

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office has released the following information:

November 13 (cont.): Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on SW Wyoming Ave, Irrigon that she is hearing shots from behind her parents' house to the SW of her residence. Advised she has heard at least a dozen shots.

-MCSO received a report at Little Juniper Ln/Bombing Range Rd, Lexington that a vehicle flipped with two female teenagers.

-MCSO received a report on Meadow Brook Rd, Lexington that her son is taking a knife to his arm and stating he done with things and people lying to him He has been stabbing things in his room, unknown if has hurt himself yet. MCSO responded and transported the male to PMH. CCS was contacted.

-MCSO received a report on I84 W, Hermiston that a male is stranded on the side of the road and is trying to flag someone down. Unable to locate.

November 14: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at Mill Zone on Hwy 74, Heppner that someone flung gravel all over his truck by the saw mill while passing in the no passing zone.

-MCSO received a report on Shobe Canyon Rd, Heppner that there is a vehicle on his property that he would like to have removed. Needs to know options.

-MCSO received a report at Fairview Ln/Cecil Ln, Ione that he was told by an employee that there is a decomposing elk on a field of his approximately two miles north of Fairview Ln. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report on Miller Rd, Boardman that daughter has property and will not return it. Daughter lives in a motor home on the property. Concerned daughter will upset her husband and cause him to have a heart attack. Cancelled.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 74, Lexington that there is a dog on her property that killed her chickens. RP has the dog caught and in her kennel now. Advised deputy needs to respond before she shoots it. Dog transported to pet rescue.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that there are plastic pellets around his residence. He thinks someone may be shooting them at his dogs while he is gone.

-MCSO received a re-

port that Sarah Diane Bennett was arrested by HPD on MCCC warrant, bail \$20,000.

-MCSO received a report at Ione Gooseberry Rd/Kincaid Ln, Ione that his camper is parked at his son's residence and that his son noticed that the door was open. RP went and looked and someone was inside and took items. Also went into his son's barn and took 5-6 sets of horns.

-MCSO received a report on Tyler Rd, Boardman that there is a brown cow with a white head that has been in his pasture since Sunday and is eating all of his grass. Unknown who it belongs to.

November 15: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on Miller Rd, Boardman that her daughter is taking items out of her motor home and setting it out in the rain. RP lives in house, daughter is staying in the motor home.

-MCSO received a report at I84 E, Boardman of a hit and run motor vehicle accident.

-MCSO received a report on I84 W, Boardman that a silver Hyundai four-door was going about 100 mph.

-MCSO received a report at E Fairview Way/Hwy 74 Lena, Heppner that a white vehicle at the end of the road ran off the road last night. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received an agency assist request on Miller Rd, Boardman asking deputy to assist when assessing a female.

-MCSO received a report at Hair I Am on N Main St, Heppner that her purse was taken from inside her vehicle while she was across the street.

-MCSO received a report at Irrigon High School on SE Wyoming Ave, Irrigon that her daughter was being bullied at school.

-MCSO received a report at Toms Camp Rd/Kunze Ln, Boardman that there are five goats out and two of them were in the middle of the road. Unsure who owner is. Animals were returned to their pasture.

-MCSO received a report on SW Second St, Irrigon that a subject is suicidal.

-MCSO received a report at Hwy 206 Condon/Shobe Canyon Rd, Heppner that a black cow is out near the corner to Shobe on Hwy 206.

-MCSO received a re-

port on Columbia Ln, Irrigon that his roommate stole his vape and will not return it.

-MCSO received a report on NE Washington Ave, Irrigon of peeping toms and prowlers going around in the area through the night. Advises they were spotted at 0300 by a female and chased off.

-MCSO received a report at Nuts and Bolts Tavern on E Hwy 730, Irrigon that on her way home she spotted a subject who appeared to be car prowling. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on Columbia Ln, Irrigon of loud music. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at Irrigon Fire Hall on NE Main Ave, Irrigon of a 49 year-old male having a hard time breathing. Transported to GSH.

November 16: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a semi-truck with its axel on fire on I-84, Boardman. Boardman Fire Department and MCSO responded.

-MCSO received request for extra patrol on Snyder Road in Irrigon. The residents said a male had been breaking into their home while they were at work.

-MCSO arrested Luis Alberto Nunez on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Criminal Mischief II. There was no bail.

-MCSO received report from a subject that he rolled his pickup approximately 1-1/2 miles past the Lone Rock exit on Hwy. 207, Gilliam County. He said he had to drive the pickup to the top of Rock Creek at Hale Ridge Lane to get cell service. Heppner Ambulance and MCSO Deputy met him at Ruggs.

-MCSO received report that Umatilla Police Department arrested Wendy Lynn Long on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fire/Theft III, with a bail of \$483.50. She was transported to Irrigon Justice Court and taken before the judge.

-MCSO received report at Irrigon Justice Court from a subject who said he had received a call from someone saying that they had a vehicle belonging to him that had drugs in it. He was concerned that he would be arrested. A deputy responded and determined that the subject had received a scam call.

-MCSO received report of three unattended third grade kids who ran across the highway in front of a couple cars. The caller said the kids were still running

around and were then by the Episcopal Church in Heppner. The caller requested a deputy to speak with the kids as their actions were dangerous.

-MCSO received report of peeping toms and prowlers in the area of N.E. Washington Ave. in Irrigon. The caller said they were spotted by a female and chased off.

-MCSO received report of a male in white pickup with a wooden tailgate had attempted to run her off the road on Hwy. 74, Ione, then slowed to 20 mph in front of her and began swerving all over the road. She caller said the vehicle took off toward Pettys Canyon Lane.

November 17: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a dark blue Dodge club cab pickup that came off Eighth St. in Irrigon, rolled through the stop sign and "punched it" toward Division.

-MCSO received report of three brown and white horses running wild on Nevada St. in Irrigon.

-MCSO received another report of a male breaking into a residence on Snyder Rd. in Irrigon while the people who live at the residence were at work. They requested a house check.

-MCSO arrested Rafael Rene Garza for Parole Violation, Possession of a Controlled Substance/Methamphetamines on a Umatilla County Circuit Court warrant. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$110,000 bail.

-MCSO received report of a juvenile director seeking to make contact with a juvenile.

-MCSO received report of possible fraud/forgery. The caller advised he was receiving automated calls advising that his name had been used to file a claim.

-MCSO Deputy advised a dog came to the sheriff's office and got into a patrol car. Deputies were unable to locate the owner.

-MCSO received report of a deer in distress and possibly wounded on Court St. in Heppner. MCSO Deputies were unable to locate the deer.

-MCSO received report of an abandoned dog on Perkins Rd., Echo.

-MCSO received report of a 24-year-old woman, possibly having a seizure, who drove through a concrete divider. Boardman Police Department arrested Elizabeth Salinas for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants and released on her own recognizance. She was also cited for Driving While Suspended violation and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance.

-MCSO received report that a woman had hit a deer on Hwy. 74-Lena and the deer was still alive. The caller advised that the deer had been dragged off the road. ODOT was advised.

-MCSO received request for extra patrol on Washington Avenue in Irrigon because of peeping toms and prowlers.

-MCSO received report from a female that she believed a subject took her 15-year-old sister to the duplexes by the Irrigon High School. MCSO arrested Steve Carenas for Violation of Stalking order and Custodial Interference. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail on \$30,000 bail.

-MCSO received report of a van going around 90

mph and swerving on I-84 Boardman. MCSO advised the vehicle was out of the area and OSP was advised.

-MCSO received report from a subject who said someone in a maroon Explore was trying to stop someone from walking and peeling out on Knapp St. in Irrigon. They said they were concerned for the person's safety. MCSO was unable to locate the vehicle.

-MCSO arrested Walter Eugene Rourke on a Benton County Superior Court warrant for forgery. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$5,000 bail.

-MCSO received report of several vehicles traveling at high rates of speed through the area of Utah Avenue in Irrigon.

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other work around the park.

The restaurant contract and dispute were also apparently discussed at a special "business meeting" of the commissioners held at 7:45 earlier that morning, however details of that discussion were not revealed, and the restaurant contract was also not listed on an agenda distributed to the public.

Commissioner Jim Doherty advised the other commissioners and staff to "disregard social media." Doherty said the county had a policy in regards to the franchise at the park and they should stick with it. Under the agreement with the restaurant, the county is paid 5 percent of the gross revenue, with the operator keeping the rest. The county also provides an RV space for the operators and pays for other costs involved with its operation.

With their exit the Harries are now advertising a long list of restaurant utensils and equipment for sale on the Facebook page. The county commission also agreed to advertise for proposals from interested parties to operate the restaurant when the new season opens next year.

In other business at the meeting the commission heard a report from Lisa Patton of the Neighborhood Center speaking on the assistance the center gives to needy people. Since the first of the year through November the center has given out 649 food boxes serving 1511 family members.

Patton says the center is a nonprofit and has grown over the past four years. The center receives funding from the county, United Way, churches and also relies on donations from the public and volunteers helping out. She said the elderly, especially those on fixed incomes, depend quite a bit on help from the center for food and other assistance.

LeAnn Rea, who is on the center board and in attendance at the meeting, said because of increased outreach the center has become more active, to the point they are showing a \$10,000 deficiency in their budget. "Either we find more money, or we are going to have to cut services," she said.

"Your services are invaluable to people who need help, who are down on their luck," said Commissioner Don Russell. "Everyone knows the homeless population in Morrow County is not zero," he added.

In other business the county had earlier agreed to extend the contract of interim county administrator Kim Cutsforth to Dec. 1, 2017. Her contract had originally been entered

into on August 16 for three months to fill in while a new administrator was found following the resignation of Jerry Sorte. Cutsforth was hired to work 24 hours per week at a wage of \$45.67 per hour. Darrell Green started as new permanent administrator on Nov. 27.

In other business, the commission considered a proposal to have individual commissioners liaison with certain departments in the county, much like Umatilla County. Umatilla does not have a full time administrator, however. The commission decided not to follow the liaison model. "People have questions about how their government runs they should be able to go to any commissioner," Russell said in keeping the structure as it is now. He said if he gets a comment or concern from a constituent he wants to be able to go directly to that department head instead of going to another commissioner who is the liaison, who would then take the concern to the department head.

In other action the commission voted to approve a new three-year collective bargaining agreement with the sheriff's department. The contract calls for a three percent cost of living increase each year.

In other business the county voted to accept a bid for a used Bob Cat track loader at a price of \$58,377.

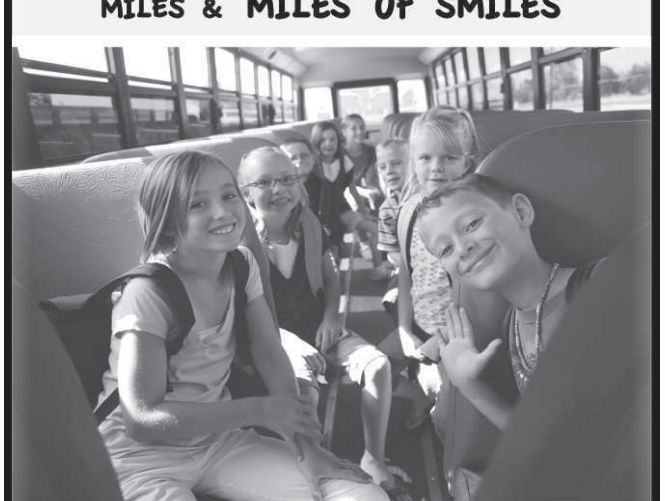
In other discussion the commission talked about the county road department's role in maintaining private roads, usually gravel. Commissioner Russell said in the past the county has taken care of some of the private gravel roads in the county when the roads have multiple homes on them. An example was given of Wagon Wheel Loop in Irrigon. Retired Public Works Director Burke O'Brien said the county has maintained private roads when they are considered "major access roads." He said the county usually charges \$100 per hour when it is convenient for the crews to do the work.

Public Works is also preparing to hire a new assistant road manager. The position became vacant when Matt Serivner moved up to take over O'Brien's job as Public Works Director.

The commission also heard a request from the St. Patrick's Senior Center for funds to replace the roof on their building. The cost is reported to be \$40,000 and the Center board is seeking funds. They are apparently short about \$15,000. The Bryant Foundation has reportedly agreed to give \$20,000 toward the project. The county took no action on the request.

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