

**NEWS DEADLINE**  
5 p.m. Monday

**Man convicted of sex abuse**

Rodrigo Chairez was convicted of first degree Sex Abuse on March 8, and sentenced to serve more than six years in prison for his molestation of an 11-year-old girl, said Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen.

According to Allen, Chairez stated that it was the girls "who were all over him" and he never "disrespected" the girls. Judge Rudy Murgo sentenced Chairez to the mandatory 75 months under Measure 11.

"This has been a horrible violation of a child's trust and an experience that the girls will never forget," said Allen. "Justice is simply never served in these cases. Nonetheless, it is my hope that they can somehow learn to trust again."

**Chamber Chatter**

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Exec. Director

Welcome visitors to County Morrow and Heppner's Wee Bit O' Ireland celebration, started 19 years ago by Jim Farley in his showroom with a handful of Irish descendants and KUMA. Such fun it was, the celebration grew and grew and grew. Some of the local "leprechauns" say it's too big, but when we hear how much people love it, "We Feel Good All Over!"

A visitor today said his family left here in 1904, after the flood, and had never returned until he brought his family to visit this week. He paid many compliments to our community, "cheerful, friendly, clean, attractive," and a place he would like to move to with his family, "bring them home," so to speak. One of the perks of working for the Chamber is viewing our town through the eyes of a visitor.

This week will find one and all "greening up" our community. Volunteers will be cleaning up, painting the shamrock and preparing for the influx of visitors. Smiles and green are required attire. Did you know, you get pinched if you don't wear green. (Truth is, green and St. Patrick's Day is a U.S. custom. In native Ireland, green is not popular as it is connected with the green flag, a time when Ireland was not free.)

Green is connected with hope and nature. These rolling hills are greening up, but rain would be most welcome by those County Morrow farmers and ranchers, so "come rain or come shine, the weekend will be mighty fine." The Willow Creek Valley can be so proud of its citizens. Whenever a big event comes along, one and all pitch in to make it a grand success. The Chamber of Commerce wishes one and all a great green weekend.

**MCGC News**

By Sandi Day

The weekly shoot of the Morrow County Gun Club was held on a sunny, but windy, Sunday, March 11, afternoon.

Jeff Cutsforth was in fine shooting form at the 16-yard line with 23 of 25. Mark Schlichting was second with a 22 and Barry Munkers and Curt Day tied for third with 21 each.

Sandi Day led the way at the 16-yard line for the ladies with a 18, followed by Angela Munkers with 16 for second.

Jeff Cutsforth also took first in the handicap event with 23. Mark Schlichting and Curt Day each shot 22 of 25 for second and Bob Krein and Rob Ashbeck tied for third with a 21.

In the junior shoot Cody Ford took first with 14, Zane Ford was second with 12 and Chance Day was third with 11.

Curt Day and Jeff Cutsforth dominated the Annie Oakley shoots, each taking two and Bob Krein with one.

The league team of Mark Schlichting and Sandi Day still maintained their lead in the standings over Rob Ashbeck and Brian Haguewood with only two more weeks to go in league shooting.

MCGC will continue to shoot every Sunday throughout June and will hold another meat shoot in April and May. Everyone is invited to enjoy a Sunday afternoon with the family.

The club will shoot on Sunday, March 18 at noon.

**DA's Report**

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen has issued the following release:

-Timothy Wayne Brooks admitted probation violations and his probation was revoked. He was sentenced to six months in custody for possession of a controlled substance with credit for time served. He was to receive day-for-day credit for successfully completing an inpatient drug and alcohol program.

-Kimberly Jean McGraw plead guilty to attempted tampering with a witness (Class A misdemeanor). She was sentenced to 180 days in jail, 160 days suspended with 24 months probation and \$434 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Alex Rivera was determined to be in violation of probation and his probation was revoked. He was sentenced to 18 months in custody and 36 months post-prison supervision for delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school.

-Sam Henry plead guilty to two counts of harassment and was sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended on the condition that he complete all conditions of his probation, 12 months bench probation. He was also ordered to have no contact with the victim and pay \$684 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Marcie Ann Conrad plead guilty to assault IV (misdemeanor) and was sentenced to 120 days in jail, suspended on the condition that she complete all conditions of probation, 24 months bench probation, 40 hours of community service to be completed within three months of judgment and sentence order and pay \$310 in fines, fees and assessments. She was also ordered to complete the Morrow County Behavioral Health anger management program within 30 days and have no offensive physical contact with the victim.

-Conrad Cavasos plead guilty to assault IV (misdemeanor) and was sentenced to 25 days in jail, with credit for 25 days served and 24 months bench probation. She was also ordered to have no offensive physical contact with the victims and to maintain contact and comply with treatment at Morrow County Behavioral Health.

-Kristopher John Roberts plead guilty to two counts of harassment and was sentenced to 120 days in jail, suspended on the condition that he complete all conditions of probation, and 18 months probation. He was also ordered to have no offensive physical contact with the victim, obtain and maintain employment, complete an anger management program and pay \$934 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Rita Modugo plead guilty to contempt and was sentenced to four days in jail, with credit for four days served. She was also ordered to pay \$124 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Rubyssey Reyes plead guilty to rape III and was sentenced to 36 months formal probation and 160 hours community service. He was also

ordered to have no contact with the victim or her family, be responsible for counseling costs incurred by the victim associated with the rape, complete a sex offender program and pay \$1,164 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Darrin Leon Lattimer plead guilty to attempted manufacture of a controlled substance (a Class C felony) and was sentenced to 18 months probation and 80 hours of community service. He was also ordered to complete drug and alcohol programs and pay \$724 in fines, fees and assessments.

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**School calendar**

Heppner schools has announced its activity schedule for the month of March.

**Heppner Junior/High School**  
Thursday, March 15-end of third nine weeks;

Friday, March 16-track meet at Umatilla, 3 p.m., varsity baseball at Hermiston, 3 p.m., teen dance at the cafeteria, 9 p.m.-12 midnight;

Saturday, March 17-softball at LaGrande, 11 a.m., varsity baseball (vs. Sherman County at Moro, 12 noon;

Monday, March 19-No school-student-led conferences, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., teachers' conferences in the gym, 4-8 p.m., junior varsity baseball vs. Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 3:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, March 20-golf vs. Riverside at Heppner, 1:30 p.m.,

**Births**

**Lilliana Sonya Davila**-a daughter Lilliana Sonya was born to Elvia and Ruben Davila of Boardman on February 25, 2001, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz.

**Gracey Marie Smith**-a daughter Gracey Marie was born to Candis and Mike Smith of LaGrande on February 16, 2001, at Grande Ronde Hospital in LaGrande. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz.

She joins brother, Garrett, 20 months, at home. Grandparents are Rollie and Debbie Marshall of Heppner and Larry and Kim Smith of Spokane, WA.

**School sports schedules**

Heppner High School (HHS) and Heppner Junior High School (HJHS) have released the rest of their tentative spring sports schedules for 2000-2001 activities:

**HJHS track schedule**

**Friday, April 6**-All League meet at Umatilla, 2 p.m.;

**Friday, April 13**-five-way meet at Umatilla, 2 p.m.;

**Friday, April 20**-five-way meet at Pilot Rock, 2 p.m.;

**Friday, April 27**-Bye;

**Friday, May 4**-five-way meet at Pendleton, 2 p.m.;

**Friday, May 11**-League Championships at Umatilla, 1 p.m.

**HHS softball schedule**

*\*=league game*

**Saturday, March 17**-LaGrande JVs at Heppner, two games, 11 a.m.;

**Thursday, March 22**-Weston-McEwen at Heppner, one game, 4 p.m.;

**Saturday, March 24**-Union at Union, two games, 1 p.m.;

**Saturday, March 31**-Wahtonka\* at The Dalles, two games, 1 p.m.;

**Saturday, April 7**-Pilot Rock\* at Pilot Rock, two games, 1 p.m.;

**Saturday, April 14**-Nyssa\* at Heppner, two games, 1 p.m.;

**Tuesday, April 17**-Mac-Hi at Heppner, one game, 4:30 p.m.;

**Saturday, April 21**-Bye;

**Saturday, April 28**-Weston-McEwen\* at Heppner, two games, 1 p.m.;

**Saturday, May 5**-Union\* at Heppner, two games, 1 p.m.;

**Tuesday, May 8**-Weston-McEwen at Adams, one game, 4:30 p.m.;

**Saturday, May 12**-Pine Eagle\* at Halfway, two games, 1 p.m.;

**Saturday, May 19**-District 7 Tournament at LaGrande, 12 noon.

**Marriage Licenses**

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses:

Feb. 23-Jamie Calvillo, 25, Boardman; and Rosalinda Mendoza, 28, Boardman.

Feb. 27-Robert Marvin Kenney, 65, Irrigon; and Janet Nadia Beamer, 66, Heppner.

March 2-Jose Guadalupe Pacheco, 23, Boardman; and Maria Esthela Madrigal, 20, Boardman.

March 2-Jose Maria Mendoza, 33, Yakima, WA.; and Margarita Macedo, 28, Yakima, WA.

March 6-Shawn Michael Briggs, 32, Umatilla; and Donna L'Jean Rountree, 29, Umatilla.

March 6-Juan Viveros, 24, Umatilla; and Jamie Marie Simmons, 24, Umatilla.

softball vs. Wahtonka at Heppner, 3:30 p.m., varsity baseball vs. Wahtonka at Heppner, 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 21-school assembly, 9:30 a.m.;

Friday, March 23-School day-golf at Echo, 12 noon, track at The Dalles, 4 p.m., varsity baseball vs. Mac-Hi at Milton-Freewater, 4 p.m.;

Saturday, March 24-varsity baseball vs. Dufur and Alsea at Dufur, 12 noon.

Saturday, March 24-April 1-spring break.

**Heppner Elementary School**

Thursday, March 15-end of third nine weeks;

Monday, March 19-No school, conferences, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.;

Tuesday, March 20-student body assembly, 2 p.m., artist in education through March 23;

Friday, March 23-School day-Freaky Friday "Sport Day"; Saturday, March 24-April 1-spring break.

**4-H News**

**Horse 'in Around**

Many individuals in the community supported the club's car wash last Saturday. Les Schwab hosted the car wash and made it possible. A few Good Samaritans out there lent club members a (washing) hand.

The club is having a bake sale this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or while the goodies last, in front of Red Apple. The group hopes to raise enough funds to fully pay for the club's upcoming trip to the Greater Northwest Equine Expo in Albany. At the Expo, several wonderful trainers will be teaching riding and training techniques. Club members will stay for the Expo all day Saturday and most of the day Sunday.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for us to grow and learn as a club and we are excited about it," said leader Stacy Just.

For more information or to help out with the bake sale, call Stacy Just, 676-5102, or Ruby Shear, 422-7290.

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**Ewe-do Bingo**

Ewe Do Bingo will take place Saturday at 2:30 p.m. on Willow Street (next to Gardner's Men's Wear). The event provides an opportunity for some lucky person to win \$300.

Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased Friday night at the St. Pat's Auction, or Saturday on Main Street.

This activity is sponsored by the Heppner High School Cheerleaders. The cheerleaders are raising money to go to camp and to purchase new uniforms.

For more information contact Tami Sneddon at 676-9046.

**Service Club to award scholarship**

Willow Valley Service Club is presenting their second annual scholarships for graduating high school seniors. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student planning to study in a vocational-technical field and another \$500 academic scholarship will be awarded.

The service club membership

**Symphony to offer family concert**

The Oregon East Symphony will present its annual Spring Family Concert at 3:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 18 in the Vert Auditorium in Pendleton.

The performance will provide music of interest to all ages and includes Ravel's "Mother Goose Suite," Sibelius' "Spring Song" and a composition by Oregon's own John McKinnion entitled, "he calls me by the thunder."

In addition, three young performers, winners of this year's annual Oregon East Symphony

raises the necessary funds for the scholarships through their Christmas Artifactory and a food booth at the Morrow County Fair.

Applications are available from the counselor at Heppner High School and Lone High School. Deadline for completed forms is Thursday, April 12.

Young Artists Competition, will be featured with the orchestra playing selections from Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto Number Two" and Barber's "Violin Concerto."

Children under the age of 12 will be admitted free of charge. Advance tickets are on sale at Armchair Books and at the OES offices at 424 South Main in Pendleton. Tickets will also be available at the door on the afternoon of the concert. The concert is being sponsored by Banner Bank and by Patricia Winn, M.D.

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**Museum to be Lex Grange topic**

Lexington Grange will hold a meeting on Monday, March 19.

Special speaker will be Cliff Green, president of the new Museum and Farm Foundation Board. He will explain how the transition is progressing on the operation of the museum with only volunteer personnel. This program will follow

a pancake supper at 6:30 p.m.

During the meeting, the charter will be draped for Velva Bechdolt, a 50-year member of the grange. Other business includes final plans for a sales table at the St. Patrick Celebration in front of the Post Office on Saturday between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**BMCC to offer golf class**

Blue Mountain Community College will offer a six-week beginning golf class this spring term at Willow Creek Country Club beginning Thursday, April 12. The class will be held Thursday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m.

Beginning Golf is intended for people with little or no prior golfing experience or for those who would like to get back to the basics of their game. The course covers the basics of the rules, play and etiquette of the game. The skills of putting,

chipping, pitching, approaching fairway shots and teeing off will be covered.

School age students in grades six and up may enroll in the class with the instructor's permission on a space available basis.

Cost of the class is \$30 plus a \$20 temporary membership to WCCC for all non-members.

Contact Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator, 422-7040, for more information or to register.

**ATTENTION!**  
**\$250 REWARD**  
for information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals responsible for the theft of items from 126 E. May Street, Heppner, between Wednesday night, Feb. 7, and Thursday morning, Feb. 8.  
Be on the lookout for a Sony Playstation with five games, a Bionic Minnow Fishing Lure set, a ceramic heater and other small items.  
Call the Heppner Police or 676-5288.

**MCGG'S SPRING FENCING SALE**

<b>T-POSTS</b>	<b>BARBED WIRE</b>
5 1/2" #125 Hv-wghts 1 <sup>99</sup>	2 pt. D/W Ranch Hand 32 <sup>95</sup>
6" #125 Hv-wghts 2 <sup>15</sup>	4 pt. D/W Ranch Hand 34 <sup>95</sup>

**PRESSURE TREATED POSTS**

4" x 8' 5 <sup>50</sup>	
5" x 8' 7 <sup>50</sup>	
6" x 8' 10 <sup>50</sup>	

**FIELD FENCING**  
1047-6 47" 330' 79<sup>95</sup>

**ROUND BALE FEEDERS**

Tombstone Saver	369 <sup>00</sup>
Bull Feeder	449 <sup>00</sup>

**CALF TABLE** 519<sup>00</sup>  
**CALVING PEN - ORIGINAL** 1299<sup>00</sup>  
**MANUAL SQUEEZE CHUTE (Limited to stock on hand)** 2299<sup>00</sup>

**HI-QUAL MESH GATES:**

4' Mesh Gate	49 <sup>95</sup>	<b>HI-QUAL HEAVY-DUTY GATES:</b>	12' Heavy Duty	89 <sup>95</sup>
10' Mesh Gate	79 <sup>95</sup>		14' Heavy Duty	99 <sup>95</sup>
12' Mesh Gate	89 <sup>95</sup>		16' Heavy Duty	109 <sup>95</sup>

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