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Obituaries

**Amabel
Strodtman**

Amabel Strodtman was born in Kingman, KS on February 14, 1916 and passed away at the Rose Villa nursing home near Milwaukie, OR on March 7 at the age of 91.

Her family moved from Kansas to Lexington early on in her schooling. After she had completed school, they returned to Kansas where she went to Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia. Her first teaching job was in Kansas.

On October 31, 1943 she married her childhood sweetheart from Lexington, Sam McMillan, who was in the Army Air Corps. They were stationed in New Mexico and in the N.W. After World War II was over, they returned to Lexington and purchased his Grandfather McMillan's

estate. Amabel continued to teach. They operated the wheat ranch from 1946 to 1958.

They later moved to Milwaukie, OR where she changed careers and became a secretary. She worked for several different companies. Around 1963, she took on the job of her life, one she loved with all of her heart, working for The Inspirators of Oregon (the grocery industry). She retired from there after 33 years of service.

In 1983, Sam died and Amabel moved to The Rose Villa Apartments and later into the nursing care facilities.

She was a lifetime member of Eastern Star Locust Chapter 119 in Ione.

Donations can be made to the Sunshine Division-Issy's Kids, 687 N. Thompson, Portland, OR 97227-1820.

**St. Patrick's parade winners
announced**

Winners were awarded in six categories at the St. Patrick's parade on Saturday, March 17.

The winners were: Antique Vehicles, Morrow County Museum; Music, Round-Up City Cloggers; Floats, Hermiston Glass; Carts, Desert Shrine Club, Irish Character & Family, Healy family; and Parade Special Vehicles, Fun Runners ATV.

Sheriff's Report

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

March 3: -MCSO arrested Jose Joel Ramirez, 30, for failing to appear for attempting to elude a police officer.

-MCSO received a report about a subject who was intoxicated and driving with a minor in the vehicle.

-MCSO arrested Carol Thonore Warren, 56, for probation violation.

-MCSO received a report that a subject in a car turned off at Wyoming in Irrigon and was tearing up the grass in the fields.

-MCSO received a report that a female who was fired from the facility got online and looked up a SSN of an employee. The reporter was concerned that she was using it for fraudulent purposes.

-MCSO received a report about two motorcycles in a field and did not know what they were doing. The subjects were testing the new motorcycles and were unaware that the property was private.

-MCSO received a report about a possible drunk driver that was weaving all over the road.

Mar. 4: -MCSO received a report about a semi that was not maintaining its lane. The call was transferred to OSP.

-MCSO received a report about a bolt that was missing from the speed sign near the intersection of Paul Smith and Kunze in Boardman. The sign was upside down.

-MCSO received a request for agency assistance for a 38-year-old paraplegic male that was vomiting. Irrigon Ambulance transported the male to Good Shepherd Hospital.

-MCSO received a report about a female that was fired from a facility and got on line and looked up a social security number of an employee. The reporter was concerned the female was using the number for fraudulent purposes.

-MCSO received a report of headlights at the ODOT office. It turned out to be one of the employees.

-MCSO received a report about a semi that was on the corner disabled and was possibly leaking fuel.

-MCSO received a report that a blue Chevy passing the reporter going about 70 mph and then came

back into town going about 50 mph with mud all over it.

-MCSO and BPD received a report that the reporter's black lab had his head stuck in the tire rim and was choking to death.

-MCSO received a report about kids that broke into the stake park by tearing through the gate.

-MCSO received a report that the reporter's wife was acting like she was going to crash her car.

-MCSO received a report that a vehicle ran into the fence by Mountain Glen Apartments. Injuries were unknown. Heppner FD assisted.

-MCSO received a report about a house broken into in Irrigon while the reporter's were out of town.

-MCSO received a report about air that was let out of the tire at GDS.

-BPD issued a citation to Frances Yeh Ch'en Schroeder, 45, for going 80 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-BPD issued a citation to Justin Tyler Beck, 23, for driving while suspended.

B o a r d m a n Ambulance transported a 36-year-old female who had stomach pains and was involved in a motor vehicle accident the previous night.

Mar. 5: -MCSO received a complaint about a reporter's water going out. The call was dispatched to Boardman Public Works.

-MCSO received a report that a reporter in Ione was receiving strange phone calls from a Hispanic male. The reporter was worried that someone was stalking her.

-MCSO arrested Luis Alberto Nunez, 21, on a No Contact Order Violation.

-MCSO received a report that a female subject was causing a disturbance at Lynard's Spud Cellar because they wouldn't serve her. The female took out her own bottle and started to drink and disturb the other patrons. BPD arrested Lois Ann Hibbitts, 40, for PC charges of Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Trespassing II, Escape III, and resisting arrest.

-MCSO received a report that an intoxicated male at the shell in Irrigon wanted to drive home.

-MCSO received a report that someone was flagged down and just wanted to say hello.

-MCSO issued a citation to Richard Lee Johnston, 57, for failing to use a seatbelt.

-MCSO issued a citation to Danial Wayne Wilhelm, 20, for failing to use a seatbelt.

-MCSO received a report that the reporter was being ridiculed by a female subject. The female subject was calling him a dog murderer.

-MCSO received a report that loud music was being played for over two hours. The reporter was two houses down and could hear the music inside.

-MCSO received a report that a victim stated she was attacked by a male with a knife that had a surgical cord on his arm and needles on his bed.

-MCSO received a report that there was a barrel of guts on the corner of Kunze. MCSO made contact with the reporter and advised that there was no livestock missing. The reporter requested extra patrol.

-MCSO received a report that there was a brown bird type dog in the reporter's dog in Ione. The reporter requested someone pick up the dog because she has chicken. MCSO picked up the dog.

-Irrigon Ambulance assisted a 13-year-old girl who had fallen.

-Heppner Ambulance assisted a 13-year-old girl who was complaining.

-BPD received a report that a female climbed the back fence at BPD and knocked on the back door and requested contact with an officer. The female was warned not to do that again.

-BPD issued a citation to Dustin Allen Schufeldt for failing to use a seat belt.

TESA breakdown

-continued from page one takes a lot of money to run and repair (the boiler)," said Browning. Board member Joel Peterson said that he believes the boiler itself is okay, but the valves need replaced.

-approved staff contract recommendations including-Paula Emmel, assistant middle school track coach, and Karl Blauer, assistant high school track coach.

-BPD received a report about a reporter wanting to warn about a female subject's driving because she does not have license.

Mar. 6: -MCSO issued a citation to Robert Ellis Richards, 63, for violating the basic rule by going 85 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a request for extra patrol for after school hours by an Irrigon school.

-MCSO received a report that a reporter got locked out of her vehicle.

Road levy

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In particular those residents of the Wagon Wheel Loop addition are very dependent on this road. In the Boardman area we will be rebuilding that portion of Kunze from South Main Street to Tower Road with State Funds, leaving the remainder of Kunze and Miller Rd. to be done with no foreseeable funding. These roads serve the residents of the Boardman area. In the lone area we have, through State Dollars, rebuilt a portion of the Bombing Range to Ione connection, that being the new Juniper Canyon Lane. We still need to complete the rest of the road to Ione. We have no funds currently available to do this, yet it is of significant importance to those folks in that area. Sand Hollow road has been upgraded and had preservation work done on over 50 percent of it however we are finding it impossible to get funding to finish the last 50 percent of that project. The road however is a very viable route from Heppner to the Hermiston area. We realize that a great deal of traffic from Heppner uses or would use this road if it were in decent condition. The City of Lexington while not directly on the Sand Hollow Road, does have access by way of Black Horse Canyon as well."

-heard the following announcements: budget committee meeting, Monday, April 9, 7 p.m.; next board meeting, Monday, April 16, 7 p.m.; OSBA spring regional meeting, BMCC, Thursday, April 19.

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Real Estate
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WARRANTY FOR NEW HOME BUYERS

Owners of newly-built homes in most states are now protected by implicit or explicit warranties, backed by the builder. But what if your builder is no longer around or cannot correct the problem? Here lies the benefit of a builder's warranty insurance program.

The largest of these insurers is the Homeowners Warranty Corp. (HOW), founded by the National Association of Home Builders. A number of other firms now offer similar protection.

HOW sets standards for construction and requires an arbitration program for settling disputes. If the contractor is unable to abide by the decision, the insurance company will pay for the repairs. While major structural components are covered for 10 years, some minor items are only covered for the first year.

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