

USDA extends sign-up for emergency assistance to eligible producers

Lynn Voigt, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Oregon announced that USDA will accept late-filed applications for the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and

Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) for losses that took place in calendar years 2008 and 2009.

ELAP sign-up ended on December 10, 2009, for 2008 losses and on February 1, 2010, for 2009

losses. However, because of changes to program eligibility provisions, FSA is now accepting late-filed applications for 2008 and 2009 livestock, honeybees, and/or farm-raised fish losses through May 5, 2010.

For more information or to apply for ELAP and other USDA Farm Service Agency disaster assistance programs, please visit your FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on April 14 in Irrigon with Judge Tallman, Commissioner Grieb, and Commissioner Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of the meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court reviewed and approved the court minutes of March 17 and 24. The minutes for the April 8 special meeting with the Court, the Port of Morrow, the City of Boardman and Portland General Electric representatives were also approved.

The court reviewed and approved payroll payables, account payables and March retirement taxes in the net total amount of \$172,367.42.

North Morrow Vector Control

Greg Barron, manager of North Morrow Vector Control District, provided the court with information regarding proposed plans to manage possible West Nile Virus outbreaks this summer and early fall. Barron explained that in order to spray for the mosquitoes on the USFWS Refuge there must be a public health threat declared. The health department, and he will work very closely with the county court should the need arise to pursue this matter. It was decided that the court should send a letter to the commissioners in Benton County Washington requested that they cooper-

ate with the treatment of the infected mosquitoes.

Morrow County Health Department

Sherree Smith, Public Health Director, requested permission from the court to continue advertising for a full time nurse and to hire a temporary nurse one day per week until the full time position is filled. Smith stated that there has been some interest shown from new nurses that will be graduating in May or June. The court approved this request. Smith informed the court that there was going to be a training event in Pendleton June 10 titled "Social Distancing" and that she would like to see county council, Ryan Swinburnson, and one of the commissioners attend this training. Smith also shared information regarding a recent death cause by Bacterial Meningitis.

Road Report

Bombing Range Road: The intersection was closed on Monday, April 12, for paving. As of Wednesday morning the two lifts on the Bombing Range Road and approximately two thirds of the first lift on the Kilkenny portion of the project had been paved.

Wednesday the Strawberry Road junction and the two approaches on the Bombing Range piece of the project will be paved. This will complete the paving

on this section. The crew will also paint stripe that section today. The paving and paint striping on the Kilkenny section of the project will be completed Thursday.

Miscellaneous

The crew finished cleaning up and organizing the Lexington yard. Everything in the yard and the equipment sheds has now been organized. Also performed regular repairs and maintenance work on all trucks and paving equipment so everything would be ready for the paving season.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Kenneth Matlack and Under Sheriff, Steve Myren provided the court with a report for activities for the month of March. Following is the report for the Heppner, Lexington and Lone area: M.I.P. party with 12 youth receiving citations, including one arrest for DUII; a pickup going over a guard rail; an incident with an eight year old being injured in a tractor accident. Irrigon area: An assault involving four men in a local bar with pool cues being used as weapons; a short pursuit and recovery of a vehicle, but lost the suspects. Boardman area: Assisted the Boardman Police regarding an assault with a knife involving three juveniles; an incident regarding

15 Gypsy Joker Motorcycle Gang members flying colors was investigated; a semi truck ran off of the road and almost rolled.

Parole and Probation

Sheriff, Kenneth Matlack and Under Sheriff, Steve Myren provided the court with a cost report and proposed budget amounts for the county to assume the duties of managing the Parole and Probation Program. The court requested more research be done regarding insurance matters.

Juvenile Department

Tom Meier, director, provided the court with a quarterly report from his department. It appears the stats regarding incidents and referrals are comparable to last year's numbers. Gang activities in the county were discussed. The court was surprised that some of the problems are appearing in youth as young as 11 and 12 years of age. There was then a discussion regarding bullying. Meier assured the court that the schools have a zero tolerance policy for bullying.

The court conducted the following business: The new document regarding "Public Procurements for Goods or Services" was reviewed. A correspondence regarding the need of some additional language was reviewed. County council, Ryan Swinburnson, will incorporate these suggestions into the document and bring back to the court at a later date. This new policy would impact the sheriff's department, the health department, the CSEPP program and any other department that may be using federal grant funding. Miscellaneous correspondences and upcoming meeting notices were reviewed.

If you would like to be placed on the list to receive county minutes, contact Karen Wolff at (541)676-5620.

HES announces winners for Attendance Awards

Heppner Elementary School recently announced Attendance Award recipients for perfect attendance in the third quarter.

Those students are: Kylie Boor, Kaden Combe, Kendall Dowdy, Zander Fisher, ZaBrena Master-son, Chance McCormack, Joseph Sherman, Bryan Collins, Gracey DeLoach, Hayden Hyatt, Mikel Jaca, Jackson Lehman, Angel Matthew, Madelyn Nichols, Derrick Smith, Kenneth Troxell, Suzanneah Cason, Alison Cecil, Gavin Hanna, Evan Kollman, Kael Osmin, Nicole Prophter, Cheyenne Shaw, Makayla Silvia, Cami VanArsdale, Charles Cason, Madison

Combe, Jacee Currin, Keegan Gibbs, Xavier Glover, Antonio Matthew, Cason Mitchell, Hunter Nichols, Jacob Owen, Daniela Sanchez, Leo Waite, Ethan Akers, Carson Brosnan, Patrick Burch, Kacie Gray, Kailtyn Martin, Nichole Shaw, Tarin Troxell, Sophie Grant, Nalani Stone, Becca Waddell, Clyde Britt, Kaden Lehman, Josh Dowdy, Tim Gould, Caden Hedman, Tim Jaca, Faith Jones, Rylee Kollman, Meranda Lemmon, Janice Munkers, Amanda Rea, Sean Woodall, Kolby Currin, Onna DeLoach, Jessica Kempken, Alyssa Palacios, Emily Rea, Demitra Schmidt, Kyle Tompkins, and Daichi Walters.

Sheriff's Report

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

December 28: Morrow County Sheriff's Office cited Pedro Lemus Arita, 35, for Driving 49 mph in a 35-mph zone and Driving While Suspended-violation.

-MCSO received report of icy roads and a request for sand and gravel in Boardman.

-MCSO, Boardman Fire Department, Boardman Ambulance received report of a rollover motor vehicle accident and the vehicle in the median on I-84.

-MCSO gave a subject a verbal warning for speed considering the road conditions on I-84.

-MCSO received report of a vehicle that slid off the road on I-84. It was a non-injury.

-MCSO received report of a vehicle that slid off the road on Hwy. 730, Irrigon, but no one was around. The vehicle was gone when the deputy checked later.

-MCSO received report of a motor home that rolled in the ditch on Hwy. 74, between Lone and Lexington.

-MCSO received request for information about registering as a sex offender. A deputy had the

subject fill out the paperwork.

-MCSO received report that a white SUV rolled three times on I-84.

-MCSO, Boardman Fire Department received report of a vehicle in the median on I-84.

-MCSO received report of span cables stolen from a circle in Boardman.

-MCSO received report of an 18-wheeler traveling east in the west-bound lanes on I-84. The semi had slid to be in the wrong direction. It turned around and got on its way.

-MCSO received report of a Chevy pickup and a white mini-van in the median on I-84. The pickup was on its side.

-MCSO received a report of a Jaguar in a motor vehicle accident on I-84 with a female and small child inside. AAA was en route.

-MCSO, Boardman Fire Department, Boardman Ambulance received report of a single vehicle accident involving a pickup on I-84. One subject was bleeding from the head.

-MCSO, Boardman Fire Department, Boardman Ambulance received report of a one-vehicle rollover on I-84. Irrigon Ambulance responded with mutual aid. One subject was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

"Good Luck at State"

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