

MCSO apprehends car thief

Jeffrey Scott Connors was apprehended by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office after crashing a stolen black 1993 Honda Accord on I-84 at approximately 7:44 p.m. on Nov. 11.

Deputy Oscar Madrigal observed the black Honda exiting the parking lot of Harvest Town Foods in Boardman. It was reported to be traveling at a high rate of speed, without its head and tail lights on and failed to stop at the stop sign at Kinkade Rd and Main Street. Deputy Madrigal attempted a traffic stop using his lights and siren when the vehicle began traveling toward I-84. The driver of the Honda failed to stop, turning west on I-84.

According to the press release, the Honda was reaching speeds up to 112 mph, passed a commercial motor vehicle on the left, cut in front of it to the right, losing control of the vehicle and rolling multiple times. The driver



A stolen 1993 Honda rolled several times, ejecting the driver. -Contributed photo.

of the vehicle was ejected during the crash, suffering head wounds. Connors was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston by the Boardman ambulance.

While Deputy Madrigal was attempting to stop the black Honda, the owner called 911 and reported her vehicle stolen from the parking lot of Harvest Town Foods. The owner also reported she could see her vehicle with a deputy behind it with its emergency lights on.

As a result of the in-

cident, I-84 westbound at mile post 161 was closed from 7:47 to 9:40 p.m. while the crash was investigated by the Oregon State Police.

The reported stolen vehicle will be investigated by the Boardman Police Department due to the theft occurring in the city of Boardman. The Oregon State Police will be investigating the crash on I-84 and the Morrow County Sheriff's Office will be investigating the felony elude, reckless driving and other traffic violations.

Wheat growers elect president

Erin Heideman was elected new county president during the Morrow County Wheat Growers annual meeting held Nov. 6 at Route 74 in Ione. Heideman will succeed long time county leader Brent Martin.

On the agenda were updates on new programs and loan opportunities through Farm Service Agency, the results of seed trials and experiments completed by OSU wheat breeders and

a personnel and legislative update from the organization's CEO, Blake Rowe.

Oregon Wheat Growers Association is hosting the Tri-State Grain Growers Convention next week at the Sheraton-Portland Airport Hotel and will include growers from Washington and Idaho. More information is available at <http://www.wawg.org/convention/>.



Erin Heideman (left) takes over president duties from Brent Martin. -Contributed photo.

Students play at music festival



Right: Leo and Roen Waite are pictured getting in some practice time between cross country practice and drama rehearsal. Above: Rylee, Hannah and Madison Palmer are all smiles about their performance. Below: Hadley Wright, Moira DiSalvo and Holly Vanden Brink display their certificates.



person, Henry, Becca and Lincoln Ellsworth, Hadley Wright, Moira DiSalvo, Holly and Elaina Vanden Brink, Rylee, Madison and Hannah Palmer, Leo and Roen Waite, Abby Sumner and Catherine Lindsay.

Hadley Wright, Holly Vanden Brink and Moira DiSalvo will be playing Bluesy Tuesday at the state recital. Rylee and Madison Palmer will be playing Hang Gliders and Madison and Hannah Palmer will play Hometown Hoedown. Leo and Roen Waite were Honorable Mention and first alternates and will be playing A Suspenseful Situation.



Lexington, Heppner and Ione students performed at the annual Oregon Music Teacher Ensemble Festival for the Umatilla/Morrow District in Hermiston Saturday, Nov. 10. This annual event allows local piano

students to play duets and compete to go to the state recital held at Western Oregon University on Dec. 1.

Participating were Hadlie and Mikalie Duncan, Brooklyn Hendricks, Sohpie Rodriguez, KC An-

Christmas festivities scheduled

Heppner businesses and the chamber have scheduled several events and festivities for the holiday season. Back again this year are the rewards cards, customer appreciation day and the parade of lights.

Customers who make purchases locally will be able to collect rewards cards in denominations

of \$10, \$20 and \$50 from Nov. 19 through Dec. 13. The cards can be used at the Celebrate Christmas community event at the Morrow County Fairgrounds at 6 p.m. on Dec. 13. The event will include dinner, raffles and prizes donated by local merchants.

Local merchants will host their annual customer

appreciation day on Thursday, Nov. 29. There will be specials and extended evening hours to help customers purchase early Christmas gifts.

The Heppner Parade of Lights will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 29, with participants asked to line up at the city park by 5 p.m.

For additional information on any of these events or a parade entry form, contact the Heppner Chamber at 541-676-9618.

Dinner and auction to support FFA

A dinner and auction, both silent and live, is planned for Saturday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. at the Riverfront Center in Boardman. Volunteers from across Morrow County have pooled their time, talents and resources to support one common denominator, its youth in agriculture education.

All proceeds from this event will go to support the four agriculture education and FFA programs in the county: Irrigon, Ione, Heppner and Riverside. Tickets are available for \$25 per

person. "This is a unique way to combine our means and propel FFA programs and the youth they serve forward," said auction chairman and facilitator, Greg Barron. "Our youth is our greatest resource and those in agriculture even more so."

Contributions may be made to the Morrow County FFA Alumni through Erin Heideman at 541-561-0081 or erin.heideman@oregonstate.edu or Greg Barron at 541-701-7311 or gbarron@centurytel.net.

Chamber announcements, events

Nov. 16 from 7-10 p.m., Mr. Bill's Trivia Event - hosted by Heppner Day Care at the Heppner Elks Lodge. A team of six is \$150; you can register online at the Heppner Day Care Facebook page. There will be prizes for the top three teams as well as gift drawings and raffle baskets.

Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 7th Annual Ione American Legion Auxiliary Craft Bazaar at the Ione Legion Hall. Breakfast will be available for purchase from 8 to 10 a.m. with coffee and hot chocolate available for donation. Soup, roll and dessert available for purchase from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Table rent is \$10 (space is limited). Contact Becky Rietmann at 541-422-7230 or 541-720-2040 or via email Becky at becky677.br@gmail.com.

Saturday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. at the Riverfront Center, Port of Morrow, Boardman, First Annual Morrow County FFA Dinner/Auction to benefit the Heppner/Irrigon/Ione, Riverside Chapters. There will be a live and silent auction along with a meal. A limited number of tickets are available at \$25 each. Donations are being accepted for the auction. Contact Beth at HHS@elizabetchickenson@morrow.k12.or.us or on her cell phone at 541-980-8677 to reserve tickets or to make a donation.

Monday, Nov. 19 at 6 p.m., Thanksgiving Centrepiece Wine and Design at Murray's Drug. Pre-registration and pre-payment of \$30 required. For additional information or to check availability, contact Murray's at 541-676-9158.

Monday, Nov. 19 through Thursday, Dec. 13 rewards cards will be distributed for local purchases from participating merchants. Reward card denominations of \$10, \$20 and \$50 will be given out in the amount of purchase (except for items not eligible, depending on merchant). The Heppner Celebrate Christmas event will be held Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. A spaghetti dinner will be available for purchase as well as pictures with Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves for \$5 per picture. There will be a penny board and raffle items and opportunities to win prizes and support the chamber. Additional information coming soon.

Thursday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m., Free Community Thanksgiving meal at All Saints Episcopal Church Parish Hall. The community is invited to attend this Thanksgiving meal provided by the local ministerial association.

Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 6 p.m., Community and Agencies services meeting (Community Pride) at the

Heppner City Hall conference room. This meeting will focus on Community Pride, one of the sub-committees identified during the community meeting held in August. Community Pride specifically addresses employment, community, state and federal agencies' services, education and the organization of job fairs in the community to promote local businesses and job opportunities. How to get state and federal agencies who offer services to communities to visit more often and have a presence in South Morrow County, how to support the schools with mentoring or volunteers and how to re-energize community pride by working with the faith based community will be discussed. Everyone is invited to attend. Please RSVP to the Heppner Chamber at 541-676-5536 or email heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

Thursday, Nov. 29. Local Merchants Open House from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Parade of Lights at 5:30 p.m. The local merchants will be planning special activities and refreshments throughout the day and the City of Heppner will be coordinating the Parade of Lights. Please contact the City of Heppner at 541-676-9618 for an entry form for the parade. Lineup will be at the city park at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Artifactory Holiday Bazaar sponsored by Heppner Day Care at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Hall. Those interested in being a vendor at this annual bazaar should contact Andrea Nelson at 541-720-4399 or check the Heppner Day Care Facebook page. The cost for vendors is \$20 for a table and two chairs.

Daycare to hold holiday bazaar

Heppner Daycare is searching for crafters, artisans and entrepreneurs to participate in their annual Artifactory Holiday Bazaar to be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall.

Approximately 25 spaces are available for \$20 and will include one

table and two chairs. Electrical outlets are limited. Applications and payment are due by Tuesday, Nov. 27 and will be assigned on a first paid basis.

Those interested in becoming a vendor for the bazaar may complete an application on the website at www.heppnerdaycare.com or through the Facebook page. Applications are also available at the daycare, 330 N Gale St, Heppner.

For additional information contact Andrea Nelson at 541-720-4399 or Petra Payne at 503-507-9670.

Chamber lunch meeting scheduled

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday, Nov. 15 at noon in the Heppner City Hall conference room. Kim Cutsforth will be giving an update on the Howard and Beth Bryant Foundation projects that have been completed and what is planned for the future.

Lunch will be provided by Breaking Grounds for \$10 per person. The menu

will be a choice of mushroom and swiss or bacon and spinach quiche, house salad and a cookie. RSVP's are required.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Sheryll Bates at 541-676-5536.

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