



# Leapin' Leprechauns, it's St. Paddy time in Heppner

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### County annex said wrong use of residential zone

By Avon Melby  
 Several illegal practices came to light when Heppner Planning Commission reviewed an application for a conditional use permit for the county's new office building on Rock street Monday night.

Because the offices were put into a building formerly used as a dental office the county originally thought no conditional use would be needed. That came to light when the county asked what was needed to construct a parking area for use of those seeking services at the justice court, mental health office and juvenile office located in the building. The city told the court a conditional use was needed for the building.

Several years ago when the Lifeguard helicopter was first instituted a variance was granted Pioneer Memorial Hospital to allow landings at the extreme south end of Thompson street at intersection with Hill street. Provisions required included, the area be kept free of weeds; rock that would not blow in the prop wash be around the paved area; and that larger rocks be used to keep down dust and debris from the prop wash. Instead, small gravel was used which regularly "peppers" both his home and the home of Dr. Clare Koznek.

He said none of the other conditions were met until early summer of 1986 when they complained to the hospital board. Two months later the city fire department burned a small area of weeds.

Fred and Nadine Toombs, who own a home at 162 Rock Street, presented a formal protest against locating administrative office in the R-1 zone. They said they realized the county had spent a lot of money, and needed the space, but thought it was a wrong use of residential zoning. "The county has erroneously expended large sums for the renovation of the building before properly obtaining permits to do so," their paper stated.

Finally under an agreement the Toombs made with the former owner, their daughter was paid by him to care for it, until the Hospital Foundation purchased the property. Since then the Foundation furnished spray, the Toombs have done the work to keep it up.

A lot across the street, owned by the county, "Is also a disaster." It is used by hospital and Court House to burn weeds, grass and other debris from the hospital grounds. The court has planned on using the culdesac to park cars. Toombs wanted the length of the culdesac painted yellow on curbing saying it is too dangerous in freezing weather. He said every year cars end up in his yard from there, three of them the past winter. The street there is also too narrow for normal traffic and cars cannot turn around in the culdesac. He wants two no parking at anytime signs to be placed, and that provision be made to allow cars to travel from Rock street to the parking lot at 200 Rock street.

They listed specific things that would be necessary to be done before their protest would be

### Judge addresses impact of proposed detox center

Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson left Monday to attend a Tuesday meeting at the Center for Environmental Health and Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. Chief executives of the counties surrounding the Umatilla Ordnance Depot were invited to explain the impact on their county of proposed local detoxification facilities for toxic gas stored at eight regional facilities in the United States.

Weeds around the former dental clinic were not taken care of properly.

He requested that all terms of an agreement to be signed by Morrow County and the city be written out, including an arbitration and cure clause stating notice of either party would force a correction within 10 days, or either party "may request a hearing by the District Judge." He wants an annual review of the conditional use, using public notice for the hearing meeting.

Judge Carlson will explain the necessity of four legs on the Patterson Ferry overpass, a quick response vehicle for the City of Irrigon, and the opening of the North gate of the Ordnance depot. The county is working toward each of the projects, he said, but will be trying to enlist the Army's help in securing adequate emergency evacuation routes.

Workers moved into the offices in January.

Seeger and the county planners will meet with the city planners at a later date to see how the situation can be met.

In the event of a spill during the detoxification process—an event the Army says is of very low probability—it is important Irrigon not have to rely on Umatilla County for an ambulance. It's also important to have the North gate opened and the four legs on the Patterson Ferry overpass for rapid evacuation of the area, Carlson said.

The Army stores 11.6 % of its stockpile of toxic gas at the Umatilla Depot. The stockpile consists of projectiles, rockets, spray tanks, mines, bombs, and ton containers of persistent and non-persistent nerve gas, and persistent mustard gas.

The Morrow County School budget committee made minor changes last week, before sending a proposed \$9,656,749 budget to voters for approval in May.

The Army has considered four options for handling its stockpile of nerve gas: on-site disposal, transfer

to regional centers for disposal, transfer to a national disposal center, and continued storage. Because transit states have expressed opposition to transferring the gas, the Army is currently considering on-site detoxification centers. Opinion is neutral tending toward slight acceptance of the local centers, the Army says, because of economic benefits to the area while centers are constructed and operated. They will be regulated by a variety of local, state, and federal agencies, the Army says.

Under instructions from the committee, McCaslin had prepared a "zero increase" budget, but the plan would have required cuts of about \$650,000 (the dollar amount the budget is up), cuts the committee found unacceptable.

### No Main St. parking Sat.

Parking will be closed off on Main St. in Heppner during the St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Saturday. This will make for a better parade and bed race, says St. Patrick's Day co-chairman David Sykes, and we ask that people cooperate in finding other parking. Signs directing drivers to other available parking off Main St. will be posted around town to aid those looking for parking space.

Emphasizing that the budget is bare bones, with no major purchases or new programs planned for next year, school administrators and the budget committee are hoping to

avoid a repeat of last year when school levies were defeated several times.

### Weather Report

March 3 - 9			
High	Low	Rain	Sn
Tues.	65	58	.0
Wed.	68	51	.0
Thurs.	67	42	.16
Fri.	55	30	.09
Sat.	50	32	.0
Sun.	47	37	.07
Mon.	59	42	.0

Our focus will be on continuing all educational and extra-curricular programs at present levels, setting

### Market Report

Tuesday, March 10	
Soft White	
March	\$ 3.14
April	\$ 3.15
May	\$ 3.01/\$ 3.07
June	\$ 2.92/\$ 2.89
July	\$ 2.84/\$ 2.82
August	\$ 2.82
Barley	
March-April	\$ 87
May	\$ 82/80
July-Aug	\$ 77.50
Hard Red Winter	
Ordinary	\$ 3.10
PIK	
Cash	103%

### St. Patrick's Weekend Schedule

**Friday, March 13**  
 6:00 - 8:00 pm Roller Skating - Morrow County Fair Pavilion  
 8:15 - 10:15 pm Roller Skating - Morrow County Fair Pavilion

**Saturday, March 14**  
 8 - 10 am Continental Breakfast - Heppner Elks Lodge  
 10 am State of Eastern Oregon Legislative Meeting - Elks Lodge  
 9:30 am Sheep Dog Trials - M. C. Fairgrounds - '10\*\* Novice & Pro-Novice, '20\*\* Open  
 10 - 10:30 am KUMA Koffee Hour - LIVE AM - Upstairs Heppner Elks Lodge  
 10 am - 3 pm M.C. Creative Arts Show & Sale - Les Schwab Tire Store Refreshments  
 10 am Cub Scouts Cake Sale - Main Street  
 Bergstrom Bake Sale - Main Street  
 Heppner Tops Corn Dog Sale  
 Lone Library Book Sale  
 10 am & 3 pm Irish (Scotch) Doubles Bowling Tourney - Heppner Bowl  
 11 am - 1 pm Brunch - Elks Dining Room  
 11 am - 3 pm Oregon Cattlewomen's Irish Baked Potatoes - Main Street  
 1 pm Irish Parade - Main Street  
 1:30 pm Bed Race - Starts in Front of Central Market  
 1:30 pm Sheep Shearing Demonstration - M. C. Fairgrounds  
 1:30 - 5:30 pm Country Fibre Arts Guild "Sheep to Shawl" Demonstration - M. C. Fairgrounds  
 2 pm Sheep Dog Trials - Morrow County Fairgrounds  
 Lone TDPS - Food & Crafts Sale - On Main St. at Post Office  
 2 - 4 pm Roller Skating - Morrow County Fairgrounds  
 2:30 pm Slide Show of Ireland - Upstairs a Elks Lodge  
 4 - 5 pm Social Hour - Farley Motors Showroom - Downtown Heppner  
 4:30 - 7:30 pm St. Patrick's Dinner - St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall  
 6 - 8 pm Skating - Morrow County Fairgrounds

**Sunday, March 15**  
 9:30 am Sheep Dog Trials - Morrow County Fairgrounds  
 10 am Irish Doubles (Scotch) Bowling Tournament - Heppner Bowl - Downtown - (March 14 & 15)  
 11 am St. Patrick's 100th Anniversary Celebration - Reception at Parish Hall Following 11 am Mass  
 11 am Rebroadcast of KUMA Koffee Hour - Tape FM  
 12 noon - 2 pm Mario Zubirri Basque Lamb Barbecue - M.C. Fairgrounds



### Hughes to head parade



William Edwin "Ebb" Hughes

### Rands to reign St. Pat's weekend



Josephine Rands

from County Longford Ireland, to Oregon around 1904 and settled in Morrow County. He ran a livery stable in Heppner and later moved to Boardman where he raised cattle and melons. Her grandfather, John Hughes, was also from Ireland and her mother, Mary was born in Morrow County.

Josephine went to schools in Buttercreek, Alpine, Heppner, Lexington, Rhea Creek, Lone and Boardman.

Josephine and Buster Rands were united in marriage in 1932 and they lived in Boardman where they had a cattle ranch and raised melons until Buster's death in July of 1969. They had two children Mary Ann Allemann of Richland, Washington, and Nancy Renschler of East Wenatchee, Washington. Mary Ann is a teacher and has three children and Nancy works for the government and has two children.

Josephine belongs to the St. Patrick's mission of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church. She has also been a baby sitter for her special family, the Dalosos, of Boardman.

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### School operating levy will be on May ballot

the priority on maintaining programs for youngsters." Superintendent Doyle McCaslin had said earlier in a budget message.

ing the budget were to increase the amounts allowed for bus repairs and building maintenance. The committee raised bus maintenance by \$5,500 and building maintenance by \$10,500 mainly for roof coatings.

Last week the budget committee looked over a budget scenario that would have held costs in the district at the same level as last year, but deemed the results too drastic to implement.

Voters will decide on a one-year levy request of \$5,992,484 on May 19. The one year levy combined with \$366,736 approved by last year's serial levy, the district's tax base of \$884,898 and allowances of \$456,379 for uncollectable taxes, make up the total local property taxes required to balance the budget.

Under instructions from the committee, McCaslin had prepared a "zero increase" budget, but the plan would have required cuts of about \$650,000 (the dollar amount the budget is up), cuts the committee found unacceptable.

Under present Oregon law, voters will have only one chance to pass the \$5,992,484 tax levy. If the levy is defeated in May, then the district would be required to either cut the levy request by approximately \$509,000 or ask for a serial levy like last year.

McCaslin also recommended against cutting that deep, saying that it would cause "very significant changes" in athletics, class size and classroom staffing. He said changes of that magnitude would require extensive public discussion before implementing.

McCaslin said the law could be changed by the legislature before May, and "I just don't think anyone knows what will happen," he said.