

Forest road construction results in closures or delays

A number of road construction projects, scheduled to begin on the Umatilla National Forest, will close access or delay traffic on several main travel routes this summer," announced Joe Neer, forest operations engineer. Travelers should be aware of the closures or delays and plan their trip accordingly.

Much of the work to be done involves replacing existing culverts that pose fish passage barriers for native species of fish with open bottom arch culverts that allow for fish passage and improve access to rearing and spawning habitat. Other maintenance projects include curve realignment and chip sealing. Forest roads affected by construction operations include:

-Forest road 53 (Western Route Road) Open but expect delays, July 19 to mid August.

This paved route connects the towns of Heppner and Ukiah, Oregon. High Desert Aggregate and Paving, based out of Redmond, OR, will realign a curve at milepost 19.5, to increase sight distance and improve travel safety. Though the road will remain open during construction, traffic will be reduced to one lane causing delays of up to 30 minutes. Travelers can take an alternative, unpaved route using Forest Road 5326, Morrow County Road 798 and Shaw Grade to bypass the construction. Work was to begin July 19,

and is expected to continue through mid August. For more information on this project, please contact the Heppner Ranger District at (541) 676-9187.

-Forest Road 10 (Desolation Creek Road) Closed from Battle Creek to Desolation Meadows, July 19 to mid August. Alternate route available to high clearance vehicles.

Forest Road 10 provides access from State HWY 395 near Dale, OR, east to Olive Lake and on to Granite, OR. The road will be closed for culvert replacement beginning July 19, from milepost 14 at Battle Creek to milepost 19 near Desolation Meadows. Forest Road 1010 can be used as an alternative route to bypass the construction though travelers should be aware that this road is maintained for "High Clearance Vehicles" only and not suitable for passenger car or low clearance trailer/RV travel. Access to Olive Lake is also available from the Granite, OR, side. Work will be performed by Deer Flat Sand & Gravel, based out of Nampa, ID. These projects were made possible through partnerships between the USDA Forest Service, Granite Watershed Council, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. For more information, please contact the North Fork John Day Ranger District at (541) 427-3231.

-Forest Road 73 - Open but expect construction traffic July 19 to mid

August.

Travelers on Forest Road 73 will encounter construction traffic near its junction with Forest Road 7300590 road at the Granite Creek crossing near Lucas Gulch. Culvert replacement work on Forest Road 7300590 is scheduled to begin July 19 and could take up to three weeks to complete. This work will also be performed by Deer Flat Sand & Gravel, based out of Nampa, ID. For more information on this project, please contact the North Fork John Day Ranger District at (541) 427-3231.

Forest Road 64 (Touchet Road) Closed 13 miles south of Dayton WA, to its junction with the Bluewood Ski Area access road 6400650, July 26 through July 30.

K.C. Equipment, based out of El Cajon, CA will complete chip sealing of the 7.2-mile section of Forest Road 64. This project will close the road 13 miles south of Dayton, WA to its junction with the Bluewood Ski Area access road 6400650 beginning July 26 and will continue through July 30.

Forest Road 6400700 - Closed 20 miles south of Dayton WA, at its junction with the Forest Road 64 (Touchet Road), July 26 to mid August.

A culvert replacement on Forest Road 6400700 will close the road at its junction with Forest Road 64 beginning July 26. Work will be performed by Eastern Oregon Environ-

mental Recovery, based out of Pendleton and is expected to continue through mid to late August. This project was made possible through partnerships between the USDA Forest Service, the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, The Governor's Salmon Recovery Office, and the Tri-State Steelheaders Fisheries Enhancement Group. For more information on this project, please contact the Walla Walla Ranger District at (509) 522-6290.

Forest Road 47 (Tucannon River Road) Closed south of junction with Forest Road 4620 to the end of the road at Meadow Creek Trailhead, July 29 to mid to late August

Beginning July 29, Eastern Oregon Environmental Recovery, based out of Pendleton, will replace a culvert on Forest Road 47 which will close the road just south of its junction with Forest Road 4620. The closure will also prevent access to Panjab and Ladybug Campgrounds, and Panjab, Meadow Creek and Tucannon Trailheads. This project was made possible through partnerships with the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office, and the Tri-State Steelheaders Fisheries Enhancement Group, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Construction is expected to be completed in mid to late August. For more information on this project, please contact the Pomeroy Ranger District at (541) 843-1891.

A sweet cause



A Sweet Cause: Shirley Palmer, Betty Carlson, and Kathy Carlson served banana splits and other treats at Valby Lutheran Church's ice cream social on July 18. Donations were accepted to benefit Wanda Jones, a Heppner woman battling cancer. With matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, they have raised over \$1,000 so far.

Donations are still being accepted through July 26; for more information contact Rev. Lea Mathieu at 422-7215.

Sheriff's Report

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

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April 3: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a disturbance in Irrigon with a female yelling and screaming and the sound of breaking glass. MCSO deputy advised two persons that the disturbances could not continue or they could go to jail. MCSO arrested William Herbert Prosser, 29, was arrested for Interfering with a Peace Officer. He was released on his own recognizance with \$6,000 bail.

MCSO received report of a vehicle parked at the Forest Service building in Heppner. MCSO cited Katrina Mae Beaudin, 18, and Daniel Bradley Shimez, 19, for Possession of Less than One Ounce of Marijuana.

MCSO received a call from an Irrigon subject who asked what time it was. When he was told the time, he said he hadn't eaten for an entire day, but then said he thought it was later than it was and didn't need anything after all and hung up.

MCSO received report of a cow on I-84, Boardman. The owner came and got the cow.

MCSO received report that the Bend Police arrested Jerreb Daniel Saurman, 25, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear, Driving While Suspended. He was lodged at Deschutes County, which had a "no bail" warrant on him.

MCSO received report of graffiti on the corner of Columbia and Second, at the alternative school, on a fence and shed and the side of Bake's Hotel in Irrigon.

MCSO received report from an Ione subject that there was a gold car at his house. He said someone was there until 10 p.m. and there was a different car there that day. It turned out that the reporter was in the hospital and did not know who was there.

MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject who said he received mail from the "Australian power ball" which said he had won \$600,000. He believed it was a scam and wanted a deputy to be aware of it. A deputy made contact and determined it was a scam ad.

MCSO received report from an Ione subject that a male was semi-conscious, had labored breathing and was having seizures. The Ione Ambulance responded.

MCSO received report that Umatilla County Sheriff's Office that Umatilla County Sheriff's Office

arrested Mark Kyle Shea, 20, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Criminal Mischief II. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$1,761.50 bail in full.

MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject that an 11-year-old female had wrist pain. She reported that there were extra kids at her house who pushed her down and took off.

MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject that renters left their old car at his house and he needed it tagged for tow. A deputy made contact, provided the property owner with a tag and explained the process.

MCSO received request for a cat trap so an Irrigon resident could catch stray cats at his residence.

MCSO received report that an Irrigon subject fell of a bike onto his stomach, had pain in his left leg, couldn't move his leg and had bleeding from his knuckles.

MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject that a man with three children was on his property and acting suspicious. MCSO cited Rodney Glenn Reynolds, 47, for Criminal Trespass II.

MCSO received request to assist Hermiston on a domestic abuse call where a man hit his wife. MCSO assisted until backup arrived.

MCSO arrested Joseph Lee Swope, 29, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Criminal Trespass I. He was arrested with \$1,478.85 bail, but was already lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

April 4: Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested Shalon Garlynn Angel, 32, for Driving While Suspended Misdemeanor. She was cited and released. MCSO arrested Wendy Lynn Long, 39, for Possession of Methamphetamine. She was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$7,500 bail. The vehicle was impounded.

MCSO received report of a disabled vehicle on Hwy. 730, Irrigon. The vehicle was out of gas and help was on the way.

MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that she found a sack of dog poop in her yard. No other damage was reported.

MCSO received report of a pickup with a four-wheeler in back weaving in and out of lanes on I-84, Boardman. OSP was advised as well.

MCSO received report from a business owner in Heppner that a blue Honda Accord had been left at their business since that Monday and they did not

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Morrow County Court meets

By LeAnn Rea

The Morrow County Court met on July 14 in Irrigon with Commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance.

The court reviewed and approved the minutes from the July 7 meeting.

The court reviewed and approved account payables, retirement taxes and payroll payables in the net total amount of \$340,452.87 and withheld the payment of \$17,225 from the account payables.

Road Report: The court reviewed and on the recommendation of the Road Department approved the following approach applications: Richard and Sylvia Sandford onto Johnson Road for a private drive; Daniel and Rita Van Schoiack onto Sunflower Flat Road; Horseshoe Bend Wind onto Ely Canyon Road 2.2 miles from Hwy 74, Palmateer Road 1.7 miles from Hwy 74, Palmateer Road 1.9 miles from Hwy 74, Palmateer Road 2.0 miles from Hwy 74 and Cecil Road 2.1 miles from Hwy 74. The court reviewed and signed a lease/purchase agreement for a motor grader. The

court reviewed and approved a three-year contract with Doyle Electric Inc. for miscellaneous county projects.

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Ken Matlack provided the court with a recap of June activities, which included the following: Heppner area: a number of thefts over several months, an MIP party in the mountains, and a fiber optic line shot twice within the last two weeks. Irrigon area: a traffic stop resulting in a foot pursuit of a suspect, a couple smoking pot near the beach area of the park and an assault with a weapon incident. Boardman area: a mental subject in someone's backyard, a traffic stop resulting in five individuals being sited for drugs, an assist with the Boardman City Police in a hostage situation and a mental subject walking away from the Columbia River Ranch. The sheriff reported that the subject had outstanding warrant in Arkansas and arrangements are being made to return him. Sheriff Matlack reported that Dan Robins from Harney Co.

has been hired as the new correctional officer for the Parole and Probation Program. He will be starting in this position on July 26.

Juvenile Dept Quarterly Update: Tom Meier provided the court with a quarterly report from the Juvenile Dept. The report indicates how many young people have been referred for a variety of reasons including assault, disorderly conduct, theft, curfew offenses and minors in possession. The total number of individuals served seems to be about the same as in the last couple of years.

Public Hearing: A public hearing was held for the purpose of vacating a portion of Morrow County Road #971, also known as Columbia Lane. A number of affected residents addressed a variety of concerns and requested more information regarding this action. The Court decided to continue the hearing to the August 11 meeting to be held at 10 a.m. at the Irrigon Annex.

Planning Dept.: The associate planner,

Layne Womack, provided the first reading of the Britt Aggregate Site Ordinance. The second reading will be at the July 21 meeting in Boardman.

The court conducted the following business: Reviewed and approved the payment of \$140 to Graphics Illustrated for work on the Interpretive Panel for the Columbia River Heritage Trail. Discussed and allowed a 30-day extension for the payment of the property at Blake's Ranch. The court received an update on the status of the county's retirement plan. Various correspondences and upcoming meeting notices were reviewed and discussed.

Following the regularly scheduled court meeting, the commissioners traveled to the OSU Experiment Station in Hermiston for a tour of the facility.

Anyone who would like to be placed on the list to receive county minutes should contact Karen Wolff at (541)676-5620.

Sprucing up Heppner



Photo by Megan Futter

DSF Properties of Powell Butte has been busy completing cleaning, painting and remodeling projects around Heppner.

DSF, Derek Farrington, owner, has completed projects for Advantage Dental, the Odd Fellows Hall, Murray's Drug, Heppner Family Foods and the Masonic Lodge in Heppner.

Over the Tee Cup

Results from the July 13 play day are as follows:

Low gross of the field: Pat Edmundson.
Low net of the field: Lorrene Montgomery.
Least putts of the field: Bernice Lott.
Low gross: Nancy Propheter, Pat Dougherty, Luvilla Sonstegard.
Low net: Lynnea Sargent, Bev Steagall.
Least putts: Betty Carlson.
Long drive: Nancy Propheter, Lynnea Sargent, Laura Rogers.
Long putt: Pat Edmundson, Pat Dougherty.
Birdies: Pat Edmundson #13.

Senior Center Menu

St. Patrick's Parish members served lunch at the senior mealsite on Wednesday, July 21. The menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage or ham, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, tomato juice, and applesauce.

Members of the United Methodist Church will serve lunch on Wednesday, July 28. The menu will include Caesar chicken, rice pilaf, three-bean salad, fruit cocktail, hot rolls and turtle pie.

Milk is served at each meal. The suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. The menus are subject to change.