

Morrow SWCD board to meet

The Morrow SWCD board will meet on Tuesday, February 7 at 1 p.m. in the Ag Service Center at 430 W Linden Way in Heppner. The regular meeting agenda includes January 12 meeting minutes and treasurer's report, partnership reports, written staff reports and vacant staff position discussion.

Meetings of the

Chamber lunch meeting

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce's next lunch meeting will be an all entities report on Wednesday, February 1 at noon at All Saints Episcopal Church. Cost for lunch is \$9; Howe's About Pizza will be catering. Those planning on attending are asked to RSVP no later than the previous Wednesday.

Livestock growers plan meeting

The Morrow County Livestock Growers will be holding a meeting Wednesday, February 8 at 7 p.m. at the OSU Extension Office in Heppner. Officer elections will be held at this time. The meetings are open to the public. For questions or more information, contact the OSU Extension Service at 541-676-9642.

DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's office has released the following report:

-David Earl Terrell Taylor, 22, pled no contest to one count each of Interference with Making a Report and Harrassment, Class A and Class B misdemeanors, respectively. Incarceration of 180 days and 90 days was suspended and the defendant sentenced to

18 months Bench Probation on each count. Some conditions of probation included a total of 100 hours of community service, an anger management program, no offensive physical contact with the victim and a written apology to the victim, submitted to the Morrow County DA's office. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$2,066.

USDA invests in Boardman plant

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced that ZeaChem Inc. has been selected for a \$232.5 million USDA loan guarantee to help the construction of ZeaChem's first commercial scale cellulosic biorefinery, which is already in development at the Port of Morrow in Boardman.

The state-of-the-art facility will turn woody biomass and agricultural waste into fuel. It is expected to have capacity for 25 million gallons per year of cellulosic ethanol. The new facility will create 188 construction jobs and 65 full-time operations jobs in Boardman. The

USDA's announcement of the \$232.5 million loan guarantee comes from the 9003 Biorefinery Assistance Program.

"ZeaChem's investment in Boardman is a bright spot for the future of biomass in our state and a needed injection of jobs for Eastern Oregon," said Oregon's Senator Jeff Merkley. "I'm excited about what this investment means for the future of renewable energy in our state and the help it will provide for Oregon's economy."

Sheriff's Report

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

November 18 (cont.): -A man went into MCSO in Heppner and reported that a female sent him a fraudulent check to buy a generator from him. He stated he took the check to the bank and they determined that it was a fake check. He will be at home for contact.

-A woman from Irrigon called MCSO to report that a white pit bull was in their yard. It is the neighbor's dog; it's charging them and won't let them in their own home. Owners live on the same side of the street. The dog's name is Angel.

-MCSO was notified that Oregon State Police arrested Miguel Fuentes-Carrillo on a Morrow County Court warrant for failure to appear/resisting arrest and giving false info, as well as an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for failure to appear/no angling license. The subject was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with a UCSO warrant and a MCSO hold placed.

-MCSO issued a citation to Maria Silvia Soto Zepeda, 35, for violating the basic rule by driving 75 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a call from a man who said he was released from jail on Thursday afternoon and went home and found that his dog and camera were missing. Caller stated that his neighbors stated they saw deputies at his residence while he was in jail. He would like contact regarding this to see if the deputies know where the dog and camera are.

-A caller from Irrigon reported that there was a man and a woman with a small girl walking westbound on the north side of the highway; the man and the woman were paying no attention to the girl and she almost got hit by a semi. The girl is wearing a pink coat and pink pants with really frizzy black hair. The man is wearing a dark hoodie and the female is wearing a light-colored hoodie.

-A man called BPD requesting an officer to make contact at his house in Boardman. The man was headed to the house and his wife was there. She went to work that morning at 8 a.m. and when she went home for lunch, the place was burgled. She said a Wii and several other things were missing.

November 19: -MCSO issued a citation to Juan Antonio Lemus Garcia, 30, for driving without insurance. The subject was also issued a verbal warning for failure to dim.

-MCSO issued a citation to a 25-year-old male for driving while suspended and driving uninsured. Sub-

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