

Sheriff's Report

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

July 3: MCSO made a stop for DUII. Victor Gonzalez refused a breath test and was cited for DUII-Refusal.

MCSO received a report from Pendleton that Jason R. Paluso, 34, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended-misdemeanor. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that his bike was taken sometime throughout the night. The bike was a black Mongoose with red handlebars.

MCSO arrested Andrew Hayes Perkins, 43, on a Umatilla County warrant for Probation Violation/Assault II, Criminal Mischief I and Menacing x3. Bail was set at \$20,000 and he was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

MCSO received a report from Ione City Hall that the handicap sign was vandalized sometime over the weekend.

MCSO arrested James Leroy Carter, 61, on Probable Cause charges of Felon in Possession of a Weapon. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that a subject had called her saying she was from Social Security and she knew all her information. The S.S. caller said she was going to issue two new cards and that all people had to do it and then requested banking information. The Heppner resident refused to give the information and the caller from S.S. hung up on her.

MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Travis L. Grigsby, 26, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended. Grigsby was lodged at Umatilla County Jail on local charges with a hold placed for MCSO.

MCSO cited Don T. Cleary, 45, was cited for Violation of the Speed Limit, 112 mph in a 65 mph zone.

MCSO cited Craig Mathew Millman, 34, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 82 mph in a 55 mph zone.

MCSO had a traffic stop in Lexington and requested K-9 deployment.

Possession of Less than One Ounce of Marijuana was located and a citation was issued.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that two male suspects (one Hispanic, one white) just broke into his car and stole money. One was bald and the other had black hair. One was wearing a "wife beater" shirt over shoulder and the other was wearing a sweatshirt.

Boardman PD arrested Erik Ramirez, 25, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

MCSO cited Danny Ray Partin, 46, for Illegal Parking.

July 4: Boardman FD received a report of a field on fire near a residence.

Boardman Ambulance received a request from the Boardman Fire Chief for medic unit to respond for a man down. The man was transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

Boardman Ambulance reported they were checking on a patient that was hit by a firework. He was not transported.

Boardman PD cited a juvenile male for Failure to Change Address and Illegal Display of License Plates. The passenger was warned for Disorderly Conduct.

Boardman PD arrested a juvenile male for an incident that had occurred the previous day.

Boardman PD cited David Madrigal Tapia, 21, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 35 mph in a 20 mph school zone.

Boardman PD received a report from medic personnel that a possible fight was just about to start at a location. Forentino Zacarias, 18, was cited for No Operator's License and No Insurance.

Boardman PD cited Ammie Mae Aguilera, 19, for No Operator's License, Driving Uninsured and Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that two dogs knocked her down and bit her. A neighbor said that nobody was home at the dog-owner's residence. The dogs were transported to Pet Rescue and would be held for 10 days and after that they would be euthanized.

MCSO cited David Kenneth Vann for Violation of the Speed Limit, 65 mph in a 45 mph zone.

OHA members work to ensure wildlife have plenty of water during dry summer months

Volunteers from the Oregon Hunters Association have been making treks into eastern Oregon's backcountry over the past two months to repair and construct wildlife guzzlers intended to ensure that big game, upland birds and other wildlife species have adequate water supplies during the dry summer months.

The most recent project took place in late June when members of the Capitol, Bend, Redmond and Ochoco OHA chapters gathered on the Ochoco National Forest east of Prineville to build three new wildlife guzzlers in water-scarce areas of the Paulina Ranger District.

"The Paulina Ranger District is a dry district," said Forest Service district wildlife biologist Mike Feigler who oversees the guzzler projects. "We get less than 14 inches of rain in a year and less than 10 inches in the drier areas." Conditions like that can make it tough for wildlife to survive during droughts or can limit their ability to use areas that otherwise have good habitat. Strategically placed guzzlers can give local populations of big game and upland birds a big boost.

Wildlife guzzlers are structures designed to collect and store water for wildlife. They consist of a flat surface that collects rainwater and funnels it into a storage tank with a place out of which wildlife can drink. Guzzlers vary in size and some can collect and hold more than 2,000 gallons of water.

"The guzzlers benefit a variety of wildlife species," said Kathy Kinkel, of the Salem-area Capitol Chapter of OHA. "We place them in very arid areas that don't have water. This opens up more habitat and the wildlife doesn't have to crowd around a single water source." This is the third year OHA members have helped with guzzler projects on the Paulina Ranger District, which now has about 15 of these structures.

Oregon Hunters Association volunteers, along with volunteers from the National Wild Turkey Federation and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, donate about 900 hours each year working on guzzlers on the Paulina Ranger District and is equivalent to about \$9,000 worth of labor.

Working with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and private landowners, OHA members typically begin checking on wildlife guzzlers for winter damage and overall maintenance needs in the spring as soon as melting snow allows access into the backcountry.

"It's a yearly project for us," said OHA Klamath Chapter member Norm Collins. "We try and go out as early in the season as we can to fix the guzzlers that are damaged and get them back in use." The Klamath



OHA members and staff from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife examine a wildlife guzzler on grasslands just west of Pendleton.

Photo by Jim Yuskavitch

Chapter made their rounds in late May. There are about 150 wildlife guzzlers in the Klamath Falls area located on both private and public lands.

Members of the Lake County Chapter of OHA also went out in late May to maintain some guzzlers in the Diablo Mountain area. "We will also be going out to repair some guzzlers damaged by wildfire on Winter Rim," said chapter president Keith Reed. The Lake County Chapter is working with BLM and ODFW to develop a map of all the wildlife guzzlers in the area so that chapter members can develop an ongoing maintenance schedule. The Harney County Chapter of OHA plans to build a guzzler this summer on Elliott Ridge west of Burns. Many other OHA chapters around the state build and maintain guzzlers on a regular basis,

helping to ensure that Oregon's wildlife don't come up thirsty when the weather turns hot.

The Oregon Hunters Association is the state's largest pro-hunting organization, with more than 10,000 members and 25

chapters statewide. Its mission is "to provide abundant huntable wildlife resources in Oregon for present and future generations, enhancement of wildlife habitat and protection of hunters rights."

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