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Teachers and board ratify agreement on strike issue

Morrow County teachers will go back to work today (Wed.) following a contract agreement with the school board Monday night. The agreement ends a week-long strike by the teachers, who saw substitutes come into the district to keep schools open.

According to Charles Starr, assistant superintendent, the teachers ratified the agreement Tuesday and the board is expected to officially ratify it at a meeting next Monday night.

Starr said the substitute teachers have been released and regular

teachers will resume work Wednesday with an in-service day and school back on schedule Thursday.

The offer approved by the teachers was similar to the offer the board made on March 1. In regard to salary, the wage increases are 2 percent for 1988-89 retroactive to July 1, 1988, 2 percent for 1989-90 and 2 percent for 1990-91.

The insurance was also similar to the board's March 1 offer. The association (teachers) will name their insurance carrier and there will be a dollar limitation on the district's contribution to insurance.

There will be no fair share.

An amnesty clause is being worked out with the teachers regarding activity during the strike. This is as yet undetermined.

The board will meet Monday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Columbia Junior High School to officially ratify the agreement. One of the provisions, according to Starr, will be that the law suit against the district filed in the U.S. District Court in Portland to protest what the teachers alleged were illegal restrictions on picketing be dropped.

Steve Brownfield, teacher negotiator, when contacted about the strike settlement had this to say. "This is a settlement that is a pro-education settlement." "We are working with the community with the idea of a positive outcome in the future." He went on to say "the people we were working with, (Citizens for Cooperation in Our Schools) were very positive." "This is a partnership in which all agreed to work for the future." It is a realistic settlement for now."

St. Patrick's Weekend Schedule of Events



FRIDAY, MARCH 17

3:30 p.m. - JuDee's Kiddie Rides on Main Street - Weather Permitting.
5:30-7:30 p.m. - Irish Stew Dinner at St. Patrick's Senior Center - Main Street
6:00-8:00 p.m. & 8:15-10:15 p.m. - Roller Skating - Morrow County Fair Pavilion.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

All Day - JuDee's Kiddie Rides on Main Street - Weather Permitting.
7:30 a.m. - Senior Breakfast at Morrow County Fair Annex
8:00-10:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast, Heppner Elks Lodge
8:30 a.m. - Sheep Dog Trials, Morrow County Fairgrounds
9:00 a.m. - Hardman Community with Hats and T-Shirts, Main Street
10:00-11:30 - KUMA Koffee Hour, Heppner Elks Lodge (upstairs). Irish Music by St. Patrick's Players
10:00-4:00 p.m. - Morrow County Museum Open House at Library/Museum building on Main Street. Featuring local artists and craftsmen.
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Country Fibre Artist's Guild 'Sheep to Shawl' Demonstration. Sales and Demonstrations at the Museum.
10:00 a.m. - Shamrock Dash Radio Controlled Car Race - Heppner Elementary School.
11:00 a.m. - Karate Demonstration by Andy Rodda (black belt for 7 years). Heppner Elementary School.
11:00 a.m. - Baked Potatoes by Ewes R Us 4-H Club, on Main Street.
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Brunch at Heppner Elks Lodge
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Morrow County CattleWomen with Beef on a Skewer at Les Schwab Tire Center on Main Street.
12:00-2:00-4:00 p.m. - Scotch Doubles Bowling at Heppner Bowl on Chase Street
12:00 noon - Touch of Blue Mountain Country Dancers, Main Street
12:30 p.m. - St. Patrick's Hotel Dedication Grand Opening on Main Street
1:00 p.m. - Bed Race on Main Street
1:15 p.m. - Irish Parade on Main Street
2:00 p.m. - St. Patrick's Auction on Main Street, Triad Auctioneers of Arlington
2:00-4:00 p.m. - Roller Skating at Fair Grounds
4:00-5:00 p.m. - Social Hour at Farley Motors Showroom on May Street
4:00-7:00 p.m. - Ham Dinner at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Hall on Jones Street
6:30-9:00 p.m. - Dinner and Dancing at Heppner Elks Lodge (regular menu)
9:00-12:00 p.m. - Junior High/High School Dance at Morrow County Fair Grounds
9:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. - Live Music, Elks Lodge
SUNDAY, MARCH 19
9:00 a.m. - Sheep Dog Trials at Morrow County Fairgrounds
All Day-2:00 p.m. - JuDee's Kiddie Rides on Main Street, Weather Permitting
10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon - Scotch Doubles Bowling at Heppner Bowl, Chase Street
12:00 noon-2:00 p.m. - Lamb Barbecue by Mario and Crew at Morrow County Fairgrounds
12:00 noon-2:00 p.m. - Morrow and Gilliam County Community Bands at Morrow County Fairgrounds During Barbecue

Join us

for a fun

week-end!

Celebrity items are flooding in for St. Pat's Auction/more items still needed



David Sykes, chairman of the St. Patrick's Committee and Pat Sweeney, auction chairman, show off some celebrity items that have

been donated for the auction to be held on Main Street Saturday.

Museum holds open house

The Morrow County Museum will hold their Open House, Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

with artists and craftsmen, sales and demonstrations. Stop by and see what is new in the museum.

Beef on a skewer offered Saturday

Morrow County CattleWomen are planning to celebrate St. Patrick's Day by demonstrating how good beef is by selling marinated beef on a skewer. This is a delicious treat to be offered as one of many

food items on Main Street this Saturday.

The CattleWomen will be selling their beef on a skewer from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in front of Les Schwab. Come on down for a real treat.

Irish souvenirs on sale downtown Saturday

The St. Patrick's Committee have Irish souvenirs for sale at downtown stores.

These items include monogrammed coffee mugs, beer steins and other memorabilia.

Buy one of these souvenirs for a friend or family member as a reminder of the great time they had at the annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Heppner.

KUMA Coffee Hour provides free entertainment

KUMA Coffee Hour will begin at 10 a.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge with lots of entertainment. The Grand Marshal and Queen will be introduced, the Mayor of Heppner will be giving the welcome address, the 1989 Fair and Rodeo Card will

be introduced and there will be many Irish songs and stories filling the air. Stop by the lodge and enjoy a lively morning. The Elks will be serving brunch beginning at 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Salute to the Irish-Friday of this week will witness the wearing of the green, Irish or not. Here's a toast with a twist, literally:

May those who love us, love us,
May those who don't love us —
May God turn their hearts
And if he doesn't turn
their hearts,
May he turn their ankles
So we'll know them
by their limping.



Ione seniors involved in accident

Mike McBride and Richard Basford, both seniors at Ione High School, were involved in a one-vehicle accident Saturday night approximately four miles east of Highway 74 on Baseline Road. Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the call at 2:40 a.m. and dispatched Heppner ambulance to the scene. The boys were transported to

Pioneer Memorial Hospital. McBride was transferred to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston and Basford was treated and released from Pioneer Memorial Hospital, according to a hospital spokesman. A spokesperson from Good Shepherd reported that McBride was released Monday, March 13. The extent of his injuries is unknown.

County levy within 6% of 88-89 levy

According to a press release issued by Judge Carlson Monday, Morrow County voters will decide on March 28 whether or not to approve a budget increase of 5.5% over last year's levy. Carlson said that all departments and agencies that require tax dollars to operate their programs were requested to stay within a self-imposed 6% limitation of last year's levy as if last year's levy were an approved new tax base.

"I am pleased to say that this levy demonstrates that effort and sends a message to the taxpayers of Morrow County that the snowball effect of increased taxes in Morrow County is, in fact, coming under control." The Morrow County Medical Fund tax levy, which is on a separate ballot,

at \$400,000 is actually under last year's levy by \$112. This lesser amount is due, at least in part, to increased revenues at Pioneer Memorial Hospital under the administration of Ernest Wick and by the services of Doctors Ed and Jeanne Barretta.

This year, Morrow County voters will be voting on a one year operating levy for all county services of \$3,838,336. This amounts to \$5.87 per \$1,000 of property valuation or \$234.80 on a \$40,000 home.

Next week's issue of the GT will carry an article specifying some of the changes to be found in this year's budget and spell out long range plans for roads, drug control, equitable property valuations and more.

Food and entertainment galore at celebration

For good things to eat over the weekend, check out the Irish stew dinner sponsored by the Methodist Church at the Senior Center on Main Street Friday; the brunch at the Elks Saturday morning and the ham dinner at St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall and Sunday, the famous lamb barbecue by Mario at the fairgrounds.

There will be entertainment galore with Irish Music by the St. Patrick's Players at the KUMA Coffee Hour, a Touch of Blue Mountain Country, dancers will perform on Main Street, live music at the Elks and the Morrow and Gilliam County Community Bands will perform at the barbecue on Sunday.

For a change of pace, drive on out to the fairgrounds and watch the dog trials Saturday and Sunday. Some very well trained animals are there performing most of both days.

Notices

Kids don't forget there will be skating at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday 2-4 p.m.

Second infant body found in Ione

The body of a second infant has been found at a residence in Ione March 2. Heppner policeman, Assistant Chief Merle Cowett, discovered the body during an investigation into the previous discovery of a dead infant found in Heppner in February.

An investigation is continuing with the assistance of the Oregon State Police and the Morrow County Sheriff's office.

No further information was available from the District Attorney's office at this time.

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

March 7 - 13

	High	Low	Prec	Snow
Tues.	54	35	.0	
Weds.	52	38	.25	
Thurs.	63	42	.09	
Fri.	63	47	Tr	
Sat.	66	37	Tr	
Sun.	65	38	.32	
Mon.	51	31	.01	

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Monday, March 13

Soft White	
March	\$4.86
April	\$4.86/\$4.83
May	\$4.79/\$4.66
June	\$4.61/\$4.53
July	\$4.46/\$4.43
August	\$4.42
Barley	
Mar-May	\$115 T
Pik	99%
New Crop	\$111 T

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