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Heppner Gazette-Times

Christmas tree up near city center

Heppner's community Christmas tree, resplendent in silver sheen, was placed near the Willow and Main intersection Tuesday to bring the decoration and cheer for the holiday season.

The project was a cooperative effort the tree being obtained by Kinzua Corporation, and Nate McBride gave it a spray coat of silver paint. Crews of the City of Heppner helped men of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, with their new line truck, put

it in place in front of the Heppner Hotel.

Auger of the truck bored a hole some six feet through the Main Street paving, and a section of pipe was inserted. Butt of the tree was dropped into the pipe and it was secured with sand tamped around it.

The tree is some 25 feet tall—not the biggest, but one of the prettiest. A gallon of silver paint was used to give the wintery appearance.

Radio Equipped Police Car Being Considered

Heppner may soon have a two-way radio equipped police car and an emergency telephone number which will be able to contact state and city police, ambulance doctors and many others in case of emergency.

Tentative plans are to have the radio stationed at City Hall with a night man on the job to take calls there, as well as the regular day time help. When the police car is equipped with the two way radio, police officers said they could get from any one part of town to

another within two minutes to answer calls. The present method of notifying an officer when he is wanted is to turn on a light on Main Street, and he is to report to find out what emergency the light indicates.

Since a good part of the police duty is to patrol the town there are many instances where this light can be unanswered for some time. Though no serious consequences have resulted to date it was thought necessary to provide a better method of contacting the police.

HHS math to hold fundraiser

The Heppner High School math department will be holding a Mathathon fundraiser for Doernbecher Children's Hospital now through December 15.

Talk to any Jr./Sr. high math student to find out more, or call Troy Morgan at the high school for details.

Christmas Is

The annual "Christmas Is" community concert will take place December 4 at the United Methodist Church in Heppner. Performances will be at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door, or can be purchased ahead of time at Sweet Productions, Country Shears or the Methodist church. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 children 12 and under.

Sheriff's Report

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

June 24 (cont.): -BPD received report that a board being used to block a door had been taken down.

-BPD cited Jose Alonso Cambero Altamirano, 34, for No Operator's License. He was also warned for obscuring a windshield. The vehicle was impounded.

-BPD received report of an abandoned vehicle parked at a location for a couple days. The vehicle had two dogs inside, but was parked in the shade, and had the windows rolled down and the dogs had food and water. The vehicle was gone when an officer checked later.

-BPD received report of a dog at a home. The reporter called back and advised the owner had been found and there was no need to respond.

-BPD received contact from an individual who was looking for an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in Boardman that night.

-BPD received several 911 hang-up/abandoned calls.

-BPD reported giving out several bicycle helmets.

-BPD received reports of subject doing through trash cans and looking through windows.

-BPD received request for fuel assistance from a woman traveling with a young child. A Salvation Army voucher was issued for fuel at a Boardman gas station.

-BPD received report of a possibly intoxicated individual in a parking lot on Main St. playing loud music and being disruptive to other tenants. The caller was concerned that he would attempt to drive off.

-BPD warned a subject for cell phone use.

-BPD received report of suspicious circumstances with a subject, possibly wanted, darting behind a building on Main St.

-BPD arrested Seth Thomas Wheeler, 33, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving While Suspended. He was released on his own recognizance with \$834 bail in full.

-BPD received report from a woman that her brother's house was broken into while he was in the hospital. She wanted advice on making a police report.

June 25: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report from a man in Heppner who said that there was a domestic between a male and a female who were screaming and throwing things out into the yard. Charles Johnathon Hazen, 41, was arrested on a Union Co Warrant for Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle, Driving While Suspended Misd., Reckless Driving, Fail to Perform the Duties of a Driver and was also arrested on PC charges, Disorderly Conduct II and Harassment DV.

-MCSO received a report from a female call-

er in Heppner who said there was a cougar walking around in the area and was currently across the street from her.

-MCSO received information from someone coming through the guard shack that there was a bad motor vehicle accident and it was unknown how many vehicles and injuries there were.

-MCSO issued a citation to Jose Alonso Cambero Altamirano, 35, for No Operators license.

June 27: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report from a gentleman in Boardman who said that four to five guys had broken into his shop.

-MCSO received a call from a woman in Heppner saying that someone went through her backyard and had knocked over her garbage.

-MCSO received a report from a man in Boardman that said he and his family had been receiving harassing phone calls from an unknown caller.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a small blue Nissan or Toyota was traveling extremely fast in a residential area and sliding around corners.

-MCSO was contacted by a man in Heppner who was trying to locate one of his daughters to let her know of the other daughters passing.

-MCSO arrested Darwin David Smith, 23, for a restraining order violation. He is being lodged at the Umatilla County Jail with a \$50,000 bail.

-MCSO was advised from a woman in Ione that a deer that had been living around her yard was now dead and its whole back end was missing.

-MCSO issued a citation to Ramon Reyes Valenzuela, 47, for failing to obey a traffic control device.

-MCSO issued a citation to Russell T. Sims, 58, for failing to obey a traffic control device.

-MCSO received a report from a woman in Irrigon who says her neighbor's horses are being neglected. The hooves are overgrown and cracked.

-MCSO received a call from a woman in Boardman that said her neighbor's dogs will not stop barking.

-MCSO received a complaint from a man in Irrigon that a white car and a black have been speeding on his street and that this is not the first time it has happened.

-MCSO received a report from a woman in Irrigon that a man was trespassing in her driveway.

-MCSO received a call from a man in Irrigon that a male had tried to run his son over while he was riding his bike.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman that four males were fighting and one of the subjects was on the

ground. It was unknown if any weapons were involved.

-MCSO received a call from a man in Boardman who said there was a suspicious vehicle parked in the ditch near the orchard.

-MCSO received a call from a man in Irrigon that a yellow lab had ran out and bit a little girl on the ankle causing an altercation between two parties. Subject was cited for dog as a public nuisance.

-MCSO received a call from a man in Irrigon that said he was having problems with his landlord and would like a deputy to make contact with him.

-MCSO received a call from a man in Irrigon saying that he had found two dogs. One was a dark colored pit bull and the other a black lab. Both had collars on but no tags.

-MCSO received a report from a woman in Boardman who says that she and her friend and their kids were at the park. When the caller tried to use the restroom she was told by a man that she needed to leave.

-MCSO received a report about a minor with possible heat stroke.

-MCSO issued a citation to a minor for no operators license and no insurance.

-MCSO arrested Antonio Fernandez Frias, 20, for Assault I after a caller in Boardman reported that four males were fighting and of the subjects was on the ground.

-MCSO received a call from a woman in Boardman who said her, her brother and his girlfriend had gotten into a verbal altercation. There was no alcohol or weapons involved.

July 5: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report from a caller in Boardman that two male subjects were throwing fireworks by cars.

-MCSO issued a citation to Norma Gonzalez, 28, for violating the speed limit of 84 mph in a 65 mph speed zone.

-MCSO issued a citation for Michele Masari Cox, 51, for violating the basic rule of 73 mph in a 55 mph speed zone.

-MCSO pulled over Gloria Flores Sanchez, 43, and was issued citations for no operators license and failing to drive within the lane.

-MCSO issued a citation to Chantell Leone Lynn Michaels, 29, for maintaining a dog as a public nuisance.

July 6: -Morrow County Sheriff's office received a report from a caller in Echo that there was an accident on Hwy 207 involving two vehicles.

-MCSO received a complaint from a caller in Irrigon who said he let a neighbor borrow a carburetor and now he will not give it back.

-MCSO received a call from a man in Heppner who said a subject came into their business a couple of days ago with a wallet and asked them to hold onto it for a few days. The caller wanted a deputy to come

and pick it up.

-MCSO received a call from a man in Irrigon who advised that he could hear a bunch of banking noises by the sheds.

-MCSO received a complaint from a caller in Heppner who said that they could hear what sounded like a high caliber weapon being fired, maybe at a coyote or something. She called her neighbors and they said it was not them. It was determined that neighbors were shooting off fireworks.

-MCSO arrested a Felixnando Rios-Campana, 34, for Possession of a Forged Instrument I.

-MCSO received a call from a female in Irrigon who said she had seen a male subject on a ladder, but he was getting down. Then said he was on the ground and trying to get up, but appeared to be in a lot of pain. MCSO and Irrigon ambulance responded and the subject advised that he was just taking a nap.

July 7: -The Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report from a female caller in Irrigon saying that the field the people across the road have been plowing all day long and the wind is really starting to blow and the dust is really bad. The caller wanted for them to put water on the field to calm the dust.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a suspicious male was following 2 girls.

-MCSO received a call from a woman in Heppner who said that a white bird dog keeps coming onto her property and challenging her dog. The owner of the dog was just visiting and put the dog in his vehicle.

July 8: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a call from a man in Boardman who had found a brown and white pit bull wearing a harness.

-MCSO received a call from a woman in Boardman who said that a cat jumped into a yard and a dog attacked it.

-MCSO received a call from a woman in Boardman who wanted officer contact regarding her ex-husband and a possible issues with drugs and their children.

-MCSO received a call from a man in Arlington about a single vehicle rollover.

-MCSO received a call from a woman in Heppner about a deer who was limping due to a badly injured front leg.

-MCSO received a report from a man in Lexington about a male subject who was trespassing and loading some stuff into his van. It was determined that the man was not trespassing.

-MCSO received a report from a man in Irrigon about several vehicles traveling at high speeds and would extra patrol in the area.

-MCSO received a report from a woman in Irrigon who said that she went to visit her Aunt and pick up some personal property. The Aunt started yelling at her and threw something at her.

-MCSO received a report from a man in Lexington about a cut lock on the barn where he is living.

-MCSO received a report from a female caller in Boardman who said there were 3 boys, 2 riding on a dirt bike together and the other on a 3-wheeler driving at a high rate of speed.

-MCSO arrested Kyle Lee Getsinger, 26, on charges of Assault IV, Domestic Violence, Felony and Disorderly Conduct II. He is being lodged at the

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