

DeSpain Team walks for a cure



Pictured is the DeSpain Team. —Contributed Photo



Approximately 130 walkers helped to raise \$9,000 during the Heppner MS Walk last Saturday. —Photo by David Sykes

Bob and Aloha DeSpain's family came to Heppner for a reunion and joined in the Heppner MS Walk on Saturday, April 18.

Seventeen of the DeSpain Team showed up to walk in support of Chris, Bob and Aloha's son, who was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis 20 years ago. Aloha shared that the MS walk is very much like a family reunion, we are getting so many participants

from previous walks. "The sharing and enthusiasm of the day gave our family more of an insight on what it's like to have MS. Having a family member with MS made it very poignant."

Bob & Aloha have served as committee members since the walks conception. Bob came up with the idea of serving a free breakfast and has been heading it up every year since.

At least 130 walkers

helped raise \$9,000 with more donations coming in. "Everyone came together with a common goal, a cure for MS", commented Merilee McDowell the Heppner walk organizer. As I watched all the walkers sign-up I was filled with so much awe and gratitude. I know this last year hasn't been easy for a lot of people so for them to give so abundantly was very rewarding.

Marriages

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report of marriage licenses issued:

-April 16: Alton Leroy Quimby, 44, Irrigon, and Cynthia Nelson, 49, Irrigon.

Ione High School Track Schedule

Following is the Ione High School track schedule for the 2009 season:

April 24: River's Edge Invitational in Umatilla (3 p.m.)

April 25: Sherman County Invitational in Moro

(11 a.m.)

May 2: Big Sky Invitational in Condon (11 a.m.)

May 9: District in Moro (10 a.m.)

May 15/16: State Tournament in Monmouth

Ione High School Tennis Schedule

Following is the Ione High School tennis schedule for the 2009 season:

April 23: Condon in Ione (4 p.m.)

April 28: Weston-McEwen in Athena (4 p.m.)

April 30: Umatilla in Umatilla (3 p.m.)

May 1: Sherman County in Moro (2 p.m.)

May 5: Stanfield in Ione (4:30 p.m.)

May 8: Condon in Condon (4 p.m.)

May 9: Helix Tournament in Helix (9 a.m.)

May 15/16: District Tournament in Tri-Cities

Sheriff's Report

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

Jan. 28 Cont.:

-Boardman Ambulance received report from a Boardman Police officer on a traffic stop with a female who was having pregnancy complications. She was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston

-BPD received report of a two-vehicle non-injury accident on Paul Smith Rd. in Boardman.

Jan. 29: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a break-in at the Irrigon Mobile Court.

-MCSO deputy assisted Gilliam County Sheriff's Office for a motorcycle driving over 100 mph.

-MCSO arrested Marion Taylor, III, 49, for Failure to Appear/Possession of Cocaine with no bail.

-MCSO arrested Tyson Robert Palmateer, 30, on a parole and probation violation for a probation violation. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with no bail.

-MCSO received report of a cattle dog found in

Irrigon. It was transported to Pet Rescue.

-MCSO received report of a motor vehicle accident on Hwy. 730 in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report of illegal activity at a residence Irrigon.

-MCSO received report of a fight between two males in Heppner. MCSO arrived at the scene and deployed a Tazer. Steven Nils Brudevold, 28, was arrested for Assault IV, Harassment and Disorderly Conduct. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$12,000 bail.

-MCSO cited Chad Allen Hammerschmidt, 38, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 87 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received relay from Benton County Sheriff's Office that an Irrigon woman reported a large bang and saw flashlights in an "empty trailer."

-BPD arrested Leonardo Jacquez, III, 33, for Child Endangerment/Seatbelt.

-Boardman Ambulance received request for mutual aid from Arlington Ambulance for a 20-year-old male complaining of pain in his knee and ankle. He was transported to Good

Shepherd Hospital.

-Irrigon Ambulance, Irrigon Fire Dept. received report of a two-car motor vehicle accident assisted.

-Heppner Ambulance received request for an ambulance for a male subject regarding to a tazer deployment.

Jan. 30: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report from the Umatilla Army Depot that a worker who lives in the Lexington area scheduled to work at midnight had not shown up for work. The worker, who had a flat tire, showed up safely.

-MCSO received report of multiple cows on I-84. The cattle were put back in the pasture.

-MCSO received a report of non-stop barking dogs at a residence in Irrigon. The owner said he would look into bark collars.

-MCSO received a report of a golden lab at a residence in Hardman.

-MCSO received report of an MIP party with a \$5 cover charge at a residence on Clarks Canyon Rd. Twenty-five subjects were cited for MIP; four subjects were cited for Furnishing Alcohol to Minors.

-MCSO received report of a vehicle colliding with a deer on Hwy. 74 in

Heppner. The subject was going to drive her car to the Sheriff's Office to report the accident.

-MCSO received report of a subject whose vehicle was stuck in the snow on Hwy. 53 and he was walking out. His wife had stayed in the vehicle. MCSO units responded in four wheelers and located the subjects.

-Boardman Police Dept. arrested David Russell Robert Foster, 39, for Driving While Suspended-misdemeanor.

BPD received report of a non-injury accident with one person involved in the accident leaving the scene. BPD got the information

-BPD received report of an old employee on the complainant's property, trespassing and harassing the employees. One juvenile male was cited for Criminal Trespass II and MIP-alcohol. Another juvenile male was cited for Criminal Trespass II. BPD arrested Arturo Francisco Perez, Jr., 18, for Criminal Trespass II.

Jan. 31: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report from a Heppner subject that a male child was in his house and wouldn't leave the bedroom. He also reported five or six adults in his house that wouldn't not speak to him or leave the house because of their religious beliefs.

-MCSO received report from a juvenile female that her Ipod was stolen from the locker room in Irrigon.

-MCSO cited Diana Iola Creamer, 39, for Violation of the Basic Rule, driving 74 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject that he had received threatening letters in the male.

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Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on April 8 in Irrigon with Judge Tallman, Commissioner Grieb and Commissioner Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of those meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court approved monthly Accounts Payable in the amount of \$139,426.36.

The road department provided the following report: Road Canyon Bridge - The crew finished hauling and placing rip rap material along the embankments and wing walls. Also hauled and placed 3" minus rock for the approaches on both sides of the bridge up to the top of the head walls. On Tuesday April 7th the six pre-cast concrete deck pieces were hauled to the site and put into place with a crane. The forms for the concrete end caps were stated the 8th.

Upper Rhea Creek - Part of the crew is continuing with the sloping of the banks, cleaning ditches and widening the narrow areas. Road grading - The crew is continuing with the spring road grading. Currently they are working in the Upper Little Butter Creek, Sunflower Flat, and the Valby areas. Road Sweeping - The crew finished sweeping the roads in the Boardman area and started working their way south towards the Ione area. After leaving Boardman, the crew has swept Bombing Range Road, Homestead Lane, Juniper Canyon Lane


and Ione-Boardman Road. Blowing sand - The court and the road department discussed the problem of the sand blowing across Bombing Range Road, between Finley Landfill and Homestead Road. Misc. - It was reported that some of the crew assisted the county school district and the City of Heppner to repair the bridge on Quaid Street. This replacement/repair will facilitate the movement of the school buses around the road construction that is taking place on Highway 74. The road department presented two crossing permits between Umatilla Electric and the court to approve one overhead and one buried line. Permit request approved and signed.

The court awarded vehicles to the following: John Bowles, 2003 Ford Crown Victoria; James Cason, 2001 Chevrolet Impala; Roy Golden, 2001 Chevrolet Impala; Rey Rivera, 2000 Ford Crown Victoria; Lucy Veliz, 1995 Jeep Cherokee; Kenneth Rogers, 1997 Ford F150 Pick-up; and Matt Best, 1997 Chevrolet Lumina.

The court conducted the following business: Heard a presentation from Lt. Col. Bob Stein and others regarding the disposition of the mustard currently stored at the Army Depot. Reviewed and approved a purchase pre-authorization request of a Dell computer for the Morrow County Pub-

lic Works. Reviewed and approved a purchase pre-authorization request of a Dell computer for Children and Family Services. Reviewed a letter to the court from the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association regarding their request for the county to provide additional funding to the Wildlife Services. Conducted a teleconference with a representative of Waste Connections Inc. (Finley Buttes Landfill) regarding the newly proposed fees for the disposition of large animals and other items. Commissioner Rea asked if it would be possible to graduate the fees into place, rather than have the very large increase as proposed. The representative stated he would take the proposal to the upper management and see if they would agree to such a plan. Reviewed and signed a letter of support for HB2646. This bill would be of a benefit to the local popular tree farms. Reviewed and sign two contracts.

In preparation for the upcoming budget meetings, Greg Sweek, County Assessor, provided for the court's review the estimated assessed values for 2009. The final assessed value information will not be available until the first part of September. That is when the county will receive the final values for utility properties that are appraised by the Department of Revenue.



Real Estate


By DAVID SYKES
REALTOR

KITCHENS SELL HOUSES

A major impact on the decision whether or not to buy a house is made by the woman of the family. What room influences this decision more than any other? You guessed it — the kitchen. Increasing the kitchen's show ability will increase the home's salability.

For a clean-smelling refrigerator, scrub its shelves and walls with baking soda on a damp cloth or sponge. The oven and stove should be free of grime, grease and fingerprints. Clean the stove's ventilating hood, too. Counters should look clean and expansive. Kitchen appliances take up a lot of space on counters. Remove all but a few of the most decorative pieces. Hang a plant in a corner for some life and greenery. The extra effort will pay. Kitchens count!


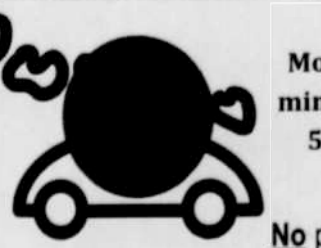
It almost never pays to remodel a kitchen in anticipation of selling. You can, however, make it bright and attractive. A good start is to paint or refinish cabinets and hang cheerful, new curtains.



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Morrow County would like to remind you of the County Ordinance 5.010 Transportation of Solid Waste.

No person shall transport or self-haul, as defined in the Solid Waste Management Plan, solid waste on a public road unless such waste or solid waste is covered and secured.

Be aware that Morrow County will attach a \$10.00 fine to anyone not complying with this County Ordinance. Thank you for your time and understanding.

Morrow County Public Works.
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North of the County
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South of the County
57185 Hwy 74, Lexington
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Saturdays and Sundays
9:00-4:00