

Oregon Trail Library District announces digital magazines

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with no holds, no checkout periods, and no limits to the number of magazines checked out and downloaded. And with personal notifications for favorite magazines, patrons never miss an issue. ESPN, Irish Roots, HGTV Magazine, and American Patchwork and Quilting are just a few of

the popular magazine titles available from RBdigital. Library director, Kathy Street, states the district is excited to have digital magazines to offer patrons. For more information on how to access this service, contact a staff member at any OTLD branch or go to <http://oregontrail.ploud.net/>

Sheriff's Report

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

November 27: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on I84 E, Boardman that an extended cab gray Ford Ranger is swerving in and out of the road. Unable to locate, advised OSP.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a 4-door mid-sized car, possible Buick flying down the road, went down to Tenth. They always drive by M-F around 0500. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on NE Washington Ave, Irrigon that there is a bike in his yard, the bike is not his grandkids, believes it might be stolen. Bike picked up and taken to IJC.

-MCSO received a report at Irrigon Marina on NE Seventh St, Irrigon that there is a vehicle believes it is a Lexus that has been in the area overnight with no one around. Windows are up and fogged up, thinks it is suspicious. Vehicle was out of gas, subject was waiting for someone to bring her some.

-MCSO received a report on SE Division St, Irrigon that she purchased an item on Ebay, paid through Pay-Pal. Person will not respond now.

-MCSO received a report of a juvenile complaint at Irrigon Learning Center, Columbia Ln, Irrigon.

-MCSO received a report on NE Court St, Heppner that puppies are out. Deputy responded and dogs returned to home next door.

-MCSO received a report on NE Court St, Heppner that a male subject was looking around porch when no one was home, thought it was suspicious.

-MCSO received a request from UCSO to look for a white and orange Isuzu commercial truck, 12 ft bed on Paterson Ferry Rd, Boardman. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on SE Eleventh St, Irrigon that chihuahua was attacked and killed by two large pit bulls that live down the street.

-MCSO received a report at Halvorsen Ln/Ione-

Gooseberry Rd, Ione that there is a vehicle in the middle of the road that they can't grade around. Has been there since last night.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 74, Heppner that a distracted driver is swerving and appears to have a dog either in their lap or in the front seat. Deputy advised that they need to have their dog secured while traveling.

-MCSO received a report on Knapp St, Irrigon that her neighbor called her and advised that a dog jumped the fence and killed her pregnant goat. RP stated that this isn't the first time that this dog has killed her animals. Dog owner issued citation for dog at large as a public nuisance.

-MCSO received a report at SE Chase St/SE Skyline Rd, Heppner that they see flames in the area at the top of SE Chase.

-MCSO received a report at Wilson Ln/Toms Camp Rd, Boardman that there has been a fiber optics company in the area since this summer and they don't appear to be operating very safely. They don't have flaggers and when they do they are not easily visible.

-MCSO received a report at Halvorsen Ln/Smith Rd, Ione that a blue Mitsubishi Eclipse is at the location. Believes someone is possibly camping.

-MCSO received a report at Hwy 207 Echo, Lexington of a possible MVA. Vehicle with multiple flat tires.

-MCSO received a report on W Seventh Rd, Irrigon that a male subject and his mother came out of the house threatening him and doing all kinds of stuff, advises it has been physical.

November 28: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at Rodeway Inn on Front St SW, Boardman that a male is out by the dumpster. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 207 Echo, Lexington that there is a deer on the side of the road with two broken legs.

-MCSO received a re-

port on Depot Ln, Irrigon that there is a black car parked east of her residence near the stop sign with two subjects in the vehicle. RP asked if they were broke down and they said no. Deputy responded, subject will be moving on.

-MCSO received a report at Bunker Hill Ln/Hwy 74, Heppner that there is an injured deer on the east side of the road between airstrip shed and Bunker Hill. Deer was dispatched. ODOT was advised for removal.

-MCSO initiated activity at Linden Way, Heppner. Jamie Rae Rankin was arrested on warrant, lodged at UCJ, no bail.

-MCSO received a report on Wilson Ln, Boardman that adult male that lives across the street has been harassing her 13 year old daughter.

-MCSO received a report on SE Division St, Irrigon that 50 year old walked away from GSH, there is a physicians hold on subject and he needs to be brought back to the hospital. Male is hallucinating and is paranoid.

-MCSO received a report on Boardman Ave NW, Boardman of ongoing theft and vandalism.

-MCSO received a report that Russell Whitbeck was arrested by HPD on IJC warrant. Cited and released to appear.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 74 Lena, Heppner that she heard gunfire and then saw a herd of 20-25 deer going up over the hill. RP isn't sure if there is a deer season going on or not.

-MCSO received a report on NW Jones St, Heppner that his son reported to him that a subject slapped him.

-MCSO received a report on Columbia Ln, Irrigon that there is a Rottweiler and a pit bull chasing her neighbors goats.

-MCSO received a report on SE Charity Loop, Irrigon that a female yellow lab has been missing for the last hour, no collar. She has been sick and RP was getting ready to take her to the vet when she took off.

-MCSO received a report at Columbia Ln, Irrigon that there is a lot of traffic turning around in his driveway and he is concerned because he has some expensive items on the property.

MCSO swears in new board member

By April Sykes

Marcie Rodelo was sworn in as a member of the Morrow County School Board at its monthly meeting Monday night at Windy River Elementary School in Boardman.

Rodelo, Boardman, replaces Thad Killingbeck, who had resigned from the board because he had moved out of the school district. Rodelo is the owner of a tax service business.

Also at the meeting, the board approved designating the Morrow Education Center in Irrigon a "school." MCSO Superintendent Dirk Dirksen said that the transition would not only make it easier for students attending the alternative school, but also for online students as well.

In other business, the board:

-recognized the championship Riverside Junior/Senior High School soccer team introduced by Principal David Norton.

-viewed a presentation on the Windy River Elementary outdoor school program.

-received the December enrollment figures for the district as follows: A.C. Houghton Elementary, kindergarten through grade three-273; Sam Boardman Elementary, K-grade three-360; Heppner Elementary, K-grade six-168; Irrigon Elementary, grades four-six-216; Windy River Elementary, grades four-six-248; Heppner Jr./Sr. High School, grades seven-12-172; Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School, grades seven-12-360; Riverside Jr./Sr. High School, grades seven-12-397; Morrow Education Center-77; total equals 2,271. Dirksen said he was pleased to see that the district had gained over 70 students over the previous year.

-learned from Dirksen that the district had qualified prospective buyers for a piece of property near Heppner Elementary and was proceeding with a sale

-MCSO received a report on Steagall Rd, Irrigon that RP would like female trespassed from his property. The female is not there now, but comes to the property from time to time to visit other subjects.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 74, Heppner that she picked up a dog between Lexington and Heppner. The dog is a puppy, tan with black on his back and a wrinkly face. RP dropped dog off at Temples.

-MCSO received a report at Northwestern Motel on N Main St, Heppner that an employee located a firearm in the bathroom at the RV park. It is a black handgun, says Survivalist on it. MCSO responded and it was an airsoft gun.

-MCSO received a report on W Seventh Rd, Irrigon that his stepfather

of the land.

-heard a brief report from Dirksen on the timeline for planning a district bond levy in May of 2021.

-voted to go out for bids for a district audit. Dirksen said that 20 years had passed since the district had last put the audit out for bids.

-approved accepting and appropriating unanticipated revenues from the Oregon Dairy Council in the following amounts: \$16,000 (\$2,000 per school) for milk coolers; \$4,495 for "Healthy Celebrations" carts; \$300 for "Walk and Bike to School Day"; and \$2,800 for "Fuel Up and Play 60" flag football kits.

-received the financial report for 2017-18 which shows \$24,687,161 in revenues, \$24,800,240 in 2017 estimated expenditures, with a beginning fund balance of \$3,451,046 and a projected ending fund balance of \$3,337,967.

-adopted a resolution to reorganize the Oregon School Boards Association as a non-profit corporation and adopt the proposed 2017 by-laws.

-approved the first readings of new or revised policies on public comment at board meetings, communicable diseases, admission of resident students, student safety and public records.

-adopted rescinded, new or revised policies on non-discrimination, evaluation of administrator, injury-illness report, weapons in schools, criminal records checks-fingerprinting, evaluation of staff, students with disabilities-child identification procedures, special education evaluation procedures, special education, expanded options, graduation requirements, compulsory attendance, use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs

or inhalants, use of restraint and seclusion, communicable disease, non-prescription medication, prescription medication, medications, directory information and compliance with standards.



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- a d - opted new, revised or rescinded administrative rules on Core Teaching Standards.

-indicated support of Scott Rogers for Oregon School Board Association Board of Directors Position #2, Gorge Region.

-heard from Dirksen concerning the work session planned for evaluation of the superintendent.

-approved the following employment action: Resignations/non-renewals-Virginia Garcia, SBE department secretary, Elizabeth Gutierrez, north district office custodian and Morrow Education Center ed assistant, Gina Patterson, RJSHS assistant high school track coach, Sarah Ruloph, Windy River ed assistant; Retirement-Kelly Wright, A.C. Houghton Elementary ed assistant, February 8, 2018, Employment/promotions/transfers-Tresa Grieve, MEC and north district office assistant custodian; Letician Hernandez, Sam Boardman Elementary department secretary; Extra duty contracts-Jorge Mendoza, Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School boys' C-team basketball coach.

-heard the following announcements: winter break-December 15-January 1; end of semester-January 11, no school January 15, Martin Luther King holiday, no board meeting in January, next regular meeting February 12, Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School.

is being antagonistic and is saying snide and inflammatory things.

-MCSO received a report at Knights Inn/Village Restaurant that a vehicle involved in an incident earlier may be reported stolen.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman that a Fedex truck pulling doubles is going around 80 mph.

November 29: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at Sinclair Station on W Main St, Lexington that a suspicious vehicle is following the Penske mail truck from Pendleton. Vehicle is a gold 4-door sedan driven by a subject with long dishwater blonde hair.

-MCSO received a report on N Main St, Heppner that the neighbor's puppies keep getting in her yard. They are there now and nobody seems to be home. The puppies are always running in the road. RP doesn't know what to do with the puppies. Britany Denise Blair was cited for dog as a public nuisance.

-MCSO received a report on NE Utah Ave, Ir-

rigon that a white Hyundai Santa Fe that speeds through the area and doesn't stop at stop signs. RP advised the vehicle has WA plates and the person has been living at the corner of Brandon for three months and should have them changed by now.

-MCSO received a report at I 84 E/Hwy 730, Boardman that a commercial vehicle has been there since last night, but driver says he has help coming.

-MCSO received a report on W Sperry St, Heppner that they are working on a roof and his co-worker, 26 year old male collapsed due to a back injury. Patient transported to PMH.

-MCSO received a report on NW Jones St, Heppner that block and tackle out of the back of his vehicle has been taken. RP advised the subject will not give it back.

-MCSO received a report on SE Eighth St, Irrigon that a male subject and her mother are fighting. It is verbal so far. Jason James Abbot was arrested on LSA warrant and lodged at UCJ with no bail.

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Send out your Christmas wishes to your customers and the community!
THE GAZETTE WILL PUBLISH ITS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION DECEMBER 20TH. THE CHRISTMAS SECTION WILL BE PRINTED IN FULL COLOR AND IS A GREAT WAY TO THANK YOUR CUSTOMERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
 For more information, or to be included in the Christmas edition, call 541-676-9228 or email megan@rapidserve.net by Monday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m.

Holiday FOOD DRIVE
Wheatland Insurance annual Canned Food Drive
NOW THRU DECEMBER 18TH at Heppner & Ione Whealand offices.
ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER TO HELP LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED.

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS WANTED!

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