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## Commemorative service to be held in Heppner

During the week of April 10-16, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be observed across our nation by victims and survivors and the professionals and volunteers who assist them. Morrow County will be joining in by holding a special commemorative service on April 12 at 7:30 p.m. on the front steps of the Morrow County Courthouse.

The commemorative service shall be a time for reflection and support and will include a candlelight service, speakers and special music. All attendees will receive and educational packet with resource information included.

President Ronald Reagan declared the first National Crime Victims' Rights Week to pay tribute to crime victims and to recognize the devastating impact of violence on individuals, communities and our nation as a whole. In proclaiming the first NCVRW in 1981 and then establishing the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime, he stated, "Our commitment to criminal justice goes far deeper than our desire to punish the guilty or to deter those considering a lawless course. Our laws represent the collective moral voice of a free society- a voice that articulates our shared beliefs about the roles of civilized behavior. Both the observance of Crime Victims' Week and the creation of this Task Force are entirely consistent with principles that lie at the heart of our nation's belief in freedom under law."

This year's theme- "Justice Isn't Served Until Crime Victims Are"- emphasizes the importance of providing support and assistance to victims as a critical and core component of justice in America.

Since 1981, the field of victims' rights and services has contributed to many accomplishments that enhance individual and community safety. Today, there are over 10,000 justice system- and community-based programs that inform and educate victims about their rights and provide supportive services to help them cope with the physical, emotional, financial and spiritual impact of crime. Over 32,000 laws have been passed at the state and federal levels that define and protect victims' rights, including constitutional amendments in 32 states.

Comprehensive responses and programs have also been created that ensure a sensitive and effective response to victims of domestic and international terrorism and mass violence.

In America today, victim service programs offer a wide range of services that include crisis intervention, counseling, safety planning and advocacy throughout the criminal or juvenile justice system; and state victim compensation programs help victims recover from the many costs associated with criminal victimization.

"Anyone who is truly concerned about justice should also be concerned that victims and survivors are treated with dignity and compassion, educated about their rights under law and offered services to help them cope in the aftermath of crime," explained John W. Gillis, Director of the Office for Victims of Crime within the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. "Only when we consistently serve victims in our communities are we truly service justice."

Local spokesperson, Samarra Van Doorn, Director of the Morrow County Victim Assistance Program stands firm in the mission to serve justice by identifying and addressing the immediate-, short-, and long-term needs of the crime victims and survivors in Morrow County.

"Anyone who is victimized by crime can receive information about their rights and the services available to assist them," Van Doorn said. "It is important to educate ourselves but even then you may find yourself the victim/survivors of a criminal act. If you or someone you know is a victim of crime, we can help."

For additional information about the silver anniversary of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, crime victim assistance and upcoming volunteer information, please contact Morrow County Victim Assistance at (541) 676-5665.

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## Sheriff's Report

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

**March 29:** Boardman PD cited Amy Kristine Verley, 32, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 90 mph in a 65 mph zone, and Passing in a No Passing Zone.

-MCSO received a report from The Dalles PD that Morris Ray Sam, 42, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/DUI.

**March 30:** MCSO cited Richard Alan Sturgeon, 47, for Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device and Driving Uninsured.

**March 31:** Boardman PD cited Pedro Martinez Vilchis, 27, for Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device.

-MCSO received a report from UCSO that Amy Lynn Becker, 34, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended.

-MCSO cited Dollinda Shawnette Taylor, 45, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report from Gilroy, CA that Guadalupe Perez-Rubio, 42, was arrested on a Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Bribery and DUII. Perez-Rubio was lodged at Santa Clara County Jail.

-MCSO arrested Jerry Lamar Boyd, 28, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Giving False Information to a Police Officer.

-MCSO arrested Aaron James Cockrill, 25, on a Umatilla County warrant for Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance II and DUII. Cockrill was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received a report from UCSO that Diana Flores, 42, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended. Flores was already lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

**April 1:** MCSO arrested John Joseph Horner, Jr., 58, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Interfering with a Peace Officer; on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/DUII-Alcohol/Contempt of Court Failure to Complete Alcohol Education; on a Umatilla County warrant for Parole Violation/Assault IV; and on a Benton County, WA warrant for Failure to Appear/Disturbing Archeological Resource. Horner was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO arrested Robert Wade Eastep, 44, for Hindering Prosecution.

-MCSO arrested Joseph Arthur Manning, 18, for Criminal Mischief III.

-Boardman PD served Jackie Allen Brown, 53, with a Gilliam County citation for Telephonic Harassment.

-Boardman PD arrested Saul Llamas Renteria, 19, for DUII. He was cited and released to appear.

-Boardman PD arrested Kent Wendell Cate, 37, on a Deschutes County warrant for Failure to Appear/DUII, Assault 4, Reckless Endangerment and Reckless Driving. Cate was lodged at Umatilla County Jail. Michelle Marie Hottel, 38, was arrested on a Gilliam County warrant for Parole Violation/Possession of a Controlled Substance II. Hottel was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

**April 2:** MCSO received a report of a male on horseback disturbing fisherman in Irrigon. Jamie Marie Shelton, 29, was arrested on a Umatilla County warrant for Failure to Appear/DUII. Shelton was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

**April 3:** MCSO cited Patricia Lopez Gomez, 36, for No Operator's License and received a warning for Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device.

-MCSO received a report from UCSO that Richard Marcelle Erevia, 29, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/DUII.

**April 4:** MCSO cited Felix Villa Arias, 54, for Driving while Suspended-violation and Driving Uninsured. The vehicle was impounded.

-MCSO received a report from Washington County Sheriff's Office that Rachele Rae Freda, 37, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Interfering with a Peace Officer/Criminal Mischief II. Freda was lodged at Washington County Jail and then was released due to overcrowding.

-MCSO received a report from Klamath County Sheriff's Office that Craig Scott, 21 (DOB 5/31/1983), was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Illegal Possession of Fireworks.

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## Voter registration deadline nearing for upcoming election

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**Irrigon Community Education Committee:** There are three positions, 1, 5 and 6, for four-year terms and three positions 2, 3 and 4 for two-year terms. Filed for the election are: Judy Brown, position 1; Elizabeth Wheeler, position 6; Glenna Hoffman, position 5; Karen Cooley, position 2; and Scott Ross, position 3.

**Oregon Trail Library District:** There are two positions, 1 and 2, for two-year terms and three positions 3, 4 and 5, for four-year terms. Filed for the election are: Sara Walker, position 1; Barbara Huwe, position 4; Debra Stratton, position 3; Annetta Spicer, position 5; and Israel Blaine Ganvoa, position 2.

**Willow Creek Park District:** There are two Director at large positions for four-year terms. Filed for the election is Archie Padberg.

**Port of Morrow:** There are three positions 1, 2 and 3, for four-year terms. Filed for the election are: Daniel Creamer, position 2; Chris Rauch, position 1; James Hollandsworth, position 1; Michael Dipo, position 3; Don Russell, position 1; Joe Taylor, position 2; Jerry Healy, position 3; and Nancy Vander Does, position 2.

**Umatilla-Morrow ESD:** There are two at-large positions, 6 and 7, for four-year terms. Filed for the election are: Rodney Parker, position 6; Jack Matlock, position 6; and Kathy Neal, position 7.

**Morrow County Unified Recreation District:** There are two positions, Zone 1 and Zone 2, for four-year terms. Filed for the election are: Terry Tallman, zone 2 and Robert Byrd, zone 1.

**Morrow County School District:** There are three positions, 2, 6 and 7, for four-year terms and one position, 3, for a two-year term. Filed for the election are: John Renfro, position 2; Patricia Furgerson, position 6; William Kuhn, position 3; Martin Montes de Oca, position 3; Nancy Vander Does, position 2; Berto Hernandez, position 7; and Barney Lindsay, position 6.

**Morrow County Health District:** There are three positions, 1, 2 and 3, for four-year term. Filed for the election are: Leann Rea, position 3; John Murray, position 2; John Gochnauer, position 1; and Margaret Hollandsworth, position 2.

## Heppner track teams selling blocks

The Heppner junior and senior high school track teams have put into motion fund raisers to generate funds to purchase equipment for the HHS/HJHS track renovation project.

Currently, the tracksters and coaches are selling retaining wall blocks to be placed on the outside of the track for \$35. Donors' names will be placed on each block purchased for having supported the renovation. A car wash and pop can drive are also planned.

Several new features for the track have been completed and much more needs to be done. There are new shot put and discus rings and two new long jump/triple jump pits. Excavation and final grading of the track, javelin runway and high jump apron are complete and await base asphalt. Asphalt will be applied when weather conditions permit.

The application of rubberized asphalt and the stripping of the track will be completed as grant money is made available. Landscaping

also needs to be done to finalize the renovation project.

"The addition of various equipment items along with the new track will allow us to host home meets in the future and will enhance the training of our track athletes," said high school head coach Dale Conklin. "We found out our high jump pit is no longer useable and a new pit is our top priority for new equipment. The purchase of new hurdles and reconditioning of old hurdles is also necessary to host home meets."

For the present, the track teams have an old pole vault pit on loan from Ione High School to allow for practices. "We greatly appreciate their generous assistance," Conklin said.

To purchase a retaining wall block, contact a junior or senior high school track athlete or coach; mail a donation to Heppner High School, PO Box 67, Heppner, OR 97836, along with the name to be placed on the block; or phone, 676-9138 or 676-5426. Make checks payable to HHS track fund.

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