

## Local woman receives certificate from First Lady's brother



John Edmundson presents Merilee McDowell with certificate from Craig Robinson head coach of OSU Beaver basketball team. —Photo by David Sykes

Merilee McDowell received a surprise last week when she was presented with a certificate of achievement from Craig Robinson head coach of the Oregon State Beavers basketball team. Robinson is the brother of First Lady Michelle Obama.

The certificate was requested from Robinson by John Edmundson of Heppner, who works on the annual MS Walk. McDow-

ell has MS and along with many others works hard to put on the annual walk.

The certificate said: "This award goes to Merilee McDowell for her spirit and leadership for the Heppner Multiple Sclerosis Walk 1999-2009 with best wishes from Oregon State Basketball head Coach Craig Robinson."

The certificate also included a photo of the coach.

## HHS Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 24 – at Irrigon (A/B/C), 6 p.m.  
 Sept. 26 – 4-way Union/Ent. at Union (A), noon.  
 Oct. 1 – Pilot Rock at Home (A/B/C), 6 p.m.  
 Oct. 3 – JV/C Tourney at home, 9 a.m.  
 Oct. 3 – 4-way Elgin/WM at home (A/B), noon  
 Oct. 5 – Arlington at home(C), 5 p.m.  
 Oct. 8 – at Stanfield (A/B/C), 6 p.m.  
 Oct. 15 – Irrigon at home (A/B/C), 6 p.m.  
 Oct. 17 – 4-way Union/Ent. at Stanfield (A/B/C), noon  
 Oct. 22 – at Pilot Rock (A/B/C), 6 p.m.  
 Oct. 24 – 4-way WM/Elgin at Elgin (A), noon  
 Oct. 27 – Stanfield at home (A/B/C), 6 p.m.

## Ione Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 25 – (V/JV) in Dufur, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 26 – Echo (V/JV) at home, noon.  
 Sept. 29 – Riverside (V/JV) at home, 5 p.m.  
 Oct. 1 – (V/JV) in Helix, 5:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 2 – (V/JV) in Condon, 4:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 8 – South Wasco County (V/JV) at home, 4:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 13 – Helix (V/JV) at home, 5:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 16 – Arlington (V/JV) at home, 4:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 17 – (V/JV) in Echo, 1 p.m.  
 Oct. 24 – Dufur Tournament (V) in Dufur, 9 a.m.

## Heppner High School Football Schedule

Sept. 25 – at Elgin, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 2 – Stanfield at Home (Homecoming), 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 9 – at Union, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 16 – Pilot Rock at Home, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 23 – Irrigon at Home, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 30 – Weston McEwen at Athena, 7 p.m.  
 Nov. 6 – Enterprise at Heppner, 7 p.m.

## Heppner Jr. High Football/Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 25 – at Mount Vernon, noon  
 Sept. 26 – Heppner Tourney, TBA  
 Oct. 2 – Weston at Home, 3 p.m.  
 Oct. 9 – at Irrigon, 3 p.m.  
 Oct. 16 – Stanfield at home, 3 p.m.  
 Oct. 23 – Umatilla at home, noon  
 Oct. 24 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade tourney at home, 9 a.m.  
 Oct. 24 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade tourney, TBA  
*Games in italics are volleyball only*

## Ione High School Football Schedule

Sept. 25 – at Dufur, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 2 – at Condon, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 8 – South Wasco at Ione, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 16 – Arlington at Ione, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 23 – Nixyaawii at Ione, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 30 – Echo at Ione, 7 p.m.  
 Nov. 6 – Sherman at Moro, 7 p.m.

## Ione Middle School Volleyball and Football Schedule

Sept. 25 – (VB/FB) at Dufur, 2 p.m.  
 Sept. 26 – Heppner Tourney (VB) at Heppner, 9 a.m.  
 Oct. 2 – (VB/FB) at Condon, 2 p.m.  
 Oct. 3 – Arlington Tourney (VB) at Arlington, 9 a.m.  
 Oct. 8 – South Wasco (VB/FB) at Ione, 2 p.m.  
 Oct. 10 – Echo Tourney (VB) at Echo, 9 a.m.  
 Oct. 16 – Arlington (VB/FB) at Ione, 2 p.m.  
 Oct. 17 – Sherman Co. Tourney (VB) at Moro, 9 a.m.  
 Oct. 22 – Echo (FB) at Ione, 6 p.m.

## IONE SCHOOL

and district assessments: Reading: all students reading at or above grade level in grades K-8; Writing: increase students in grades 6-12 meeting benchmark by 10 percent; Math: increase number of students meeting standard by 10 percent; Science: increase number of

students meeting standard by 10 percent in grades 5, 8 and 10.

2. Improve communication district wide with the staff and the community: Maintaining and updating district website; Increase usage of local

media; Provide more opportunities for staff and community feedback.

3. Improve staff morale: Survey district culture; Increase recognition of staff members; Board member involvement in staff events, school visits

and appreciation opportunities.

4. Complete a successful charter evaluation and renewal process.

The board also held an executive meeting to discuss discipline of a public official.

## Sheriff's Report

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

**June 25:** Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of suspicious circumstances at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Irrigon. A deputy advised everything was okay.

-MCSO arrested Rey Pimentel Rodriguez, 24, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant and local charges. He was lodged at Norcor with \$6,000 bail.

-MCSO received a report of a boat taking on water and the motor and bilge quit in rough water.

-MCSO received report of a suspicious person selling vacuums door to door. The person had a

temporary peddler's license in Heppner.

-MCSO received report of a dark-colored SUV running trucks off the road on I-84 near Boardman. The vehicle had a lot of stuff in it, so mirrors may have been blocked.

-MCSO received report that a Pendleton woman lost her purse somewhere between the Boardman rest area and exit 147. A deputy was unable to locate anything.

-MCSO received report that Hillsboro Police Department arrested Patrick Charles Donahue, 45, on a Hillsboro Police Department for Failure to Appear/Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and DUII. He was lodged at Washington County Jail with \$20,000 bail.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Department received report of an audible alarm at the Riverside High School computer lab. MCSO and Boardman Police Department responded. It was determined to be an ESD employee who set the alarm off.

-MCSO received report from the manager of a mobile home park that she had heard that a small child in the park was taken by some teenage boys. She said she heard that the boys were arrested, but wondered why she was not contacted. MCSO had no record of such an incident.

-MCSO received request for cover from the Umatilla Police Department concerning a woman in Umatilla who said she and her boyfriend had been fighting. The call was cancelled while MCSO was en route.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that her neighbor was yelling at her regarding her dog.  
 -MCSO cited Apolinar Munoz Gutierrez, 33, for Driving While Suspended-violation.  
 -MCSO received report from a deputy who was out with a suspicious vehicle. It turned out that the subject was taking pictures of the sunset.

-MCSO received report from a Boardman subject that he had another subject trespassed from his property and he would like to take the trespass off.

-MCSO received report of approximately 20 goats in the road on Tom's Camp and Wilson Rd. in Boardman.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Department, Boardman Ambulance received report of an elderly female who was very confused in Boardman. She was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

-MCSO received report of vandalism at the Irrigon Marina Park.

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-MCSO received request for cover from the Umatilla Police Department that six males were threatening to fight with a gun possibly involved.

-Boardman Police Department received report that a male subject was being disruptive. The subject was just out of his medication and was trying to get a refill.

-Boardman Fire Dept. received report of a subject burning, but not tending the fire and the fire was creeping through the underbrush. The subject was spoken to.

**June 26:** Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a drunken subject.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman who said she had received a call from her daughter who was staying with her father who was highly intoxicated, screaming and being belligerent. Several deputies responded.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject who said a dog had gotten into her yard and dug a hole.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman that her brother-in-law, who is on blood pressure medication, was so dizzy that he could not stand up.

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vehicles on Riverside in Heppner.

-MCSO received report of a white low-rider with tinted windows that almost hit the reporter head on.

-MCSO arrested Robert James Gates, 51, on two counts of Menacing and Assault IV-Domestic Violence. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$24,000 bail.

-Boardman Police Department received a report of suspicious items left at a bench in Boardman. The bag contained a pair of jeans, shirts, a pair of sweat-pants and a set of keys.

-BPD received report from a woman that she had swerved to miss a cat and hit the walking path fence on Wilson/Anderson roads.

-BPD received report from a Boardman subject that her 14 and 16-year-olds were fighting. She said she would like an officer to respond as they have been getting physical.

-BPD officer reported he was out with renters to advise them to cut their weeds.

-BPD received request for an officer concerning drug activity. Officer was unable to locate any vehicle in the area.

-BPD received report of a lot of noise from a residence.

-Heppner Ambulance received report of a subject with diabetic problems past Cutsforth Park.

**June 27:** MCSO received report that a juvenile male was driving around town in Heppner in a red Ford pickup with a canopy confronting females and making rude comments to them.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Department received report of a domestic dispute between a male and female that had gotten physical in Irrigon. MCSO and OSP assisted, but the call was unfounded.

-MCSO received a request for extra patrol at Threemile Rd. in Boardman for activities that the caller said needed to be monitored.

-MCSO received report that Jill Renee Christian, 41, was arrested by Cottage Grove Police Department on and Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Negotiating a Bad Check. She was lodged at Lane County Jail with \$486 bail.

-MCSO, Heppner Ambulance received report of two subjects down in Heppner due to intoxication

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