

INDIAN SCULPTURES

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Native American artist that does silhouette work in the Colville area, and that the Colville Tribe has similar culture to that of the Umatilla (or Columbia plateau) tribes. Chess said he would first ensure that the material in the museum is relative, and then discuss the Heppner park statue project with his staff and come up with a proposal for the next meeting of the parks committee.

It was mentioned that cost of sculptures ranges from \$500 to \$3500 and that there are grants available for the work. John Edmundson of Heppner said he has grant writing experience and would be willing to write a funding grant.

In other business at the meeting, the council heard from Heppner resident Ed Tarnasky, who said he is getting frustrated with the city and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) over a street rehabilitation project that will be taking part of his yard.

"I came here three months ago and you said the project engineers would be getting back to me to work out these problems. It has been over three months and I have not heard from them," he told the council.

ODOT is redoing Barrett Blvd.; the road expansion will take a portion of Tarnasky's yard below his home, and he is concerned the state reimbursement will not be sufficient.

"We do not have the expertise to deal with this problem," Mayor Les Paus-tian said. "What is your problem?" he asked Tarnasky.

"They are taking half of my yard, and they will not pay me enough for the tree," Tarnasky responded. He added that ODOT had given him only 40 days to accept or reject an offer to buy his land, an offer he thought was too low.

City attorney Bill Kuhn asked Tarnasky if he had made a counter offer to ODOT.

"Have you given them the figure you want?" Kuhn said.

Tarnasky said he had not and that ODOT's letter made it sound like it was a take it or leave it offer.

Kuhn suggested Tarnasky write them a letter with his counter offer and point out that he has experience with forestry (Tarnasky worked many years in the woods for Kinzua), and try and work out a settlement that way.

Tarnasky said if he and the state cannot work out their differences, the dispute would probably go to arbitration and then on to condemnation of the property.

"I think the city has given up all its authority to the state on this," Tarnasky told the council.

"I disagree," said Paus-tian.

One councilmember

asked councilmember John Bowles—who is also a member of the police force and gives the police report at council meetings—about the recent spurt in burglaries around Heppner. Bowles said the police were starting to get a handle on it. The councilmember said they had been victims of the burglary and had prescription drugs stolen from their home.

The council heard that the city will let bids for a group of small construction projects by ODOT around town, including the Lovers Lane bridge behind the bowling alley. The city signed agreements with ODOT authorizing them to move forward with the small projects, and also the Sperry Street Bridge street relocation project. The bridge is scheduled to be removed and not replaced, with an alternate route planned with new street construction.

The council voted to sell two city lots on Riverside by Morgan Street to David and Judy McCurry of Lakeview for \$1326.11. The council had voted to put the lots out for bid after being approached several months ago by David and Terri Denton to sell them the lots. The city does not need the lots and decided to put them out to bid. The Dentons also bid on the two lots, but their bid was low.

The council received the following police report for the month of June:

Traffic-

There were seven traffic stops, resulting in two citations.

There were three parking complaints.

A motor vehicle crash was reported.

Code Enforcement-

A legally parked vehicle was reported as suspicious because the caller did not recognize it.

A person reported a vehicle that appeared to have been slept in. It was unfounded.

Twelve animal complaints were reported.

A loud noise complaint was received.

A report of tall grass was received. The grass was determined not to be taller than 6".

Theft Complaints-

A resident reported they purchased an item online, and the item was never received. The money was refunded. It was determined to be a civil matter.

Several fraudulent checks were reported at a business.

A person reported they received a phone call stating they needed to pay a debt or else they were going to be arrested. It was determined to be a scam; however, no money was exchanged.

A person reported their soon to be ex-spouse closed out a bank account. It was determined to be a civil issue.

Four residential bur-

glaries were reported. Money, alcohol and prescription drugs were reported stolen.

MCSO received a report of a gas drive off.

All Other-

A person reported an unwanted person was at their house several hours prior to calling MCSO.

An adult male was arrested for trespassing.

A person reported they were threatened by a neighbor. MCSO investigated and determined it to be unfounded.

A person called MCSO and reported a threat. A deputy investigated and determined it to be a civil issue.

A person reported they received a suspicious phone call from a person who wanted the caller to perform some tasks on the caller's computer.

A suspicious vehicle was reported. A deputy was unable to locate it.

A deputy responded to a report of a suspicious male by the motel. The deputy was not able to locate the male.

A caller reported someone pounded on their house door and ran off. A deputy checked the area and was unable to locate anyone.

A person reported a suspicious male downtown. A deputy responded the area and was unable to locate the male.

A person reported two loud explosions. A deputy checked the area and was unable to locate anything.

A person reported hearing strange noises, but didn't want a deputy to respond.

A person reported possible drug activity.

MCSO received a third-party report of a possible suicidal person. A deputy investigated, and it was unfounded.

A missing adult was reported. MCSO investigated and located the missing person, who did not want the caller to know where they were.

An adult called MCSO and reported they were having issues with their children. A deputy responded and referred the caller to Community Counseling.

MCSO received one fireworks complaint.

A person reported they received several restricted phone calls. A deputy responded and the case is under investigation.

A person was shot with a pellet gun. A deputy responded and investigated the incident.

MCSO received a report of an intoxicated person who was breaking windows and was bleeding. A deputy responded, and determined it to be unfounded.

A fight was reported. A deputy responded and determined there was no fight, just intoxicated people talking too loud.

A deputy investigated a vehicle that was scratched.

M.C. Relay for Life...the success story

Morrow County's first annual Relay for Life event was a success, making all of the planning and hard work and miles and miles of laps worth it. For those who judge success by hard facts, here are some of the financial statistics:

Morrow County is getting close to its \$20,000 goal, (but Sheryll Bates of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce points out that surpassing that goal would be even better and would go further towards research to find the cure for cancer).

There were 13 teams in the relay: BEO Team, Foot Soldiers Team, "I Believe" Team, Morrow County Health District Team, Murray's Team, Mustache for a Cure Team, "No More" Team, "On the Rocks" Team, "Ruby's Girls" Team, Team CCS, Team Invenergy, Team SRS and "The Fun Raisers Team." The walk included 132 participants and 31 cancer survivors.

The top three teams in terms of donations were: 1st place, BEO Team at \$4,282; 2nd place, SRS Team at \$2,754 and 3rd place, Murray's Team at \$2,300. All the teams worked hard to bring in donations, and every dollar counted.

The silent auction brought in about \$1,200.

Some of the "designated" laps were: "The Magic of Relay," "Water Balloon Toss," "Red, White and Blue," "Light Up My Life," "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" Lap, "Super Hero," "Slumber Party," "Egg and Spoon" Lap, and "Goofy Look" Lap.

The event started with a survivor walk and survivor dinner with music and entertainment throughout the evening.

"It was so awesome to watch the dedication of all the walkers, the support and camaraderie shown," said



Cancer survivors (L-R) Celita Strouse, Tina Davidson, guest speaker Barb Boswell and Sharon Miller at the Relay for Life June 30-July 1. -Contributed photos

one chamber representa-

tive. One of the special activities was the Luminaria Ceremony, in which individuals purchased a Luminaria bag and decorated it on behalf of a special individual in their lives.

"As everyone gathered in front of the football bleachers and the lights in the stadium were shut off, and each bag was lit, it brought a respectful, solemn time for all of the participants," one participant said.

The ceremony was followed with a guest speaker, Barb Boswell, who spoke of her fight with cancer and how she overcame it, as well as how important it is to have a great community, family and friends to offer support during this difficult, exhausting time in someone's life (even though some think they don't need or want it).

The local coordinators also just received word that Relay for Life of Morrow County won the "Rookie Relay" Award for 2012.

"What a special honor, and what a rewarding event for each and every one of us," said one of the coordinators in response.

Corporate sponsors for this event included Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, Heppner Chamber of Commerce, Bank of

Eastern Oregon, Ostercraft Homes, The Morrow Pacific Project, Community Bank, Boardman Foods, Invenergy, Wheatland Insurance, Les Schwab Tires, Morrow County Health District, Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Dobyns Pest Control, Oregon State Rep. Greg Smith, Route 74 Restaurant and Lounge, Blondee Salon, Bucknum's Tavern, Heppner Family Foods, Miller and Sons, Sally Anne's, Steve's Arches, Sweet Productions, Tim the Bread Man, Victorian Rose, Willow Creek Country Club and Willow Creek Diner.

Relay for Life planners say they hope that next year will bring more teams, more volunteers and more donations to help support the second annual Morrow County Relay for Life.

For those who didn't get a chance to help this year, it's not too late to be involved. A wrap up meeting will be held soon and the date set for next year so planning can begin.



Luminaries purchased and decorated in the memory of loved ones for the Luminaria ceremony during Relay for Life. -Contributed photo

WCCC hosts junior golf tournament

Willow Creek Country Club hosted the Northeast Oregon Junior Golf Association (NEOJGA) on Friday, July 6.

This was the fourth of eight NEOJGA tournaments for the year, and attracted 31 junior golfers from Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Several local golfers played well and placed at the event.

In the Pee Wee Girls division, Nicole Propheter shot a 48 on nine holes and won. Kellen Grant won the Pee Wee Boys competition with a 41, and Jared Geier placed second.

For the Intermediate Girls, Morgan Correa shot a 92 on 18 holes, good enough for second place, while Sophie Grant turned in a 96 to place third.

Logan Grieb finished second in the Intermediate Boys division by shooting a 69 for the day. Kolby Currin won the KP on hole 7 with a shot that landed 1'8" from the hole.

Blake Greenup tied for second in the Girls 15-18 division with an 87.

All participants received tee prizes supplied by Bank of Eastern Oregon. Morrow County Grain



Top: Pee Wee winners (L-R) Nicole Propheter, Kellen Grant and Jared Geier. Bottom: Local winners Logan Grieb, Kolby Currin, Blake Greenup, Sophie Grant, Morgan Correa and Hunter Greenup. -Contributed photos

Growers provided special event prizes, and the top three finishers of each division were awarded medals sponsored by Wheatland Insurance.

The next NEOJGA

tournament will be Tuesday, July 17, at Echo Hills Country Club.

For further information about NEOJGA, go their website or contact Ken Grieb or Greg Grant.

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