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Fire-setter nets 54 month sentence

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office has released the following report:

Joshua Lee Kent, 22, of Irrigon was convicted of three counts of attempted arson in the first degree and one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, in Morrow County Circuit Court on August 6.

The defendant's guilty pleas followed a judicial settlement conference held with Judge Daniel Hill on July 23, 2009. Judge Christopher Brauer imposed a sentence of 18 months incarceration on each count of attempted arson in the first degree to run consecutively, for a total of 54 months. An additional year incarceration was imposed for the driving under the influence charge that will run concurrent with the other charges.

The charges resulted from an August 19, 2008 incident where Kent intentionally started a fire near Tower Road outside of Boardman. The fire damaged fencing and land containing sagebrush. Additionally, the State alleged that the fire placed a residence on Kunze Road in Boardman at risk of damage and recklessly placed its occupants in danger of physical injury.

The defendant filed a motion claiming that statements he made to law enforcement during the investigation, should be suppressed on the grounds that he was under the influence of intoxicants and therefore his statements were not voluntary. After hearing arguments from the defendant and the State, the court denied the defendant's motion and ruled his statements were admissible.

The State was represented by Morrow County Attorney Elizabeth Ballard in this matter.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has released the following report:

-William Eran Schnell, 48, was convicted of sodomy in the first degree, a Class A felony, and was sentenced to 36 months in the custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections, one year post-prison supervision, and pay \$1,627 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Joshua Lee Kent, 22, was convicted on three counts of attempting to commit a Class A felony - Arson I, a Class B felony, and was sentenced to 18 months in the custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections, and three years post-prison supervision for each count. Kent was also convicted of DUII, a Class A misdemeanor and was sentenced to one year incarceration. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$2,300.

Obituaries

Dr. James W. Norene

Longtime Heppner veterinarian Dr. James W. Norene, 85, died June 5, 2009, in Deauville, France.

Doc was born in Astoria June 16, 1923, the son of Roy and Mildred Norene. The family moved to Portland in 1924. Doc graduated from Grant High School in 1942.



Dr. James W. Norene

While attending Oregon State University, he enlisted in the United States Army in December of 1942. He fought in Holland during Operation Market Garden, and later in Belgium, during the Battle of the Bulge. He was wounded during both battles and later spent almost one year in the hospital at Fort Lewis to recuperate from his injuries.

After his discharge, he enrolled at Washington State University in pre-veterinary medicine. While working at a summer job he met the love of his life, Corabelle "Cork" Nutting. They were married in Mitchell on June 10, 1950.

Doc opened the first veterinary clinic in Morrow County, November 1954 in Heppner. The couple shared a love for animals, travel, and their many hobbies. Doc was an accomplished woodworker, marksman, silversmith, horseman, painter and bronze artist.

Doc and Cork made two trips to England and Holland in 1992 and 1993. They had established many close friendships with the English and Dutch people.

In 1998, he retired from vet medicine, stating

that he had practiced for 45 years, and he didn't think he needed to "practice" any more.

Doc is survived by daughter Tracie and her husband Mike Bunch of Heppner, and granddaughter and husband, Audra and Sam Huntington of Portland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a bother Bill, sister Jane, and his wife Cork.

A private family service was held July 3, 2009, at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heppner High School Veterans Day Celebration, c/o Darcy Robinson, PO Box 67, Heppner, Oregon 97836 or to the 101st Airborne Oregon Cascade Chapter, c/o Jerry Gomes, PO Box 1570, Sandy, Oregon 97055.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Helen G. Martin

Helen G. Martin, 93, a long-time Ione resident, died Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.



Helen G. Martin

She was born January 12, 1916 the daughter of Ralph A. and Florence Graves Horton, near Milton. Her family moved to Walla Walla where she attended Washington Grade School through the second grade. The family was transferred to Astoria where she graduated from high school in 1943. While living in Astoria she enjoyed sailing. She attended Albany College and Willamette University.

She worked at various jobs in Salem and Astoria. She met Fredrick T. Martin at Suttle Lake Methodist Camp near Sisters. The couple married February 22, 1941 at Astoria.

She and her husband lived at Madras where her husband was a wheat farmer in partnership with his father and brother. Three children were born to the couple. When irrigation came into the area, the couple sold their land in Jefferson County and purchased a wheat ranch east of Cecil in Morrow County in 1949. Later, they farmed the Carl Troedsen Ranch near Ione. The family of five lived in Ione, where the three children graduated from high school. The couple moved to Hermiston Terrace Assisted Living facility in June 1996.

Mrs. Martin was a member of the Hermiston United Methodist Church. While in Ione she was an active member of the United Church of Christ, now the Ione Community Church, acting as moderator, church school teacher, and superintendent of the Sunday school, pianist, organist, and choir member. She was active in PTA and Ione Garden Club. She made and created many floral arrangements for church, school, and community functions. She served on district and state committees of her church and garden club and was director of the Blue Mountain District of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs for four years. As a state and national life member, she attended most state garden club conventions and a few regional and national conventions when held in the

Pacific Northwest.

Working and exhibiting in the flower division of the Morrow County Fair was a favorite activity, winning "Best of Show" several times. In 1994, she was named "Senior Queen" in a ceremony at the fair. She and her husband also traveled extensively. She enjoyed taking slide pictures and learning all there was to know about the countries they visited.

Survivors include: sons, Melvin E. Martin and his wife Shawlene of Moses Lake, WA, and Ralph A. Martin and his wife Nona of Wilsonville; daughter, Jean M. Brazell and her husband Al of Lexington; sister, Lucy Todd and brother, Raymond E. Horton, both of Roseburg; nine grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Preceding her in death were: her husband of 55 years, Fredrick T. Martin, who died in 1996; her parents; infant brother, Stanley Paul Horton; and her oldest brother, Lester R. Horton.

A funeral service for Mrs. Martin was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at the Ione Community Church with interment following at High View Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hermiston United Methodist Church, 191 E Gladys Ave., Hermiston, Oregon 97838 or the Ione Community Church, PO Box 346, Ione, Oregon 97843, or to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on July 22 in Heppner with Judge Tallman and Commissioner Grieb in attendance. Following is a summary of the meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court approved the minutes of July 15, 2009.

The court reviewed and approved accounts payable, payroll, and payroll taxes for a total of \$130,306.27.

The July 22 Road Report follows: **Shoulder work:** Have finished the shoulder work along Depot Lane. The crew has been working on shoulders along Sand Hallow Road

from Baseline Lane to Spur Loop, and Baseline Lane from Sand Hallow Road, going east to the top of the grand. **Road Grading:** The crew has been doing some ditch work along Sunflower Flat Road. They are grading on Penland Lake Road from the 5321 Road to the 2105 Road. The crew has hauled rock to blowouts on Grieb Land and Alpine Lane. **Cattle Guard Work:** The crew is finishing the cattle guard replacement on Dee Cox Road, also some ditch work and building fence to the edges of the cattle guard. **Paint Striping:** Have started with the yearly paint striping. Started in the Cecil area and will work towards

the lone area. **Sign Work:** The crew got caught up on rural addressing signs and repaired or replaced signs along Rhea Creek Road and Olden Lane.

The court conducted the following business: Doris Brosnan and Betty Carlson requested money from the court's Discretionary Fund to assist with the payment for the printing of this year's Morrow County Chronicles. The court approved the payment of \$1,000 to help pay the publishing costs. Brian Waite, with Cartoon Communities by Hanley made a presentation regarding a map for Morrow County where the county and local

businesses may have their loco placed on the map. The county approved the idea and requested that several places be reserved for the different county offices. They also reviewed a proposal to complete a comprehensive compensation survey for all positions, including management and elected official, no decision made at this time. Agreed to pay a non-disabling claim in the amount of \$1,391.80 rather than turn the claim into SAIF. Reviewed and signed Amendment 1 for the Oregon Commission of Children and Families 2009-2001 County Juvenile Department Intergovernmental Agreement to fund \$50,000.00 for JCP Prevention. Heard a request from Casey Beard, Emergency Management Director to research the purchasing and procurement policy along with a Personal Services acquisition policy. Reviewed the Planning Commission agenda and miscellaneous correspondences.

HES to hold new student registration

Heppner Elementary School will have their new student registration on August 20 from 8-4.

Incoming kindergarten students will need a birth certificate and immunization records.

New and current students may pay their student body fee and lunches at this time. The student body fee is \$10 per student and includes an HES t-shirt.

School begins August 31.

For more information, please contact Brandi Sweeney at 541-676-9128.

Wedding Tables

Eva McMasters & Ryan McMasters

Vow renewal
Saturday, August 15th

Madison Bailey & Jeremy Rosenbalm

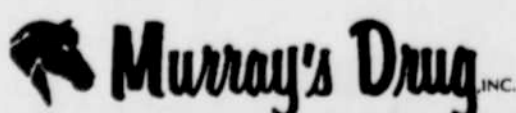
Saturday, August 29th

Chris Peck & Angela Munkers

Saturday, September 5th

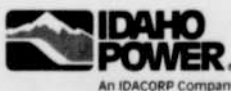
Lacey Matteson & Sam Mackenzie

Saturday, October 24th



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Boardman to Hemingway
Transmission Line Project



Idaho Power wants to hear from you.

As a 93-year Northwest utility, we are working to ensure reliable electric service today and in the future. Idaho Power proposes building a 500 kilovolt transmission line between Boardman, Oregon and the new Hemingway substation near Melba, Idaho. Our goal is to deliver electricity to regional customers by 2015.

Idaho Power is committed to partnering with communities to identify routes for the proposed transmission line.

Join us to:

- learn more about the Boardman to Hemingway Project.
- review and provide input on criteria for routing the transmission line.
- speak to Idaho Power representatives.

Visit www.boardmantohemingway.com

PUBLIC MEETINGS:

Wednesday, Aug. 19
4 to 8 p.m.
Pilot Rock, Oregon

Pilot Rock
Community Center
285 NW Cedar Place

Thursday, Aug. 20
4 to 8 p.m.
Boardman, Oregon

Port of Morrow
Convention Center
2 Marine Drive