

## CITY WATER TANK

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of 635 bill payers currently pay late. She said if payers were given until the 15<sup>th</sup>, it would not work with the city's billing system, as the city starts reading meters on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month and then sends out bills on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

"If we move it to the 15<sup>th</sup> it is too tight," she said.

She also made it clear that the city does not post any payments after 3 p.m., so people need to get their payments in before then on the due day or their payment would be considered late.

She also said that she is working with the Bank of Eastern Oregon to set up an auto bill payment system so people can have their water and sewer bill automatically withdrawn from their accounts.

The council voted unanimously to raise the late fee to \$5 and also left open the possibility this may increase later if it does not cause more prompt payment.

"We can change this from five dollars to \$7 or \$7.50 later," Mayor Joe Perry said.

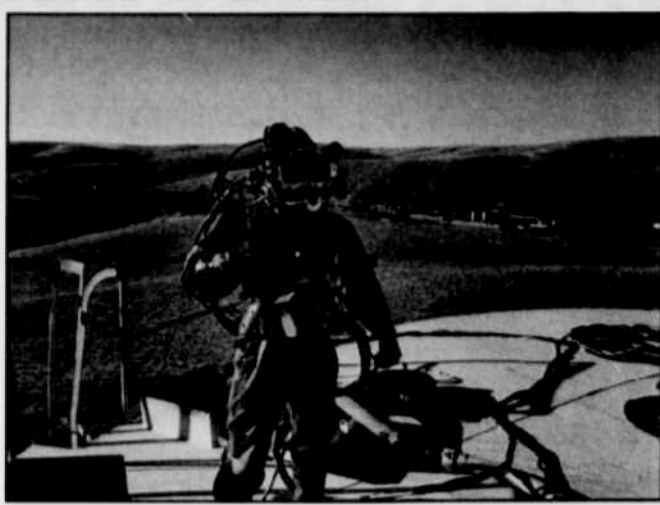
### Sheriff report for the month of June Traffic-

There were four traffic stops with no citations.

There was one driving complaint. A deputy made contact with the driver and warned them.

A person reported a possible intoxicated driver of a red scooter. A deputy located the driver at his residence.

A juvenile was warned for not wearing a helmet.



A diver from LiquiVision Technology Diving Services of Klamath Falls prepares to enter water tank #3 for cleaning and inspection. -Contributed photo

### Code Enforcement-

Fourteen animal calls were reported resulting in three citations. One cat was taken to Pet Rescue.

Deputies worked on four locations regarding code enforcement issues.

### Theft Complaints-

MCSO investigated two thefts.

A person reported an attempted fraud via the telephone.

Two gas drive offs were reported. The fuel was later paid for in one of the cases.

A person reported an employee had their keys and would not return them.

A deputy responded and the keys were returned.

A firearm was reported stolen from a residence.

### All Other-

One welfare check was completed.

Deputies investigated two reports of restraining order violations

There were four suspicious person complaints.

A person contacted a deputy about another person following her around.

A deputy located an

open door on a residence. The homeowner was not home at the time.

Deputies arrested an adult male for Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Mischief. He was booked into Umatilla County Jail.

Deputies dealt with two mental health patients, one who escaped from Lakeview Heights and the other who overdosed on medication.

A person reported he has a restraining order against him and the other person keeps driving by his house yelling at him.

A person reported being in a disturbance with their spouse. A deputy responded and resolved the issues.

A fight was reported. A deputy was unable to locate those involved.

MCSO assisted OSP with an investigation in Heppner

MCSO responded to three alarm calls.

MCSO responded to a fight call. A deputy was unable to locate any people fighting.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING ADVOCATE

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Stillman, the sole Oregon representative, advocated for passage of the "Human Trafficking Prioritization Act," which elevates the authority of the State Department's Trafficking in Persons Office, a U.S. government agency dedicated to combating human trafficking. Stillman said U.S. citizens' interest in eradicating slavery has kept the issue high on the political agenda in Washington for the past decade. In recent years, the existence of proven anti-slavery models has equipped advocates with data and success stories to encourage members of Congress from across the political spectrum to support increased investment in anti-trafficking programs.

"I became aware of the global human trafficking problem and the U.S.'s role in both fighting and supporting the trade while in high school. I was amazed at how large a problem it was and disgusted that such a crime exists in my country that claims to stand on values of freedom, liberty, and justice all while unwittingly supporting the trade in humans," Stillman said.

That led Stillman to become passionate about advocacy, which she said is "...the calling and purpose" that drives her life.

"As a Christian, I also believe that I cannot stand by while such injustice exists and affects the most vulnerable in our world. While I was in high school and delivering an oratory on present-day slavery, I was amazed at how often the information I presented was greeted by looks of sheer disbelief and even doubt. I knew then that I needed to take part in educating the public in Oregon on the issue," she said.

Stillman said community support in events like "reverse trick-or-treating" and in helping her get to the University of Puget Sound, as well as the continued interest in her work, tells her that advocacy for victims of human trafficking is something residents of rural Eastern Oregon care about. While in D.C., she also was able to give the congressional delegation

post cards signed by Oregon residents.

"That kind of information tells our legislatures that it matters to us and supplies me all the more with encouragement to pursue my work. My belief in the work of organizations like IJM and my desire to do all I can to advocate for survivors of this crime has motivated me in a number of my choices, including where I attend college and what I plan to do after graduation next year. More than likely my senior thesis will be on human trafficking following a research paper that I wrote for school this past year. I hope at some point to be able to return to Oregon and Lexington periodically to continue the job of educating the public about human trafficking," said Stillman.

All government agencies have faced budget cuts in the face of sequestration, making citizen support for U.S. government programs to combat slavery more important than ever, Stillman said.

"When it comes to fighting human trafficking, a relatively small amount of money goes an extremely long way," said Holly Burkhalter, vice president of government relations at IJM. "The State Department's Trafficking in Persons office makes grants that save lives and build international capacity to end human trafficking. The office should be made a full-fledged State Department Bureau, in order to best represent the interests of the most vulnerable people in the world—slaves and trafficking victims."

Organizations like IJM say they are seeing significant improvements in public justice systems protecting the poor and preventing slavery, even over short periods of time. In just four years of collaboration with local authorities in Cebu, the Philippines, IJM has seen the number of minors available in the commercial sex trade reduced by 79 percent. Private investment by Google.org for IJM's anti-slavery work in India has enabled a dramatic expansion of the organization's work there from 9 to 50 states in the country,

resulting in the freeing of nearly 1,000 bonded labors in just 10 months.

"The trafficking of humans is an issue that will require dedicated individuals to combat its prevalence both abroad and the issue which exists domestically in the U.S., including a large, growing problem in Oregon. Eradicating human trafficking means that there is still much more work to be done, but it is a task worthy of the U.S. government's support and the attention of every freedom-loving American. For that reason, I chose to come show my support at our nation's capitol for H.R. 2283 (the number of the bill mentioned above)," said Stillman.

Stillman organized a slave-free reverse trick-or-treat after writing an oratory for her school's speech and debate team, and became an active member of IJM's citizen support team while still in high school. Apart from attending IJM's advocacy day, during her time at Puget Sound, Stillman has helped put on Freeset events on campus, an organization that helps support women who have been freed from sex slavery in India. She is currently working on starting an advocacy organization in Tacoma that will connect her campus to the Seattle/Tacoma anti-trafficking movement. This summer, Stillman said she will be arranging trafficking awareness events, meeting again with both Oregon and Washington congressional delegations, attending an IJM student leaders conference in Atlanta, GA, and working with Tacoma organizations to help develop her advocacy organization, all while working full time and participating in an internship at the Tacoma Rescue Mission, an organization that focuses on providing effective help to survivors of homelessness who are trying to get back on their feet.

In the past year alone, IJM said it has brought rescue to more than 2,400 victims of violence and injustice.

For more information about International Justice Mission, visit [www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org).

## ODF tightens fire prevention restrictions

Rapidly increasing wildfire danger has prompted Oregon Department of Forestry to tighten public fire prevention restrictions in its Central Oregon District effective Thursday, July 4. These restrictions apply to private and non-federal public forestlands in 12 counties including Morrow County.

Assistant District Forester Tracy Wrolson said the current hot weather is drying vegetation quickly and, as a result, fire danger levels are increasing dramatically.

"Last week's rains helped delay the onset of severe burning conditions, but this heat wave has erased those benefits," Wrolson said. "Fine fuels like grass and brush will easily ignite now. People need to be extra careful when recreating or working in the forests."

The following activities are restricted or prohibited:

-Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads.

-Open fires are prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires, except

in designated areas. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed. Open fires are allowed if in compliance with a valid burning permit.

-Chainsaw use is prohibited between the hours of 1-8 p.m. Chainsaw use is permitted at all other hours if the following equipment is present with each operating saw: one ax, one shovel and one eight-ounce or larger fire extinguisher. Also, a fire watch is required at least one hour following the use of each saw.

-Cutting, grinding and welding of metal are prohibited between the hours of 1-8 p.m. All other times the area is to be cleared of flammable vegetation and the following fire equipment is required: one ax, one shovel and one 2-1/2 pound or larger fire extinguisher in good working order.

-Use of motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, is prohibited, except on improved roads and except for vehicle use by a landowner and employees on their own land while conducting activities associated with their livelihood.

-Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required while traveling in a motorized vehicle, except on federal and state highways, county roads and driveways: one shovel and one gallon of water or one 2-1/2 pound or larger fire extinguisher, except all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles, which must be equipped with an approved spark arrestor in good working condition.

-Mowing of dried grass with power driven equipment is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. except for commercial culture and harvest of crops.

-Use of fireworks is prohibited.

-The release of sky lanterns is prohibited.

-The discharging of exploding targets or tracer ammunition is prohibited.

-Blasting is prohibited.

-Any electric fence controller in use shall be: 1) Listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory or certified by the Department of Consumer and Business Services; and 2) Operated in compliance with manufacturer's instructions.



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<sup>2</sup> Up to \$50 annually per student.

<sup>3</sup> Report cards must be originals, no copies please.

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