

Sheriff's Report

June 8: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report of a possible fire from a lightning strike or a transformer at Port View Apartments on NE Columbia Ave, Boardman.

-MCSO received a report at Driftwood RV Park, Boardman of a possible overdose. Patient transported to GSH.

-MCSO received a report on Crooked Rd, Irrigon that RP lost her purse on or near Depot Ln approx. a week ago.

-MCSO received a report at Sand Hollow Rd/Meyers Ln, Heppner that cement trucks are not stopping at the stop sign and speeding through the area. Extra patrols set up.

-MCSO received a report on SE Gilmore St, Heppner that between North Court and the fairgrounds a dog has been howling. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at NE Eighth St/NE Washington Ave, Irrigon of two vehicles racing in the residential area.

-MCSO received a report on SE Kristen Dr, Irrigon of a suicide attempt by hanging. Patient transported to GSH.

-MCSO received a report of a house on fire in the attic on Idaho Ln, Irrigon. Fire was put out.

-MCSO received a report at Morrow County OHV Park on Forest Ser-

vice 21 Rd, Heppner of two riders out in the mountains, have been gone for two hours and this is their first time out in the mountains. Believe they might be lost. MCSO was advised riders just returned.

June 9: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a green Saturn that has the driver's door not latched, no one is in the vehicle. RP is just concerned someone got into their vehicle.

-MCSO received a report at Hwy 74, Heppner of disabled vehicle. Subject was counting irrigation equipment.

-MCSO received a report at I 84 E/Paterson Ferry Rd, Boardman that a white semi is failing to maintain lane. When RP passed the semi the driver was on his cell phone. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report at Paterson Ferry Rd/Riverview Ln, Irrigon that a fertilizer pump was stolen sometime over the weekend. RP states that the pump actually belongs to Simplot Soil Builders. RP was told that Simplot would probably have to report it stolen.

-MCSO received a report at Irrigon Shell Station on E Hwy 730, Irrigon that there were two Penske trucks at the Shell station that were going 55 mph.

Deputy made contact with the truck drivers.

-MCSO received a report at SE Utah Ave/SE Tenth St, Irrigon that a blue Ford pickup flew through the area. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at Frederickson Farms on Paterson Ferry Rd, Irrigon that out at the circles a fertilizer pump was stolen.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon multiple vehicles are parked too close to the intersection and out of approved parking areas. Deputy made contact.

-MCSO received a report at SE Division St/SE Utah Ave, Irrigon a vehicle is driving around with loud music. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at Hager Park on SE Hager St, Heppner that there are juvenile kids play-

June 10: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report that James Boyd Brown was arrested by SPD on MCSO warrant. Lodged at UCJ, bail \$100,000.

-MCSO received a report at Boardman Rest Area Eastbound on I 84, Boardman that a 66 yr. old male subject fell down and hit his head on the ground semi parked in the car section wrong direction. Transported to GSH.

-MCSO received a report at Boardman Rest Area EB on I 84, Boardman that a vehicle and fifth wheel are

parked, related to previous EMS call. Son will be coming to pick up vehicles for his dad.

-MCSO received a report at E Hwy 730/SE Seventh St, Irrigon that there is a gray vehicle parked across from the skate park that has its windows down and looks like it is part way in the road. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that RP called and advised it has been four days since he has seen a deputy come down by his house. Subject wants to have patrol today.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a vehicle was parked illegally. Vehicle is a 4-door gray or gold Honda. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at Heppner Shell Station on N Main St, Heppner that a male subject has been around the store since 0630 and is intoxicated. They will not sell him alcohol so he is trying to get other people to buy it for him.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon of loud music coming from a vehicle in the area of Division. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at Baseline Ln, Cutsforth Rd, Heppner that RP was almost in a collision with a truck and trailer hauling gravel that failed to yield.

-MCSO received a re-

port on Usage Ln, Irrigon that her neighbor's control burn is out of control and heading towards a metal outbuilding. RP also reports that the neighbor isn't around at all.

-MCSO received a report at Knapp St/SE Division St, Irrigon of noise coming from vehicles and that a vehicle flew past his residence.

-MCSO received a report that Robert Lynn Sargent was arrested by MCSO for fail to register as a sex offender and P&P detainer. Lodged at UCJ with no bail.

-MCSO received a report on Doolittle Canyon Ln, Heppner that neighbor's dogs have been barking and howling since about 1 p.m.

-MCSO received a report at Boardman Rest Area WB on I 84, Boardman that an elderly female in a PT Cruiser went the wrong way, ran over a sign, has two flat tires and continued onto the freeway. OSP took the case, MCSO assisted.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 E, Boardman that a gray Chevy pickup, possible elderly female driver is swerving all over the road and fluctuating speeds. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at Willow Creek Water Park on NW Riverside Ave, Heppner that a male in the bathroom is now wanting to come out.

-MCSO received a re-

port on NW Morgan St, Heppner that a brown Jeep Cherokee is cruising the neighborhood. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at SE California Ave/SE Tenth St, Irrigon that there is a black car with loud music. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on Rhea Creek Rd, Heppner that there is a big storm going by, the road is undercut.

-MCSO received a report at SE Utah Ave/SE Seventh St, Irrigon that a white Ford F150 has loud music. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at Barclay Ln/Sand Hollow Rd, Heppner that a lightning strike started a fire.

June 15: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at River Lodge and Grill on Marine Dr. E, Boardman of a domestic disturbance between two guests, they are separated now.

-MCSO received a report at Bombing Range Rd, Lexington of a suspicious vehicle by the access road to the wind farms.

-MCSO received a report at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, NE Pioneer Dr, Heppner of a male hanging around outside PMH, calling inside and asking for female workers to come meet him outside.

Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group releases grant guidelines

The Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group has released its Incentive Grant Program guidelines which are effective October 1. The Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) supports existing business expansion and promotes new business relocation to South Morrow County communities. The Business Incentive Grant program is designed to stimulate private investment, expand the tax base and provide job opportunities and encourage business owners to expand, re-locate and invest in the appearance of their property.

The Business Incentive Grant Program has been developed to enhance the general business environment, attract further retail/commercial investment in South Morrow County communities to improve, increase and expand their business opportunities. Funds, when available, will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

WCVEDG expects several funding sources may be utilized for this program, depending on the demand of the program.

The Business Incentive Grant Program may contribute up to a maximum of \$25,000 or 50% of the project, whichever is less (subject to available funding). Increment requests will be allowed with maximum funding to business of \$25,000; e.g. multiple projects over time.

It is the intent of WCVEDG that the funding process should move quickly and without undue restriction on how the business owner proceeds with expansion and/or relocation within our service area. Invoices, receipts and/or contracts will be required for payment or reimbursement. All Grant fund requirements may change with a 30 day notice.

The focus of the Business Incentive Grant Program will be to support existing business expansion

and promote new business relocation to our community, thereby supporting job creation and future growth in our communities.

To be eligible for assistance under this program, the business must be located within our service area.

Examples of Eligible Businesses, included are not limited to:

- Retail/service storefronts
- Tourism projects which attract tourism expenditures from outside the region
- Restaurants
- Relocation of home-based businesses to a storefront location
- Lodging
- Buildings having a significant impact on the retail community

Examples of eligible improvements and use of proceeds include:

- Exterior Storefront Façade Improvements*
- Landscape/Parking Improvements*
- Signage
- Interior Leasehold and/or Building Improvements
- Business Equipment/Fixture Purchases (Capital Improvements)

Businesses should review the City Development Codes for guidance on appropriate construction and improvements.

Ineligible Use of Proceeds: include:

- Mileage Reimbursement
- Vehicle Purchase
- Debt Refinance
- Equipment/Storage Space Rental
- Reimbursement for Business Owner's Labor
- Any expenses deemed to be inconsistent with

Program Guidelines

All business expansion/relocation projects must be completed with 365 days of the date the grant is awarded.

The application process includes:

1. Read the program guidelines
2. Prepare the attached application and obtain applicable signatures
3. Submit completed application by email at "heppnerchamber@centurytel.net" or mail to: Heppner Chamber of Commerce PO Box 1232 Heppner, OR 97836
4. A WCVEDG representative will review the application and discuss all details with business owner within 10 working days of receipt
5. WCVEDG Board will review and inform applicant of the decision within 30 business days
6. Disbursement process as per WCVEDG policy
7. At any point in the review process, the application may be denied or sent back for further information

After inspection/verification process is complete and grant funds awarded, WCVEDG will disburse funds as per the terms and conditions of the grant award notification. 50% of the grant award funding will be paid at time of award, after signature by business and WCVEDG representative of a prepared contract and a copy of an insurance policy, indicating coverage of business property. The remaining 50% of the total award will be paid out after completion of the project, and a completed "final report" which must include detailed invoices, receipts.

WCVEDG advises recipients to allow 10 working days from the time invoices are submitted for grant disbursement checks to be issued.

WCVEDG approves \$181,650 in grants for local businesses in 2019-20

The Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group, WCVEDG, approved cash grants to help local business for the amount of \$181,650 so far in 2019-20.

The grants ranged from just over \$5,000 up to a maximum of \$25,000 and were used for a variety of purposes to help strengthen businesses in south Morrow County.

WCVEDG receives the money for the grants

from the Columbia River Enterprise Zone which in turn obtains the money as payments in lieu of taxes from businesses who have located in the zone at the Port o Morrow in north county near Boardman.

Below is a list of the business who received funds and what the money was or will be used for.

Business Incentive Grants Approved – 10/2019 – 7/2020

Date	Grant Recipient	Funds Request	Project Cost
10/2019	Gateway Café: Purchase a new mobile kitchen/concession trailer.	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 55,750.00
10/2019*	American Auto Body LLC – Lexington: Purchase previous business; update building	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 54,805.00
10/2019	Heppner Community Foundation: Renovation of Historic Gilliam and Bisbee Bldg to create community event center, small event space, commercial kitchen overnight accommodations	\$ 25,000.00	\$1,590,000.00
10/2019	Columbia Basin Heating and Cooling, LLC: New business set up in the old Heppner Public Works Office	\$ 13,392.86	26,730.36
01/2020	Hansen Veterinary Services: Purchase of mobile small animal clinic (WCVEDG funded half of the \$25,000/BCDA funded the other	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 99,720.00
03/2020*	Heppner Lube Service – Drive Through: Development of new oil change facility	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 59,847.00
04/2020	Columbia Basin Heating and Cooling, LLC: Install new windows, doors and additional set up in new office location *remaining funds from \$25,000 allowance	\$ 11,607.14	\$ 23,500.00
05/2020*	"Upper Place Concessions" – Patricia Rill: Purchase a mobile kitchen/concession trailer	\$ 13,664.40	\$ 45,548.00
06/2020	Bucknum's: Remodel of interior walls, light fixtures, fans, painting	\$ 5,485.61	\$ 10,971.22
07/2020*	Coil Fabricating: Purchasing shop located at the Kinzua Mill site and investing an additional \$125,000.00 for electrical, heating, cooling and sewer improvements	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 225,000.00
	*Project still open - payments outstanding (waiting for completion or notice to pay 50% of award)	\$ 56,832.20	
7/2020	Total Request information	\$181,650.01	\$2,191,871.58