

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

“Am I the only one who didn’t know?” Last week, checking out rumors, this writer went into City Hall for the first time in what must have been over five months. So, fact, not just rumor, is that now in the office with Trina is Heather Kelton, who is at the desk once featuring Mindy Wilson! Since July 1! Heather came to work for Heppner, having come from Morrow County Grain Growers, when Mindy relocated to Morrow County business. Late “Welcome, Heather!” Heather’s husband, Jason, works for the USFS, and one daughter graduated last year from HHS, where their other two daughters are now president and vice president of FFA. Great to have them all in Heppner!

Putting a face and name together: *Gazette Times* readers have seen “Annalynn Black” on by-lines for several issues, so the time seemed overdue for meeting this new name. Annalynn, who moved here from Hermiston, joined the newspaper’s staff in October. This is her first newspaper job, she reports, but she has always been especially interested in and good at writing, with a good mental “ear” for correct usage. Added to that is “Annie’s” penchant for learning and appreciation for information. (When very, very young, she even produced “a magazine.”) She admits to a steep learning curve at the *Gazette*, but she says that Cindi Doherty is a great help and Chris Sykes is a super teacher. Annalynn says she is grateful and she is optimistic.

Kindness for kindness sake: Plans to send a box of cookies to a grandson were interrupted when the sender had only brought a \$5 bill and eleven (!) \$1’s but the postage was \$17.50.... Kind postal employee was explaining that she could keep the package and the patron could return with the \$1.50 when a hand came from behind with \$2 in it, and an explanation that repaying would certainly not be necessary....

Once again, Grandma “DiDi” Ball is proud to share news of granddaughter Ali Ball’s physical prowess at Whitworth University in Spokane, WA: Last week, Ali broke the indoor 200m school record with a 25.44 time! This means that Duane and Stephanie Ball’s daughter, who is a senior this year, now hold the university’s indoor AND outdoor record for the 200-meter sprint. Congratulations, Ali!

This Thursday will feature the annual Heppner Holiday Event at the fairgrounds. It promises to be busy, have many gifts that lucky rewards-card earners can try to win, good food, Santa Claus, and more.

And on Sunday, the 17th, we are invited to join the “Searching for Christ in Christmas Scavenger Hunt,” guaranteed to be a fun adventure organized by seven local congregations. Starting and ending at the Sage Garden Preschool on Main Street, the two-hour progressive evening will begin at 5 PM and will stage a part of the Christmas story at each church, ending back at Sage for a closing message, songs, cookies, and cocoa.

Maybe for more than one individual a hoped-for gift this Christmas would be a job.... While not “Santa Claus” gifts, quite a variety of available jobs might fit into job-seekers’ Christmas Lists if searched for at local entities – to name a few: retailers, health district, Morrow County, City of Heppner, school districts – or at Oregon Department of Employment. Phone calls and on-line searches of websites, including the Chamber of Commerce (the local library have computers available for such use) are a couple of ways to start looking. To paraphrase: Make a list and check it twice, make sure you’re not naughty but nice... and are eager to make your Christmas wish come true.

A holiday good-story will add to the readers’ feelings of joy, so please share yours: dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490.

Here’s hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this!

OSP seeks public assistance in waste of mule deer buck in Heppner Unit



Deer found with missing head.

UMATILLA COUNTY, Ore. 07 Dec. 2023 – Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish and Wildlife Division is seeking public assistance in locating the person(s) responsible for the waste of a mule deer buck in Umatilla County. On Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, OSP troopers responded to the report of a dead mule deer buck that was found left

to waste off Forest Road 5309, within the Heppner Controlled Hunt Unit in Umatilla County. It was determined the buck deer was shot with a rifle at about 7 a.m. on Oct. 7, 2023. No meat was salvaged from the buck and the head was removed. A possible suspect vehicle was identified as a white Toyota Tundra pickup with a dark-colored, possibly green, four-wheeler in the bed of the truck. OSP is requesting the public’s assistance with identifying the person(s) responsible for the wasting of the buck deer. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Oregon State Police Dispatch at 1-800-452-7888, *OSP (*677), or email at TIP@osp.oregon.gov. Reference case number SP23-323389.

Regional TSA Competition



Front: Izzi Killebaw, Lilly Nichols, Rylee Palmer, Elizabeth Finch. Middle: Lane Critchlow, Martin Medina, Ryan Haugen, Brayden Desclos, Delilah Saucedo, Loren Trujillo. Back: Zac Brown, Chris Humphreys, Aden Lathrop, Jamie Cavan-Harris, Karver Wilkins, Elihah Quilter, Brody McDaniel, Keeley Nairns.

The Heppner Chapter of the Oregon Technology Student Association competed at the December Regional TSA Event. 18 Heppner High School students attended in person and 16 Junior High students participated remotely. Nine TSA Chapters were represented from Umatilla and Morrow counties at this event. Heppner placed third in Flight Endurance (Lane Critchlow). Placed third in Manufacturing Prototype (Rylee Palmer, Lily

Nichols, Elizabeth Finch, Delilah Saucedo). Place 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Structural Design & Engineering (Aden Lathrop & Karver Wilkins, Jaime Cavan-Harris & Marty Medina, Zac Brown & Ryan Haugen). Former student and Heppner Graduate, Bryce Fowler is now the TSA Advisor for Condon High School. The next Regional Event will be in February and the Oregon TSA State Conference is in April.

Sheriff’s Report

MCSO Nov.6 -Officers were advised of a cargo truck tipped over, the driver is out and appears uninjured. MCSO, BFD, and BAMB responded.

-Officers were advised of a hit and run accruing on Wilson Rd Trailer Park on Wilson Rd Sw, in Boardman. The reporting party said that a pickup hit her mother’s car, no injury. The other vehicle is no longer on the scene, and unsure of what direction it went.

-Officers were advised of a driving complaint occurring on Se Utah Ave/Se Division St, Irrigon. The reporting party advised that a white four door and older gray Toyota pickup with an exhaust that comes out behind the passenger side of the cab, they were going to race. The white car went down the closed road, then the pickup sped past the car towards division. Officers were unable to locate.

Nov.7 -Officers were advised of possible harassment, occurring on Se Crimson St, in Irrigon. The reporting party advised she has a roommate that is calling her grandmother in Union. The reporting party believes this is harassment and is requesting contact. A deputy made phone contact with both parties, the other female was given a warning about telephonic harassment.

-Officers were advised of a stolen car, the reporting party advised that his vehicle, a brown and gold Chevrolet Malibu, was stolen and is out at a residence on Depot/Wagon Wheel. MCSO took no action.

-Officers arrested Keith M Hess on P&P Detainer. Occurring at the Storage Units on W Main St, in Lexington. The reporting party advised there were two men at the storage units, and they thought it was suspicious because they had two storage units open and they were “Tweaking out” when her husband contact-

ed them.

Nov.8 -Officers were advised of suspicious activity occurring on I-84 E in Boardman. The reporting party advised there was a 1970s pink four door car pulled over to the side of the road, and there was a male in the backseat on his hands and knees visibly choking someone else. MCSO,BFD, and BAMB responded and checked the area and advised OSP and UCSO.

-Officers received a harassment complaint occurring on Columbia Ln, Irrigon. the reporting party advised he is having problems with another female. He requested contact. He had no physical injuries but it gets aggressive when the reporting party goes home. The Deputy contacted him and went over his options.

-Officers received a request for a welfare check occurring at Green Acres on Paterson Ferry Rd, in Irrigon. the reporting party would like a welfare check done on his friend. She has been having domestic problems with an ex who showed up last night. She is planning on getting a restraining order. Officers completed the welfare check.

-MCSO were advised that the phone line was cut at the Morrow County Museum on N Main St in Heppner. The reporting party doesn’t want contact just wanted the officers to know.

Nov.9 -Occurring on 3rd St, in Heppner, the reporting party advised the house across from hers is on fire. HEPF, HEPA, LEXF, and MCSO responded.

-Occurring on Lewis and Clark Dr/Internet Parkway in Boardman. A Single motor vehicle accident, hit a utility box for a power company, no known injuries. Darren Schmitd was issued a citation #46534 for 811.135 careless driving with a motor vehicle accident. He was notified to ap-

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Elks Hoop Shoot Contest

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Girls and Boys ages 8-13 (as of April 1, 2024) from Heppner, Ione or Lexington parents do NOT need to be members

Sponsored by the Heppner Elks Lodge

Girls and boys compete separately in 3 age groups; 8-9 year olds, 10-11 year olds, and 12-13 year olds.

Each competitor will shoot 10 free throws then rest and shoot 15 more for a total of 25.

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