

A view from the hill

Greeting from the Hill. As we started the New Year our first month was abundant with birthdays. We were pleased to celebrate the births of Lois White, Jan 1; Dallas Craber, Jan 7; and Mary Lou Wilson, 26. Each birthday was enjoyed by all with cake, ice cream, and for one birthday, apple pie.

Willow Creek Terrace residents and staff were very excited to welcome a new member to our family. Dean Gillman joined us and his quite manner and gentlemanly ways immediately endeared him to us all. The residents of WCT celebrated National Hat Day on the 15th by donning all manner of hats. We had cowboy hats, visors, and hat's that we had previous decorated and wore them proudly all day long. On the 23rd we had a special treat of delicious homemade pies for National Pie Day.

As we moved into February the residents tried to "out blow" each other on Bubble Gum Day. Whether the resident was a sports fan or not all enjoyed our Super

Bowl Party. Residents came out to watch the game and root for their favorite team. If football wasn't their cup of tea there were plenty of "goodies" for the residents to enjoy.

Valentine's Day found the residents feasting on bacon wrapped filet mignon and prawns while enjoying the atmosphere of table clothes and candle light. The residents are also experiencing Olympic fever. Residents can check out the Olympic scoreboard to see how well our country is doing. The residents themselves will be competing in different events that will include: bird counting, ping pong toss, and marshmallow stacking, to name a few. At the end of WCT Olympic Games we will have our infamous medal presentation ceremony.

In the month of February WCT staff and residents also lost a long time resident. Murl "Stubby" Rogers passed out of this world and into the arms of loved ones long gone. Stubby had been a resident of WCT for nearly 6 years.

Her quick smile and musical laugh will be missed greatly by all who knew her. The coming of spring will never be the same.

On February 16th a few of the residents attended the open house held by our new neighbors, Lakeview Terrace Residential Treatment Facility. We were able to tour the facility and ask questions of the staff. Upon our return home the residents who attended shared the information they had acquired with the other residents. A wonderful discussion ensued and many apprehensions were laid to rest.

Finally, the residents have been enjoying the mild winter weather and are chomping at the bit to begin gardening. All Saints Episcopal/Hope Lutheran Women's Bible Study blessed our residents with daffodil starts. George has had a difficult time herself while telling the residents that they need to wait a bit longer before planting. We all have a bit of Spring Fever.

COUNTY COURT

Chief, and Morrow County Sheriff, Kenneth Matlack both spoke in favor of the formation of the district. No one spoke in opposition to the formation.

The court conducted the following business: Heard a report from Mike Slater, USDA Wildlife Services that they are continu-

ing to lose funding from the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. Slater stated that habitat and predation are the main reasons for the decline in the mule deer population. Both cougars and coyotes are to blame; Kim Carnine, director for the Commission on Children and Families presented

the new 2009-2011 Partnership Agreement for the court's approval; miscellaneous correspondences and notices for meetings were reviewed.

Any one wishing to be placed on the list to receive county minutes, contact Karen Wolff at (541)676-5620.

Child Care Resource and Referral Classes to be held

Umatilla-Morrow Head Start, Inc. will be holding the following Child Care Resource and Referral Classes:

-Family Child Care Overview will be held March 1 from 6-9 p.m. in Hermiston. This free class is required by the Child Care Division for anyone wishing to become a Registered Family Child Care Provider, and for individuals that want to learn more about Oregon's laws governing

child care. CCD Certifiers will be on hand to talk about the rules and regulations and to explain the on-site Health and Safety Review process. One-on-one sessions can be set up upon request.

-Sign-ups are being held for Medic First Aid and CPR. The cost for this class is \$45 and will provide a two year certification. This class is needed for CCD registration and to qualify

for the DHS Enhanced Rate. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required as there are only 12 slots.

-Brain Development Training will be held March 4 in Hermiston. This is a free class. Call for times and location.

For more information or to pre-register for classes, call Child Care Resource & Referral at 1-800-559-5878 or 541-564-6878.

Chamber of Commerce litter pick-up scheduled

Volunteers organized by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will pick up roadside litter along the main highways through town in preparation for Heppner's St. Patrick's Celebration on Thursday

afternoon, March 4.

The group will meet at the museum/library at 5 p.m.

All businesses and residents along State Highway 207 are encouraged to pick up and dispose of

roadside litter at their locations.

The litter pick-up is sponsored by the Oregon Department of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway program.

Sheriff's Report

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

October 18: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report, at 12:59 a.m. from an Irrigon subject who said that people at the skate park were being loud and he was trying to sleep. The caller said he did not want contact, but just wanted them to quiet down. A deputy advised the subjects that the park was closed and they agreed to leave.

-MCSO cited Yadirra Ramirez Prado, 20, for No Operator's License and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance.

-MCSO received report from a Boardman subject that weeks ago she reported that her sister-in-law was sending threatening texts to her. A deputy made contact and advised the sister-in-law to stop the texting approximately two weeks earlier.

-MCSO received report of water main breaks in Irrigon. The city of Irrigon was working on the problem and turned off the water.

-MCSO received request to send a deputy to a Boardman location because a trooper was not answering his status checks. The trooper responded with his status and the deputy advised to stand down.

-MCSO received report of a calf hide lying near the dumpster which had been placed there for hides from hunters. The caller would like a deputy to check it out. A deputy made contact and advised there was no brand or markings indicating it had been shot.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon female that her juvenile male brother left after an argument with her older brother. A deputy responded and located the younger brother.

-MCSO received report of open doors on a vehicle in Irrigon. The subjects said they forgot to close the doors after removing items from the vehicle.

-MCSO cited J. Natividad Leon Jimenez, 48, for driving 70 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-Boardman Police Department received report that someone found a dog and would like BPD to take the dog.

-BPD received report from a subject that her stereo was stolen from her car that had not been locked.

-BPD arrested Miguel Claustro Rodriguez, 55-65 years old on probably cause charges of Failure to Carry and Present. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$1,500 bail.

-BPD reported someone graffitied the entry way to the parking lot at the

Sandpiper Apartments.

-BPD advised two children to wear their helmets and gave them candy.

-BPD reported that a subject in a vehicle with a blown gasket was trying to make his way to the rest area on I-84, Boardman. The vehicle was a hazard.

-Boardman Fire Department received report from the Boardman Senior Center that there is a fire alarm, but there is no fire.

-Irrigon Ambulance received report of a male who was a grayish color.

October 19: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a semi with a windmill body blocking the off ramp on I-84, Port of Morrow, Boardman. The driver was trying to get in turned and moved.

-MCSO deputy reported being out with a farm truck on Bombing Range Rd. The truck was having battery problems and has help coming.

-MCSO received a report of hunters trespassing on land in Boardman.

-MCSO cited Robert John O'Brien, 65, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 83 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO deputy reported he was out at a location in Irrigon retrieving a cat trap.

-MCSO deputy reported he was out at an Irrigon location dropping off a skunk trap.

-MCSO received report that Oregon State Police, Pendleton, arrested Gregory Alan Bass, 29, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Possession of a Controlled Substance/more than one ounce of marijuana. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO deputy reported he was out with Parole & Probation on a home visit in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report of an unlicensed automobile repair business in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report of someone stealing a subject's narcotic medicine. MCSO arrested Trevor Dale Frizzell, 19, for two counts of Theft II, Theft III and 17 counts of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule II. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$141,000 bail, but he was also arrested on a Union County detention warrant for Failure to Report to Parole Office with no bail.

-MCSO received report that Justin Robert

Williams, 33, on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving While Suspended. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$454 bail.

-MCSO received report from a woman that her brother-in-law was shaking and possibly having a seizure, passing out and coming back. She said her husband was with him and the brother-in-law was not responding much. She advised they were heading to Good Shepherd. Dispatch called and advised a private vehicle was en route.

-MCSO received an enquiry and to why deputies were out to her residence. MCSO advised it was a civil service.

-MCSO received report from a male subject that his brother-in-law had taken 14 Hydrocodone and alcohol.

-MCSO received a report from an lone subject that her son was supposed to be at her house by 7 p.m. and he hadn't shown up by 11:36 p.m. She advised that there were two routes that he may have taken. Around 10 minutes later the male subject called and said he had made it safely and thanked the sheriff's office.

-Boardman Police Department arrested Jorge Urena Hernandez, 38, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving While Suspended. He was lodged at UCI.

-BPD received report of criminal mischief at the Boardman car wash.

-BPD cited Sheila Ann Dubry, 33, for Driving Uninsured and Illegal Display of Plates (switched plates). The vehicle was towed.

-BPD cited Bradley Allan Eaton, 54, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 41 mph in a 25 mph zone.

-BPD, Boardman Ambulance reported they responded for an agency assist.

-Boardman Ambulance received report that a 67-year-old man had fallen out of his wheelchair and was lying on his stomach. He sustained a cut to his elbow.

-Heppner Ambulance received report of a 67-year-old male who became ill with vomiting, diarrhea and chest pain at the OHV Park. The caller reported he was en route to the Ruggs grain elevator in a silver Ford pickup.

-Heppner Ambulance received report of a 59-year-old female who

was not breathing. The reporter said she had been sick all day and went down on the staircase. EMS responded.

October 20: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a brown and white bird dog in Irrigon. A deputy advised the owners to keep the dog at home.

-MCSO received request for a deputy from Heppner High School concerning a male student. One 17-year-old male was cited for MIP-Tobacco.

-MCSO received report of a yellow lab caught in Heppner. The dog was returned to the owner who was warned to keep her dog in the yard.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner subject that someone had sprayed some white stuff on their vehicle. A deputy responded.

-MCSO deputy conducted a field interview concerning switching drivers.

-MCSO reported that a Heppner woman brought in a box of shotgun shells and .22 ammo to the sheriff's office and requested that they dispose of them.

-MCSO arrested Candice Merle Robello, 34, on two Irrigon Justice Court warrants for Harassment and Failure to Pay Fine/DUII. She was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$5,363 bail.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject who was selling a trailer to another subject who did not make payments, so the first subject got the trailer back, but there were several items missing from the trailer. The second subject wouldn't return the items until the first subject paid the storage fees.

-MCSO received report of a dugout in Irrigon tagged the previous night.

-MCSO received report of graffiti at a towing business in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report of a skunk caught in a skunk trap in Irrigon.

-MCSO received two open 911 hang-up calls.

-MCSO received report that a mother drove away from a day care facility in Irrigon intoxicated. MCSO arrested a female subject for DUII. She was also cited for Refusal of Breath Test and two counts of Reckless Endangering. She was cited and released and the vehicle impounded.

-MCSO deputy reported he followed a driver on Highway 207, Lexington, and observed him driving down the center line for approximately 100 feet and swerving back and forth. MCSO cited Ricardo Mendoza Sanchez, 32, for Failure to Drive In Lane.

-Irrigon Ambulance received report of a subject in end-stage emphysema with a rapid heart rate and gasping for breath.

-MCSO received report of an open door in Boardman. Nothing was taken and the residents had forgotten to shut the door.

-MCSO received report from a Boardman subject that he was watching an apartment for a resident. He said that there were five people in the apartment at the time and some of them were not supposed to be there.

-Boardman Police Department received report from a Boardman man that his daughter's stuff was in an apartment and he needed to get his stuff out but officers had the location taped off because of trespassers. He said he had been house-sitting for two weeks while the renters were in California. The subject was told by the property manager that he could contact an officer and he would be let in to get his property.

-BPD received request from a Boardman subject for an officer to speak with kids about Halloween safety.

-BPD cited Cheryl Deyon McDonough, 34, for Driving Uninsured, No Seatbelt-front seat child and no seatbelt or safety seat for backseat child.

-BPD reported assisting MCSO with a report from a day care facility.

-BPD received report of three dogs at large in Boardman.

-Boardman Ambulance received report of a 56-year-old male with a fainting spell. He was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

October 21: Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Boardman Police Department received report from a Boardman woman that her husband assaulted her and left the scene. She said he was at an apartment complex and did not know if he had been drinking.

-MCSO received report of a cat hit in the road in Irrigon. The reporter said the cat was still alive and needed to be put down.

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Weather Report

By the City of Heppner

For the month of December

	High	Low	Precip.
12/1	50	36	.01
12/2	38	19	.00
12/3	37	18	.00
12/4	29	19	.00
12/5	37	21	.00
12/6	30	20	.02
12/7	27	3	.00
12/8	16	1	.00
12/9	18	2	.00
12/10	22	3	.00
12/11	24	3	.00
12/12	28	7	.00
12/13	23	17	.14
12/14	38	23	.00
12/15	44	24	.18
12/16	50	28	.30
12/17	53	42	.00
12/18	53	31	.20
12/19	37	30	.00
12/20	54	34	.00
12/21	52	34	.00
12/22	56	30	.16
12/23	38	24	.00
12/24	37	19	.00
12/25	28	19	.00
12/26	25	22	.00
12/27	26	22	.00
12/28	26	23	.08
12/29	27	21	.00
12/30	28	22	.12
12/31	46	23	.00

Weather Report

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For the month of January

	High	Low	Precip.
1/1	50	27	.21
1/2	55	38	.08
1/3	48	30	.00
1/4	40	30	.00
1/5	40	31	.07
1/6	50	31	.38
1/7	33	28	.00
1/8	33	26	.00
1/9	32	27	.03
1/10	33	29	.00
1/11	31	29	.00
1/12	55	29	.00
1/13	56	33	.00
1/14	58	34	.00
1/15	58	34	.00
1/16	59	39	.04
1/17	59	39	.06
1/18	52	40	.00
1/19	58	43	.00
1/20	57	37	.00
1/21	57	41	.00
1/22	55	28	.00
1/23	42	29	.15
1/24	49	30	.00
1/25	49	30	.14
1/26	45	32	.18
1/27	38	32	.16
1/28	43	27	.00
1/29	43	31	.00
1/30	41	31	.24
1/31	40	36	.29