's ferrets.

-MCSO received a report from ODF&W that an ODF&W employee would be shooting beavers at the Willow Creek Golf Course in Heppner.

-MCSO deputy arrested Gaylin Fickel, 57, on a Morrow County warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Resisting Arrest.

-MCSO, Oregon State Police received a report from Ione of two male subjects in a pickup selling meat door-to-door. It was determined to be a legitimate business.

-MCSO deputy served a restraining order to a subject in Boardman.

-MCSO deputy cited Victor Ruben Campos, 26, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 50 mph in a 30 mph zone, Driving while License Suspended Violation, Driving Uninsured. The vehicle was towed.

**Oct. 27:** Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a purse stolen the night at the Dodge City Inn lounge in Boardman.

-MCSO, Oregon State Police, Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller at the Sandpiper Apts. in Boardman of 14-15 kids out in front of the apartments fighting. The subjects scattered when law enforcement arrived on the scene.

-MCSO received a report from Oregon State Police that Gilberto Crist Chapa-Hernandez was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance II. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO, Oregon State Police, Boardman Police Dept. received a report of an audible burglary alarm at a business. A person was contacted to inspect the damage.

-Boardman ambulance received a report from a caller in Boardman of a 55-year-old female who was unresponsive and had a history of

strokes. The patient was taken to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston by private vehicle and the ambulance was cancelled.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that she accidentally set off her alarm at her residence.

-Oregon State Police received a report of a vehicle on I-84 westbound that was all over the road, hitting the shoulder and speeding.

-Oregon State Police received a report of a vehicle broken down on I-84 eastbound.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a fight in progress at the Texaco in Boardman. A message was left at the Juvenile Dept. about the situation.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon of items taken from his pickup the previous night.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a request for an officer in Boardman regarding an item taken by the caller's friend's father's girlfriend.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. officer arrested Pedro Claustro Velasco, 23, for Driving while License Suspended Violation, Forgery I (x2) and Possession of a Forged Instrument I (x2). He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail with \$30,000 bail.

-Irrigon ambulance received a request for an ambulance for a 74-year-old male in Irrigon who had a high temperature and was incoherent. He has a history of emphysema and bronchitis. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

-MCSO received a report of a missing yellow lab.

-Boardman ambulance received a request for an ambulance in Boardman for a 70-year-old man who was incoherent and possibly having a stroke.

-MCSO deputy cited John Munkers, 19, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 55 mph in a 35 mph zone.

-MCSO deputy cited Colin Winters, 49, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO deputy cited Olga Arroya Lopez, 27, for Failure to Use Seatbelts.

-MCSO received a report from a caller that her daughter, niece and nephew were almost kidnapped by a male in Irrigon the previous day. The caller wanted to speak to a deputy.

-MCSO received a report from Umatilla Police Dept. that Jacob Theodore Morris, 26, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Harassment and on local charges of Violation of Restraining Order. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received a report from a caller who drove from Vancouver, WA to bring her 13-month old daughter to Boardman to be picked up by her father for visitation but he didn't show up.

-Boardman Police Dept. officer cited Jerry Buschke, 42, for Animal at Large.

-Irrigon Fire Dept. received a request to respond to an illegal burn in Irrigon.

-MCSO received a report from the Springfield Police Dept. that Robert Fernando Swartout, 31, was

arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while License Suspended and Exceeding Speed. He was lodged at the Lane County Jail with \$6,000 bail.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. officer arrested Gonzalo Covarrubias-Navarete for DUII (BAC was refused) and Driving while License Suspended Misdemeanor. The vehicle was impounded.

-MCSO received a request from a caller in Boardman for deputy contact concerning a fresh set of footprints going up to her back door.

-MCSO deputies arrested Tony Lee Kellar, 28, on a UCSO warrant for Failure to Appear II. Kellar was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail with \$10,000 bail.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that her vehicle was broken into and a window shattered.

-MCSO received a report of a cabin broken into and a .22 rifle stolen.

-MCSO deputy cited Stacy Leann Hinz, 32, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a request for a deputy to stand by while the caller picked up her belongings from a residence in Irrigon.

-MCSO deputy cited Heather Lee Gregory, 22, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 90 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a barking dog behind the caller's residence in Boardman.

-MCSO received a report of a vehicle with loud music on parked by the caller's residence in Boardman.

-MCSO, Boardman Police and Fire depts., Boardman ambulance received a report of a vehicle sideways in a ditch along I-84 eastbound. Another vehicle had stopped to assist. Officials were unable to locate the vehicle.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report of an audible alarm at Sam Boardman Elementary School. The faculty set off the alarm by mistake.

-Boardman Police Dept. officers arrested Nicolas Navarra Landeros, 28, on a Morrow County warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/DUII. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail and his vehicle impounded.

**Oct. 29:** MCSO received a report of a Savage rifle, model 99E .308, stolen from Divide Wells in the Heppner Unit sometime during the weekend.

-MCSO, Oregon State Police received a report of a Honda Accord rear-ending a semi-truck. The vehicles were not blocking the traffic lane but there was debris in the road.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that his next door neighbors had been arguing for a 1/2 hour; the caller wanted a deputy to ask them to quiet down. The couple was quieted down and had moved on.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman of a male subject carrying a black backpack who was walking around her back field "relieving himself". The subject was determined to be a salesman.

-MCSO received a report from the Oregon State Police in Hermiston

that Gina Denise Martinez, 42, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Arson I. She was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a suspicious male and female were hanging out on her property.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that she received a letter from the phone company that an unauthorized party had been using her phone number.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon regarding a horse. The caller said she had left messages for a deputy; the deputy advised he had not received any messages.

## 4-H News

### The Incredible Edibles 4-H Club

By Kristal Temple, reporter  
The Incredible Edibles had their second meeting on Dec. 7. Members met at the Ione Fire Hall. They welcomed four new members into the club. Everyone was asked to bring about two dozen cookies to the meeting.

After the new members were enrolled, record sheets were passed out. Then members discussed cookie types, vocabulary and sanitation. Then members made Chewy Chocolate Chip Cookies. While making them, members shared tips and proper measuring techniques. While the cookies were baking, members decorated sugar cookies.

When the chocolate chip cookies were done baking, members filled plates with assorted cookies. When a plate was filled, members would wrap it in green saran wrap and add a bow. Everyone took home at least one plate of cookies to give to an elderly person.

The next meeting has not been announced; however, Anne Morter would be happy to let members know when it is by contacting her at 422-7429.

### Books and More Books 4-H Club

By Shannon Clay, reporter  
Books and More Books 4-H Club met on Nov. 27 at member Miranda Hunt's home.

The group discussed a community service project, "Operation Christmas Child" which members had completed. Then members talked about "Gone Away Lake" by Elizabeth Enright. Miranda Hunt did the book report and Emily Rietmann did the author report.

The next book members will read is "In The Stone Circle" by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel. At the group's next meeting on Thursday, Dec. 20, they will also do a gift exchange.

### Sew Happy 4-H Club

By Emily Thompson, reporter  
Sew Happy 4-H club had their second meeting on Dec. 7. The meeting was held at club leader Sharon Lewis' home.

All the club's members were there. Members are Destiny George, Catherine McElligott, Emily Thompson, Maggie Armato, Sheryl Peck and Kaylee Helfrecht.

Members made crescent rolls with the yeast bread-special shaping method from Catherine McElligott's recipe.

Next month, the club is going to make muffins with the quick bread-muffin method.

Members are excited about next month and can't wait.

## Karen's Korner

By Karen Masshoff

### Items of Health - Tobacco Prevention

Have you been contemplating giving the gift of life .... your life? A poignant thought for this time of year, and perhaps more so given the events this latter part of 2001. Above my desk here in the office I have a magnet in the shape of a house that I got from OHDC: jugar \* trabajar \* vivir - Todo Es Mejor Sin Tabaco. Play \* work \* life - All Is Better Without Tobacco. What greater gift could you give yourself and your family than to become tobacco free? Write this commitment on a special Christmas card for under the tree. Then call the Oregon Quit Line: 1-877-270-7867 or 1-877-266-3863 in Spanish; they will assist you further in this process.

The topic of safe cigarettes is a very timely one for consideration. In my previous column I mentioned seeing and hearing about natural and organic tobacco and "safe" cigarettes. Wouldn't you know, here come the tobacco companies tumbling over one another to get their new brands on the market. Just in time to take advantage of the holidays wouldn't you say.

Such names include "Omni" from Vector Tobacco/Liggett Group; "Advance" from Brown and Williamson/BAT; and "Eclipse" from RA Reynolds. Not to give these folks undue promotion, but I want to begin speaking to the welter of claims by these companies. Also, I want to attempt to sort out some of the bewildering toxic/carcinogenic compounds these cigarettes are purporting to reduce. None of these new brands, or any such brands, will ever become an alternative to tobacco cessation for improving life and health.

I will begin writing about Omni and then move on to the others in future columns. When confronted by public health experts and others, Vector acknowledged there is no scientific proof that Omni's reduction of such carcinogenic compounds as nitrosamines or catechols will be any less dangerous than Marlboro or Camel. The tobacco in this cigarette is treated with a combination of two chemicals, including palladium, a metal most commonly found in the catalytic converters of cars. It has yet to complete any human or animal tests of the effects of smoking this new cigarette.

Stay tuned, folks, there is more to come: Oregon has a new Smokefree Workplace law that goes into effect January 1, 2002. Unfortunately, if you work in a bar, tavern, bingo hall, or bowling center you will not be protected. I will be writing more on this later and speaking before the Chamber of Commerce January 22, 2002.

## Legion Auxiliary meets

The Ione American Legion Auxiliary #95 met on Dec. 4 at Beecher's Restaurant for their monthly meeting. It was reported that the members had donated \$697 in gifts for the veterans gift shop at The Dalles. Also, 13 lap robes were donated to the hospital.

The members voted to purchase a Spinoza "buddy bear" for an ill child. This bear is to go to an ill child in either Morrow or Umatilla county. Christmas cookie plates will be put together Thursday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m. Members are to bring five dozen cookies.

## Oregon East Symphony

### plans music festival

The Pendleton Convention Center will again host "Eastern Oregon's largest annual holiday music festival" on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 3:15 p.m.

This event, produced by the Oregon East Symphony and Chorale, will feature an assortment of community instrumentalists, singers, and bell choirs in a concert centered around the music of the season.

Blue Mountain Community College's chorale director David Miller will once again conduct the assembly. Participants in this year's offering include the Oregon East Symphony, the Oregon East Symphony Chorale, the Blue Mountain Community College Choir, the Young Voices of Eastern Oregon, harpist Amy Jepsen of Heppner and three local bell choirs, the Bells of Peace, the Bells of Joy, and the First

### Christian Church Bell Tones.

Holiday music scheduled for the concert includes Poulenc's "Gloria," "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head," by local composer Martha Warberg, and many traditional favorites like "O Tannenbaum," "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," "As Lately We Watched" and "Carol of the Bells."

Seating at the Convention Center will on a first-come basis, so the public is encouraged to arrive early. Tickets can be purchased now in Pendleton at Armchair Books, 39 Southwest Dorion and the OES offices at 424 South Main, and will be available at the Convention Center box office on the afternoon of the festival.

This special concert is made possible by the sponsorships of Pendleton Sanitary Service, Leland and Roberta Jones, Harriet Isom, and Phyllis Shoveliski of The Nickel.