

OYCC partners local youth, Forest Service



This year's local Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) crew (L-R): Kevin Smith, Tanner Mills, Shayna Osmen and Cassi Hahn. The OYCC partnered again this year with the Umatilla National Forest, Heppner District, providing funding for youth work crews to complete projects such as trail construction and maintenance, landscaping, planting, wetland restoration, invasive weed removal, construction and gardening. Oregon's OYCC was created in 1987 to emulate the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's. -Contributed photo

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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 district's wrap-around services, which include increased access for students and their families to counseling, health and dental care, and other services. He said the program was designed to "strengthen families and support effective parenting." He noted that dental issues were the number one problem contributing to school absences.

In other business, the board:

-learned of a vacancy on the OSAA eligibility appeals board.

-approved the district's "Healthy and Safe Schools Plan," which includes plans for radon testing, testing for lead in drinking water, reducing exposure to lead paint, pest management, and for reporting results.

-viewed a presentation by parents and staff on parent involvement at Sam Boardman Elementary. "It's great to see a willingness of parents and staff to work together," said Dirksen.

-adopted policy on board meetings, adoption and revision of policies, unmanned aircraft system (UAS) aka drone, interscholastic and co-curricular activities program, educational equity, extracurricular/interscholastic activities eligibility requirements, individual board member's authority and responsibilities, executive sessions, board member resignation.

-approved an early graduation request for an Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School student.

-approved a travel request submitted by the

Riverside High School cheerleaders to perform in a holiday parade at Disney World. The cheerleaders said they were raising funds to attend.

-received the following enrollment report for September: A.C. Houghton Elementary, Irrigon, kindergarten through grade three-277; Sam Boardman Elementary, Boardman, grades K-three-338, Heppner Elementary, grades K-six-178; Irrigon Elementary, grades four-six-209, Windy River Elementary, Boardman, grades four-six-233; Heppner Junior/Senior High School, grades seven-12-163; Irrigon Junior/Senior High School, grades seven-12-395; Riverside Junior/Senior High School, Boardman, grades seven-12-431; Morrow Education Center-51; total-2,275.

-learned that Jill Parker has said that she would serve on the budget committee Position #2

-approved the following employment action for September: resignations/non-renewals for Andrea Chairez, eight-hours a week custodian at the Morrow Education Center and district office, Dennis Force, Irrigon Elementary head custodian, Nicole Pearson, IES ed assistant, Stefanie Swindler, Sam Boardman Elementary ed assistant, Jessica Stelk, Heppner Junior/Senior High ed assistant, Matthew Brown, HJSHS ed assistant; Employment/Promotions/Transfers for Tiffanie Greenup, transfer to HJSHS ed assistant, Ken Grieb,

HJSHS ed assistant, Penny Holland, transfer to Irrigon Elementary ed assistant, Glen "Kent" Lamoureaux, Morrow Education Center half-time special education teacher, Isela Osario Lopez, Sam Boardman Elementary ed assistant, Angelica Saucedo, SBE temporary SPED ed assistant, Adara Spring, SBE ed assistant; Extra duty contracts for Rhonda Boor, RJSJS junior high head volleyball coach, Luis Campos, IJSHS high school assistant boys' soccer coach, Andrea Chairez, IJSHS high school assistant girls' soccer coach, Joe Cobb, IJSHS head high school girls' soccer coach, Minerva DeLoera, IJSHS junior high assistant volleyball coach, Richard Moore, RJSJS junior high assistant football coach, Thomas Newton, RJSJS high school assistant football coach, Rebecca Renfro, RJSJS junior high assistant volleyball coach.

-adopted resolutions accepting and appropriating unanticipated revenues as follows: a \$1,300 Walmart grant for the Riverside Junior/Senior High School science department for science equipment; and a \$2,500 donation from Castle Rock Farming for equipment for the Riverside Junior/Senior High School volleyball team.

-heard the following announcements: Sept. 28-Oregon School Board Association fall regional meeting; Nov. 10-13-OSBA annual convention, Portland; Oct. 10-next board meeting, A.C. Houghton Elementary, Irrigon.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Tyler Joe Stone, 28, was convicted of Felony in Possession of a Firearm, a Class C Felony. The defendant was sentenced to three years supervised probation

subject to 180 sanction units with 90 jail units, to include mental health evaluation and 80 hours of community service. The court also stipulated that the court also stipulated that an AK-47 rifle would be returned to the owner and that, if probation is revoked, the defendant will be sentenced to gridblock 6D

presumptive sentence (13-14 months). The defendant was additionally convicted of Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police officer, a Class A Misdemeanor, and was sentenced to discharge. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$300.

Sheriff's Report

July 16: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Services received report from the Irrigon Shell Station that a woman in her 50s, was having labored breathing, was cold and clammy, and was lying on a table and having difficulty speaking. She was transported.

-MCSO received report of a domestic dispute on May St. in Heppner with a male and female yelling and a lot of banging going on in a trailer. A deputy responded, but no one answered the door and he could not hear anything.

-MCSO received report of a white Plymouth on Eighth St. in Irrigon blaring music and spinning its tires. MCSO was unable to locate anything.

-MCSO received report of loud music coming from a residence near the caller, who said it was a continuous problem during the weekend. MCSO located the source and advised them to keep it down.

-MCSO received report of someone trespassing at the Turkey Shoots in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report of a verbal altercation on Third Street in Irrigon with a female throwing cups around. MCSO responded and made contact with the family, but the female had already left. MCSO was unable to locate her.

-MCSO received report from a foster parent of three kids in Irrigon that the other parent was drinking and doing drugs.

-MCSO received report of a wrecker about three-four miles from Hardman on the Heppner side for a blue Dodge pickup 5th wheel.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject that the next-door neighbors have four Chihuahuas that never stop barking. He said it had been going on for three years, but they are now tired of it. The caller complained that they couldn't even use their backyard because of the dogs.

-MCSO received report of a Ford Excursion drifting back and forth over the white line on each side from The Dalles to Boardman. A deputy made contact and issued a verbal warning to the driver.

-MCSO received report that OSP was heading to a vehicle vs. cow incident at Hwy. 730/County Line, Irrigon.

July 17: -A single-vehicle motor vehicle accident was reported at Baseline Ln./Highway 207. Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, and Heppner fire and ambulance all responded, and a juvenile female was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

-Irrigon fire responded to report of a haystack fire at Hwy. 730/Paterson Ferry in Irrigon. MCSO and Boardman fire also responded but were cancelled before arriving.

-A male in Boardman reported that his girlfriend broke his hand. Boardman ambulance and an MCSO deputy responded, but the patient transported himself to the hospital.

-A woman in Irrigon advised MCSO that she sent a tenant a 30-day evic-

tion notice and they were to have been out the day before and had not left yet. She needed to know the next step to getting them off the property, and requested to speak to a deputy.

-A person in the Heppner area reported a deceased doe on a neighbor's property. She advised they had not done anything with it and she did not want to deal with the smell. The information was relayed to the Oregon State Police Trooper.

-A woman in Boardman advised that a male came to her residence, first stating he was in town for a funeral for his grandmother who lived just around the corner, and was trying to find odd jobs. She advised the subject had since gone to five different houses; she stated that he was very suspicious. Boardman PD responded and made contact with the subject. He was trying to gather funds for his grandmother's funeral, which was in a couple of days.

-MCSO was advised that Oregon State Police arrested Roberto Navarro, 21, for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants and Driving While Suspended - Misdemeanor.

-MCSO received report of a white sheep dog chasing vehicles out by Hwy. 74, Lexington. The caller was concerned about bicyclists who could be passing by; he was not sure if the dog would attack them.

-Someone contacted MCSO to see if anyone had turned in a drive line. They advised they had lost it somewhere between Heppner and Lexington; they were moving equipment and the drive line fell off. They requested to be called if anyone found it.

-MCSO reported officer initiated activity at Bombing Range Rd./Hwy. 730, Boardman. A vehicle drove into a ditch and was then able to continue on its way.

-MCSO arrested Eduardo Garcia, 51, also known as Jose Lauro Tello, on a misdemeanor warrant for failure to appear.

July 18: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office was advised of a female with unknown injuries who was reported to have been assaulted by another female.

-Dispatch received a call concerning a person who was not feeling well, could hear female screaming in the background. MCSO, Boardman PD and Boardman ambulance responded and the patient was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

-MCSO was advised of a guy behind the Shell station in Irrigon who couldn't even walk; he was walking completely sideways and kept falling over. The caller advised he was going to end up passing out.

-A male in Irrigon advised he believed he just had a stroke and passed out. Irrigon ambulance responded and transported the patient.

-MCSO received report of an individual in Spokane who was going to attempt suicide. The caller was transferred to a Spokane agency.

-A woman in Irrigon advised of an abandoned

vehicle in front of her residence; the vehicle had been there since last Friday. She advised the back end of the vehicle was in the street. The vehicle was towed as a hazard.

-A female in Boardman advised that her elderly male neighbor kept coming over, knocking on the door and swearing. She was unsure of his last name, but she gave his apartment number and advised she had heard he was schizophrenic. She advised she had not opened the door.

-MCSO received report of theft of mail from a mail box in Irrigon. The caller advised it had also happened at the end of June and that it appeared other mailboxes had been emptied at that time.

-MCSO received report of a domestic disturbance in Heppner; the caller reported his grandson's girlfriend ran over the grandson's leg. MCSO responded and Boardman PD assisted.

-A caller in Boardman advised that two houses from his residence the neighbors were doing karaoke.

July 19: -Morrow County Sheriff was advised of a deer hit south of Love's on Tower Rd., Boardman. The subject inquired about taking the deer home. MCSO was unable to locate the deer. Permission to take the deer home was denied.

-MCSO received report of a stove stolen from a rental location in Heppner.

-Oregon State Police advised MCSO that they arrested Douglas Evan Kauffman, 52, on an Irrigon justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear on Driving While Suspended. Subject was lodged in Clackamas County with no local charges.

-A female advised MCSO that her two dogs took off from her dad at Willow Creek Reservoir and he didn't know where they were. She advised her dad was going to drive up toward Blakes Ranch and see if he could find them.

-A man in Irrigon advised MCSO that he lived at his parents' house and he was on probation and his mother advised her brother that he had two days to pick up the cars but last night he parked another car there. The caller advised he needed to get the vehicles out of there or they would get in trouble with the manager.

-MCSO received report of two patients needing transport at the OHV park, one with a broken leg and one conscious but having trouble breathing. The patients were transported.

-A caller advised MCSO that there were two dogs running around up at the dam by Heppner. The caller believed the dogs belonged to a female subject but wasn't 100 percent sure.

-MCSO was advised that a male subject and his girlfriend got into a fight in Irrigon, unknown if the fight was physical. Both the subjects left, but the male's mother went into the house discovered her son had taken a baseball bat to the walls in her house. She requested that a deputy respond. Neither subject was at the house at the time.

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