

Umatilla County Sheriff's Office restarts K-9 unit

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The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office is restarting its K-9 program.

The department received a \$20,000 grant from the Wildhorse Foundation to purchase the police dog and pay for training and equipment needed. USCO Deputy Cody Marcum will be partnered with Skoty, an 18-month-old Belgian Malinois, and after a period of training are expected to be ready for duty in early March.

"Public safety canines have proven to be a valuable asset for their respective agencies and communities in which they serve," a news release from USCO stated. "Their unique abilities allow them to perform many duties, which include detecting narcotics, tracking suspects and missing or lost persons, assisting our schools with drug prevention and school safety, enhancing officer safety, and helping to build positive relationships between law enforcement and our communities."

The sheriff's office previously had a K-9 unit, but the K-9 passed away in 2014 and the program was shelved.

The sheriff's office expressed their "deep appreciation" for the Wildhorse Foundation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Wildhorse Resort & Casino.



Umatilla County Sheriff's Office Deputy Cody Marcum has selected K-9 "Skoty" as his partner. Contributed photo by USCO

Mirasol Family Health Center gets new manager

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Mirasol Family Medical Center has a new clinic manager.

Irma Solis, a Hermiston High School graduate, began her role there earlier this month.

Solis said in a news release that she has always had a love of health care and a desire to help those in need.

"At first, I wanted to become a pediatrician, but after getting my first degree, I decided I wanted to effect change in an administrative role," she said.

She said her per-

sonal mission fits "perfectly" with Mirasol Family Health Center, which is part of the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic network of care.

The clinic provides "whole-person care to those who are underserved, regardless of their ability to pay, citizenship, or socioeconomic status."

Solis has been a part of the Hermiston community for nearly two decades and lives there with her husband and three children.

In her free time she enjoys reading to her children before bed, running, baking and crochet.



Irma Solis

Hermiston shooter arrested again

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A Umatilla man is back in the Umatilla County Jail on multiple charges following his August arrest for a shooting that left two people injured.

The Hermiston Police Department arrested Carsen Dain Rawe, 20, on three counts of attempted second-degree assault — a felony — toward three people, a felony riot charge, reckless driving and reckless endangering in late November.

On Dec. 4, Rawe pleaded not guilty to all six charges following an

indictment. He is in custody.

On Aug. 6, Rawe was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on two counts of second-degree assault and three counts of unlawful use of a weapon in relation to a shooting that occurred at the intersection of West Cherry Avenue and Northwest Second Street.

The court set Rawe's bail at \$100,000 and a family member posted \$10,000 to release him on Aug. 22.

Rawe has pre-trial conference hearings for both cases on Dec. 20.



Rawe

Crashes and pile ups block traffic on I-82 at Umatilla Bridge

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Separate car crashes on both sides of the Umatilla Bridge along Interstate 82 piled up roughly two dozen cars and blocked eastbound traffic from Washington into Oregon for five hours on

Monday morning, according to Washington State Trooper Chris Thorson.

Thorson said the crashes halted traffic from about 5:30-10:30 a.m. and included eight cars on the Washington side and "roughly 15" on the Oregon

side, Thorson said.

On the Washington side, Thorson said there was freezing fog in the area and the crash was caused by drivers going too fast for the roadway and weather conditions.

Thorson said no serious injuries were reported that

he was aware of and that all lanes were cleared on the bridge.

Oregon State Police are currently investigating the crash on the Oregon side of the border and will provide more details when they are available.

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