

Sheriff Report

July 1: Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Lone Fire Department, Heppner Fire Department and Arlington Fire received report and responded to a haystack on fire two miles below Cecil.

-MCSO received report from an lone woman that she was assaulted by a male subject. She said she would wait for a deputy at an lone business.

-MCSO received report of a huge swarm of

bees at the stop sign near Heppner Family Foods.

-MCSO received report from a Boardman subject that he had been noticing things moved around on his property and the previous night a wallet with ID was found there. He also reported some straps missing several weeks ago.

-MCSO received report from the Irrigon Marina caretaker that two sprinklers were dug up and stolen the previous night. The reporter said it had also occurred earlier, but he didn't report it.

-MCSO received report of a drunk driver on Hwy. 730 from Irrigon to Umatilla. The caller said he followed the vehicle and said it went off the road twice, hitting the dirt. A deputy located the vehicle and the subject said he did not remember driving off the road. He was advised about his driving habits.

-MCSO received report from a juvenile subject from Boardman that his father assaulted him, slapped him kicked him and threw him to the ground. It was determined to be a juvenile out of control.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that she had been assaulted by her boyfriend in the past. She wanted him to leave their residence, but he wouldn't.

-MCSO received report that a subject was arrested by Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear. He was lodged at Clatsop County Jail with \$6,000 bail.

-MCSO, Irrigon Ambulance received report of a female lying on the ground next to Highway

730 in Irrigon. It was unknown if she was breathing. It was actually an elderly male that had fallen and was conscious. The MCSO sergeant dropped him off at his residence.

-Boardman Police Department officer reported he was out with a suspicious vehicle. They were too tired to drive and were sleeping in a parking lot.

-BPD officer reported he was out at Windy River Elementary with a classroom door open. The principal was contacted and the building was secured.

-BPD received report of subjects being locked out of their cars.

-BPD received report of a prowler in a yard during the night several days earlier.

-BPD received report from a Boardman woman that a subject had gotten really mad that morning and was out of control, making threats. He left the residence, but wouldn't give back the key and threatened to do damage to a van.

-BPD received report that an adult who was in a boat with a 10-year old juvenile and a toddler got out of the boat and the juvenile took off with the toddler in the boat.

-BPD officer responded to a report of a non-

sanctioned boxing match at the Boardman marina. The fight had already broken up by the time the officer arrived.

-BPD officer reported he was out at a location and juveniles put something in the back of a pickup. It was determined to be a soda can.

-Heppner Ambulance received report of an 88-year-old subject who had fallen, had pain in his ankle, slurred speech and a red mark near his temple. He was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

-Emergency medical services transported a subject to Lexington to pick up Air Link crew.



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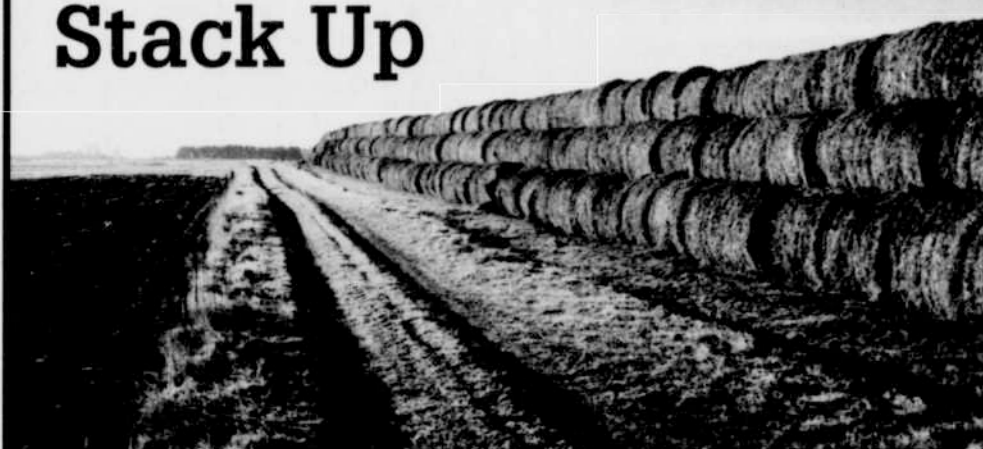
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USDA secretary announces economic recovery projects for Umatilla National Forest

The Umatilla National Forest will receive \$4.7 million of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for recreation facilities improvements and trail maintenance. ARRA funded projects for forest facilities and trails were announced by Secretary Tom Vilsack on July 21, 2009. The 191 projects, funded at more than \$274 million, are located throughout the US Forest Service in 32 states.

"The Recovery Act projects we're announcing are central to creating jobs and building a better, stronger economy in the future," said Secretary Vilsack. "These projects exemplify President Obama's commitment to sustainability, reducing our environmental footprint, and increasing energy efficiency, which will benefit the 178 million people who visit the National Forests each year, while generating additional tourism and stimulating local economies." People need work right now and the Umatilla National Forest has fallen behind for years in maintaining trails, recreation facilities and historic buildings due to lack of federal funds.

"These economic recovery dollars will finally address the backlog of needed projects in the Umatilla National Forest and create local jobs in the process," said U.S. Senator Ron Wyden. The Umatilla National Forest is set to receive \$1.7 million for recreation facility improvements and \$3 million for trail maintenance. "The vast array of ARRA funded projects benefits our cabin rental, campground and trail programs forest-wide. Nearly every recreation facility across the forest will see some level of improvement," said Kevin Martin, forest supervisor.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act directs the Forest Service to improve, maintain and renovate public and administrative facilities. As with the roads and trails system, there is currently a large backlog of maintenance needs for public facilities. Maintenance needs were identified through extensive studies of specific public facilities needed to support

the primary outdoor activities that are best provided on the National Forests and grasslands. The work will include replacing older restroom facilities, picnic tables and fire rings at many recreational campgrounds; maintaining the usability and safety of old water systems at recreation sites; and refurbishing historic Civilian Conservation Corps-era bunkhouses and ranger stations that are part of the Forest Service's large regional rental program.

"We are reinvesting in our historic guard stations, helping to preserve our heritage and provide a unique experience for forest visitors," said Martin. The Forest Service trails system provides access to a wide diversity of users including hikers, horseback riders, mountain bikers, cross-country skiers, snowmobil-

ers, and all-terrain vehicle enthusiasts. "Trails will be maintained to the standard of their intended use, providing access to users and protecting the environment," said Martin. Trail maintenance includes protecting soils and reducing erosion, along with clearing vegetation, controlling invasive species, and removing downed trees. Repairs and upgrades to trail bridges and trail head parking areas will improve access and safety for trail users. All of this is labor-intensive work requiring skilled workers to be hired under ARRA. Project work is expected to begin later this summer and will continue through 2010. Information on other Forest Service ARRA projects and related economic recovery can be found at: <http://fs.usda.gov/economic-recovery>.

Wheat harvest tour planned at Mader-Rust ranch

The Morrow County Wheat Growers President, Shannon Rust, invites local wheat producers to stop by and visit with Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh and a sizeable contingent of wheat producers from Kansas at the Rust Ranch, 77252 Mader Rust Road, on Tuesday, August, 11 at 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. No RSVP is required.

The Kansas wheat producers are participat-

ing in a Pacific Northwest Wheat Harvest tour from Sunday, August 9, through Friday, August 14. They will arrive in Portland on Sunday and their first stop Monday morning will be the Wheat Marketing Center in the Albers Mill Building downtown Portland, then on to the Columbia Grain export facility and the Port of Portland terminal. The growers will overnight in The Dalles and Tuesday morning they will meet with Raleigh Curtis at Mid Columbia Producers, followed by a tour of Darren Padgett's wheat operation. Following the stop in Morrow County, the group will travel to Umatilla County to tour Kevin Porter's wheat fields and dinner will follow at the Newton Farm. The next morning the group will travel on to Eastern Washington and then to Idaho on Thursday. The purpose of the trip is to observe wheat harvest in the Pacific Northwest.

Football camp planned

Football camp has been scheduled for August 17-20 from 6 to 8 p.m. for boys entering sixth through 12th grade.

Cost is \$25 which includes a T-shirt.

For more information call Dennis Stefani, 422-7142, or Dale Holland, 676-5034

Senior Center Menu

Hope/Valby/All Saints members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, August 12. The menu will include baked chicken with peanut sauce, rice pilaf, cucumber salad, pineapple, hot rolls, and ice cream.

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