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Heppner manhunt leads to arrest of local man

After a brief manhunt, Morrow County Sheriff's Office last week arrested a suspect in connection with a recent vehicle theft in South Morrow County.



Josue Montano

In recent weeks, car thefts have been reported in Heppner and Ione, as well as the theft of some four-wheelers from a Heppner resident. On Tuesday, Jan. 13, Heppner resident Misty Bennett reported that her green Honda Accord has been stolen from her

driveway during the night. The vehicle was recovered the next day on Kenny Rd., just off Sand Hollow Rd. The vehicle appeared to have been in an accident.

During the course of an investigation into that theft, MCSO deputies discovered that Josue Montano, 30, had multiple felony warrants out of Washington. Last Thursday, Jan. 22, deputies from the sheriff's office attempted to contact Montano on Minor Street

in Heppner. Montano ran from the deputies when they attempted to contact him and proceeded on foot up the hill behind Minor Street, across Water Street and down the hill and across Morgan Street.

On Morgan Street, Montano was diverted into the creek. Deputies set up a perimeter there and began searching for Montano. After deputies searched for about 45 minutes, Montano was located hiding in
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Boyd to retire after 28 years with Forest Service



Dale Boyd, shown here by the ranger district office that has served as home base for a little more than a decade, will retire from the USFS this week. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

By Andrea Di Salvo
The Heppner Ranger District will lose its District Fire Management Officer when Dale Boyd retires this week. Boyd, 49, has been with the local U.S. Forest Service office since 2003; his last day on the job will

be this Friday. Though Boyd and his family—wife, Kandy, and children, Jesse and Meeka—have lived in Heppner for more than a decade, Boyd's time with the Forest Service extends much further back.

"I've been fighting fire for 28 years with the Forest Service. It started as a summer job while I was going to college," says Boyd, adding that a summer job turned into a career. He had been looking for an outdoor-oriented job such as the forest service or fish and wildlife, he says. "It just kind of fit."

Boyd was born in Corvallis, OR and raised in nearby Toledo, OR, graduating from Toledo High School in 1983. He then went on to obtain an associate's degree in forest management from Central Oregon Community College (COCC) in Bend.

A long relationship with the Ochoco National Forest in central Oregon began when he started in a temporary position in 1987, moving into permanent employment in 1991.

"I spent 14 years on the Ochoco," Boyd says. He lived first at Rager Ranger Station. Rager, established in 1908, was one of the Forest Service's most remote year-round ranger stations, about 75 miles outside of Prineville, OR. Boyd spent his summers there for three years, returning to school each fall. It was while at school in Bend, in the spring of 1991, that he met his future wife, Kandy. The couple was married in 1995.

It was also in 1991, after graduation from COCC, that Boyd took permanent employment with the Forest Service. The position was in Hines, OR, but he, and later Kandy, spent every summer at the Allison Guard Station near Burns, OR.

"We had some great
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BEO announces seventh annual Wrestling Invitational



The Mustang wrestling team will be on its home turf—or mat—for the seventh BEO wrestling invitational. Pictured (L-R) are: Coach Mark Lemmon, Jacob Moses, Jesse Boyd, Cord Flynn, Ryan Smith, John Propher, Jorgen Anderson, Will Lutcher. Not pictured: Tim Jaca. -Contributed photo

HEPPNER—Bank of Eastern Oregon has announced the invitees to 2015 Invitational Wrestling Tournament to be held at Heppner High School on Feb. 7. High schools

scheduled to compete are Adrian, Baker, Crane, Culver, Elgin, Enterprise, Grant Union, Heppner, Imbler, Irigoin, Joseph, Mac-Hi, Pine Eagle, Riverside, Union
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The Shamrock Hunt is back



Heppner chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sherryl Bates (left) displays the shamrock that will be hidden somewhere in Heppner, while Bank of Eastern Oregon Heppner Branch Manager Tricia Rollins holds the Silver Eagle coin that will go to the winner. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

After a long hiatus, the St. Patrick's Day shamrock treasure hunt is back. Starting with the Feb. 11 issue of the Heppner Gazette-Times, clues to the hunt will be published in the paper for the following five weeks. If followed, these clues will lead treasure hunters to a shamrock hidden somewhere in the city of Heppner.

The first person to find the hidden shamrock will win a 2014 Silver Eagle donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon, which is on display at the Heppner branch. The Silver Eagle is valued around \$50.

Rules of the hunt are:

1. A new set of clues to guide you to the hidden shamrock will appear in each edition of the Heppner Gazette-Times.
2. A total of five clues beginning with the Feb. 11 edition will be published each week on the front page.
3. The hidden shamrock is not on private property and no digging or moving of objects, dirt or other materials is necessary to find the shamrock.
4. The first person to find the shamrock and bring it to the Heppner Gazette-Times office will claim their prize.



Treasure-seekers will be on the hunt for this hidden shamrock.



The Shamrock Hunt winner will receive this 2014 Silver Eagle.

CREZ approves over \$1M for community improvements

Committee appropriates money for Morrow County education, public safety, housing, community enhancement

BOARDMAN, Ore.—The Columbia River Enterprise Zone (CREZ) committee approved disbursement of more than \$1 million in funds to Morrow County communities in late 2014.

The committee met Dec. 19 and agreed to distribute \$1.15 million of non-committed enterprise zone dollars for the en-

hancement and development of Morrow County. Port of Morrow general manager and committee member Gary Neal said the group decided to split the funding into categories that continue to be identified as priorities for Morrow County during board meetings. He said those categories are education,

housing, public safety and community enhancement. The enterprise zone board is made up of two representatives each from Morrow County government, the Port of Morrow and the City of Boardman. The zone is managed by Morrow County planning director Carla McLane. Alternate members are also

assigned for each entity to serve when needed. Through several meetings, the board discussed what kind of impact they wanted to have in Morrow County, McLane said. "These deliberations led to the creation of four general categories for fund-
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Urban med student appreciates slower pace in rural setting

By Andrea Di Salvo

For medical student Vincent Manning, life in Heppner is a far cry from his hometown of Portland, but he says he appreciates the benefits of getting to practice medicine in a rural setting.

Manning, 27, was born and raised in Portland, graduating from Reynolds High School in 2006 and then obtaining a degree in biology and chemistry from the University of Portland in 2010. He is in Heppner as part of his medical studies at Oregon Health & Sciences University (OHSU) in Portland; his five-week rural rotation at Pioneer Memorial ends next week.

Manning says that, once he obtains his medical degree from OHSU, he isn't interested in specializing too much.

"I'm thinking of emergency medicine, and I'm thinking family medicine, because I want something generalized," he says.



OHSU medical student Vincent Manning is used to Portland's urban setting, but says he values Heppner's slower pace when it comes to friendly people and learning opportunities. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

That goal is what he says makes Heppner's Pioneer Memorial the perfect place to learn. He spends

much of his time working with doctors Russ Nichols and Betsy Anderson in the clinic, but is also there

when the doctors are needed in the emergency room. "Basically, I go in, talk to the patient first, do an exam, and then I go talk to the doctor I'm working with and tell them what I think is going on," Manning explains. "If there's an emergency room encounter while Dr. Anderson or Dr. Nichols is on call, then I'm there, too, and get to be the first one with the patient." That, he says, is what made him put Heppner on the short list when it came time to select a rural location for his five-week rotation.

"The emergency room coverage, I really like,"
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