

Rep Greg Smith to speak at Senior Meal

Representative Greg Smith will be the guest speaker at the January 30th, 11:30 am Senior Meal. The senior meal is at the St. Patrick's Apartments in the meeting room. All are welcome. The lunch at the Senior Meal is free for those 60 and over, and \$5 for others (donations are always accepted).

Greg Smith is currently

servicing his twelfth consecutive term as a State Representative, making him the longest-serving member in the Oregon Legislature. He serves House District 57, which includes Morrow County as well as eight others.

Greg and his wife, Sherri, reside in Heppner. They have five children and two grandchildren.

Winter Weather

-Continued from PAGE ONE not twice, but three times! With a three-hour delay and two cancellations, the students and teachers must have been jumping for joy, or maybe just jumping right back into bed. Meanwhile, the Ione School district struggled a bit more, with one three-hour delay and a whopping three cancellations. Looks like the students had more time for snowball fights than math equations!

Now, let's talk about the mail. The poor mail carriers had to face treacherous road conditions and had no choice but to postpone their deliveries. According to the Heppner post office, the mail route came to a screeching halt on Wednesday the 17th and Saturday the 20th, causing a backlog and making the following days a frantic race to catch up. I hope they had their snow boots ready!

Even the world of sports wasn't spared from the wrath of Mother Nature. A Mustang boys varsity basketball game against the Irrigon Knights was abruptly cut short due to a power outage. It seems not even the basketball court was immune to the snow-induced chaos. Fortunately, the Mustangs managed to come back and take the win.

Talk about turning a power outage into a power play!

Local businesses also felt the icy sting of winter. The Broken Spoke, a bar in Lexington, had an unexpected "fountain" show when a pipe decided to burst. Now they're knee-deep in remodeling work, but they're determined to make a comeback at the end of the month.

Even the local coffee shop couldn't escape the chill. Employees reported that business had been slower than a sloth on ice skates. In fact, they were so slow that they only had one opener. Now, if you've ever been to a coffee shop, you know that's as rare as finding a Yeti sipping a latte. Let's hope the caffeine aficionados come out of hibernation soon and give the coffee shop the warmth it deserves!

To wrap it all up, according to msn.com, the coldest day this month was a teeth-chattering 2 degrees Fahrenheit on the 13th. But fear not, my frozen friends, for there is hope on the horizon. The 28th promises to bring some much-needed warmth, with temperatures soaring up to a toasty 60 degrees Fahrenheit. So, hang in there, Morrow county residents, spring is just around the snowdrift!

George appointed as Global Chief Brand Officer



Kimberly George

Kimberly George was appointed as the Global Chief Brand Officer for the company Sedgwick. Kimberly went to Heppner schools until she left after her junior year of high school to attend college a year early. Although her degree is nursing, she transitioned from a hospital nurse to entrepreneur and ultimately landed within the insurance industry.

Sedgwick is a global claims management organization supporting employers and insurers at times their employees and insureds need it most. They process workers' compensation, leave of absence, short term disability, property, auto, and liability claims. When she joined Sedgwick, they had 3 products and operated only in the United States; they now have 130 products across 80 countries and 33,000 colleagues. She has held leadership positions in operations and client relations, led mergers and acquisitions, was most recently global head of product development and innovation and now Sedgwick's first global chief brand officer. She is a member of Sedgwick's executive leadership team.

She co-founded a non-profit, The Alliance of Women in Workers'

Compensation (which has over 7500 members) and is the current board president. www.allianceofwom-en.org Their purpose is to lift up women in the insurance industry through personal and professional development, industry education, thought leadership and networking. It's a way to give back to the industry that has given so much to her.

She is a co-host of the popular Out Front Ideas with Kimberly and Mark insurance educational platform focusing on important industry topics which do not get enough media attention, thought leadership, and industry collaboration. www.outfrontideas.com

Although she is based out of Chicago and has been for over 27 years, Heppner is still her home. She is a frequent public speaker and during a recent keynote in Perth, Australia she reflected on her humble upbringing in the amazing community of Heppner. She shared how her high school job working at Heppner's hospital shaped her career and still inspires her. "People took a chance on me and helped me believe in myself before I even knew what that would mean."

Her daughters, Maya 25 and Melina 22, grew up spending summers and school holidays in Heppner. Their friendships made and closeness with their Eastern Oregon family and time spent at their family's mountain cabin are some of their favorite memories. Her husband Mark Walls and her plan to retire in Heppner in the coming years.

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ing a stolen motorcycle in a burglary that took place in Lane County on 5/23/2021. RP would like to get it signed stolen but cannot make it to Lane County any time soon. RP has the case number from Lane County and is requesting an agency assist in getting it signed so that it can be entered into LEDS.

- Suspicious Activity, Occurred on E Main St, in Lexington. RP advised there is a male in a white Dodge Ram inspecting the sidewalks, and he used her extension cord to charge something in his vehicle. He wouldn't tell her his name. *Deputy responded and contacted subject and updated RP.

- EMS, Occurred on Columbia Ln, in Irrigon. A 44-year-old male had a seizure and is acting incoherent, cannot walk, and is vomiting. *IRRA and MCSO responded, patient transported to GSH.

- Theft Complaint, Occurred at Dollar General on Columbia Ln, in Irrigon. Wants to report some things that were taken from the store.

- Fight, Occurred at Columbia View on Columbia Ave Nw, in Boardman. Two people outside fighting, no weapons visible. Subject was arrested by BPD for Assault III on this call. Subject was released on his own recognizance and will be notified by the DA to appear at MCCC on 12/14/2023 at 08:15 hrs. Subject was lodged at UCJ with no bail. Subject was arrested by BPD for Assault III on case 23-0441. Subject lodged at UCJ with no bail.

- Driving Complaint, Occurred on Se Utah Ave, in Irrigon. RP advised a silver Chrysler four-door and a silver Toyota Tundra came off Brandon and flew by RP's residence. The car went towards Division and the pickup went down Seventh. Neither stopped at the stop sign.

- Driving Complaint, Occurred on Se Utah Ave, in Irrigon. Male driver in a GMC SUV, blue, looks like a blazer, flying toward 10th. *Sgt. was advised.

- Driving Complaint, Occurred on Se Utah Ave, in Irrigon. Grey Honda Civic that lives on Tenth speeding in front of his house heading to 13th. *Sgt. was advised.

- Driving Complaint, Occurred on Se Utah Ave, in Irrigon. RP advised a black Pontiac G6 flew down and almost went off the road by RP's driveway because the neighbor was walking on the other side. The vehicle went towards Tenth and may have gone across the dirt road to California. *Sgt. was advised.

- Juvenile Complaint, Occurred at Heppner Heritage Park on Linden Way in Heppner. Contact was made with a Juvenile crossing the bridge over the creek by the outside of the guardrails and hanging from it.

- Driving Complaint, Occurred on I 84 E, in Arlington. RP advised of a white Dodge Dakota that is all over the road, almost wrecked a couple of times. RP is in a blue semi with a flatbed hauling shingles, behind the other vehicle. *MCSO checked the area, unable to locate.

- Civil Complaint, Occurred on Se Kristen Dr, in Irrigon. RP advised that his wife left the house on Wednesday and has not come back. RP has six kids and is missing work. He does not know what to do if she does or doesn't come back. MCSO made contact and advised him of his

options.

- Disturbance, Occurred at Columbia View on Columbia Ave Nw, in Boardman. RP advised his friend's girlfriend is throwing water at him and telling him to leave.

MCSO Nov 21

- Motor Vehicle Accident - Fire: A single vehicle rollover occurred on I-84 West in Boardman. The driver was trapped in the vehicle. Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), Boardman Police Department (BPD), Boardman Ambulance (BAMB), and Boardman Fire Department (BFD) responded to the scene. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Oregon State Police (OSP) were notified. Outcome: The driver was transported for medical treatment.

- EMS: A 42-year-old female at the Boardman Rest Area Westbound on Highway I-84 reported feeling disoriented and requested medical assistance. MCSO, BFD, and BAMB responded to the call. The patient later declined medical treatment.

- EMS: A 62-year-old female in Heppner requested a lift assist after falling over. She did not believe she was injured. Heppner Ambulance and Heppner Fire Department responded. The patient refused medical assistance.

- EMS: A 74-year-old male in Heppner was unresponsive but breathing. Heppner Ambulance and Heppner Fire Department responded, and the patient was transported to the hospital.

- Disturbance: A report came in from Irrigon about a son kicking in his father's door and leaving on foot towards Hwy 730. MCSO responded, but no further action was requested.

- Driving Complaint: A white Cadillac was reported to be speeding, performing a brake check, and running a stop sign on Se Utah Ave in Irrigon. Deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.

- Disturbance: A verbal fight between two males was reported on a porch, with a fifth-wheel trailer in the driveway on Se Utah Ave in Irrigon. No contact was made with a deputy.

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- Citizen Assist: A caller in Irrigon reported that someone had control over their phone. The caller was upset and claimed to have proof. A deputy attempted to contact the caller but received no answer.

- Driving Complaint: A resident in Irrigon reported that their neighbor about driving with headlights out was observed doing so again. Deputy advised the resident.

- Welfare Check: A resident in Irrigon requested a welfare check on their grandparents, as they had been unable to reach them since October 22nd. Deputy made contact and reported everything was fine. The caller resided in Boise, Idaho.

- Noise Complaint: A resident in Irrigon reported a black Cadillac Escalade playing loud music at a stop sign, which was turned off upon reaching home. MCSO was notified.

- Driving Complaint: A resident in Irrigon reported a blue Ford pickup

driving with headlights out, allegedly to harass their neighbor. Deputy was unable to respond immediately.

- Noise Complaint: A resident in Irrigon reported a blue Chevy pickup driving by their house with loud music, which then stopped at Utah and Division. The caller will provide the license plate in a later call. Deputy was unable to respond immediately.

- Driving Complaint: Two black 4-door cars, a Toyota Camry and a Pontiac G6, were reported speeding on Se Utah Ave in Irrigon. Deputy was unable to locate the vehicles.

- Theft Complaint: A report was made that a bicycle was stolen from the tennis courts on Highway 74 Lena/Ne Barratt Blvd in Heppner between 7pm and 10pm. The case is completed.

- Driving Complaint: A resident in Irrigon reported a silver pickup truck with a stepside speeding by their house. They have had ongoing problems with the residents of that house and their vehicles. MCSO was notified.

- Suspicious Activity: A vehicle was observed passing by a resident's house four times at a slow speed, causing concern for the resident. MCSO searched the area but found nothing.

- Motor Vehicle Accident: A report came in from a driver who hit a deer about 1/4 mile from the mill zone on Highway 74 in Heppner. No injuries were reported, and the deer was found deceased off the roadway. MCSO responded and filed a report.

MCSO Nov 22

-EMS, an incident occurred at Trail Apartments on Boardman Ave NE in Boardman. A 2-year-old son was having a seizure. The BFD and BAMB responded.

-Fire Call, an incident occurred in Boardman where the reporting person informed that a subject had set a house on fire. The MCSO, BPD, BFD, and BAMB all responded. The subject was arrested on multiple charges and lodged at UCJ with no bail.

-EMS, a medical emergency occurred on Columbia Ln in Irrigon where a 45-year-old male was having a seizure and was unresponsive. The Irrigon

Ambulance responded and transported the patient to GSH. The Irrigon Fire also responded for life assist.

-EMS, on Columbia Ln in Irrigon, a 45-year-old male requested a lift assist as he was just released from the hospital and couldn't walk on his own. The lift assist was successfully completed with no injuries.

-EMS, on W Columbia Ln in Irrigon, a 76-year-old male with COPD and possible cardiac problems reported having breathing difficulties due to C. Diff. The patient was transported to GSH by IRRA.

-Animal Complaint, at a location on NW Water St in Heppner, the reporting person stated that five all-black ducks were missing. The ducks were eventually found.

-Animal Complaint, at the intersection of NE Gilmore St and NE Pioneer Dr in Heppner, a cat was following the reporting person and they requested it to be picked up.

-Fire Call, a report came in from Boardman on Shoemaker Rd, indicating that a subject had set a house on fire. The MCSO, BPD, BFD, and BAMB all responded. The subject was arrested on multiple charges and lodged at UCJ with no bail.

-Information, an officer initiated activity at Strickland, Marvin, Shoemaker Rd, Boardman. Deputies were checking all vehicles at the residence and completed necessary forms and tags for tow. -Hit & Run, occurred at Love's Travel Stop and Country Store on Tower Rd in Boardman. A vehicle damaged the pumps and fled the scene. The vehicle description provided was a beige 5th wheel with license plate WA-17141 AH, and it was being pulled by a beige 4-door Dodge Pickup with unknown plates. The vehicles were last seen heading eastbound on Highway 184.

-Suspicious Activity, reported on SE Hurd Pl in Irrigon. The reporting person's wife left with the kids during the night, and despite an agreement to bring them back in the morning, there has been no contact or return. The wife was last seen leaving her parents' place in Pasco.

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