

Heppner Library to host events

The Heppner Library will host "Mary Poppins Returns" as the featured movie in the park on July 11 beginning at 8 p.m. There is no admission charge and snacks will be provided by Heppner Market Fresh. Teen Week will be held

at the library July 16, 17 and 18 beginning at 6 p.m. each night. Teens going into seventh to twelfth grades are invited to attend. Summer reading 2019 will be held July 12 and 19 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Heppner Library, with the

summer reading celebration at 11 a.m. on July 25. Crafty Night will be held at the library on July 10 at 6:30 p.m. Contact the library at 541-676-9964 for additional information on any of the events.

Sheriff's Report

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

April 9: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on Crooked Rd, Irrigon of an animal neglect issue. Under investigation.

-MCSO received a report at Columbia Ln/Cedar Rd, Irrigon that bus driver had two cars run his stop sign.

-MCSO received a report at Port of Morrow Maintenance shop on Columbia Ave NE, Boardman that 47-year-old male fell off truck and hit his head, doesn't recall what happened. Patient was transported to GSH.

-MCSO received a report at Pioneer Memorial Clinic on Thompson Ave, Heppner that subject who has a suspended license and has dementia drove himself to the clinic. Deputy responded. Subjects wife was driving.

-MCSO received a report on SW Nevada Ave, Irrigon that neighbor's dog and calves got out. The dog attacked one of the calves and the rest are still roaming around the area.

-MCSO received a report at Mill Zone n Hwy 74, Heppner that a vehicle was damaged from a pheasant strike.

-MCSO received a report on Willow Creek Rd, Heppner that male is on property, violation of RO, Michael R Meligan was arrested for violation of restraining order.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 74, Lexington that multiple callers report cows out and in the road about a mile out of Lexington towards Ione. Several citizens assisted in putting the cows back in the pasture.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a GMC Envoy went through the area with the music cranked up.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a Toyota Celica off Tenth Street sped by again.

-MCSO received a report at Loves Travel Stop on Tower Rd, Boardman that one semi just hit another.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a green Jeep Cherokee is speeding through the area and flying down the road quite often.

-MCSO received a report at Northwestern Motel on N Main St, Heppner that subjects are cleaning sturgeon that doesn't appear to be legal length and the season has been closed for two weeks. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report at 11-13 Hwy 207 Spray, Heppner that a tree is down across the road. Her husband is headed down with a power saw. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a white Nissan flew by towards Tenth.

-MCSO received a report at SE Ninth St/SE Idaho Ave, Irrigon that a vehicle is playing loud music.

-MCSO received a report on Depot Ln, Irrigon that a 62-year-old female has chest pain. Unable to stand up. Assisted.

April 10: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on W Main St, Lexington that the dog on C St jumped the fence again. This is an ongoing issue and has attacked his dog before. Deputy responded. RP will take a photo of the violation next time to document it.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 207 Echo, Echo that she had a dog show up at her house yesterday. RP wanted MCSO to be aware because she thinks it may have jumped out of a vehicle when traffic was stopped near county line for road construction.

-MCSO received a report on E East St, Lexington regarding a nuisance/abandoned residence. RP would like options about how the city can deal with it. Under investigation.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a two door Chevy Astro sped through towards Tenth.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a two-tone beige Ford pickup went speeding by about 5 minutes ago.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a gold Chevy Corsica flew through towards Tenth.

-MCSO received a report on S First St, Irrigon that a cold assault occurred this morning. Jasmine Fay Manning was arrested and lodged at UCJ with bail of \$25,000.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a gold Yukon sped through towards Tenth.

-MCSO received a report at Hwy 207 Echo/Sand Hollow Rd, Lexington that a semi high centered entire highway.

-MCSO received a report at Columbia Forest Products on Pole Line Rd, Boardman that a male fell off a catwalk into a pit, about 10 feet, possible broken hand. Have not moved him hit his head, possible neck injury.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman of a driving complaint WB from 151. Not sure if medical issue, almost wrecked a couple times. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a blue Durango went past his res at a high rate of speed towards Tenth. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on W 2nd St, Ione that she is having an issue with a child and adult that threatened her.

April 11: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at Bella Vista Estates on Paul Smith Rd, Boardman that there is a young man screaming.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that there is a brown cattle dog and long-haired hunting dog running around in the area. Deputy responded. Dogs went back to their residence.

-MCSO received a report on Washington Ln, Irrigon that the neighbor's dog was in her pasture

and is out roaming around. Dogs are back in their yard.

-MCSO received a report that Amber Danielle Gomez was arrested by Umatilla Tribal PD on MCSO warrant. Lodged at UCJ with bail of \$6,000.

-MCSO received a report at Hwy 207 Echo, Lexington of a disabled vehicle with flashers on.

-MCSO received a report at Mill Zone on Hwy 74, Heppner that he is having diesel stolen from this location. Also stating that someone stole a cord of firewood.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 730, Irrigon that a white Nissan pickup with possible intoxicated driver slipped the side of a building in Umatilla, possibly being towed by a red pickup. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at St. Patrick's Senior Center on N Main St, Heppner of a yellow flashing light on the 3rd floor from the S window.

-MCSO received a report at Irrigon Fish Hatchery on Riverview Ln, Irrigon that there is a lot of vehicles that appear to be congregating and is concerning the RP that there may be racing in the area. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on NW Esther Ct, Irrigon that a 79-year-old female has a headache and is lighththeaded. Transported.

-MCSO received a report at Pioneer Memorial Hospital on NE Pioneer Dr, Heppner that there is a male subject at the ER that is intoxicated, not making any sense.

April 12: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on NE Main Ave, Irrigon that a 72-year-old female has fallen. Transported.

-MCSO received a report on W Eighth Rd, Irrigon that subject stole \$4,000 in cash that was in the RP's bedroom.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a white Volkswagen went towards Tenth, could hear the music from Division.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 E, Boardman that a silver BMW and black Dodge Charger were racing on I 84 at a high rate of speed, both had WA plates.

-MCSO received a report that Patrick Alan Greer was arrested and lodged on an Oregon Parole Warrant in Montana. Subject was transported to UCJ by way of CCCF.

-MCSO received a report on Mountain View Ln, Boardman that he has two large Dobermans in his yard. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a red Ford Ranger went down towards Tenth slowly and then sped towards Second St and turned right.

-MCSO received a report at Heppner Main Street Park on N Main St, Heppner that there was a male tying rope to the trees in the park and walking on it. She thought it was odd.

WATER BILLING

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if the city was trying to put him out of business.

"My goal is not to put you out of business," said City Manager Kraig Cutsforth pointing out that in addition to the inoperable vehicles on the property, there are also vehicles related to Brannon's repair business parked on the street for months in violation of city codes. "I did not make this code," Cutsforth said, emphasizing he was simply doing his job in enforcing the ordinances. Cutsforth said there is actually a city code prohibiting the parking of vehicles on downtown city streets for longer than two hours, but that ordinance is not being enforced.

Brannon believed the whole thing could have been handled better, telling the council the city manager could have come and talked to him first before sending out the threatening letter. He also pointed out that the city itself may be in violation of its own ordinance. The city has shops on both Gale and Willow streets where he thought vehicles were being worked on, and those shops are located within the downtown zone supposedly not allowing repair businesses. "That may be," Cutsforth responded. "I just think this could have been handled better," Brannon said.

The zoning law cit-

ed by the city in its letter to Brannon applies to the "Downtown District" of Heppner on the west side of Willow Creek. Permitted businesses in this zone include eating and drinking establishments, entertainment, hotel, motel, meeting halls, offices and professional services, nursery and repair and maintenance establishments, (except for auto, truck, tractor and farm implement repair businesses). The fine for operating a prohibited business is \$425 per day.

Neighbor offers to clean up burned out house

In other business the council discussed the burned-out house on Linden Way. The city is having difficulty with the owner of the house being able to clean up the burned wreckage and may have to go in and do the cleanup at taxpayer expense. If the city does the cleanup, estimated to be a minimum of \$18,000, it would then bill the landowner. If the landowner does not pay the bill the city could place a legal lien for the cleanup amount on the property. If still not paid the city could foreclose take the property and sell the bare lot. With lot prices in Heppner it is unlikely the city would be able to recover both the cleanup costs and the legal fees of the lien, foreclosure and sale.

Neighbor Jay Keithley said he is interested in the property and would consider doing the cleanup work in exchange for ownership of the lot. He said however that because of the large expense of the cleanup he would not pay "one dime" for the property. He wanted to know at what point the city would place a lien on the property. City Attorney Bill Kuhn told Keithley to contact the property owner about trading cleanup for ownership at this time. The city gave the property owner until July 25 to clean up the burned-up debris or the city would move in and do it.

Council talks 'jake brakes'

In other business the council discussed citizen complaints about the use of jake brakes by trucks in the city. Jake brakes are used by trucks but can, if unmuffled, make a loud disturbing noise. The city has a class A violation on the books with a maximum of \$1,000 fine for use of unmuffled jake brakes in the city limits, and there is also a state law against usage. City Attorney Kuhn said the city should first ask Oregon Department of Transportation to put up signs at the edge of town prohibiting the use of the brakes, and then if the problem persists have the sheriff start issuing tickets.

WILLOW CREEK DAM

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from the dam are, of course, not regulated. When high flows occur, the Corp is able to cut back on the outflow from Willow Creek to allow the large flow from the unregulated Hinton Creek take up more capacity. Officials said at two occasions this spring outflow from the dam was completely stopped to accommodate the increased water downstream. Officials reminded the crowd of 31 people in attendance that the main purpose of the dam is flood control with the secondary purposes being recreation and irrigation.

With the strong flows downstream, some residents were at the meeting to complain about bank erosion along the creek when more water is released from the dam. One resident said her property experiences lots of erosion and she has tried different solutions to no avail. "I don't have huge rip rap rocks or the equipment to put it in to

save my banks," she said in asking if there was help available. "I lose two inches every time there is a water incident," she said of the bank erosion. She said it has gotten so bad she has had to remove trees whose roots were undermined that used to hold the dirt on the bank. Another person says the garage in her backyard is falling into the creek because of the erosion. Corps officials said it was not part of their mission to monitor or regulate erosion in Willow Creek below the dam.

Dam Safety and maintenance

Overall safety of the dam structure was also discussed, and officials said there are no problems with the safety of the dam. There are periodic inspections and there are no problems. In February and March of this year a drilling crew came in and drilled into the structure taking core samples for study. Concrete experts then examined the samples

to see the condition of the cement. The dam is a roller compacted concrete structure constructed in 1983 and was the first of its kind built in the United States.

When asked if acidic water was having an effect on the concrete, experts said there has been some loss of calcification of the concrete but there has actually been a "tightening" of the concrete over the years making the structure more watertight. There is less water seeping through now, "which is a good thing," they said.

Vegetation growing on the face of the dam has always been a problem. In the past the Corps hired people to rappel down the face and remove the vegetation. Recently, however, a herd of goats has been brought in which do a good job of climbing the face of the dam eating the vegetation. Corps officials say they expect to bring back the goats for another cleaning in the future.

-MCSO received a report that RP's fiancé went hiking/scouting the area and she has not heard from him. Advises it would be within a 50-mile radius of Heppner. Last heard from him at 1530 when he was supposed to be on his way back to Kennewick and had confirmed dinner plans. Does have his phone with him however it is going straight to voicemail.

-MCSO received a report at I 82/I 84, Hermiston that a semi flipped over, not blocking.

-MCSO received a report that Jaden Wayne Orr was lodged at UCJ on MCSO P&P detainer. No bail.

-MCSO received a report at Heppner Shell Station, N Main St, Heppner that there is a vehicle with the trunk open at the station.

April 13: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on SE Thomas Ave, Irrigon that a white vehicle is parked at

the end of RP's driveway, on the street with park lights on.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman that a white International truck has a flat tire and not pulling over, about 70-75 mph. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report on NE Main Ave, Irrigon that she had a young adult black lab follow from the area of post office and then home. Dog is in her back yard. MCSO took the dog to pet rescue.

-MCSO received a report on NE Center St, Heppner that subject grabbed his daughter by the arm at the park and then was walking by the house later and told her to shut up. Jon David Hanna was arrested by MCSO for harassment and sex abuse, lodged at UCJ on bail of \$7,500.

-MCSO received a report at Loves Travel Stop on Tower Rd, Boardman that a green Kenworth with a trailer backed into another

vehicle.

-MCSO received a report on NE Seventh St, Irrigon that there is a lot of yelling across the street, throwing of items. RP couldn't hear what they were yelling about but they have gone inside now.

-MCSO received a report at Heppner High School on NW Morgan St, Heppner that a male subject is locked out of his vehicle at the Heppner baseball fields.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a red Ford Focus was playing music loudly. Deputy responded and located vehicle. Observed no music playing at this time.

-MCSO received a report of assault at Irrigon Shell Station on E Hwy 730, Irrigon. RP advises her ex-boyfriend.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a gold Cadillac has speeding up and down SE Utah. Unable to locate.

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