

## Morrow and Umatilla receive funding for Regional Strategies

Judge Louis Carlson reports that the state has officially accepted the two county (Morrow and Umatilla) Regional Strategy. Governor Goldschmidt recently presented replica checks to the two counties in the amount of \$1,080,000 which will assist in the funding of strategy for the county. Morrow and Umatilla Counties chose an agriculture and value added agriculture strategy to enlarge upon the current industry and its potential for growth. Agriculture is an economically viable industry for these two counties, if fact, it is the largest industry. Building a central packing facility, marketing high value/value-added agricultural products and assisting with product development and education, are all methods to expand the existing agricultural industry.

will not require continued state funding once on line. The central packing facility will generate revenues through a fee system assessed to cover administration, marketing for that product and overhead. The development project is created to help companies access markets previously not tapped. Once a company has accessed a market, it is their responsibility to fund continued marketing efforts.

Product or crop development is an important part of the strategy. Already local funding (\$300,000) for three years is underway. "Agronomics" is a project locally funded to provide for research at the Hermiston Experiment station for the development of new crops that can be grown in the area, packaged in the cold storage facility and marketed both domestically and abroad.

## Register now for BMCC spring term classes

Registration is now proceeding for Blue Mountain Community College spring term classes.

Pre-registration is mandatory due to the fact that it may be necessary to notify students of class re-location.

**The Surprise**  
By Christy Kenny  
Once upon a time there were leprechauns. They were dancing and counting their gold. All of a sudden a tiger popped out.

**The Leprechaun**  
By Bobbie Rankin  
Once upon a time, I helped a leprechaun. He gave me three wishes. With my three wishes, I got a three leaf clover and more.

Also reported to the court was a concern by Western States Caterpillar that the warranty on the recently purchased D6 Cat may be in jeopardy. Continued use in the rock quarry is causing undue and unexpected wear on the undercarriage. The agreement did not anticipate the present use. Western States recommended upgrading into a larger model to reduce maintenance cost and to provide for warranty on parts and failures.

Roadmaster Don Ball reported that crushing operations will be finished on Rhea Creek approximately March 24. The crusher will be moved back to the Willow Creek quarry to finish the contract for the Federal Highway Administration on the Willow Creek project.

### Births

**Echo June**, a daughter Echo, was born March 8, 1989 to Lance and Kathleen Nelson of Irrigon at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 12 ozs.

**Christopher John Paananen**, a son Christopher was born March 6, 1989 to Anna M. Paananen of Irrigon at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs.

**Kevin Ray Jones**, a son, Kevin was born March 7, 1989 to Eugene Barker of Boardman at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 10 1/2 ozs.

### D.A.'s Report

The District Attorney's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Rosalie Emma Kornoely, 48, Kennewick, WA, appeared for Entry of Plea before Judge Ralph Currin on the charge of Tampering with Drug Records. No trial date has been set at this time.

James Mabe, 19, Boardman appeared for Change of Plea before Judge Ralph Currin on March 17. Mabe plead guilty to Burglary in the First Degree, Theft in the First Degree and Public Indecency. The Court ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation. No sentencing date has been set at this time.

Rex Magnus Cordova, 34, Umatilla appeared for sentencing on the charge of Conspiracy to Deliver a Controlled Substance, before Judge Ralph Currin on March 17. Defendant will pay fines and fees in the total amount of \$2,595. Shall be subject to testing to determine use of drugs, not be in control of or possess any drug-related paraphernalia and forfeit any such items seized at the time of his arrest. Cordova is placed on four years formal probation to the Department of Parole and Probation.

Lucio Antonio Rios, 28, Kennewick, Wa, appeared for sentencing on the charge of Burglary in the First Degree before Judge Ralph Currin, March 17. Rios was remanded to the custody of the State of Oregon Corrections Division for a period of ten years with a mandatory minimum of two and 1/2 years.

Jorge Esparza, 46, Hermiston, appeared for change of plea and plead guilty to Driving While Suspended before Judge Ralph Currin on March 17. Defendant will pay a total of \$230 in fines and fees.

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## Town Hall meeting to discuss medium security prison in Boardman

A Town Hall meeting has been scheduled at Riverside High School auditorium in Boardman on March 29 at 7 p.m.

The City Council is exploring the feasibility of siting a new industry that would employ approximately 175 at start up. The excessively high unemployment rate in Morrow County and the roller coaster cyclical nature of the existing economy has forced the community to look to ways to stabilize our local economy. The State of Oregon is seeking a site for a "medium security prison" to initially provide 500 additional beds for the Corrections

Division. This is the same level of facility currently going into Pendleton. The Council has looked at the economic benefits associated with this industry and would like your comments. Initial annual payroll would be \$3.25 million to \$4.25 million and would provide 175 jobs in the \$18,000 to \$25,000 a year range. The stabilizing effect of secure, year round employment looks very good in light of 16% unemployment three to six month downtimes in agricultural processing. Vacancy rates in Boardman are higher than ever in the past, land values are declining, and those trying to sell their homes are facing large losses because of the decline. The state is committing large amounts of money to increase their capacity in corrections. Prisons will be built somewhere in the state and

some community will gain the economic benefit of those jobs. Should Boardman be in the running? There have been opinions received from Pendleton, Salem and Walla Walla all of which have prisons. Salem currently has seven different types of corrections facilities and has asked that no additional facilities be added. Pendleton and Walla Walla both speak very highly of the benefits and have labeled the negative impact minimal. The Town Hall meeting is to determine the support for siting a prison eight miles west of Boardman. Boardman has an infrastructure capable of handling 5000 people. This project would bring Boardman's population to between 2000 and 2250. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Town Hall meeting and let their feelings be known.

## Wheat leagues meets Mar. 28

The Morrow County Wheat League is holding a meeting on March 28, 7 p.m. at the Willows Grange in Ione, according to Lyle Peck, President of Morrow County's League.

"We are getting some very interesting people here to discuss the topic of Secondary Land Issues and Land Use Issues," Peck said. Speakers for the evening include: Clinton Reeder, Oregon Wheat League President; Earl Rother, Umatilla National Forest Service; Dean Seeger, Morrow County Planning Commissioner; and Kent Goodyear, Morrow County Planning Commission.

For more information call Lyle Peck, 676-9888.

### St. Patrick's Day

Once upon a time there was a leprechaun who lived in a tree. She had a pot of gold and slid down a rainbow with it. So did her little brother. That night it was St. Patrick's Day. They danced and they counted their gold.

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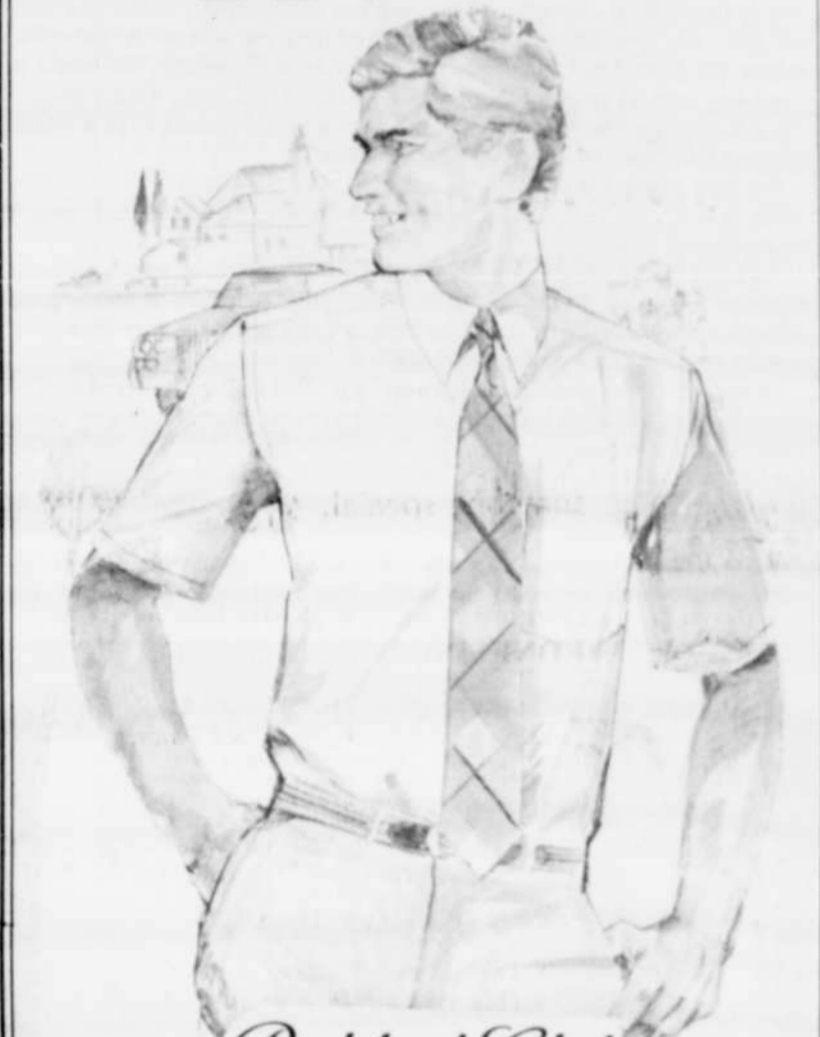
March 25, 1989 - 8:00 a.m.

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## Happy Easter



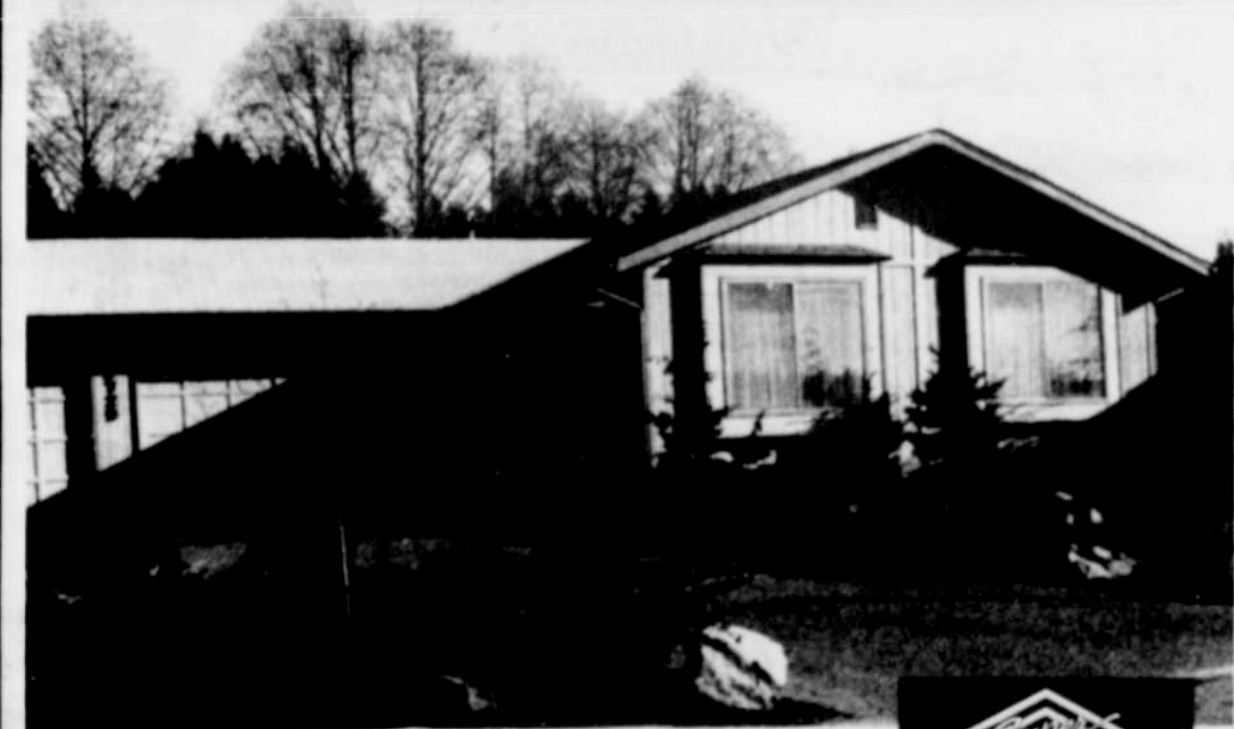
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