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-heard that a big drainage project has been completed with the exception of a small corner area, for which a solution has been planned.

-discussed setting a date to go through the buildings and set budget priorities for repairs and improvements.

-learned from Browning that the district's property tax amount of \$300,000 from Morrow and Gilliam counties, exceeded the budgeted amount of \$280,000.

-learned from Browning that the classified staff has had concerns about payroll information. Browning said that the payroll info will be put in a

more easily understood format. There are no problems with the classified staff's contract with the district, she added.

-heard from the district's attorney, John W. Osburn, who was in attendance and clarified issues about the charter.

-discussed problems with obtaining information concerning the transfer of deeds from the Morrow County School District. The board instructed Browning to proceed with getting the related documents drawn up and advised her to contact the district's lawyer if problems persist.

-set the next board meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 18, because of the Martin Luther King holiday.

Christmas Services

St. Patrick's and St. William's Parishes: Friday, Dec. 24- 8:30 p.m., Choir will sing Christmas carols; 9 p.m. Candlelight Procession, Blessing of the Nativity Scene and Vigil Mass; Saturday, Dec. 25- 8:45 a.m., Blessing of Nativity Scene and Christmas Mass at St. William's; 11 a.m., Christmas Mass at St. Patrick's.

Valby Lutheran: Friday, Dec. 24- 7 p.m., Christmas Eve service.

Hope Lutheran: Friday, Dec. 24- 9 p.m., Christmas Eve service.

All Saints Episcopal: Friday, Dec. 24- 11 p.m., Christmas Eve service.

Heppner Nazarene Church: Friday, Dec. 24- 7 p.m., Christmas Eve advent

and Communion service.

Heppner Christian Church: Friday, Dec. 24- 6 p.m., candle-light Christmas Eve service.

Seventh Day Adventist Church: Saturday, Dec. 25- 11 a.m., Christmas program.

Gazette closed for Christmas holiday

The Heppner Gazette office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24 to celebrate the Christmas holiday. The offices will reopen Dec. 27, with their normal hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Former deputy faces trial on sex-abuse, drug charges

Reprinted from the Hermiston Herald, Dec. 17, 2004 By Joyce Hensley Staff writer

BEND — A former Morrow County Sheriff's deputy pleaded not guilty to felony sex-abuse and drug-delivery charges Monday. Mark James Reitmann, 29, faces a June trial on charges that he gave cocaine to a 17-year-old La Pine girl and had sex with her while working as a Deschutes County deputy sometime between March 1997 and July 2002.

Reitmann had worked as a deputy in Morrow County for the past two years. The sheriff's office there placed him on leave after a grand jury indicted him on the sex charges in August.

He had been hired by Morrow County Sheriff Verlin Denton to fill a contract position, then he was transferred to a regular county position.

Rietmann, who was selected as employee of the year for 2003, worked for the Morrow County Sheriff's Office for two years.

He coordinated the department's search and rescue program.

When Denton received news of Rietmann's

indictment August 11, the deputy was placed on paid investigative leave.

Rietmann resigned in September, according to Denton.

Rietmann's alleged crimes came to light during the investigation of a former deputy with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Mike Malloy.

Malloy, a 10-year employee of the Sheriff's Office, was indicted by a Deschutes County grand jury in August on 143 felony sex-abuse and drug charges stemming from his alleged involvement with two 17-year-old La Pine girls.

Malloy is waiting a trial date.

Prosecutors said Reitmann, who also worked as a reserve deputy and animal control officer for Deschutes County, had sex with one of the two 17-year-old girls and gave her cocaine, according to the indictment.

Prosecutors requested on Monday that Deschutes County Circuit Judge Michael Adler consolidate the cases against the two former deputies.

The motion will be considered Jan. 24.

Reitmann posted a \$40,000 bond in August and remains free.

Sheriff's Report

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

Dec. 14: MCSO cited Homero Gutierrez Gastelum, 27, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 71 mph in a 45 mph zone.

-MCSO cited Alfonso Ramos Reyes, 21, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO cited Enrique Nava Peregrina, 36, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 81 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Dec. 15: MCSO arrested David Alan Anteau, 35, on a Multnomah County warrant for Failure to Appear/Unlawful Use of Inhalants. Anteau was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

Dec. 16: Boardman PD cited Tami Lynette Thurman, 42, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 33 mph in a 20 mph zone.

-MCSO, OSP and Boardman ambulance and fire department received a report of a rollover accident west of the Boardman Rest area. There were two male occupants and the driver had a head injury and was transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The vehicle was towed.

-MCSO cited Juan Alejandro Gomez, 20, for No Operator's License, No Insurance and Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle. The vehicle was impounded.

Dec. 17: MCSO cited Saul Llamas Renteria, 19, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 76 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report of an erratic driver headed into Boardman from I-84. The vehicle was stopped and Carol Thonore Grover, 54, was arrested for DUII (BAC-refusal) and on two warrants. The vehicle was impounded.

-MCSO received a report from the Boardman Shell station that a drunk driver left in an unknown direction. The vehicle was stopped and William Moran, 40, was cited for DUII (BAC-refusal). The vehicle was impounded.

-MCSO arrested Carol Warren, 54, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/DUII. Warren was also arrested on a Umatilla County Sheriff's Office warrant for DUII and lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO cited Julie A. DeBord, 25, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 84 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report that Jerry Wayne Edgerly, 61, was arrested on a Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Contempt of Court.

-MCSO cited Yolanda Pacheco, 42, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 78 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO cited Sonny Phipps, 18, and Brandon E. Garcia, 18, for Possession of Less than One Ounce.

-MCSO received a report from a caller who saw a naked male dancing in front of his vehicle lights just off I-84 at milepost 170. Deputies were unable to locate the subject.

-MCSO received a report from Stanfield PD that Luis Enrique Zamarripa Grimaldo, 23, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while

Suspended and Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with Umatilla County warrants.

Dec. 18: MCSO arrested Gregory Wayne Terry, 19, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle. Terry was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO cited Samuel Gutierrez, 21, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone and Driving while Suspended-infraction.

-MCSO received a report from Portland PD that Eliud Rubio, 24, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended.

Dec. 19: MCSO arrested Edward Orlovski, Jr., 51, on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended.

-MCSO received a report from Pendleton PD that Desirae Marie Bass, 22, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument.

-MCSO arrested Michelle Ann Stephens, 31, on a Umatilla County warrant for Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance-2, DUII and Failure to Carry and Present. Stephens was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO arrested Socimo Vera, 19, on Probable Cause charges of Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Reckless Endangerment x4, Pointing a Firearm at Another x4 and Menacing x4. Vera was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

Dec. 20: MCSO, Boardman PD arrested Victor Samuel Garcia Fuentes, 27, for DUII (BAC .15) and Criminal Trespass II. Fuentes was also cited for Careless Driving, No Operator's License and Driving Uninsured.

-MCSO arrested Ralph Carl Greer, 45, on a Parole Violation. Greer was lodged at Umatilla County jail.

-MCSO cited Eva Gomez Rivera, 29, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Morrow County Gun Club news

On Sunday, Dec. 19, a windy but warm afternoon, six shooters toed the 16-yard line at the Morrow County Gun Club. Harvey Childers came out on top with 20 out of 25 shots. Steve Crum followed with 19 of 25 and Mark Schlichting came out with 17 of 25.

No handicap targets were shot and the group went right on to Annes. Once again, Childers dominated taking four, with Barry Munkers winning two and Rob Crum winning one.

The next shoot will be held Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, at 12 p.m. The annual meeting will be held and the Winter League (buckle shoot) will start. A handicapping system is used so new shooters have an equal chance against the seasoned shooters.

Bring your shotgun and get signed up for your "shot" at a MCGC buckle.

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Obituaries

Grace A. Schmidt

Former Heppner resident, Grace A. Schmidt, 87, passed away Dec. 11, 2004 in her home at Liberty Shores in Poulsbo, WA.

A memorial service was held at First Lutheran Church on Dec. 17. Inurnment followed at First Lutheran Cemetery.

Born March 29, 1917 in Seward, Alaska, she was the daughter of early Seward pioneers, Robert W. and Janette M. (Brooks) Johnston. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in Home Economics from then Washington State College, Pullman, WA in 1938. She then taught home economics in Castle Rock and Rockford, WA as well as Ione, Heppner and Umatilla.

She married Elmer H. Schmidt on Dec. 21, 1941. The couple resided for many years in Echo, Heppner and Hermiston, where Elmer was a railroad telegrapher and station agent for the Union Pacific Railroad. The couple were active in Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and 4-H in both Echo and Heppner. Following their retirement they moved to Poulsbo, which they made their home for the past 28 years.

Schmidt was an active member of First Lutheran Church in Poulsbo where she helped organize Family Kitchen. She was known for her cooking and Bible study leadership. She was a voracious reader, a

crossword puzzle and word search fanatic and an avid quilter and knitter. A member of Martha Circle, the Tuesday Quilting Ladies and the KnitWits at the First Lutheran, she single-handedly knitted over 30 children's sweaters annually for Lutheran World Relief, a project she continued more than 15 years.

At Liberty Shores she served as Resident Council President, librarian, Bible study leader and self-appointed Sunshine Committee.

Survivors include her brother, Robert D. Johnston of Hermiston; children, Jean (David) Creswick of Scappoose, Judy (Tom) Driscoll of Poulsbo, WA, Jill (Larry) Liedtke of Eugene and David (Mona) Schmidt of Vancouver, WA; eleven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; granddaughter, Rebecca Driscoll; sisters, Bobbie Johnston, Ella McRae and Genevieve Newport; and by her brothers, Russell and Everett Johnston.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Rebecca Driscoll Memorial Scholarship Fund or Kitsap County Habitat for Humanity, both of which can be contacted through First Lutheran Church in Poulsbo, P.O. Box 825, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

HAPPY 93rd BIRTHDAY EVERETT KEITHLEY! You're invited to help Everett Keithley celebrate his 93rd Birthday at Summit Springs in Condon on December 28th from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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