

Sprucing up for St. Pat's



City crews repaint the shamrock on Heppner's Main Street in preparation for the Wee Bit 'o Ireland celebration this weekend. -Photo by Megan Futter

Pinwheels put a new spin on child abuse prevention

The Morrow County Health Department, Morrow County School District, and Ione School District are taking part in Prevent Child Abuse Oregon's Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign by "planting" pinwheel gardens in five locations throughout the county. The gardens will consist of 150 eye-catching blue pinwheels at each location through the month of April. Pinwheels for Prevention happens each year during Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Pinwheels for Prevention campaign is part of a national movement to change the way people think about prevention. The campaign focuses on community activities and public policies that prioritize healthy child development right from the start so abuse

and neglect never occur.

This year, the campaign is focused on recognizing the "extraordinary ordinary" things everyone can do to impact a child's life. These "extraordinary ordinary" actions can be anything from organizing neighborhood activities to offering to babysit for a neighbor. Prevent Child Abuse Oregon says it is committed to shining a light on these kind of actions in order to help show that they are occurring statewide and being undertaken by people from all demographics.

"You might not even realize that what you're doing is enhancing the lives of the children and families you know," said Pamela Heisler, Prevention Specialist at the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon. "Every time you knock on a neighbor's door



Pinwheel gardens like this will pop up throughout Morrow County in April in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. -Contributed photo

to see if they need help with babysitting or homework, or reach out to someone being bullied by refusing to be a witness, volunteer at a local child-serving agency or even take a stand for a program or policy that you feel should be part of your community, you're doing something extraordinary."

For more information

on what is occurring in Morrow County, contact Erin Anderson at 541-676-5421.

"We know that people are out there making a difference every day, and we want to celebrate that," said Anderson. "We want to encourage others to recognize the extraordinary things that others are doing, and hopefully by showing how often these kind of things are happening, we can make the idea of preventing child abuse and neglect every day a very ordinary one."

Look for the Pinwheels for Prevention parade entry in the St. Patrick's parade on Saturday, March 19.

HEPPNER FFA ALUMNI MEETING

March 31, 7 p.m.

In the Ag room. Anyone interested in being a friend of Heppner FFA is welcome to attend; you need not have been an FFA member in high school. We are here to help our amazing FFA chapter. Questions, contact Angie Hughes, 541-676-9909

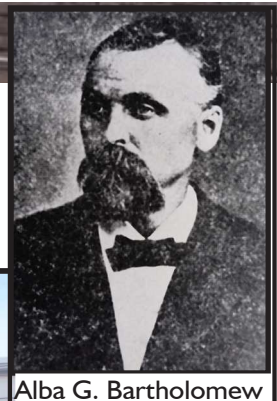
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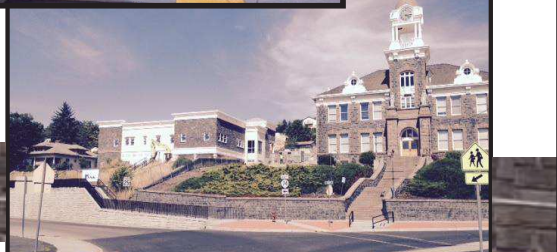
Friday, March 18, 2016
At 2:00 p.m.
110 N COURT ST.
HEPPNER, OREGON
Refreshments to follow



Named after Judge Bartholomew, Morrow County Judge in 1903 who shouldered much of the burden of recovery from the tragic Heppner Flood.



Alba G. Bartholomew



Judge Terry K. Tallman
Commissioner Leann Rea
Commissioner Don Russell
Former Commissioner Ken Grieb
Term of Service- 2006-2014
(Planning and Construction phase)

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Decorative corbels add an older look to Morrow County's new administration building and the columns along the side are just one of the ways the new building blends with the existing courthouse.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Osvaldo Aguilar, 20, was convicted of Contributing to the Sexual Delinquency of a Minor, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation. Probation conditions include 40 hours of community service, completion of the approved sex offender treatment program, no direct contact with children, register as a sex offender, and no contact with the victim until the victim is 18 years old. Additional counts were disposed without conviction. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$600.

-Dustin Dale Rodriguez, 25, was convicted of Delivery of Methamphetamine within 1,000 Feet of a School, a Class A felony, and was sentenced to 36 months supervised probation subject to 180 sanction units with 90 jail units. Probation conditions include 240 hours of community service, substance abuse evaluation; any violation of probation will result in 21-22 months prison time. Additional counts were disposed without conviction. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$1,000.

Irrigon student named to WSU honor roll

PULLMAN, Wash.—Adrienne Renee Cole of Irrigon has been named to the Washington State University President's Honor Roll for the 2015 Fall semester, the university announced this week.

To be eligible for the honor roll, undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of nine graded hours in a single term at WSU and earn a grade point average of 3.75 or earn a 3.50 cumulative GPA based on 15 cumulative hours of graded work.