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van. He said that it would be cheaper in the long run to buy new vehicles than to pay mileage or to fix them.

-learned from Dirksen that no non-resident students will be allowed without written consent forms.

-recognized Heppner Elementary School for its "Outstanding" school status in the 2010-11 school report card. A plaque was awarded the school.

-celebrated School Board Recognition Month as proclaimed by Governor John Kitzhaber.

-viewed a demonstration of "Success Maker," a computer program designed to improve students' reading and math skills, by teacher Melissa Coiner and student Marlee Mitchell.

-viewed a presentation by Heppner High School FFA students Lily Sanford and Micha Hintz on their trip to Indianapolis for the national FFA convention. HHS Principal Daye Stone commended HHS teacher and FFA advisor Beth Dickenson for her outstanding work in organizing and chaperoning the students on the trip.

-received a preliminary local service plan on services offered to the district by the InterMountain Education Service District.

-approved the second reading and adopted a policy on use of feature films and video in the classroom. The new policy will require prior written approval of the school principal and, depending on the rating (G, PG, PG-13), written notice to parents and parental consent.

Mustangs attend Riverside Rumble



The Mustang wrestling team attended the Riverside Rumble on December 31 in Boardman. Top: The Mustang wrestling team members (front L-R) Khyman Heard, Garrett Gibbs and Treston Maben; (back L-R) Jesse Boyd, Kaytee Burghard, Tim Nelson, Jared Lemmon, Andrew Bara and Wade Matthews. Bottom: Treston Maben looks for the fall during a match at the Riverside Rumble. -Photos by Jeremy Lanthorn

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Another day on the Snake River



Top: This falcon may have intended to eat the snake, but the snake had something else in mind as it wrapped its body around the bird and sank its teeth into its attacker. Bottom: The pair's rescuers tried to get the snake to release its hold on the bird, as seen above, but the reptile didn't loosen its death grip until its body had been disentangled from the falcon's. -Photos by Barbara VanArsdale

"This has to be the weirdest thing that ever floated by me on the Snake River," said local woman Barbara VanArsdale, referring to the sight of a snake and a falcon locked together in a life-and-death struggle in the water.

"They were stuck together in death lock, each wanting to kill the other first," she said. VanArsdale speculated that the falcon snatched up the tasty snake, which somehow got its tail around the falcon's neck, strangling it in midair and causing both of them to crash into the river.

"I think a few more minutes and the snake would have won," said VanArsdale.

She said the snake's tail was tied in a knot around the falcon's neck and getting tighter by the second. She fished the duo out of the water and first got the snake untied. They both survived the

encounter and were doing fairly well last time she saw them. VanArsdale also made it through the encounter unscathed, and said neither of the animals hurt her while she attempted to untangle them.

"The snake didn't want to stop biting the falcon's leg, and only let go after I had untied everything else," she said. "I got the water out of the falcon's lungs with birdie inversion technique, and stayed with him until he was almost dried off in the sun and flying a little."

VanArsdale took the accompanying photos not only to remember the event but, she said, because she knew no one would believe the tale otherwise.

"This is one of those stories you tell, and are always acknowledged with, 'Yeah, right!'" said VanArsdale. "Well, here's the proof."

Sheriff's Report

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

August 29: -Morrow County Sheriff's office received a call from a male in Lexington saying that a female had taken a bunch of Ibuprofen, but had thrown them up. The caller was unsure if this is actually what she took and if she had in fact thrown them up.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman who said they needed help behind the Chevron. The caller said it was an emergency, but due to a language barrier could not determine whether it was a police or medical matter. A deputy responded and paged an ambulance for a 20-year-old male who was on the ground with abdominal pain.

-MCSO received a call from a woman in Heppner who said her neighbor was making a lot of noise probably due to a complaint she made over the trees he had planted and would like a deputy to please check it out.

-MCSO received a report from a female caller in Boardman who said someone had tried to break into their shop the night before.

-MCSO received a report from a female caller in Irrigon who said that her

ex-boyfriend had planted drugs in her car and would like a deputy to please check it out. There were no drugs found in the vehicle.

-MCSO received a call from a man in Irrigon who said he had gone to get diesel fuel in his truck, but regular or unleaded was put in instead and would like law enforcement present when the manager reviews the tapes.

-MCSO issued a citation to Francisco Thomas Mateo, 26, for No Ops.

-Milton-Freewater PD arrested Christopher D. Schneider, 28, on a Morrow County Circuit Warrant.

October 31: -MCSO received a call from a woman in Irrigon who said someone tried to open her door. The suspect was advised that it was too late to be trick or treating.

-MCSO issued a citation to Miguel Ramos Lopez, 39, for no ops, failure to drive within lane and driving uninsured.

-BPD issued a citation to a minor male subject for driving while suspended violation.

-BPD received a call from a woman translating for her friend, reporting someone shot the win-

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to park an RV on his property for one year. The planning commission put the stipulation in that McBride would start work on a permanent structure within the year.

-Voted to renew a lease to Dickenson Chiropractic for office space. Received the following police report for December.
Traffic-
 There were five traffic stops, two resulting in citations.
 A deputy investigated a complaint of an intoxicated driver. The deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.
 Deputies responded to two motor vehicle crashes.

Code Enforcement-
 There were two calls regarding abandoned vehicles.
 A deputy contacted a resident regarding wood encroaching a roadway.
 A deputy investigated littering in the creek. The owners were contacted and told to clean it up.
 Deputies responded to two complaints of loud noise.

MCSO received a complaint about an illegally parked vehicle. It was determined to have mechanical issues when it was parked and the owners were going to get it moved.

Seven animal complaints regarding cats were reported, resulting in two being transported to Pet Rescue.

Theft Complaints-
 A deputy investigated a theft of a debit card.
 A person reported receiving a fake check.
 A burglary was reported.

All Other-
 An adult was reported missing. The adult later contacted MCSO. All was fine.
 A deputy located an unlocked business door after hours. The building was secured.

A deputy handled a call where one student threatened another student.
 Deputies responded to a false alarm at a business.

A deputy assisted Wheeler County Sheriff's Office in locating a wanted person.
 A deputy made contact with six complainants regarding civil issues.
 A business wanted a deputy to make sure an intoxicated person does not return to their establishment.

-Learned that work on city water well number three is completed. According to public works director Brian Harmon, total cost to rehabilitate the well was \$47,000. "We built it right," Harmon said. He said \$30,000 of the cost was for new well casing.

-Approved a conditional use for Dan McBride

dow out of her blue Dodge Caravan parked behind the Boardman post office. It was unknown where the shot came from. Police determined a concrete projectile was the item that broke the window and a smaller piece hit another vehicle.

November 1: -MCSO called back on a 911 hang-up and spoke with an adult female. She advised she thought she had a choking child but the child was crying now and so it was not an emergency. She was advised to call back 911 if needed.

-MCSO received a call from a woman in Irrigon who stated that juveniles were throwing pumpkins at her vehicle. They hit hard enough to set off her vehicle alarm. Spoke with juveniles and their parents and advised to stop the pumpkin chucking. No damage to vehicle.

-MCSO issued a

citation to Kevin Pilot, 47, for violating the basic rule by doing 82 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-BPD advised that Morrow County arrested Cory James Koertje, 30, for a Umatilla County Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear/reckless driving.

-BPD arrested James K. Ellison, 41, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for failure to appear on false info to police.

-BPD reported a motor vehicle accident with one vehicle transported to the hospital. Lucia Madrigal, 24, was issued a citation for reckless driving, DUII and BAC refusal. Same subject was also issued a citation for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

-A female called BPD to report that she was having problems in Boardman. BPD arrested Lorena Sanchez Perez, 25, for harassment.