

Credit improvement, identity protection, and money management programs offered at Heppner Library this month

Interested in protecting yourself from identity theft, improving your credit, or in just learning how to manage your money better? If so, three one-hour consumer programs in September at the Oregon Trail Library District's Heppner Branch Library may provide some assistance.

The programs are launched under the "LEO Saves" initiative by Libraries of Eastern Oregon. LEO Saves is a two-year project for public libraries in Umatilla and Morrow counties to help encourage individuals to learn more about saving, investing and sound financial management. Each program will be held from 6:30-7:30

p.m. and will be held in the branch library located at 444 N Main St.

All programs are free and open to anyone interested in improving or learning more about managing financial resources. Attendees can attend one or all of the programs; advance registration is not required.

The programs are provided by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) of the Tri-Cities. Established in 1969, CCCS helps individuals with debt management, credit awareness and improvement, home ownership and other educational programs

"Know Your Credit" will be held on Tuesday,

September 14. It is a known statistic that 76% of all credit reports have errors on them. This one hour program explains how to obtain a free credit report and provides knowledge necessary to understand exactly what your creditor sees when looking at your report. The credit scoring module will be explained as well as ideas for increasing one's credit score or rebuilding a solid credit history for one's future.

"Identity Theft: It Can Happen to You" is set for Tuesday, September 28. This program focuses on ever-increasing identity theft and how consumers can protect themselves from fraudulent use of their

credit or savings.

LEO Saves is funded through a grant to Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Education Foundation and the American Library Association (ALA)'s "Smart Investing @ Your Library" project.

LEO Saves is a pilot for rural areas under the national program with consumer information and classes to be offered this year and next in the two eastern Oregon counties. FINRA is the largest non-governmental regulator of securities firms doing business in the U.S. The FINRA Investor Educa-

tion Foundation supports innovative research and educational projects that give underserved Americans the knowledge, skills and tools necessary for financial success throughout life. To date, the FINRA Foundation has approved \$14.7 million in grants and an additional \$10.2 million in direct investor education programming. For details about grant programs and other FINRA Foundation initiatives, visit www.finrafoundation.org. Established in 1876, the American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world. Its mission is "to provide leadership for the development,

promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all." See www.ala.org to learn more.

For further information about the programs at Heppner, please contact Oregon Trail Library District director Marsha Richmond at 541-481-3365, LEO executive director Lyn Craig at 541-763-2355 or program coordinator Raquel Rodriguez at 541-567-2882. Further information about CCCS of the Tri-Cities can be obtained at 800-201-2181 or www.cccstricities.org on line.

Sheriff's Report

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

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Police Department who reported that a warrant subject was attempting to turn herself in. Kimberly A. Hixson, 43, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving While Suspended with \$524 full bail required.

-Boardman Police Department received report from a subject who found a dog on his property.

-BPD received report of a vehicle all over the road on I-84. The subject was not drunk, but her age and fatigue were factors.

-BPD cited Gabriel Quiroz Tepec, 24, for Driv-

ing Uninsured and Failure to Wear Seat Belt, and Luis Fernando Gonzales Cifuentes, 29, for Failure to Wear Seat Belt. The vehicle was impounded.

August 19: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a mail box stolen with the mail box pried off the stand.

-MCSO deputy advised a juvenile male in Heppner that he needed both a front and rear plate. He had just a rear plate.

-MCSO received report that Chelsey Rae Parker, 25, turned herself in to serve her commitment order for DUII.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject that his 35-year-old son was making threats to kill him. The caller was trespassing from his son's place and his son trespassed from his place.

-MCSO received report of someone who had attempted to force entry into a shop in Irrigon.

-MCSO received a 911 hang-up call. It was a nine-year-old child attempting to call a friend.

-MCSO received report from a subject who said he was involved in a hit and run in Pendleton earlier and wanted to turn himself in. He was in Hermiston at the time and was advised to go to the Hermiston Police Department. Hermiston PD was advised.

-MCSO received report that a subject was at the Irrigon Shell station with three large plastic containers of baseball cards.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject who said he received a suspicious phone call from a male who said the Irrigon subject owed him money

and he was to pay by 5 p.m. that day or a warrant would be issued for his arrest. After an internet search by MCSO, it was believed to be a scam.

-MCSO received report of a male screaming and yelling, "Do as I say," and a car door that keeps opening and closing. MCSO responded and located the subject at the entry to the fish hatchery in Irrigon. It was a verbal dispute only.

-MCSO received report of a male subject driving with no license and no insurance with his son in the car.

-Boardman Police Officer reported he was flagged down. It was a DOC officer looking for the range.

-BPD received report of graffiti on the back of Sam Boardman Elemen-

tary School.

-BPD arrested David Shane Molina, 31, for Violation of Release Agreement. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

-BPD officer reported he was out with a vehicle parked in the middle of the roadway on Oregon Trail/Anderson Rd.

-BPD received report of three females fighting in front of a subject's property with one female on the ground. MCSO and BPD responded. The victim did not want to press charges.

-Heppner Ambulance received request for an ambulance for a 93-year-old male with severe abdominal pains. Heppner Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

April 20: Morrow County Sheriff's Of-

fice received report from a Boardman woman that someone came into her room the previous night and threatened her. She said she did not want the Sheriff's Office to respond to her location because she thought the subject would get back at her "sometime, somewhere, some way." Behavioral Health arrived on the scene and said they would advise if they needed a deputy.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject that her neighbor's large black dog came through the fence and attacked her Chihuahua. Dennis Edgar Baker, 54, was cited for Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance.

-MCSO received report from the Irrigon High School principal that a juvenile student was truant.

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