

Sheriff's Report

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

Aug. 13: MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a dirt bike sped up and passed her at 55 mph. One subject had a helmet on but the other did not. The bike also went into another lane of traffic in oncoming traffic. A juvenile was cited for No Operator's License and Careless Driving.

MCSO received a report from Deschutes County that a subject was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended. The subject was lodged at Deschutes County Jail with other warrants and local charges.

Aug. 14: MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner stating that loud music was coming from a residence. The subjects were asked to turn down the music and go inside.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Ione of a possible meth lab dumped along Hwy. 74.

MCSO arrested Kenneth Marion Stookey, 43, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Probation Violation/Felon in Possession of a Firearm. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail on \$20,000 bail.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that her boyfriend's lawyer called her. The caller stated that she was threatened four to five days prior by her mother and her boyfriend. The caller would like to have both subjects arrested for threatening her.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner advising that the tires off his pickup had been stolen over the weekend while his truck was parked at the Kinzua Mill Site.

MCSO received a report that the caller believed his mother and brother were staying behind the Sentry Store in Irrigon.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman that he just witnessed a semi-truck rollover. The truck was blocking the exit and the driver was pinned in by the interior. The caller advised he could not get a pulse on the driver and did not have enough access to perform CPR.

MCSO received a report from Pendleton that Jeffrey D. Fountain, 45, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Possession of Less than One Ounce of Marijuana. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a dog was just at his residence again and tore up his kennel. The dog's owner had been warned about the dog before and the caller would now like him cited. Martin Luther Brown III, 33, was cited for Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance.

Boardman PD cited Michael William Cowan, 19, for Failure to Register Vehicle.

Aug. 16: MCSO cited Curtis Charles Cassidy, 27, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 80 mph in a 65 mph zone.

MCSO received a request for deputy contact from the Mid-Co Bus Company in Heppner.

MCSO, Boardman PD received a report from a Wal-Mart DC driver that he

was talking to a driver of a Gold CRT semi-tractor who had pulled off suddenly and the driver stated he was okay, just extremely tired. However, the driver then passed the Wal-Mart truck and almost ran it off the road. The caller wanted to see if a deputy could make a field interview with the driver of the CRT vehicle to determine if he was fit to drive. Christopher S. Shouse, 26, was cited for DUI and Careless Driving.

MCSO received a report from a caller on I-84 near Boardman that a bucket flew off and hit the caller's car.

MCSO received a report from Gresham PD that Lenoriann Lynda Lilienthal, 33, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Parole Violation/Possession of a Controlled Substance-II. She was lodged at Multnomah County Jail.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that a vehicle was parked the wrong way on Court Street.

MCSO received a report from a resident on Court Street in Heppner that a lot of people are driving at excessive rates of speed. The caller wanted extra patrol in the area.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that there were approximately 15 cows in the grass behind the courthouse. MCSO determined who owned the cows.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that she wanted a child molester to leave her property. It was determined no crime was committed.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman that she located a note in the girls' bathroom that stated Kidnapping, help I'm being kidnapped and the license plate I earned it. I'm from Colorado. MCSO assisted OSP with the call.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that his \$300 bike was stolen from Bakes. The caller advised he would be walking around looking for his bike.

MCSO, Boardman PD received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a subject was beating up her dad. She was drunk and threatening to take all her meds and had bit the caller's thumb. There were no weapons and no known drugs.

Boardman PD received a report that a car was parked in front of the caller's residence. A light had come on and someone walked out of her carport area and got inside the vehicle. The vehicle then left the area.

Aug. 17: MCSO arrested Efrain Franco, 22, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a guy was standing in the back of her garage. She is not sure if he is attempting to get inside the residence or what he is doing. The caller stated that she is at her residence with her baby. The subject advised that he was going to leave, but the caller was not sure if he actually did.

MCSO received an anonymous tip that a subject in Ione had marijuana plants. It was confirmed that the subject with the plants was a registered medical marijuana card holder. It was determined though that the

subject had too many plants and had to destroy the extra plants in front of BENT officers and was warned to keep it at the amount allowed or cites would be issued.

MCSO cited Bradley J. Thomson, 50, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 79 mph in a 55 mph zone.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon stated that she and another subject had a "fender bender" in the parking lot of Bank of Eastern Oregon. The caller stated that her vehicle had a lot of damage, but the suspect vehicle had very little. The caller requested deputy contact. A juvenile male was cited for No Operator's License and Failure to Yield.

Aug. 18: MCSO arrested David J. Hines, 52, on a Wasco County Circuit Court warrant for Contempt of Court/Failure to Comply with Child Support. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Laverne Charles Richards, 49, was arrested on a warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Criminal Mischief II. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that her aunt just beat her up. The caller did not need an ambulance.

MCSO received a report from a subject in Heppner that her husband out of Stanfield has visitation with the kids and was supposed to return them. The subject had gone to meet her husband at the grain elevator at Bombing Range and he wasn't there with the kids. MCSO requested Stanfield PD check on the children at the father's residence in Stanfield, but later canceled the request.

MCSO received a report from a cell-phone caller that while she was driving on Hwy. 74 near Ione someone's hunting dog came out on the road and she hit it. The caller was not sure of the dog's owner and advised that she lost track of the dog, but could hear it yelping. She also advised that there was damage done to her vehicle.

MCSO, Boardman PD received a report from a caller in Boardman stating that she saw a female running from a male and yelling for help. The female's hair was in disarray and she hardly had any clothing on, appeared to have only a light dress or nightgown on and no shoes.

Boardman PD cited Robert Martin Waring, 64, for Operating without Required Lighting.

Boardman PD cited Misty Dawn Leach, 33, for Driving while Suspended.

Aug. 19: MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Clay Vinson Haynes, 35, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant.

MCSO received a report from OSP that Tucker James Raymond, 30, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

MCSO cited a subject for Violation of the Basic Rule, 84 mph in a 55 mph zone.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon stating that a van had been broken into and items had been taken including ID cards.

MCSO cited Estanislao Carrillo, 59, for

Violation of the Basic Rule, 81 mph in a 55 mph zone.

MCSO cited Sherri Louise Hines, 51, for No Operator's License. The vehicle was impounded.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that she lost a case with ID inside.

Boardman PD arrested Moises Castillo Guerrero, 26, for Driving while Suspended misdemeanor. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail. He was also cited for Failure to Use a Seatbelt on a Child.

Ione and Heppner FD received a report from a caller in Ione stating that a transformer had blown and started a grass fire and a structure was threatened.

Aug. 20: MCSO received a report from a subject in Heppner stating the adults involved in the Heppner drug case violated a no contact order by contacting her daughter.

MCSO cited Evan Joseph Smelser, 23, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 90 mph in a 65 mph zone.

MCSO cited Kimberly Lucille Hitchman, 37, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone.

MCSO cited Robert Leon Evans, 54, for Driving while Suspended violation and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance.

MCSO cited Margaret Matchett Coahran, 73, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 79 mph in a 55 mph zone.

MCSO cited Brook Christene Jasper, 30, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone and No Operator's License.

MCSO cited Valentina A. Ustimenko, 18, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 95 mph in a 65 mph zone and Following to Close.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Hermiston that gun and ammo was stolen from her residence. She was last there on Aug. 15. James Derek Garrett, 18, was arrested for Burglary I, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Conspire to Commit Burglary I and Theft of a Firearm. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail on \$63,500 bail. Rocky Ryan Gerard, 18, was arrested for Burglary I, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Conspire to Commit Burglary I. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail on \$56,000 bail. One juvenile subject was cited for Burglary I and another was cited for Burglary I and Conspiracy to Commit Burglary I. The juvenile subjects were released to appear at Juvenile Court.

MCSO assisting Boardman PD received a report that a male subject in Boardman was intoxicated and wanted to beat someone up. The subject also had a knife in his hand. Miguel Angel Rosas Lopez, 26, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct.

MCSO cited Jorge Jaimes Estrada, 21, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 103 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Boardman PD received a report of a vehicle parked outside a location on Anderson. While parked there, another vehicle hit it. BPD responded and the owner of the vehicle stated it would be moved and that he would deal with the accident report.

Boardman PD and FD received a report of smoke coming out of a residence near by. It was determined to be a BBQ grill.

New school zone law in effect

A new law regarding speed limits within Oregon school zones took effect July 1, but abiding by that law means even more now than in the summer months.

The Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District (ESD) and local police want to caution motorists to watch out for children, many of whom either just started the 2006-07 school year or will next week. The new school zone law—approved July 20, 2005—requires motorists to slow down to 20 mph in school zones between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on school days. Some school zones will have flashing yellow lights indicating children may be coming to or leaving from the school.

"There's nothing more important than the safety of our students," said ESD Superintendent George Murdock. "While our schools and parents work very hard to talk to their children about safety and walking around cars, kids still get distracted. It's very important for adults to remember that as they're driving."

Even though school days typically don't begin until 8 or 9 a.m., some students begin their treks to a bus stop or to school as early as 7 a.m.

"We've got kids going to bus stops at 7 o'clock in the morning, even though school doesn't start until later in the morning, so motorists have to watch out for them," said Pendleton Police Lt. Mark Swanson. "There will also be some kids who haven't walked to

Regional master's program provides teacher education without the travel

Area teachers now have the opportunity to earn their master's degrees from Eastern Oregon University without the hassle of traveling to La Grande for classes. EOU has partnered with the Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District to offer a regional program for teachers who want to earn their master of science in education. The two-year program holds classes at the ESD's office in Pendleton, along with some online work.

"The ESD has a long-term partnership with Eastern Oregon University," said ESD Superintendent George Murdock. "In fact, we may be the largest venue for Eastern credits in this area because of our summer institutes, administrative training programs and special classes that are offered through the ESD and carry EOU credits."

The partnership between the university and the ESD will allow educators to take the courses at a reduced rate.

"One of the huge benefits is that we're able to offer this at a reduced cost," said Brenda Giesen, director of professional growth for the ESD. "It's \$200 (per credit) instead of \$266." While \$66 in savings may not seem to be much of a savings, Giesen said when you factor in the amount of travel and gas money it takes to go to and from La Grande for classes, "you save a lot."

"We have people coming from all over Umatilla and Morrow counties, so that'll save them a lot of time in travel," Giesen said.

Professors from EOU, including dean of the

school before and are now." Swanson also said some children—especially at the beginning of the school year—may be excited about seeing friends while walking to school or getting off the school bus that "they may not be paying attention to safety."

Hermiston Police Lt. Jason Edmiston agreed. He said even a 5 mph difference in speed can make a difference in a child's safety.

"You've got to constantly be aware that kids will be on sides of the streets and on sidewalks and in crosswalks," Edmiston said. "Motorists have to make sure to maintain a low speed because a child could dart out in front of them at any moment."

Motorists also should be cautious of children who aren't in school zones, but may be walking or riding their bicycles alongside the road. "It's better to be safe and cautious by slowing down, even though the posted speed may be different," Swanson said.

The fine for speeding in a school zone is a hefty one. Traveling 1-10 mph over the speed limit will net motorists a \$94 ticket; 11-20 mph over means a \$141 ticket; 21-20 mph over is \$237; and 30 mph over the 20 mph speed limit means a \$421 fine. Crashes due to speeding mean even higher fines.

And don't forget about school buses: It's against the law to pass a school bus that is stopped with its safety lights flashing. Violators face a \$421 fine.

College of Education, Dr. Michael Jaeger, will hold two to three classes each term. Classes are held every other week throughout eight terms (fall 2006, winter 2007, spring 2007, summer 2007, fall 2007, winter 2008, spring 2008 and summer 2008). The program focuses on curriculum and instruction, Giesen said.

The program is beneficial to all teachers, but Giesen said some teachers who are a bit newer to the profession may have an even greater benefit. Teachers in Oregon are now required to earn either 45 graduate credits or attain a master's in education degree. The regional program assures those teachers meet that requirement, as well as other provisions required by the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

Giesen has worked to get the regional master's program up and running for nearly three years.

"We are hosting the classes, serving as the fiscal agent, serving as the liaison with students, and doing everything we can to help make the program successful and accessible to area teachers," Murdock said. "This program is designed for teachers who work in our area, and we feel the ultimate beneficiaries will be their students."

There are 25 spots available in the program and Giesen said she believes at least 20 of the spots will fill. The deadline to register is Sept. 18.

To register, contact Giesen at 276-3112 or e-mail Brenda.Giesen@umesd.k12.or.us.