

-MCSO received a report about a subject advising that there was a trespasser next door at a home that is for sale and currently empty. BPD responded.

-MCSO received a driving complaint about that two people in a pick-up were driving all over the place, up and down the road acting suspiciously in Heppner.

-BPD arrested Daryl Fernando Hardy, 19, for interfering with public transportation.

-BPD issued a citation to Joseph Lowell Surgeon, 51, for failing to obey a Traffic Control Device.

Nov. 18: -MCSO arrested Roger Calvin Reiniger, 55, for Driving Under the Influence.

-MCSO received a request for an officer to check out a possible trespass in progress in Hermiston.

-MCSO received a report about a computer was stolen.

-MCSO received a report about a puppy that was dropped off at the reporter's house in Irrigon. The reporter dropped the puppy off at pet rescue.

-MCSO received a report about a subject attempting to return property that was turned into a deputy last week.

-MCSO received a report about a possible Driving Under the Influence driver, EB on I-84 in Umatilla County. OSP was advised.

-MCSO received a 911 misdial.

-MCSO received a report that the reporter's 16-year-old son was misbehaving.

-MCSO received a report about mailboxes down at Utah and Greenwood in Irrigon.

-BPD received a report about a stolen vehicle in Boardman.

-Irrigon Ambulance assisted a 67-year-old male with a pain in Irrigon.

-Irrigon Ambulance assisted the reporter's 32-year-old daughter who got out of prison a few days ago and has been very light headed and dizzy and she felt like throwing up.

-Heppner Ambulance was requested for mutual aid at St. Pat's Senior Center.

Nov. 19: -MCSO received a report that a subject in the crisis unit was picked up by a car. The reporter wanted contact with the Boardman Health worker on call. The subject was located and transported to EOPC for Boardman Health.

-MCSO received a report that the reporter mailbox had been damaged.

-MCSO received a request for child services to call the reporter.

-MCSO received a request for a house check in Heppner because the window and shed door were wide open and the house is only used for hunting.

-MCSO received a request for a deputy to look at something on the

reporter's car in Irrigon. The reporter was advised to get a restraining order, yet no crime had been committed.

-BPD arrested Ambrocio Martinez Araiza, 28, for failing to perform duties of driver accident-misdemeanor.

Nov. 19: -BPD received a report that the reporter's door on his home had been broken in Boardman.

-BPD arrested Casey Daniel Rodriguez, 33, for Felon in Possession of a Firearm and PCS II and DCS II.

Nov. 20: -MCSO issued a citation to Mark D. Byrnes, 22, for violating the speed limit by going 90 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report that work trucks were broken into in Boardman and tools were stolen.

-MCSO issued a citation to David Wayne Marsing, 44, for not having an operating license.

-MCSO received a report that the reporter had a non-injury MVA on Bombing Range Road just south I-84. The reporter crashed due to the fog.

-MCSO received a report that there were some dogs left at a residence after the tenants were evicted.

-MCSO received a report that a potato truck driver reported that some of his load of potato sludge was lost on the road.

-MCSO received a request concerning what age kids can be left alone.

-MCSO received a report that a reporter from Irrigon believed some of his male was being stolen out of his mailbox. The reporter advised he was not receiving all of his bills.

-MCSO received a report that someone is dumping trash along the canal off of Division in Irrigon.

-MCSO issued Budd Edward Richards, 44, for driving while suspended.

-MCSO received a report that a reporter was looking for his 16-year-old son.

-MCSO assisted BPD with a traffic stop.

-BPD officer was enroute to a location for death threats.

-BPD issued a citation to a female juvenile for violating the speed limit by going 31 mph in a 20 mph school zone.

-BPD issued a citation to Josue Gamaliel Huchin Uc, 22, for violating the speed limit by going 29 mph in a 20 mph zone.

-BPD issued a citation to Nicolas Landeros Navarro, 33, for driving while suspended.

-BPD received a report that a subject was harassing the reporter's younger sister.

-BPD arrested Bill D. Williams, 44, for driving while suspended-misdemeanor and for Driving Under the Influence.

-Boardman Ambulance assisted a subject who had a seizure.

Tips offered on how to have a safe holiday meal

"The holiday season is just around the corner. That means get-togethers with friends, family, and food-lots of food. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is reminding you to practice good, safe food handling and preparation techniques at all times, but with perhaps a little extra attention to detail for the Thanksgiving or Christmas holiday meal.

"There is always potential for food illness with the bigger meals that are prepared, so food safety is a very important thing to remember during this time of the year," says Ellen Laymon, field supervisor with ODA's Food Safety Division.

A safe meal can be ensured through proper food handling, preparation, and storage. Slacking off in any of the three areas could spell trouble.

Holiday food safety actually begins as you do your grocery shopping. Cross-contamination of foods can take place right in the grocery cart. Make sure food that might be consumed in a ready-to-eat fashion, such as apples, are kept in a bag. The grocery store provides bags for that reason. They also provide bags for meats to make sure there are no drips that might contaminate other foods.

Once the food

purchase is made, head straight for home. It's always a good idea to make the grocery store the last stop on your list of errands for the day so those foods are still cold and safe when you get them home to your refrigerator. Put groceries away immediately. Don't leave foods on the counter while you try to get other things done.

The traditional turkey is a centerpiece for the holiday meal. It also deserves close attention when it comes to food safety. Remember that the turkey thaws from outside in. So the surface temperature is going to be warmer a lot longer which raises the potential for growth of food pathogens.

"People have a tendency to thaw their turkeys out on the counter or the stove top and we know that is not a safe thing to do," says Laymon. "Thawing overnight in a refrigerator is probably the best practice. The general rule of thumb is one night of refrigerator thawing for every five pounds of turkey. So you need to plan ahead when you have a bigger-sized bird."

Contrary to what many people think, a turkey should not be washed or rinsed off as you begin to prepare it. That only smears or transfers the bacteria onto

your hands or into your sink where, if not immediately sanitized, it could easily get onto other foods or utensils. Immediately throw away any packaging from the turkey and wipe up any drips with a disposable item, like a paper towel.

It's the cooking of the turkey that will kill the bacteria.

ODA recommends the use of a meat thermometer to make sure you get a good endpoint temperature.

That temperature should reach 165 degrees Fahrenheit. It's also recommended to not put stuffing in the bird. It's much safer to prepare the stuffing in a baking dish and bake it separately simply because you don't easily know what the internal temperature of the turkey is going to be.

It is also unwise to partially cook the turkey the night before, cool it in the refrigerator, and then finish the cooking the next day. Frequent heating and cooling does a good job of promoting bacterial growth.

Chances are turkey is not the only food item being prepared in the kitchen right before the dinner. Other foods- many ready-to-eat items- are being prepared right alongside the big bird. That sets up the potential of cross-contamination.

"Make sure you have separate cutting boards, separate knives and other utensils when you are handling raw versus ready-to-eat foods," says Laymon.

Of course, handwashing is an absolute requirement prior, during, and after food handling.


Finally, the dinner is cooked. The guests are served. Everything is delicious and very filling. Dinner is over and it is very tempting to just get up from the table and retire to the living room for conversation. Don't forget about the leftovers.

"Always have all leftovers put away within two hours," warns Laymon. "Put things in shallow containers so they will cool rapidly in the refrigerator. Keep them covered. Keep them separate. That way the food will cool rapidly and will be safe."

Leftovers may be the best part of holiday dinners. Reheated leftovers need to reach at least 165 degrees.

"In general, the rule of thumb on leftovers is only reheat them once," says Laymon. "So plan that if you are not going to be preparing the leftover turkey within two or three days, you'll want to freeze what you won't be using."

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Grains Commission to meet

The Oregon Grains Commission will convene a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 28, at 10 a.m. in the Oregon Wheat Growers League Conference Room located at 115 SE 8th Street, Pendleton.

Commission meetings are open to the public, and anyone wishing to participate is invited to do

so. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to the commission office at (541)276-4609, FAX (541)276-5753, or TTY (503)986-4762.