

# A dream come true for Ione homeowner

By Autumn Morgan

It was a dream come true for Willa Coe when she and her husband, Don, bought the Woolery House Bed and Breakfast in Ione last September. "I fell in love with this house when I was 14," Coe said. "I told my mom that I wanted this house."

Willa Coe lived in Ione for three years before moving away to go to college. But she knew one day she would return to the place that always "felt like home."

The Woolery family began building the house in 1898 and it took a couple of years to finish. When the house was inspected last September for the sale, the inspector commented that the foundation had already stood 100 years and he expected to stand 100 more. The Coes were amazed at how well the house had been built back then with materials available at the time.

The Queen Anne Victorian house, which was updated in the 1950's, is



The original Woolery House.



The Woolery House as it appears today.

still mostly in its original state with the exception of wallpaper and added ceilings. The stained glass that surrounds the windows, the woodwork throughout the house, and the staircase are all mostly original.

Faith Jordan, the previous owner, lived in the house for approximately 20 years. At some time she decided to turn the house into a bed and breakfast. The Coes decided to keep the business going when they moved in. The Coes' grandchildren, Shannon, 13, and Teddy, 11, also live with them.

The Woolery House currently has three rooms that are available for guests to stay in. The cost is \$65 for a single person, \$75 for two people, and \$15 for each additional person. The cost includes a full breakfast and wireless internet. For the sports enthusiast there is a big screen TV located in the sitting area downstairs.

"I fell very blessed to have the house," Willa said. "I feel like it has been entrusted to me."

# A review of *A Handwhistler*

By Dr. Annette White-Parks

This is a review of *A Handwhistler*, a book by Sally Cohn.

Cohn is formerly of Heppner.

The profile of a hand whistler on this book's cover hints at the stories within: of a girl-becoming-woman in Oregon East, the town of Heppner to be exact. Those of us who grew up in rural eastern Oregon well remember how the long, lolling days urged our imaginations to creative endeavors. We recognize the Blue Mountains, always on the edge of our visions, the smell of spring drifting in lilacs across the back fence. Since I was raised in Monument, next-door, I relate. But it is the 1940's with no cell phones or video games or even a television. How does a precocious child, full of energy and ideas, spend the days?

The first section of Cohn's book play with this question, as the author explores the array of ingenious, creative projects with which she kept herself entertained as a child: from building a teepee with a sheet and garden stakes, to building an

igloo of tumbleweeds when the one she has built of snow melts. With time projects become more complex until, at age 12, smitten with Catholicism in a Protestant community, she creates a desk with false bottom to hide her catechism book in, then an underground hide-out for the desk. Reflecting the title piece, she teaches herself hand-whistling in secret.

The final sections of *A Handwhistler* with Cohn's 10-year hiatus in the East and college days at Staten Island, then her move to Portland in 1972, where gay rights is "in full blossom," activism flourishes and she makes peace with her own identity. Here the art of hand-whistling the author has perfected over the years also bursts forth - she makes a gutbucket, plays in the Women's Jug Band and enjoys the triumph of being asked to perform at her class reunion at the University of Oregon. As she returns to Heppner to join annual ceili at the Elks Lodge each St. Patrick's Day, the memoir comes full circle.

Cohn has structured her book on: 1) creative projects in childhood, 2) attempts to survive as a young adult and 3) attaining her distinct identity as a mature woman, each part made vivid through scenes and stories. The author's prose is clear and straightforward, never succumbing to the snare of sentimentality. Anyone who has undergone conflicts between social expectations and their own inner needs can relate. An added bonus is the book's generosity with white space, clear and well-spaced print.

*A Handwhistler* is Cohn's first book. A new book is evolving about Heppner and the Holocaust. An enticing promise in closing.

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Cohn will be at the KUMA Coffee Hour at the Elks this weekend.

## Heppner man injured in skiing accident

Heppner resident Steve Brownfield was injured Sunday in a skiing accident. Brownfield's accident resulted in broken ribs and a punctured lung. He is currently in ICU in LaGrande. He is expected to be in the hospital for approximately one week.

Brownfield was a driver for the Heppner High School's Outdoor Club.

## Heppner Varsity Baseball Schedule

March 14 - Grant Union Tourney, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
 March 18 - at Baker, 2 p.m.  
 March 21 - Dufur at home, 2 p.m.  
 March 25 - Santiam at home, 1 p.m.  
 March 29-30 - at Colfax Tourney.  
 April 1 - Mac Hi at home, 2 p.m.  
 April 5 - Irrigon at home, 11 a.m.  
 April 8 - at Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 12 - at Weston-McEwen, 11 a.m.  
 April 15 - Stanfield at home, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 19 - BYE

## Showing of photographic art to be held this weekend

Local Heppner artist Denise Smith and Seattle, WA Artist Charlene Collins will be have a special showing of their photographic art during the Wee Bit O Ireland celebration March 14-16. The show entitled "Two Women, One



Ghosttown: Hardman, Oregon" is a rather unique look at the local town thru the eyes of these two women artists.

The show is both historically informational and interestingly beautiful. The research that was done for the show includes a combination of oral histories gathered from local families and historical images from the Morrow County Museum Foundation. Cindy Briedenbach was the research assistant who helped Denise Smith delve deeply into some of the history of the town. Information was also gathered at the Hermiton Library as well as the internet. As a result of the historical bibliography, a very large and beautiful

Center for the Arts and then came home to the Hardman Oyster Feed in September of this year.

Ms. Smith uses her camera and the computer to recreate a secondary image that is in itself separate from the original photograph. Ms Collins uses a process called Polaroid transfer and then takes the image into her computer to make yet another change to the original imagery. Both Artists have used completely archival materials for the longevity of the images. Ms. Smith puts her imagery on Canvas and paper and will not make an edition of the images. Each one will be an original image, not to be reproduced elsewhere. Ms. Collins has chosen to offer her imagery in limited edition form and will have unframed prints for sale.

Both artists will donate a portion of the proceeds to a fund that they have set up at the Bank of EO for the renovation of the Hardman Community Hall.

timeline was created by Charlene Collins from the images and information gathered by Denise Smith to show the town's life and decline. An additional timeline was presented to the town of Hardman at their annual Oyster Feed in September of this past year.

The two artists felt compelled to capture the town in a way that is non-traditional to photography. Shooting of photos for this show spanned a year with several seasons and the finish work was another 6 months before it had its premiere showing in 2007 at You and I Framing Gallery in Kennewick. The show then traveled to the Lorenzen Gallery at the Pendleton

tion to Gonzalo Hernandez Morales, 22, for no operator's license and failure to yield roadway.

-BPD issued a citation to a juvenile driver for careless driving and speed racing.

-Heppner Ambulance received a call regarding a 15 year old with a back injury from sledding and was unable to stand.

-Heppner Ambulance transported a male subject that had a seizure at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Jan. 30: -MCSO issued a citation to Wallace Edward Whitmore, 40, for violating the basic rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph speed zone.

-MCSO was notified of vehicle traveling at 85+ mph.

-MCSO issued a citation to a male juvenile for failure to wear a seat belt and no operator's license.

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-MCSO issued a citation to Nachely Mable Bourette, 22 for driving while suspended-violation

and violating the speed limit by going 82 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-MCSO issued a citation to Cole Noah Crosthwaite, 19, for violating the basic rule by going 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, no operator's license, and no insurance.

-MCSO was notified of a non-injury hit and run in which a green Camaro sideswiped a truck and left the scene. It was determined that the incident occurred in Umatilla County so the reporter called UCSO.

-MCSO was notified that Salem PD had arrested Todd Patrick Copenhaver, 25, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear/possession of a controlled substance II and DUII.

-Irrigon Ambulance transported a 40 year old male subject having an allergic reaction to medication to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Jan. 31: -MCSO arrested Jered Lee Wicklund, 31, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for PV/MOCS.

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## Four Corners Snowmobile Club holds club rides



The 4-Corners Snowmobile Club

The 4-Corners Snowmobile Club had a club ride on Sunday, February 17, in the Blue Mountains east of Heppner. It was a beautiful sunny day with temperatures in the mid 40's, with 18 snowmobilers enjoying the day. There were many hot snacks that were enjoyed from everyone's Hot Doggers and Muff Pots. The theme for the ride was "Enjoy the day and learn something new." Amelia Haguewood and Taylor Hodges each gave a crash course in aquatic education and later, tour guide Mike Gorman, educated everyone on the proper procedure for finding the way back after being lost and going in many circles for long periods of time.

The club also had a ride on March 1, with 13 riders making the trek to Anthony Lakes. There was fresh snow with up to one foot up on top towards Anthony. The Granite Highway was smooth with no previous tracks since the new snow. Trout Meadows was like an ocean of snow and the road banks were fabulous. Steve Peck was the first to show off by taking a jump like a motocross rider doing a table top. Once up on top, Scott Dougherty climbed his way to the top of all the hillclimbs, while Mike Gorman and Sandi Patton showed their expertise in quick dismounting. Mike Sweek topped off the day by customizing the left front side of his sled. Later, on the way home, a stop at the Dougherty cabin with Cliff, Donna and Mike and Tonia Adams hosting with snacks and refreshments made the day a full success.

## Grant funds available

The Umatilla-Walla Walla-Willow Creek OWEB Small Grant Team, consisting of members from the Morrow SWCD (541-676-5452), Umatilla Co. SWCD (541-276-8131), Umatilla Basin Watershed Council (541-276-2190), Walla Walla Watershed Council (541-938-2170), Tiicham SWCD and CTUIR (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation) (541-966-2325), announces the availability of up to \$10,000 small grants to private landowners, and others eligible for regular OWEB (Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board) grants, for the purposes of enhancing watershed conditions to improve water quality and quantity while meeting the needs of all beneficial uses; flood plain and upland improvement and enhancement; and reducing erosion, sedimentation and nutrients. Projects will also be considered dealing with invasive plants and noxious weeds. Funding is provided through OWEB.

OWEB Small Grant information is available on their website at [www.oregon.gov/OWEB/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/index.shtml). Interested landowners can also contact a team member in their area. A two week signup for small grants will be held March 3-17, 2008 with funding decisions being made in April. Contact (Morrow SWCD) for application materials and requirements.

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 March 20 - at Weston, 4 p.m.  
 March 24 - at Nixyaawii, 3 p.m.  
 March 31 - Pilot Rock at home, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 2 - at Stanfield, 2 p.m.

## Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

Jan. 28: -MCSO received a fraud/forgery report involving CDs being ordered in the reporter's name. The reporter wanted to make an ID theft report. This was the second time this had occurred and a suspects name was given.

-MCSO received a report of a 13 year old female runaway from Irrigon.

-MCSO received several non-injury motor vehicle accident reports.

-BPD issued a citation to Gerardo Madrigal Garcia, 20, for failure to obey a traffic control device.

-BPD issued a citation to Albertina Barrera, 53, for driving uninsured.

-BPD issued a citation to Marcie Lynne Dolar, 48, for failure to obey a traffic control device.

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