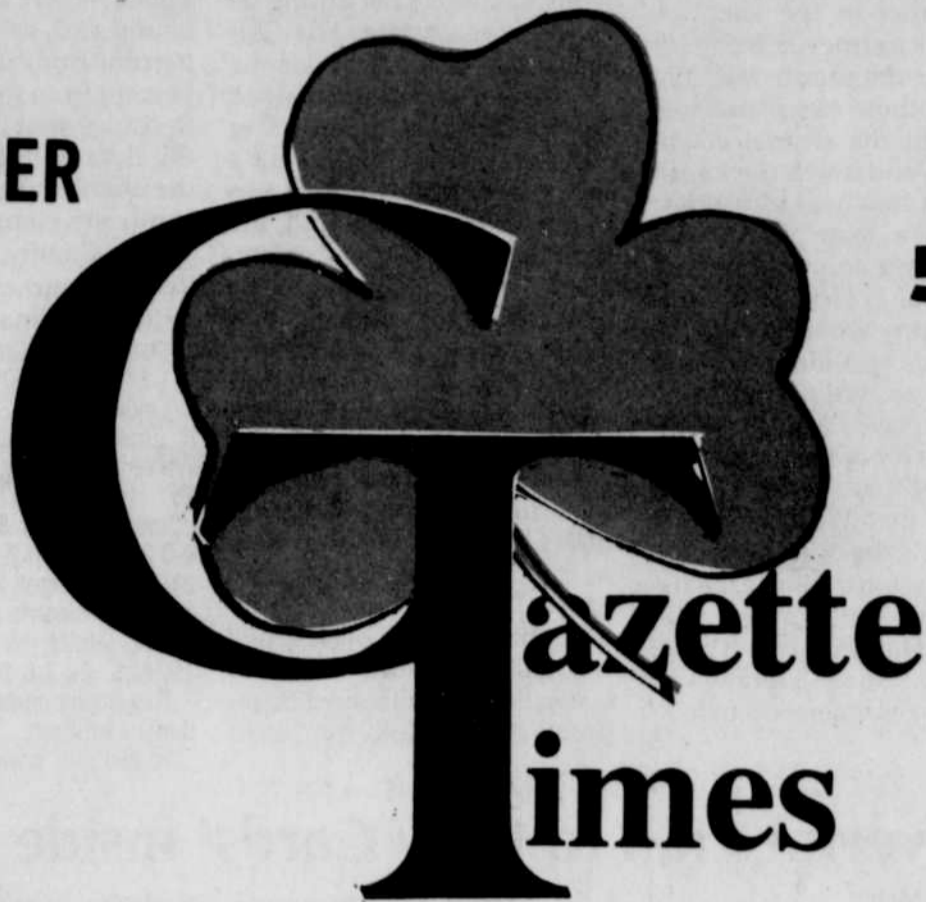


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School district retains four-day student week

By April Hilton-Sykes
The Morrow County School District, at their regular meeting held Monday, March 11, at the Lexington school district office, voted to continue the four-day student week at least through next year.

Board members Scott Bauska, Scott Johnson, Gary Frederickson and Russ Morgan voted in favor of continuing the four-day week, which was instituted as a money-saving measure to counter a reduction in state school funds. Board members Dwayne Carroll, Bill Doherty and John Rietmann voted against the plan. An earlier vote to reinstate the five day week was defeated four to three, with Bauska, Johnson, Frederickson and Morgan dissenting.

In a survey conducted earlier by the district, parents, teachers, classified employees and students all favored the four-day student week.

"I don't want to experiment on my children, since we do have the money," said Rietmann. "We are the big experiment. Usually that guy that's out in front pays the price to blaze the trail."

Debbie Koffler, parent of a student at Heppner High School, speaking against the four-day week, voiced concerns about the amount of time student athletes spend outside the classroom since the four-day week was instituted. "Heppner is playing more and more during the week," said Koffler. Board members said that they would address those concerns and stressed that sports activities should occur on Fridays and weekends as much as possible.

Jodi Marston, a parent of Riverside High School stu-

dents, said she favored the four-day week. "I really support the four-day week," said Marston. "It would hurt us as a family to go back to the five day week." Marston added that the student athletes really need a three-day weekend to rest and regroup.

Meg Murray, grandparent of local students, speaking against the four-day week, commented that Morrow County was going against the international trend of an increasing number of school days, and wondered if the district's students would be able to compete.

Several parents commented that the five day week provides the consistency and repetition and allows for review that the students, especially the younger ones, need.

Cara Osmin, Heppner Elementary teacher, said that the four-day week aided communication between teachers and enabled them to enroll in more academic courses.

"It's better for staff development," said Carroll. "I wouldn't deny that, but I think the staff has already been to school, the students haven't."

Johnson commented, "I talk to the teachers and they're all for it (the four day week). But if I was offered a four-day week, I'd probably be for it too." Johnson, however, voted for the four-day week.

In a related matter, the board learned that the district will have additional monies from the state school fund and approved sending a plan for hiring new teachers to the district budget committee.

If approved, the proposal would entail hiring eight new full-time teachers (\$320,000); 14 additional full-time and four part-time ed assistants

(\$248,000); two part-time custodians (\$20,000); two full-time vice-principals/deans (\$116,000); one full-time assistant superintendent (\$60,200); and one full-time technology "trouble shooter" (\$52,000); at a total cost of \$816,000.

With this plan, Heppner Elementary School would get one full-time and one part-time ed assistant for multi-age grouping; Heppner High School and Lone High School would get a half-time careers teacher and a half-time teacher to implement a proposed new alternative school for the south end of the county; A.C. Houghton-three part-time ed assistants for multi-age grouping; Sam Boardman Elementary-two full-time teachers, five full-time ed assistants for multi-age grouping, one part-time custodian and one dean of students; Columbia Middle School-three full-time teachers for art and to decrease class size, one part-time custodian, one vice-principal/dean of students; special ed-two full-time ed assistants; English as a second language program-one full-time teacher in Boardman, one full-time teacher in Irrigon, three full-time ed assistants each in Boardman and Irrigon; district-one assistant superintendent.

In other business, the board: -approved the entire roster of 1995-96 probationary teachers; -approved the calendar for the 1996-97 school year, with students beginning school the Tuesday after Labor Day and a Christmas break from Monday, Dec. 23, through Wednesday, January 1. School would be held on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 2 and 3. The last day of school would be June 6.

Lots of food, fun, Irish culture at Heppner's annual St. Patrick's celebration

Painting Raffle

A drawing for the painting of an antelope by artist Tina Tharp will be held Saturday, March 16, at 3 p.m. at Les Schwab tire store.

Tickets may be purchased at First Interstate Bank. Proceeds will benefit the proposed museum building to be built in Heppner.

St. Patrick's Auction

The annual St. Patrick's Auction will begin Sunday, March 17, at 1 p.m. at the Morrow County Fair Pavilion in Heppner. Viewing of the items will get underway at 11 a.m.

New and used items, donated mainly by area residents and businesses, range from the practical to the luxurious and include jewelry, goods, services and gift certificates. A genuine claw-foot bathtub, authentic Irish goods, a vacuum cleaner, a Pendleton woolen blanket and a food dehydrator are just some of the items to be auctioned off this year.

Proceeds from the auction will go toward the St. Patrick's Committee, scholarships for area students and, if enough funds are raised, to help fund a community activity.

Triad auctioneers will run the show, backed by a support group of committee members, their spouses and friends. Local "constable" Doug Rathbun makes sure the auction items are presented according to the program.

Clean Up Crew

The Probing Terrans, an environmental outdoor explorer club will pick up litter during the St. Patrick's weekend.

Club members, Cyd Tullis, Til Tullis, Jon Bennett, Jody Maddern, A.J. Perez, Paula Spicerkuhn, Leland Rill and Brad Bowman, said they wanted to help their community and the earth and took the job so "everyone could enjoy the Irish festivities in a clean environment."

Janel Lacey is the contact person.

Babysitting

The North Lex 4-H Sheep Club will provide babysitting for the community Saturday, March 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Heppner.

Children 10 and under will be accepted. The group asks that people pre-register if possible, but drop-ins will also be welcome.

No dinner will be provided, however, snacks will be served. The evening will also include movies, games and crafts. Adult supervision will be provided at all times and 4-H Club members have had babysitter training.

Older children are asked to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, pajamas and any other sleeping items. Parents are asked to bring a play pen or portable crib for infants, diapers, formula and other personal items the child will need.

For information or to pre-register, call 676-9826, 676-9832 or 989-8230. Cost is \$10 for one child; \$15 for two and \$20 for three or more children.

Proceeds will go toward equipment for the 4-H Club.

O'Golfers Breakfast

The O' Golfers Breakfast, sponsored by the Willow Creek Country Club, will be held Sunday, March 17, from 6:30-10 a.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

The breakfast will include ham, eggs, hashbrowns, pancakes, juice and coffee for \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.



The breakfast will be put on by the Willow Creek Country Club officers.

Farley Social Hour

Friends and relatives will have a chance to visit, reminisce, and renew old acquaintances at the Farley Social Hour to be held Saturday, March 16, from 4 to 5 p.m. at Skaggs Auto Clinic (the old Farley Building), at 126 E. May in Heppner.

Jim Farley started the Heppner St. Patrick's celebration 14 years ago and now his daughters, Shanny Miller and Trisha Huddleson, are carrying on the tradition. "The social hour is the committee's way of saying thank you to all those people who come to support our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration," said Miller.

A drawing for a \$100 Pot of Gold will be held during the social hour.

Courthouse Tours

Tours of the Morrow County Courthouse, an historical structure built of blue basalt in 1902 at 100 S. Court Street, will be held from 2:30-4 p.m.

Food Booth

Heppner Day Care will have a food booth in front of Les Schwab Tire Center St. Patrick's weekend, Saturday, March 16, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Volunteers will barbecue marinated beef and lamb kabobs. There will also be hot dogs for the children, along with lemonade and iced tea. A sale of baked goods will be held in the same location.

All efforts are volunteer and all profits will go to the Day Care Center to raise funds for child care programs.

Lamb Barbecue

The annual St. Patrick's Day Lamb Barbecue will be held at the fair pavilion on Sunday, March 17, from 12 noon-3 p.m. The price will continue to be \$6 per person, with a family rate of \$20.

This event is being sponsored by the South Morrow County Scholarship Trust. This committee's purpose is raising money for scholarships to benefit graduates of Heppner and Lone high schools.

O'Pool Bingo

A new event for St. Patrick's Day celebrations is the "O'Pool Bingo", sponsored by People for the Pool, Inc.

"O'Pool Bingo" will be held Friday, March 15, at the Union Hall, 288 N. Main. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m.

A packet of 15 Bingo games will be sold for \$6, and \$3 for each additional packet. A packet of five specials for \$5 is also available.

A black denim jacket decorated with embroidered shamrocks will be awarded as a prize on the last game of the night.

Pot of Gold

Button Drawing

The St. Patrick's Celebration Committee will award three prizes of \$100 each as a part of their Pot of Gold button drawings during the Heppner St. Patrick's celebration.

Buttons will be for sale at the information booth and other locations on Main Street and at special functions during the celebration.

All buttons purchased are numbered and will be included in the drawings. Winners will be posted at the information booth and notified.

Proceeds from sales of the buttons will go toward the St. Patrick's Celebration Committee.

Information Booth-Welcome Committee

Members of the Soroptimist International of Heppner will be on hand to help out during this year's St. Patrick's celebration.

Soroptimist club members will serve as hostesses to welcome folks at the Elks Club at the beginning of the KUMA coffee hour on Saturday, March 16. They will also serve at the information booth on Main Street to give out information, answer questions, and sell Pot of Gold drawing buttons and other promotional items for the St. Patrick's Committee.

Craft Fair

A St. Patrick's celebration craft fair will be held on Saturday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Union Hall on Main Street in Heppner.

The fair will feature Irish craft items, as well as other hand-crafted goods of clay, fabric and wood, made by craftspeople from Heppner, Morrow County and beyond.

Jannie Allen and Karla Waterland are in charge of the fair.

Volkswalk

The St. Patrick's Celebration Volkswalk, sponsored by the Blue Mountain Trekkers of Pendleton and the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, will be held Saturday, March 16, beginning at the Heppner High School main entry on West Morgan Road.

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Special Election Results

Morrow County
Tues., March 12, 1996

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U.S. Presidential Primary

Democrat Bill Clinton	326	57	86	276	183	928	
Republican Bob Dole	208	64	72	81	108	533	
Republican Pat Buchanan	78	40	21	71	57	267	
Republican Steve Forbes	41	8	11	35	31	126	
Republican Lamar Alexander	35	7	11	16	20	89	
Measure 25-20 County one year operating levy outside the tax base	Yes	556	154	160	326	271	1467
	No	330	78	106	344	270	1128
Measure 25-19 Home Rule Government for Morrow County	Yes	248	53	112	319	303	1035
	No	643	177	149	340	238	1547



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