

Crum Ranch tractor catches fire



Monte Crum's tractor and no till drill up in flames. Photo by John Bristow.

Heppner and Ione Fire Departments responded to a tractor fire at Monte Crum's ranch on Ella Road near Ione on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

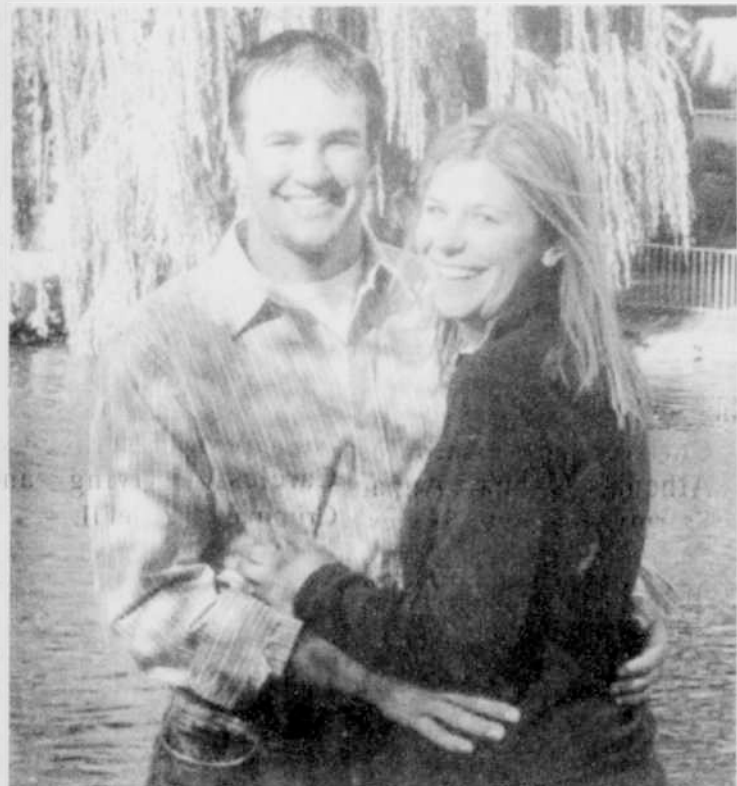
Steve Ball, a ranch hand for Crum Ranches, was in the process of planting when he noticed flames coming up from under the tractor. He quickly got off the tractor and ran to his home, which is about 1/8 mile from where he was working and called in the fire. Wayne Rietmann, who

lives across the road from the field, also spotted the fire and made a call to the fire department.

Heppner and Ione fire departments responded to the scene and put out the fire. However, the fire restarted Wednesday, Oct. 11 and had to be put out again.

No land was damaged in the fire; however, it is believed that a no-till drill attached to the tractor was damaged.

Engagement Bacon-Huff



Michael Huff and Katie Bacon

Bill and Marcy Bacon, formerly of Ione and Heppner, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Marie Bacon to Michael Huff of Bend.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Ione High School and a 2005 graduate of University of Montana-Western. She is currently the technology operations manager for the Bend-LaPine School District.

The groom-elect is a 2000 graduate of Crook County High School and a 2005 graduate of Oregon State University. He graduated in 2006 with his master's in education from Eastern Oregon University. He is currently a teacher at St. Francis Middle School and a football coach at Mountain View High School, both in Bend.

The couple plans to wed on Saturday, March 24, 2006 in Prineville. The couple plans to make their home in Bend.

School report cards show significant growth in Morrow County Schools

School	Grades	Report Card
Sam Boardman Elementary	KG-4th	Satisfactory
Windy River Elementary	5 th -6 th	Satisfactory
Riverside Jr/Sr High School	7 th -12 th	Will be rated 07/08
AC Houghton Elementary	KG-4 th	Exceptional
Irrigon Elementary School	5 th -6 th	Will be rated 07/08
Irrigon Jr/Sr High School	7 th -12 th	Will be rated 07/08
Heppner Elementary	KG-6 th	Exceptional
Heppner Jr/Sr High School	7 th -12 th	Strong

The recent release of the Oregon State School Report Cards was cause for celebration in Morrow County. All schools showed significant growth in many areas while two schools earned the prestigious "exceptional" school rating.

During the 2005-06 school year the Morrow County School District Board of Directors, administrative team and staff set lofty performance goals for all of their students. The goal read that, "Each student will achieve annual reading and math RIT gains prescribed by Oregon State grade level standards. Each student, a grade level or more deficient in reading and/or math skills, will achieve RIT gains sufficient to achieve the standard within three years." It is obvious from the outstanding performance and growth shown on the state reports that the implementation of this goal played a significant role in positively impacting student performance.

Heppner Elementary and AC Houghton Elementary joined the elite crowd of schools that earned

the prestigious "exceptional" school rating. In both schools, reading scores soared into the upper 90th percentile followed close by with outstanding mathematics results well above the state average. Similarly, Heppner Jr/Sr High School was one of only 42 schools in the state to earn an impressive "strong" rating with an 18 percent improvement in reading scores while holding mathematics results 12 percent above the state average.

Across the district other schools were equally as impressive. At Sam Boardman Elementary (rated Satisfactory), reading scores came in at 94 percent, 10 percent above similar schools and 4 percent above the state average. Mathematics scores approached the 90th percentile, well above comparison schools at 83 percent. Windy River Elementary (rated Satisfactory), Boardman's 5th and 6th grade school (currently 4th-6th) also showed notable performance. Over the last three years, reading scores

have increased 14 percent and math scores by 8 percent. Riverside Jr/Sr High School, recently reconfigured into a 7th-12th grade school, is in the last of their three-year transition period. Due to the reconfiguration and population change, they will not receive a report card rating until next school year. However, the lack of rating didn't keep Riverside from making stellar performance growths. Reading scores grew by 20 percent and math scores by 32 percent, outperforming comparison schools and surrounding districts in the region.

The remaining Irrigon schools of Irrigon Elementary and Irrigon Jr/Sr High School likewise are in their third and final year of transition without receiving a rating. At Irrigon Elementary School (5th-6th grades), scores rose by 31 percent in reading and 18 percent in mathematics, outperforming comparison schools by 17 percent and 9 percent respectively. At Irrigon Jr/Sr High School, reading and math scores notched up by 13 percent and 8 percent.

Please help us in celebrating our outstanding performance. We look forward to announcing continued success throughout this school year and next. For more information or for broader explanations of results, please contact Wade Smith, Assistant Superintendent, at 989-8202.

Two county chase ends in arrest

While traveling to work at approximately 8 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, along Bombing Range Road in Morrow County,

Undersheriff Steve Myren stumbled upon a car on the side of the road. In the process of trying to approach the car, the driver headed towards the trees of the Potlatch Tree Farm. "The pursuit went for approximately 32 miles at speed up to 115 mph," said Undersheriff Myren.

The chase went through Potlatch Farms into Umatilla County and onto I-82. The car traveled through two sets of spike strips and

at one point was traveling north bound in the south bound lane of I-82, said Undersheriff Myren. The driver eventually traveled through a fence and ended up in a field where he was apprehended.

Alejandro Avila-Vera, 22, of Hermiston, was charged by both Morrow and Umatilla counties with attempting to elude a police officer, reckless driving and possession of a controlled substance. He also had outstanding Umatilla County warrants. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail on \$38,000 bail.

Sheriff's Report

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

Oct. 10: MCSO and Boardman PD received a report that vehicles were parked on the shoulder of the freeway three to three and a half miles west of Boardman. There were two male subjects and one female subject out of the vehicles arguing.

-MCSO received a report that at Irrigon High School an I-pod was taken out of a locker.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon the he had a metal pipe frame cattle hauler stolen from him.

-MCSO received a report about a male subject threatening the reporter with money. The male subject was trying to get into the residence.

-MCSO cited Danial Wayne Wilhelm, 19, for driving while suspended.

-MCSO received a report that a male subject from Heppner backed up half a block at extreme rates of speed. This act from this subject occurs daily.

-MCSO received a request regarding the legal age a child can be left home

alone. The age is usually 12. Sheriff made contact with the reporter from Heppner.

-MCSO cited Dennis Keith Macnab, 47, for speeding.

-MCSO received a report that the reporter heard two loud shots or possibly loud noises in an area in Heppner.

-MCSO and Boardman PD received a report about an injury due to a motor vehicle accident at milepost 16 on North Highway 207. Hermiston PD was called to dispatch ambulance. They dispatched Med Star and the victim was flown to a hospital in Tri-Cities. MCSO, ODOT, Heppner Fire, Echo Fire and Hermiston Ambulance assisted OSP on scene.

-MCSO cited Oscar Rene Campos, 27.

-MCSO received a report about a reporter in Irrigon that was getting harassing phone calls.

-MCSO received a report that a sheriff requested deputy check on a parking complaint on S First St. in Irrigon. The deputy checked the area; all vehicles were parked legally.

-MCSO received a driving complaint from reporter whose daughter is picked up at a bus stop by a three-wheeler. The child rode on the handlebars without a helmet.

-MCSO received a

DA's Report

The Morrow County DA's office reports handling the following business:

Daniel Leon Nolan pled guilty to three counts of Burglary II, a Class C felony. He was sentenced to 24 months formal probation and payment of \$2513 in fines and fees and was barred from Morrow County Grain Growers and Heppner and Lexington school property.

James Kenneth Ellison admitted to violation of probation allegations for Possession of a Controlled Substance. His probation was revoked and reinstated and he was sentenced to five days in jail and given a six-month extension on his probation from the original expiration date. He was convicted of a second count of the same crime and was sentenced to five days in jail and an extension of six months on his probation from the original expiration date, to run consecutively to the other sentence.

Ronald Gene Beagles was convicted of Harassment Physical +, a Class B misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 90 suspended days in jail, one year bench probation and payment of \$133 in fines and fees.

David Lee Searle was convicted of Assault-4, Sec. 3 +, a Class C felony. He was sentenced to 36 months supervised probation, 90 days in jail, 80 hours community service and payment of \$1283 in fines and fees.

report that Pendleton PD arrested Saturnino Flores, 40, for failing to pay fine for driving while suspended.

-MCSO received a report that a vehicle was parked with the driver asleep. The driver was just taking a nap.

-Boardman PD received a report that a vehicle was disabled on freeway overpass in Boardman. The vehicle was pushed off the road.

-Boardman PD received a report that two groups were firing gunshot back and forth at each other in Boardman by the Family Foods.

-Boardman PD received a report about an elderly man in Boardman walking around the pharmacy looking confused.

-Boardman PD arrested Jesus Alejandro Cardenas Garcia, 28, for failing to pay fine and failing to appear.

-Boardman PD received a request from a reporter regarding contact about juveniles threatening her daughter in Boardman.

-Boardman PD received a report about a tractor on fire in Ione. The tractor was still running in the wheat field. Ione FD responded.

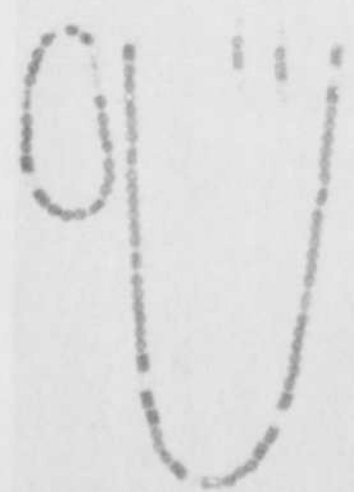
-Irrigon Ambulance transported a subject who possibly had a heart attack, to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Oct. 11: MCSO deputy cited Donald John Wysocki, 54, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 81 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-In a follow-up theft case from the Kinzua Mill, Jeffrey Kane Olsen, 35, was arrested on a Umatilla County warrant for Parole Violation/Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail. A stolen motorcycle was also recovered.

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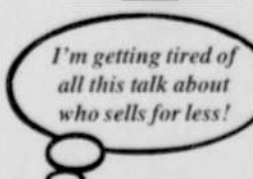
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