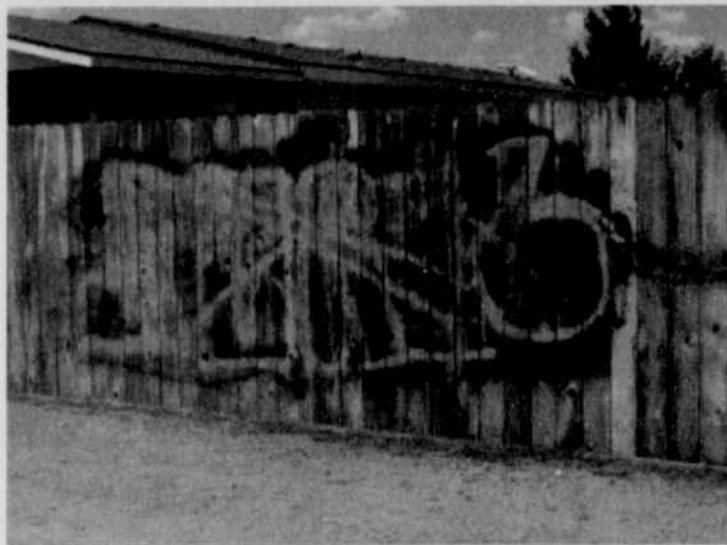
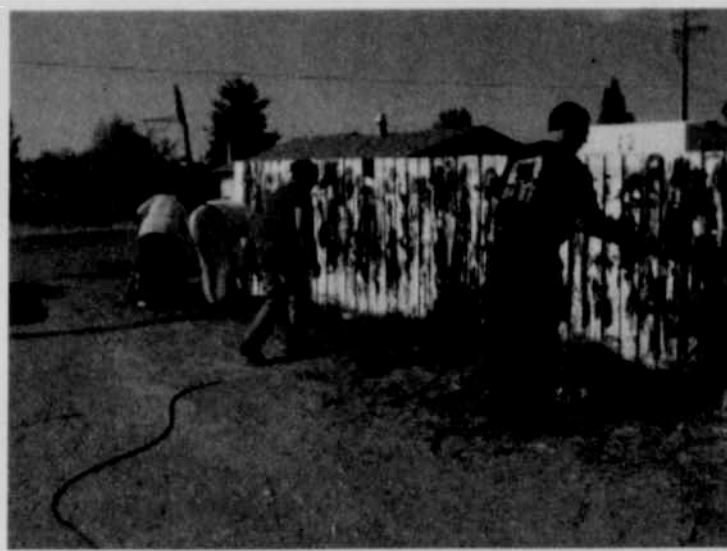


Graffiti removal project underway



The Morrow County Sheriff's Task Force started their graffiti removal project on Aug. 18.

A graffiti removal system which includes a pressure washer, soda blaster and a large capacity water container, along with the capability of heating the water, was acquired through a grant from the state that the gang task force applied for.

Task force members—Morrow County

Sheriff's Deputy John Bowles, Sergeant Loren Dieter from the Boardman Police Dept., M.C. Juvenile Director Carolyn Holt, along with the Morrow County Code Enforcement Officer, Deputy John Lehman, and the Juvenile Department Wrap Around Service Coordinator, Laura Aviles, removed graffiti from around 20 different locations in the Irrigon area.

"From the Heppner-

lone area to Boardman and Irrigon, graffiti has been a real problem for Morrow County residents and businesses," said Deputy Bowles. "It tarnishes the appearance of our communities that everyone tries so hard to maintain."

A graffiti removal agreement is signed by each victim before any graffiti can be removed. Victims may call the Morrow County Juvenile Department at (541) 676-5643 or the

Morrow County Sheriff's Department at (541) 676-5317 to request that their site be included in the project removal.

To keep the project on-going, which means maintaining the equipment and keeping removal supplies on hand, the project will need to be continued by grants and donations. Donations may be made to the Morrow County Juvenile Department, P.O. Box 791, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sheriff's Report

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

August 23: Boardman Police Department cited William Robert Phillips, Jr., for violating speed limit, 56/35. -David R. Starkweather, 42, requested to turn himself in on a Morrow County Sheriff's Office warrant for failure to appear/interfering with making a report and harassment.

-BPD arrested Juan Carlos Guzman Madrigal, 20, for possession of a controlled substance II, failure to carry and present and driving while suspended-misdemeanor.

-Irrigon Ambulance, MCSO received a report of an elderly subject who

twisted a hip and fell, with his leg going numb.

-MCSO, Irrigon Ambulance received report of a female stabbed with a knife. The call was unfounded and no transport was made.

-MCSO received report that Hermiston Police arrested Amber Wilson, 21, on a Irrigon Justice Court warrant for failure to pay fine/minor in possession/consumption.

-MCSO received report that the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office arrested Lucio Caro, 18, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for failure to pay fine/minor in possession/consumption.

-MCSO received a report of two semis hauling a green substance that is leaking all over on I-84 near Boardman.

-MCSO received report of a stolen forest green bicycle in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report of three to four boys on small motorbikes tearing up a road in Boardman.

-MCSO received report of a dark-color minivan all over the road and the driver suspected of drunk driving. The vehicle was located at an Irrigon residence.

-Boardman Ambulance, Boardman Fire Department received report of a motor vehicle accident on Bombing Range south of Boardman. Subjects refused transport.

August 24: BPD received report of a vehicle stolen in Boardman.

-BPD received report of a 66-year-old Boardman female having bad pains by her heart, shoulder and back.

MCSO received report of a theft of an air compressor out of a truck in Boardman. Tractors were also cleaned out and graffiti was written on the side of the shop.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that a man was

making threats against her to her family and had made sexual advancements to her.

-MCSO received report of a green parachute in the water with something attached to it near the Arlington exit. Caller did not stop.

-MCSO received report of a male with unknown injuries at the OHV park near Heppner.

-MCSO received report that Hermiston Police arrested Bobby Leslie Wade on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for probation violation/unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for failure to appear/driving while suspended. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received report that a cabin on Sand Hollow Road had been broken into.

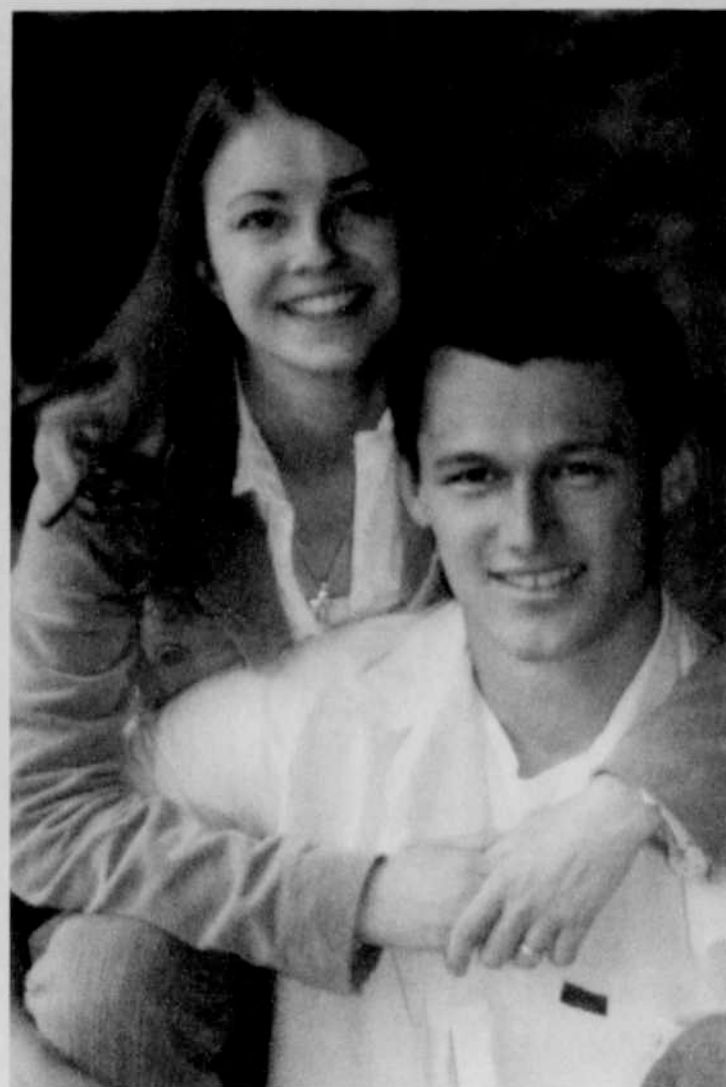
-MCSO received report of a missing juvenile in Irrigon. He returned home.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that a female had been making threats to her sister.

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Engagement

Piper - Johnston



Joselyn Johnston and David Piper

David and Pamela Piper of Heppner announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, David R. to Joselyn Marie Johnston of Gresham.

The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Heppner High School. He attended Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham and is currently co-owner/operator of his own business, along with his cousin Kent Bloodsworth, in Eugene.

The bride-elect is the daughter of James and Tami Johnston of Troutdale. She is a 2001 graduate of Reynolds High School in Gresham. She attended college at Mt. Hood Community College and Central Washington College in Ellensburg, WA. This fall she will be pursuing a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Western Oregon University in Monmouth.

The couple plan a September 10, 2005, wedding in Paesano's Cedarville Park at 3800 W. Powell Loop in Gresham at 6 p.m. All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Program set at fossil beds

To help celebrate the Painted Hills Festival, everyone is invited to join a John Day Fossil Beds National Monument ranger for a tour of the prehistoric lights of our eastern Oregon night sky.

The program begins at 9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 2, and ends at 10:30 p.m. It takes place at the monument's Painted Hills Unit overlook, 10 miles west of the town of Mitchell, off State Highway 26.

A telescope will be used during the program but participants should bring their own binoculars. A warm coat is highly recommended for this outdoor program. Participants will be making use of their night vision and red flashlights will be provided.

No alcohol is allowed in the park.

Expect to see a few night sky satellites, star clusters, and a galaxy or two. No reservations are needed and the program is free.

In case of severe cloud or smoke cover, the program may be cancelled.

Little League plans meeting

Heppner Little League Township will be having a meeting on Monday, Sept. 19. Officers will be elected officers to serve on the committee for the 2005-2006 season.

The HLL Township committee reports to and is part of Willow Creek Little League.

If you are interested in serving on the committee, the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center.

Maggie Armato to compete in spelling contest

Maggie Armato of Heppner was a first place winner in the Morrow County School District's spelling contest held last spring.



Maggie Armato

This contest was sponsored by Umatilla Morrow County ESD.

She will represent Umatilla/Morrow County middle schools at the Oregon State Fair in Salem this weekend. At this Oregon Department of Education sponsored contest she will compete against students from all middle schools in Oregon.

Pathfinders to begin new year

A new Pathfinder year is about to begin.

Pathfinders is a Christian scouting group for children ages 10-15 and Youth Leadership Training for ages 16-20.

A corn roast will be held at Dr. Ken Wenberg's home at 320 S. Green St., Heppner, on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 6:30 p.m. Registration will be held at that time.

There are lots of fun activities planned for this year, especially designed for the 10-15 age group, said a spokesperson.

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