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## Meeting slated to help if mill closes

Meetings for anyone affected by the possible closure of Kinzua Mill have been scheduled for 2 and 7 p.m., Monday, March 28, at the St. Patrick Catholic Church Parish Hall in Heppner. Representatives from the

Oregon Employment Department, the Community Action Program of East Central Oregon, the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation, Blue Mountain Community College and the Oregon State University

County Extension office will be in attendance to provide information on benefits and services. The meetings are sponsored by Heppner Economic Development Corporation and Kinzua Corporation.

## ESD annexation save district money

The Morrow County School Board, at their March 14 meeting, approved a "level levy" structuring of the proposed district general obligation bonds. The bonds are to finance school building improvements and additions if they were approved by voters in the March 22 election. The bond issue was defeated.

The board chose the "level levy" option because it would cost the district around \$600 thousand less in interest over the life of the bond. In the "level levy" option the tax rate would start at \$1.97 per thousand assessed valuation the first year of the levy and would end at a rate of \$1.34 per thousand the last year of the levy, 2009. The first year of the levy, a taxpayer with a \$75,000 home would pay \$147.75, which would decrease over the 15-year life of the bond.

The other option, rejected by the board, was a "level tax rate" structuring, in which the tax rate would stay constant at \$1.60 per thousand. The taxes in this option remain at \$120 per year for the owner of a \$75,000 home.

In other business District Superintendent Chuck Starr told the board that he now anticipates that the board will have \$603 thousand less in resources for the 1994-95 school year. Starr said that will mean a smaller ending fund balance and therefore a smaller beginning fund balance. He said that the district will have

to borrow to get through the transition period between the end of the budget period and when tax monies arrive in November.

Starr also told the board that an Education Service District annexation of the Morrow County School district will save the district \$509 thousand which can be used to offset the decrease in revenues. The district formerly contracted with ESD for services, which will now be paid through taxes. The taxpayer will not pay more for services, but the district will benefit by not having to pay ESD.

In other business, the board: -heard a report on the proposed four-day school week. Starr said that the plan has a potential savings of \$125,000 a year from the general fund budget. Starr said that other advantages would

## Pool feasibility study to be presented

The Exploratory Pool Commission will release the Pool Feasibility Study and present the commission's recommendations to the Willow Creek Park District at a meeting on Tuesday, March 29. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Basin

## Easter egg hunt slated in Ione April 2

Children pre-school through fourth grade are invited to participate in the Ione Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday April 2 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Children in first through fourth grades will hunt eggs at the City

Electric Co-op board room. Members of the pool commission are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting. The commission also wishes to extend an invitation to the People for the Pool. The general public is also invited.

be less absenteeism and less disruption of class time for sports and other events, but the plan would result in longer days for younger children and may create problems for families who rely on child care. Teachers would work the same number of hours, as would most of the classified staff, but cooks and bus drivers would work fewer hours;

-approved 1994-95 contracts of Bill Karwacki, Heppner Elementary/Middle School principal, and Shirley Landauer, business manager;

-approved a two percent salary increase for administrators and for confidential employees;

-approved 1994-95 school calendar option A. Under this option, school would start in August and would be dismissed for a two-week Christmas break.

Park in Ione while pre-school through kindergarten will hunt eggs on the Catholic church lawn. The Easter Egg hunt is sponsored by the Ione Extension Club. All children are welcome.

## Community band wins Leprechaun's choice



Students from Heppner and Ione schools participated in the band during the parade

A parade entry, comprised of Heppner and Ione band students and lead by instructor Geneva Matthews, captured the "Leprechaun's Choice" award in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade held Saturday, March 19, in downtown Heppner. While the sun shone on the parade, sharp winds put a chill on the event.

Willow Creek Country Club took first in the float division, with the second place award going to the Heppner Elks Lodge.

The Bank of Eastern Oregon's "lepreclowns" strolled to a first place in the individual group division, while the Pendleton Shrine Club finished second.

Ken Turner took first in the antique tractor division with his tractor and thresher.

Bud Englert was first in the pre-1945 antique automobiles division, with second place going to Darrell Vinson. Stub Lewis drove to first place in the post-1945 automobile division

with his MG Midget. Rob Skaggs was second with his 1949 Dodge. All automobile winners were from Heppner.

In the kids and pets division, the Van Cleaves of Heppner won the best behaved pet award. Brandi Brantley took the most talented pet category and best Irish dressed pet went to Jeanette Brantly, both Heppner. Heidi Kurtz, also of Heppner won the best looking pet entry.

## Michelle Hams finds hidden shamrock



Michelle Hams with her coins she won by finding the hidden shamrock. The silver coins are donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Michelle Hams, Heppner, was the winner of this year's St. Patrick's Day Treasure Hunt. She followed the clues and found the shamrock hidden on the bulletin board at the Post Office. She won

the set of coins from the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Following are the clues printed in the paper and the answers to those clues.

**Clue Number one:** Where there's contests for the young; Below a hydro project done; On a fodder lane look west; From this point you'll start your quest.

Contest for the young is the baseball field under the Willow Creek dam. Fodder lane is Alfalfa Street.

**Clue number two:** Down a street and park the same; to the right always remain; seven tenths of mile will lead; unscramble this: nusaytrsb is where you'll be; if you're lost don't be blue; lea below starts next week's clue.

Down Hager street next to Hager park, .7 miles to Stansbury (nusaytrsb) Street; lea below is lower field by grade school. Lea means meadow or field.

**Clue number three:** A child's stop, a scrambled road; last week's clue told where to go; left you are with lea below; a girl's best friend near water's flow; you won't get wet on this Irish quest; moving homes now on your left.

The stop sign by the grade school and Stansbury is scrambled road. Baseball diamond on lower field across bridge by RV park.

**Clue number four:** Standing Mainly where you are; the goal you seek is not far; visit now our cerebral home; and ask Melvil Dewey next week where to roam.

Standing on Main Street visit the library. The originator of the Dewey Decimal system used to file books at the library.

**Clue number 4 1/2:** The beauty of number nine one four; it's Melvil's clue-but wait, there's more! She borrowed Ireland in eighty-five; February ninth didn't pass her by; find the son, now don't be shy; he has for you final clue number five.

Book number 914 called Beautiful Ireland was checked out by Gwen Healy February 9, 1985. Her son is Jerry Healy and he had clue No. 5.

**Clue number five:** 97836 Mrs. O'Leary's pic.

The shamrock was hidden under the poster for Mrs. O'Leary's stew feed on the Post Office bulletin board.

## City sewer project 'going really well'

Heppner City Manager Gary Marks reports that the city sewer project is "going really well." Marks says that the pre-fabricated panels for the storage tank have been delivered and work on the foundation has begun. Also in the works is renovation of the control building.

An underground TV inspection of the city sewer system, however, has revealed some major problems in some sections of the system on Main, Center and Church streets that could cause "substantial collapse." Marks said that work on these areas will begin as soon as possible. He estimates that the project will cost between \$75 and \$85 thousand. He said that a grouting project, that was budgeted at \$54,000, will be cancelled and the monies used for pipeline reconstruction. Marks says that half of the difference will come from the project contingency fund and another \$10 to \$15 thousand will come from the sewer reserve fund,

which has been set aside for system repairs.

Marks said that the street resurfacing and repair project is scheduled to begin this summer. He said that four inches of gravel and a new asphalt surface will be put on most roads and they will try to add a "couple" feet to the widths of the streets. Most of the shoulders will still be gravel, he said, but the surfaces will be reconditioned. Curbs will be put in on Church Street and nearly the entire length of Gilmore to correct drainage problems, he said. Marks also said that work will be done to stabilize Cannon Street near Willow Creek to prevent further deterioration.

In other business, Marks reported that the city has refinanced the city water bond through the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

The new rate of 4.95 percent interest is slightly lower than the current rate, but the real savings comes because the new bond will

be for only 15 years, instead of 29 years, which remains on the old bond. The old bond was originally for 40 years. Marks says that the total interest savings will be \$158,106, which is "money the city won't tax taxpayers." The total interest on the new bond is about half of the interest on the previous bond.

## Boardman Easter egg hunt set

The Boardman Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 2 at 10 a.m. at the Boardman City Park.

The hunt is for children through fourth grade. The hunt will feature music, the Easter Bunny, prizes for different age groups and bags of candy for all participants and is sponsored by the Boardman Tillicum Club.

Special Election Results March 22, 1994			
	Yes	No	
Shall Morrow County levy \$3,229,726 outside the tax base for operating purposes for fiscal year 1994-95?	Boardman	314	237
	Irrigon	304	310
	Ione	160	99
	Lexington	143	86
	Heppner/Hardman	484	364
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1405</b>	<b>1096</b>	
Shall Morrow County levy \$478,723 outside the tax base for the health care operations for fiscal year 1994-1995?	Boardman	276	274
	Irrigon	245	370
	Ione	169	89
	Lexington	156	73
	Heppner/Hardman	625	279
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1471</b>	<b>1085</b>	
Shall the District be authorized to contract a general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$15,585,000?	Boardman	319	229
	Irrigon	215	396
	Ione	132	125
	Lexington	102	119
	Heppner/Hardman	399	462
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1167</b>	<b>1331</b>	

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