

1st annual Morrow County heifer futurity to be held

This year the Morrow County Extension Service and 4-H/FFA program is pleased to announce the 1st Annual Heifer Futurity. This year the 1st Annual Morrow County Heifer Futurity is Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006 at 4 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. A free hearty dinner will be served for all those who attend sponsored by the Morrow County Livestock Growers, which is then followed by a wonderful guest speaker. The Futurity Heifer sale will wrap up the evening, allowing project members to take their heifers home for the first time. Those attending the dinner should RSVP by Friday, Sept. 15 to 676-9642.

The goal for the Heifer Futurity program is to teach project members (Morrow County 4-H and FFA members between the grades of 4th and 11th) how to raise a high quality beef replacement heifer that will produce superior offspring and eventually maximize the performance of any herd.

This program will teach project members how to excel in animal husbandry. Each member will participate in workshops and various shows throughout the year. Heifer Futurity members will have first-hand experience at how to select, raise and breed quality replacement beef heifers.

Guidelines for Morrow County Heifer Futurity include:

Heifer Eligibility- Purebred and commercial beef replacement heifers are eligible; no registered heifers will be allowed to sell. Heifers will be selected through an application process and sold at the annual Heifer Futurity Sale in September to 4-H and FFA project members. Prior to being sold to project members, heifers must be partially halter broke, structurally sound, current on vaccinations, and polled or have their horns tipped to ensure safety. The heifer must be of a beef breed and shall not show signs of dairy breed influence. The heifer must have been born between Dec. 1, 2005 and April 15, 2006.

Heifers will be brought to the fairgrounds the morning of Sept. 30 to set-up for a public viewing before the sale. When the heifers are brought in, they will be checked by a veterinarian for a pelvic

measurement and her breeding potential. This is meant to be a learning experience for the project members on how to prepare for breeding, pregnancy and calving and to check each heifer's ability to breed to minimize calving problems.

Ownership Requirements- The project members must purchase the heifer at the Heifer Futurity Sale held Sept. 30 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Payment must be made immediately following the sale. If the purchaser does not pay after the sale, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. The Project Agreement form had to be completed and returned to the Morrow County Extension office on or before August 25, 2006.

Health- Before heifers are sold to project members, heifers are required to have been Brucellosis vaccinated and tattooed. A current vaccination history needs to be submitted with the Futurity Heifer Application. Any vaccinations needed after the Futurity sale are the responsibility of the project member and must be recorded in project records.

Judging- The same guidelines for the Morrow County Fair will be applied to the Heifer Futurity. Prizes will be awarded separately to 4-H and FFA Futurity Heifers.

All heifers that qualify for the sale may sell at the Futurity sale in September if the project member so chooses. An exhibitor may not show or sell more than one futurity heifer. If the exhibitor chooses not to sell, it is encouraged that that year's futurity heifer is brought back to show within one year, preferably with a calf at her side.

Temperament of Heifers- Heifers must be gentle and trained to lead with a show halter. The heifers will be partially halter broke prior to being sold at the Futurity Sale to project members. Additional training needed following the Futurity sale is the sole responsibility of the project member. The Heifer Futurity committee reserves the right to refuse any heifer that is not docile and properly broke prior to the Futurity Sale. The committee also reserves the right to disqualify for show competition, and order the

removal of any beef entry that is not gentle and properly broke to lead, which could therefore endanger other exhibitors and the public.

Substitution- Each heifer is required to be bred by July 15, 2007 and pregnancy checked within three months of breeding before showing at the Morrow County Fair. If a breeding or health problem occurs as evidenced by a veterinarian or the project leader/advisor in charge, notify a committee member or the Morrow County Extension office immediately. The heifer should be pregnancy checked to ensure the condition of the heifer prior to the Morrow County Fair and Heifer Futurity sale. If the heifer is open after numerous attempts to breed, it is the responsibility of the project member to find a way to breed the futurity heifer. No futurity heifer substitution will be allowed.

Project Requirements and Management- The member must have adequate facilities and feed for the project. If the project member is planning to calve out the heifer, proper facilities and equipment are needed. Heifers should be fed for continuous growth, gaining approximately 1 to 1½ pounds per day. The heifer should not become over or underweight. Attendance to all Heifer Futurity functions (including workshops) and complete record keeping is required of all project members. All project members are required to make each Heifer Futurity function. If they must be excused from a function, the project member first must get approval from a committee member or they will be disqualified from continuing to participate in the futurity.

Project Record Keeping- Each exhibitor must maintain written records in order to document the management of their heifer project. The required Heifer Futurity records for 4-H members are: (FFA members contact your advisor for required records) 4-H Animal Science Record, 4-H Cow Production Record and 4-H Heifer Futurity Record. This information shall be submitted and made available to the Morrow County Extension office prior to the Futurity Sale in 2007 (date yet to be determined).

For more information or to RSVP, contact Claire Sponseller at 676-9642 or Angie Hughes at 676-9909.

Preparations underway for October scarecrow contest

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring the annual Scarecrow Contest during the month of October. Everyone is invited to participate in the contest, including businesses, individuals, organizations and school classes.

First and second place prizes will be awarded in three categories including, Most Welcoming, Funnies and Biggest. Scarecrows can be made of fabric and natural or recycled products that will hold up to outdoor fall weather.

All scarecrows must be registered with the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and be in place no later than Oct. 9. Participating numbers must be attached and visible on your scarecrow. Scarecrows must be within city limits to be judged. Judging will be completed by Oct. 30.

Sign up sheets are at the Chamber.

Sheriff's Report

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

Sept. 5: MCSO received a complaint from a caller in Irrigon that juveniles were playing loud music from their vehicle.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman that he is in the process of selling a vehicle to a subject. Reporter stated that the payments were delinquent and wanted to know his options because it was a private sell.

MCSO cited Randell Leroy Dickenson II, 22, for Operating with Improper Lighting and Failure to Register Vehicle.

MCSO received a driving complaint from a caller in Boardman about erratic driving coming from a white ford van. The vehicle was failing to maintain lane.

MCSO received a report from Linn County that Jose Angel Rodriguez, 35, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrants for Probation Violation/Criminal Mischief I and Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance-2 and on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance. He was lodged at Linn County Jail on local charges, with holds placed for Morrow County.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman that there were tires in the roadway. A deputy was requested to move them.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a male subject came to the reporter's residence and threatened to return and steal a bunch of property from the house that the subjects were cleaning.

MCSO received a complaint that there was a large piece of steel in the EB lane of I-84 mp 179.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that a two-year-old male was walking around the playground with no parents in sight. The juvenile was later returned to the parents.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that two male subjects were walking around trying to sell stuff. The caller requested contact because she wasn't sure if the subjects had a license to sell stuff or if they needed one. Contact was later made

with the subjects.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that her son's bike was stolen from Irrigon High School. A deputy later located the bike and returned it to the subject. No charges were filed.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon stating that she had been watching a child for five days and the child's mother returned to the residence under the influence of something. The caller stated she had contacted DHS, but they referred the caller back to MCSO.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner about a male subject in the park that has been there for a while.

MCSO cited Evgeny Trifilov, 37, for going 90 mph in a 65 mph zone and driving uninsured.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that two Native Americans were putting a net up by the swimming area at the Irrigon Marina. The reporter was worried about a swimmer getting stuck in the net. The call was transferred to Intertribe.

MCSO received a report from ADT that the audible burglary alarm at Heppner High School was going off. The situation was taken care of by the key holder.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon stating that his house had been egged.

MCSO issued a citation to a male subject for driving uninsured.

Boardman PD cited David Rodriguez, 36, for No Bike Light.

Boardman PD cited Hortencia Pinedo Cardenas, 46, for failing to obey traffic control device.

Boardman PD cited Gloria Imelda Murillo, 48, for expired registration.

Boardman PD received a report that there was a theft in Boardman.

Heppner ambulance assisted a 65-year-old female who was having server chest pains. The subject had a history of heart attack and was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Sept. 6: MCSO received a report from Clark County, WA that Raymond Estes, 36, was arrested on a MCSO warrant for Sodomy I, Sex Abuse II and Furnishing Alcohol to a minor. He was lodged at Clark County Jail.

MCSO received a

report from a caller in Irrigon that he heard a gun shot a few house down from them.

MCSO received a theft complaint from a caller in Heppner that an electric generator had been taken from the residence.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon stating that her fence line that was dividing the property had been torn down and people were trespassing.

MCSO cited Silva Ann Garton, 64, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 30 mph in a 20 mph school zone.

MCSO received a report from a caller near Boardman that his 30-foot camp trailer was fully engulfed and there were two full propane tanks still attached to the trailer, however the pick-up truck had been removed from the trailer.

MCSO cited Gonzalo Cervantes Suarez, 32, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 34 mph in a 20 mph zone.

MCSO cited Jesus Fuentes Perez, 36, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 36 mph in a 20 mph zone and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner about a follow-up of a suspicious person that had been in the park. The caller reported that the subject came back and was lying down by the trees.

MCSO cited Alvaro Corcuera Morales, 35, for driving uninsured and failing to change information on drivers license.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that two juveniles, one 12 years old, had been left home alone for a couple of days. The mother later made contact and reported she would be home soon.

MCSO cited David Villegas, 20, for driving uninsured and operating a vehicle without proper lighting equipment.

MCSO cited Shannondoah Joseph Clell Gasper, 28, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 80 mph in a 65 mph zone, driving while suspended- violation, driving uninsured and for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana. The vehicle was impounded.

MCSO received a report that the caller's mother's utility trailer was stolen from Umatilla and is now parked at a residence in Irrigon.


MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that her cell phone was stolen and then later returned to her. She requested contact because she knew who had the phone.

MCSO received a call from a reporter in Ione regarding her 95-year-old grandmother that was having criminal activity happening to her.

MCSO received a report that Hermiston PD arrested James Gary Johnson, 42, for a probation violation.

Births

Madison Lee Parish- a daughter, Madison Lee, was born Sept. 2, 2006, at St. Luke's Hospital in Meridian, ID to Travis and Toni Parish of Ontario, OR. Madison weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 inches. Grandparents are Gary and Marcia Kemp of Lexington and great-grandparents are Billie and Darrel Coppock of Lonerock.



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