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Record crowd descends on Heppner



Members of the lone marching band join in fun of St. Patrick's Day Parade. More pictures on page 5.

It must have been the luck of the Irish, because the sun shone down over the St. Patrick's Day parade and festivities in Heppner Saturday, March 17.

The crowd attending the weekend event was estimated to be the largest ever, with the St. Patrick's auction taking in around \$4,500. According to auction chairman Pat Sweeney, auction receipts are up \$1,000 from last year.

The Hardman Community Center

won first prize for their parade float, while the O'Ducky float took second.

The Healy children in their Irish costumes, handmade by Gwen Healy, took first place in their parade division. The Healys were the honored Irish family for this year's event. Paula Spicerkuhn was second. Scotty Stewart and his ducks finished first in the individual category and an unnamed potato was second.

A '61 Corvette, owned by Richard

Wallace took first in the automobile category, while a '58 Chrysler 300C, owned by Rusty Roe was second.

The Heppner second grade class of 2000 won first in the miscellaneous category and the six horse team driven by Jerry Schubert of Pilot Rock was second.

Joe Yocom and his team received the Leprechaun's Choice award. In the kids and pets division, Meghan Bailey and Abby Kahl were

voted best dressed; Julie Proctor and Gusty Widener had the best controlled pets; and Brett Barber and Cherie Jones had the best looking pets.

Cheryl Hargrove won first place in the O'Ducky race with duck no. 107; Kathy Martin was second with duck no. 17 and LoRayne Bowman was third with duck no. 110, in the race to float their rented plastic ducks down Willow Creek from the Court St. bridge to the Morrow County Museum. It took the first duck approximately five minutes.

Creative arts and crafts to meet



Shirley McNary to have demonstration

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts regular monthly meeting will be held at the V & G restaurant in Lexington at 1 p.m. March 26. Meetings are open to anyone in-

terested. A special demonstration is being planned by Shirley McNary. She will demonstrate how to make earrings.

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Port to get \$373,000 lottery money

Governor Neil Goldschmidt announced recently that the Port of Morrow will receive \$373,600 from the lottery funded Special Public Works Fund (SPWF) to enable Logan International Limited to locate in Boardman. The funds will be used to drill a deep well, construct a pump station and water line. The new well will increase the water producing capacity at the Port by about 50 percent.

Logan International will construct a new \$14 million plant on 20 acres to process potatoes, primarily french fries. Logan will create 134 new jobs during the next two years and plans to begin construction Spring 1990, with operations beginning Summer

1990. The Port will use the SPWF funds to drill a well approximately 800 feet deep into a basalt aquifer and install a pump station and about 1,500 lineal feet of water line. The well will produce approximately 1,500 gallons per minute and augment two existing wells. Together, the three wells will provide about 4,500 gallons per minute, enough to supply Lamb-Weston, SK Foods, Logan International and other water uses at the Port. Water storage is provided by three reservoirs with a combined capacity of 2,225,000 gallons.

"I am very pleased to be able to use lottery funds to help bring new

jobs to Boardman and Morrow County. In addition to creating new jobs, Logan International will add value to the region's agricultural products. This new development is an exemplary outgrowth of the Regional Strategy adopted by Morrow and Umatilla Counties," Governor Goldschmidt said.

The Special Public Works Fund (SPWF) program, is administered by the Oregon Economic Development Department and was created by the Legislature to assist cities and counties to provide the infrastructure necessary for specific companies to locate or expand, thereby creating new jobs.

County provides Neighborhood Center additional \$1,000

The Morrow County Court granted the Heppner Neighborhood Center an additional \$1,000 in emergency funding at its March 14 meeting.

Because of funding problems, the Neighborhood Center was not expected to stay open beyond April

of this year. The center, a non-profit organization independent of the county, provides food, clothing and other emergency assistance for area low income people.

Neighborhood Council Chairman Betty Tanner said that the additional

funding would "help a great deal." Tanner also said that the council had received other funding and that a meeting was scheduled for March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the center to further discuss funding and the center's future. "Things are looking pretty good," said Tanner.

Soil and water district wins Goodyear award



Rudy Bergstrom

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District was the grand award winner in the 42nd annual Goodyear Conservation Awards Program.

The district was among the top 100 winners nationwide in the competition sponsored by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in cooperation with the National Association of Conservation Districts.

An independent judging committee of state agricultural leaders selected the winners on the basis of the districts' accomplishments in soil and water conservation.

The Morrow Soil and Water Con-

servation District was represented by Rudy Bergstrom, chairman, on the grand awards tour, with an all expense-paid vacation study trip in December to the Wigwam resort in Litchfield Park, Arizona.

Some highlights of the tour was a trip to a cotton gin and a rose growing operation. According to Rudy, "this was a once in a lifetime chance and I enjoyed meeting district representatives from all over the United States and Puerto Rico."

Rudy also said that the last time the district was represented was in 1963 by Raymond French and Garland Swanson.

Kochia weed discussed

At the February meeting of the Morrow County Weed Board, the problems with Kochia and its increasing presence along state and county roads were discussed.

This annual weed, which can grow to a height of six feet, can cause visibility problems along roadsides and choke out existing vegetation if allowed to become established. Due to these problems, the weed board decided to add Kochia to the coun-

ties "B" list for weeds of economic importance. Weeds appearing on this list are subject to intensive control or eradication where feasible and as local conditions warrant.

Questions regarding identification and control of Kochia should be addressed to Dave Pranger, Morrow County Weed Supervisor, 676-5452.

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, March 20	
Soft White	
March	\$3.78
April	\$3.80/\$3.82
May	\$3.84/\$3.83
June	\$3.80/\$3.78
July	\$3.74/\$3.72
Aug.	\$3.69
Barley	
March	\$108 T
April	\$109 T
July	\$103 T
Aug.	\$104 T
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Weather Report

By City of Heppner

March 13 - 19, 1990			
	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	54	37	.03
Weds.	54	30	.0
Thurs.	60	34	.0
Fri.	61	43	.0
Sat.	66	44	.03
Sun.	65	42	.0
Mon.	66	39	.0

G-T staff changes



Beth Rafferty

Beth Rafferty of Heppner is the new typesetter at the Gazette-Times.

She and her husband Denny recently moved here from Crescent Mills, Calif. He is an employee of the Forest Service, and they have one child, a daughter Kelly age nine.

Rafferty will be responsible for typesetting and layout work of Gazette-Times advertising, as well as much of the typesetting and graphics in the printing department.

Chamber to host downtown expert

Heppner Chamber will welcome guest speaker Brian Scott, President and Executive Director of Oregon Downtown Development Association, Tuesday, March 27, 12 noon, Heppner Elks.

Scott has had nine years experience in Downtown Revitalization (four in North Carolina and five in Oregon.) Director of ODDA since 1985, he manages all its activities, including the Main Street program and ODDA's statewide network of expertise, technical assistance and local partners.

The size of the city projects have ranged from populations of 1,000 to one million. LaGrande, Prineville and Bend are towns that have participated in the Main Street programs in the eastern part of Oregon.

Join Chamber members Tuesday as they are introduced to ways to enhance the community through attention to buildings, signs and public areas. Businesses are expanding as a result of renewed faith in their downtowns. Interested persons are invited to attend.

St. Patrick's evaluation night planned

Co-Chairpersons Claudia Hughes and Diana Ball announce a St. Patrick's Committee evaluation dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at Kate's Pizza. This is the time to critique the annual event and record ideas for 1991. Chairpersons will be reporting on their event during the Tuesday meeting.

Hughes and Ball were thankful that "the sun shown warm upon the faces" of many visitors. They encourage people with new ideas to join the 1991 committee. The more involvement the better the

celebration.

The sheep dog trials have grown from 15 entries the first year to 47 this year. The event may be held an additional day in 1991. There will also be a Lamb Cook-Off next year and many are requesting more Sunday activities as well as a possible historic pageant.

Suggestions for next year may be given to any committee member or sent to St. Patrick's Committee, Heppner, prior to the Tuesday meeting.