

Morrow County press release

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MCHD provided the following reasons for refusing the compromise option. First, that Boardman Fire Rescue District had cancelled their mutual aid agreement with Irrigon Fire earlier that day. That is not true and is not related to ambulance service. Second, that they would staff at higher levels to serve two areas than they currently do for three because of lack of trust for mutual aid agreements. This is short-sighted in nature. Third, that MCHD felt that areas in the Columbia Development Authority should be part of the Irrigon area of fire and ambulance coverage. The County expressed interest

in discussing that possibility but that was not entirely in the County's control. MCHD ended the meeting without providing any counteroffer or any indication of further discussion on providing ambulance services with the County.

At this point, the County will continue with its plans to provide interim service for the County as outlined in its Board meeting held on February 21, 2024. We anticipate full coverage of the County and will work to meet the needs of the residents and businesses of Morrow County.

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Sheriff's Report

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turned and returned at a high speed towards Tenth Street on SE Utah Ave.

- Driving Complaint: A red Dodge short bed pickup was reported for playing excessively loud music that could be heard over the caller's television. The vehicle was also seen speeding towards Eighth Street on SE Utah Ave in Irrigon.

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- EMS: A medical emergency occurred on SE Chase St in Heppner. A 87-year-old female complained of kidney failure issues. The Heppner Emergency Medical Services (HEPA) promptly responded to the scene and the patient was transported to PMH.

- Harassment: An incident of telephonic harassment was reported on W Idaho Ave in Irrigon. The reporting party (RP) requested phone contact to address the matter. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) made contact with the RP and informed a male individual of his available options.

MCSO Dec 28

- Suspicious Activity: A report was received about suspicious activity on Magic Garden Ln in Irrigon. The caller notified that there were individuals on their porch wearing guns and ghillie suits. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) promptly responded to the incident, but upon investigation, no

one was found in the area.

- Driving Complaint: A driving complaint was lodged on Se Utah Ave in Irrigon. The complainant reported a silver Dodge Caravan speeding on Tenth Street and running a stop sign at Seventh Street.

- Suspicious Activity: A report of suspicious activity was made at James Sullivan on Highway 74 in Lone. The caller believed that someone had trespassed on her brother's property, as the camper door was closed, even though it was left open the previous day. The caller also mentioned that around 4-5 gallons of gas had been stolen from her tank. As the caller was not present at the location, she planned to contact the authorities upon her return home.

- Domestic Disturbance: Green Acres on Patterson Ferry Rd in Irrigon was the site of a reported domestic disturbance. The caller stated that loud yelling and intense slamming of doors were audible. The disturbance was pinpointed to space 24, directly across from the caller.

- Warrant Arrest: At E 3rd St in Lone, OR, an officer initiated a warrant arrest attempt. The individual in question was taken into custody by the MCSO for a MCPD detainer related to criminal mistreatment. The subject was subsequently lodged at the Umatilla County Jail (UCJ) without bail.

Lady Mustangs lose to Rams 57-45

The Lady Mustangs traveled to Stayton, Oregon, to face off against the #3 ranked Regis Rams on Saturday, February 24, 2024. From the get-go, the Mustangs surprised their opponents with strong play and a high-intensity game. In the opening quarter, Heppner's scoring was limited, but players like Hallee Hisler and Kadie Henrichs made their presence felt by putting some points on the board for the Mustangs, and the first quarter ended with the Rams leading 10-5.

As the game progressed, Katie Spivey came to life in the second quarter, contributing five points to the Mustang surge. Hadlie Nation and Delaney Stefani added three points each, while Hisler and Henrichs showcased quick hands with two steals apiece. The Mustangs rallied together, with multiple players stepping up to contribute to the team's success.

Rebounds were hard-fought by Hallee and Healy Hisler, Lily Nichols, Hadlie Nation, and Morgan Cutsforth. Despite their best efforts, Heppner trailed 18-22 at halftime against the Rams.

In the third quarter, Heppner continued to battle. Nation and Stefani led the charge with five points each, while Hisler and Henrichs chipped in two points each. Regis maintained their lead as they heated up from beyond the arc. By the end of the third quarter, Heppner had narrowed the gap to a three-point deficit but still trailed 32-38.

The fourth quarter saw a valiant effort from Heppner. Four players found the net—Spivey (5), Nation and Stefani (3), and Hisler (2). However, Regis remained hot from the field and at the foul line. Despite their relentless fight, Heppner fell short in their stat-ran against the Rams, with a final score of 57-45.

Game Stats: Delaney Stefani: 11 points, 4 rebounds. Hadlie Nation: 11 points, 4 rebounds. Hallee Hisler: 10 points, 8 rebounds. Katie Spivey: 10 points, 4 rebounds. Kadie Henrichs: 3 points, 1 rebound. Morgan Cutsforth: 3 rebounds. Healy Hisler: 2 rebounds. Lily Nichols: 2 rebounds.

Quarter scores: 1Q: 5-10, 2Q: 18-22, 3Q: 32-38, 4Q: 45-57.

Jr High Mustangs girls undefeated



Heppner Jr High Girls Basketball teams

The Heppner Junior High Girls Basketball teams wrapped up their undefeated season last Thursday, February 22nd. In January through February, they competed against Riverside, Stanfield, Umatilla, Weston, Grant Union, Irrigon, and Central Middle Schools. In 19 competitions the C/B teams girls scored a total of 623 points and allowed 199 points to be scored against them. The A team competing in 15 games, scored 574 points and allowed 257. The season wasn't without illness and injury, but Coaches, Kacey Lathrop and Stefanie

Sweeney are proud of the growth and accomplishments these girls had this season. Team members for the undefeated team include; Tenley Rosenbalm, Khloe Rodriguez, Savanna Greenup, Lizzie Ginn, Kamryn Dickenson, Ava Payne, Havin Gray, Avia Botefuhr, Addison Coe, Cici Stefani, Abby Sumner, Ashlee Knutes, Kodie Lentz, Catherine Lindsay, Morgan Milligan, Naomi Winks, Andee Lathrop, Jaydien Baker, Callahan Baker and Mikalie Duncan. Team Managers are Paige Miller, Mary Ashbeck, Eva Worden.

Heppner welcomes a new 4-H club



Members of the Clover Buds that volunteered at the Elk Annual Dinner (l-r) Grady Henderson, Morgan Milligan, Colden Hoft, Uriah Wedding, Cooper Patterson, Preston Milligan, Garien Hoft, and Colbie Patterson. -Photo by Melody Henderson

The Oregon Trail 4H Club was established in the year 2024, with sign-ups taking place in December 2023. The club was founded and is currently being run by three passionate individuals - Kaylee Patterson, Collene Wilcox, and Melody Henderson. This club came into existence due to the overwhelming popularity of the Heppner 4H club, which had reached maximum capacity.

Currently, the Oregon Trail 4H Club has a total of 18 members, including both Clover Buds and the Regular 4H activity group. The club gathers together once a month for a general meeting, where they discuss upcoming events and fundraisers. In addition to these monthly meetings, the club also holds separate meetings within smaller groups focusing on specific animals. Kaylee Patterson leads the Sheep Dog group, Collene Wilcox heads the Beef group, and Melody Henderson oversees the Swine group. These sub meetings provide members with the opportunity to share ideas on improving their animal's diet, behavior, and training techniques.

Presently, the club is actively engaged in various activities. They are organizing a can drive, which is currently taking place behind Les Schwab's. The younger group of kids had the incredible opportunity to volunteer at the Elks annual dinner last month. It was a heartwarming and re-

warding experience for everyone involved. Additionally, the members with beef animals will be weighing in at the fairgrounds, followed by a meeting to discuss strategies for enhancing their animals' well-being. Kids participating in the other animal groups will have a chance to weigh in their perspective animals this summer.

Looking ahead, the club has an exciting event planned on the day of the St. Patrick's parade. They will be setting up a booth under Les Schwab's, selling delicious goodies from 10 am until they are completely sold out, so make sure to stop by.

This club offers a fantastic opportunity for children to learn and grow through hands-on experiences with animals, while also fostering a sense of camaraderie and teamwork among members.

The Oregon Trail 4H Club is an enthusiastic group of young individuals who are passionate about animals and are dedicated to their personal growth. With their monthly meetings, sub-group discussions, and upcoming events, this club looks forward to a bright and successful future. For those interested in joining the Oregon Trail 4H Club, sign-ups are held at the end of the year after the fair, and you reach out to any of the leaders of this group or contact the local OSU extension office.



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