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Letters to the Editor

Thanks to all the leprechauns

To the Editor:

Before all the leprechauns are put to rest, we want to take the opportunity to thank this great Heppner community and Morrow County for another successful St. Patrick's weekend. Each year it seems to get bigger and requires more manpower from the local people. It's everyone pitching in and going that extra mile that continues to make "A Wee Bit O'Ireland" in Heppner, Oregon, an event people all over Oregon are talking about and want to return to each year. Our Irish visitors thoroughly enjoyed their visit and are considering returning next year.

Many thanks to their host families and Heppner Elementary and Middle School for going above and beyond the call of duty to make them welcome. The weekend requires much work and pre-planning for the

parade, coffee hour, bed race, concerts, sheep dog trials, food preparation, auction, o'ducky race, and all the other activities too numerous to mention. The flags, unique costumes, additional music for the parade, Bossie Bingo, lamb cook-off, and craft fair were all welcome additions this year. We can be proud of Morrow County and all its great volunteers.

A wrap-up meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, at the St. Patrick's Center to evaluate the event and share new ideas for 1992. All are welcome to attend. Communication and understanding will make the difference for the continued success of this annual event.

Sincerely,
(s) Claudia Hughes and Diana Ball
St. Patrick's Co-Chairmen

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Is it spring yet? I always like to laugh when someone calls to find out what the weather is like in Morrow County in March. Actually that might be an idea for a St. Patrick's raffle... who can come the closest to guessing March weather in Heppner, Oregon. On the other hand, everybody would probably be right at least once.

Have you ordered your roses? Thursday is the deadline, so don't neglect that special someone. Delivery day will be April 11, but orders must be in this week. Call 676-5349 evenings.

Are you interested in learning more about grant writing and available monies for humanities projects? Marcia Sweek invites interested organizations to attend a workshop at the Morrow County Museum, Tuesday, April 2 at 11 a.m. Robert Keeler, associate director of humanities will conduct the training. Marcia promises it will be completed in time for Chamber lunch at the Elks.

Plan on attending the Heppner Ranger District Open House Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. Displays and recreation projects will be available for public review.

Next week will be Chamber's monthly business meeting, followed by the Board meeting.

Thought for the week: "Live so that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip..." Will Rogers.

Births

Toya Monique Reirer-a daughter Toya Monique was born to Martin and Dominique Reirer of Irrigon on February 27, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Stephanie Ann Cutsforth-a daughter Stephanie Ann was born to Jeff and Melissa Cutsforth, Lexington on March 1, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Grandparents are Pat Cutsforth, Lexington; Karen Cutsforth, Pendleton; Butch Eubanks, Beaverton; and Gay and Patty Harshman, Echo.

Laura Jeanne Wallace-a daughter Laura Jeanne, was born to Jeff and Ronda Wallace, Heppner, on March 13, 1991 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz.

Grandparents are Dick and Jeanne Hampton, Pendleton; 'D' and Opal Wallace, Umapine. Great-grandmother is Opal Sussman, Pendleton.

She joins a brother, Wes, 8, at home.

Adrian Bradley Clement-a son Adrian Bradley, was born to Tony and Lucinda Clement, Panama, October 10, 1990. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz.

Grandparents are Bruce Clement, Madras (formerly Heppner), Jeanne Davis, Idaho Falls, ID., Lucinda Barragan, Panama.

Brent David Joseph-a son Brent David was born to Scott and Sherry Joseph, Prineville on March 11, 1991 at Prineville. The baby weighed 7 lbs.

Grandparents are Bruce Clement, Madras and Butch and Sandy Joseph, Prineville.

Arturo Cenicerros Medrano-a son, Arturo Cenicerros, was born to Sostenes Cenicerros and Crescencia Medrano of Irrigon on March 8, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz.

William James Taylor-a son William James was born to Daniel Taylor and Molly Hardiman of Irrigon on March 10, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz.

Justin Ishmael Garza-a son Justin Ishmael was born to Cheri Sink, Boardman, on March 11, 1991 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 5 lbs.

Jason Ray Dolar-a son Jason Ray was born to Gary and Marcie Dolar, of Boardman on March 13, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz.

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tues. March 26	
Soft	White \$3.20
March	\$3.20
April	\$3.21/\$3.23
May	\$3.23/\$3.25
Aug. New Crop	\$3.29
Barley	
March	\$99
April	\$99
May	\$100
Aug. New Crop	\$100
Pik	98 1/2 %

Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police department reports handling the following business during the past week:

March 18: 12:50 a.m.-report of Theft; 5:46 p.m.-Motorist Assist; 6:37-report of Civil Matter; 9:46-report of Accident.

March 19: 9:02 p.m.-Motorist Assist.

March 20: 10:40 a.m.-warrant Arrest; 11:30 p.m.-assist Fire Dept; 3:30 p.m.-Worthless Document case; 7:11-citation issued for Violation of the Basic Rule, 45 mph in a 25 zone;

March 22: 5:45 p.m.-report of Careless Driving;

March 23: 8:07 p.m.-Motorist Assist.

March 24: 1:07 p.m.-Property Returned; 5:54 p.m.-assist Ambulance.

Obituary

Mildred Padberg

Funeral service for Mildred Padberg was Monday, March 25 at the Heppner United Methodist Church with concluding service and burial at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Padberg, 86, Heppner, died Wednesday, March 20, 1991 at Willamette Falls Hospital in Oregon City.

She was born July 22, 1904 at Condon to John and Cora Boyer Harrison. She lived in the Heppner/Condon area most of her life, moving to the Colton area several months ago to be near her daughter. She was married to William H. Tucker in 1922. Mr. Tucker died in 1945.

On Dec. 31, 1955, she married Archie Padberg at Heppner. Mr. Padberg died in 1978.

Mrs. Padberg was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Rebekah Lodge and the Degree of Honor.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Evelyn Ross of Colton; sons, Edwin Stanley Tucker of Salem and George Eldon Tucker of Ione; stepchildren, Archie Padberg of Boring; Juanita Ross of Hermiston; Lola Springer of Hood River, and Vernon Padberg of Aloha; eight grandchildren, 14 step grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 26 step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetic Association, 3607 S.W. Corbett, Portland, 97201. or the American Heart Association, 2121 S.W. Broadway, Portland, 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

March 19 - 25, 1991			
	High	Low	Prec Snow
Tues.	41	31	.15
Weds.	57	30	.0
Thurs.	54	36	.12
Fri.	51	34	.02
Sat.	52	38	.01
Sun.	56	28	.04
Mon.	42	27	.35 2"

The Heppner High School band will

have a car and bottle drive on April 2 to help pay for transportation on an upcoming trip. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Crow Needs Salt!

When you call 'em like you see 'em, sometimes you have to eat a little crow. I've been a little harsh with the Morrow County School Board from time to time, chiding them for the way they manage the money, tax money it is, and for the rude, super-defensive way they deal with the few members of the public that do show up with a comment on things. Don't get me wrong, I'm not taking any of that back.

But I now know things are not all bad.

Monday night I sat through an executive session of the board while they were considering rehiring probationary teachers. Those are the teachers who have been in the district less than three years and who have annual contracts subject to renewal. It's a lot easier to just not renew a probationary teacher's contract than it is to fire a tenured teacher. You see, they have to weed out the bad teachers in the first three years or we are stuck with them forever.

Now this was an executive session and I'm not supposed to write about what happened. "Information subject of the executive session be undisclosed," is what the statute says. Well I can't tell you who said what about whom, but that's not the real story anyway.

The real story is how it was said. All the principals were lined up in a row across one side of the room like little yellow ducks in a shooting gallery. And they bobbed and ducked and danced while the Board, lined up like shooters on the other side of the room, fired query and question and comment in rapid succession.

In the more than year I've been covering the school board this was the best display of true, honest, straightforward concern for kid's education that I've seen. Knowing that it was coming, the principals were prepared. They had facts and figures and reports and opinions ready. Knowing the seriousness of the matter, the members of the board showed an extraordinary fund of knowledge, and a sincere desire for the right result.

Concerning teachers about which there was some question, principals were frank, honest and above board. Board members were probing, concerned with each teacher's employment but concerned with the education of children foremost. About some teachers, principals wished for more like them, other principals agreed. The Board was glad to know.

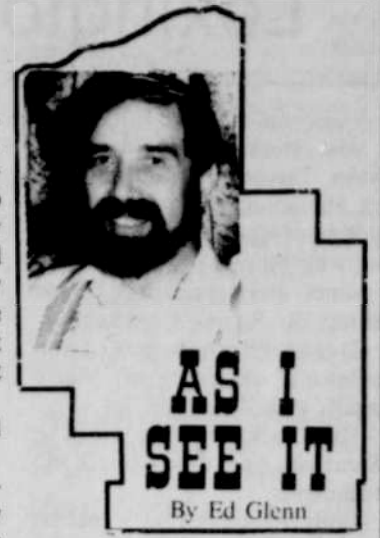
The bottom line question "But is he (she) teaching kids?" interrupted more than one discussion about more than one teacher. The discussion quickly got to the bottom line and that question was never left unanswered.

Neither the little yellow ducks nor the shooters on the other side showed the slightest hint of witch hunt. Nor would they have stood for the slightest hint of cover up. While the emphasis was on kids, I was pleasantly surprised at the great concern both sides of the room had for building a good effective teaching staff. Non-renewal and replacement of a teacher was seen as one way to do that. Amazing to me, however, was the length the Board especially and the principals would go to help present teachers develop into that good, effective staff.

As I see it, there were a whole cadre of school principals intent on doing their job and with a large measure of success. That was assured, I'm certain, by their personal desire to do just that. But it was prompted along by a side of the board that has not been evident in the past year's worth of meetings. The Board left no doubt that they expected the principals to do their job of managing their teaching staff. And their inquisitive minds made it hard to fake it.

While it remains true that some members of the board are over-defensive in open session, leading them to be abusive to the public, unresponsive to outside ideas and intent on "doing it our way." I now see a chameleon trait that assures me that deep down inside there is real concern for education for kids.

Please pass the salt.



AS I SEE IT
By Ed Glenn

Installation & Easter

Sat. March 30, 1991 - EASTER EGG HUNT 10 a.m.

Pre-School	Museum Grounds
1st & 2nd	Elem. Lower Field
3rd & 4th	Hager Park

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Eddie Gunderson, Jr. cordially invites you to attend the Installation of Officers of Heppner Lodge #358, March 30, 1991 at 4:00 p.m. Lodge Room - Upstairs. Public is invited.

BUFFET DINNER 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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(After Hours)
5:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Clem burst out, "I think I'll run down to Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron and watch those guys do all that remodeling." Grazelda gasped, "Okay Clem but whatever you do, don't stand behind those guys." Clem quizzed, "Why's that my little dove?" Grazelda cracked up, "Because if they worked any slower, they would be backing up!"

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