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**School board**

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must be in attendance 87 percent of the days enrolled in order to receive credit in the class.

The board eliminated a section in which three unexcused tardies were counted as one absence.

-received an enrollment report as of March 1 indicating that the district is down 94 students compared to last year's enrollment.

In March of 2000, the district had 2256 students; in March 2001, the district had 2162 students.

Riverside High School, with 420 students, is down 48 from last year; Heppner High School, with 190, is down 25; Columbia Middle School, with 338, down 15; Heppner Elementary, with 226, down seven. Sam Boardman Elementary, with 438 students, is up three over last year and A.C. Houghton, with 397, is up 13 students.

-approved a resolution for ESD services for the 2001-02 year.

-approved appointment of an appraisal committee for integrated technology and office

systems.

-accepted resignations from: Shannon Jensen, A.C. Houghton Elementary kindergarten teacher; Richard Thomas, Riverside High School assistant custodian; James Stanton, RHS music teacher, and Barb Orwick, Heppner Elementary School fifth/sixth grade teacher.

-approved retirement for Linda Jones, Sam Boardman Elementary School teacher; and Sally Walker, Columbia Middle School language arts teacher.

-approved transfers/promotions for: Rose Dirksen, RHS office assistant to CMS school secretary, replacing Elaine Vandecar.

-approved employment for Ruth Sullivan, ACH part-time cook, replacing Joyce Whitbeck.

-heard the following announcements: March 13-election deadline; March 15-OSEA negotiations at district office, 7 p.m.; March 22-OSEA negotiations at SBE, 7 p.m.; March 26-30-spring break; April 9-next regular meeting, 7:30 p.m.; April 17-Oregon School Boards spring regional meeting, Pendleton Red Lion, 6 p.m.

**Letters to the Editor**

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$5.)

**St. Pat's brings friends, families together**

To the Editor:

Once again, the March event succeeded in bringing friends and families and newcomers to Heppner for a weekend of activities and entertainment. And I am speculating that, once again, most people had a grand time.

Once again, I am marveling at the combined efforts by a legion of volunteers necessary for putting together such a weekend. So many faces reappeared in so many places during the two-plus days; surely, our community contained some exhausted "leprechauns" by Sunday evening.

So many generous individuals helped with the major fund raiser for "A Wee Bit O' Ireland," the auction. The help came as donations to the auction and as help with the staging of the activity itself. Our auction cannot happen without the vast number of contributions from our businesses and citizens who support us. Each year, I have truly been impressed with the strong commitment so many have to

helping out. And the committee is small, so we need that boost of energy and helping hands and minds that we get every year with our planning, soliciting and auctioning.

This year, the auction committee chose to experiment with the date, time and location. We are now evaluating the results of those changes and we appreciate the input we are receiving as we make some decisions for next year's auction.

Change brings challenge, so we also appreciate the patience of our Friday evening participants as we worked out some "bugs" in the procedures. The committee is looking for members, so anyone interested in making the auction a "grander" event is invited to let me know.

I can't think of a finer place to live most any day of the year, and I certainly can't think of a better place to be than in Heppner on our March weekend.

(s) Doris Brosnan  
Heppner

**Obituaries**

**Donald F. Shaffer**

Condon native Donald F. Shaffer, 60, of Kennewick, Washington, died Monday, March 12, 2001, at his home.

Memorial services were held Saturday, March 17, 2001, at the Condon Elks Lodge.

He was born March 10, 1941, in Condon, to Frank and Fern Gubser Shaffer. He was raised at Condon and attended local schools.

From fourth grade through his senior year, he participated in football, basketball, track and baseball, lettering in all four. He was the first freshman to be named to the all-conference basketball team and during his senior year he was selected to play in the East-West Shrine Game.

On February 21, 1957, he married Dorothy J. Reed in Goldendale, Washington.

He attended the College of Idaho at Caldwell, Idaho, on a football scholarship.

Mr. Shaffer played on the Condon town baseball and basketball teams for many years. He coached the American Legion baseball team in Condon.

In early 1963, he moved his family to Portland where he was employed by Union Oil Company where he worked for the next 14 years.

The family moved to Vancouver, Washington, in 1964 where he began coaching Little League baseball and became very active as a volunteer purchasing agent, all-star coach and vice president of the local Little League program.

In 1968, the family moved to Salem. He was instrumental in starting a local Little League program and served as president of the Salem Pioneer Little League.

In the spring of 1970, the family returned to Vancouver, where he became an active volunteer in the community as a member of the Evergreen School District Budget Committee, president of the Little League and secretary/treasurer of the booster club.

In 1976, the family returned to Condon to purchase a bulk oil plant, which he named Farmco Oil Company.

He coached the Condon High School baseball team from 1977 through 1984. The team played for the state championship in his second year as coach and placed second.

He helped organize a local booster club and Little League in Condon.

He was proud of his grandchildren and enjoyed watching them play T-ball and grade school and high school athletics.

Three years ago, Mr. Shaffer and his wife moved to Kennewick, Washington.

He was a member of the Columbia Community Church in Richland, Washington, and of the Condon Elks Lodge 1869 for 38 years.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Shaffer of Kennewick, Washington; sons, Steven Shaffer of Condon, Brian Shaffer and Mike Shaffer, both of Kennewick; daughter, Terri Carmine of Condon; six grandchildren and several in-laws in the Heppner area. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Don Shaffer Memorial Athletic Fund, P.O. Box 414, Condon, Oregon 97823.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon was in charge of arrangements.

**Etta Marie "Kitty" Jones**

Etta Marie "Kitty" Jones, 74, of Hermiston, formerly of Lexington and Boardman, died March 13, 2001, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

At her request there will be no service. Private inurnment will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Boardman.

She was born on June 21, 1926,

in Lexington to Harlan and Blanche Chapin Jones. She was raised in Lexington, LaGrande for a short time, and then moved to Boardman, where she graduated from high school in 1944.

She then worked as a telephone operator for several years until her health would no longer allow it. She moved to Hermiston in 1965 and had lived here since.

She enjoyed crafts, gardening, and collecting family history.

She is survived by her sister, Esther M. Denny of Beaverton; nieces, Debbie Hallander of Wilsonville, Linda Roberts of Basin City, WA.; nephew, Dennis Zerba of Portland; one grand-nephew, Ryan Roberts of Basin City, WA.; and sister-in-law, Ronita Jones of Hermiston. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and one sister.

Those who wish may make contributions in Kitty's memory to the Arthritis Foundation of Oregon at 4412 SW Barbur Blvd. Suite 220, Portland, OR 97201.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

**Henry G. Peck**

A memorial service for Henry G. Peck, 91, will be held Friday, March 23, 2001, at the Lexington Odd Fellows Lodge.

Mr. Peck died at Heppner on Monday, March 19.

Memorial contributions, for those who wish, may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health, P.O. Box 9, Heppner.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Gazette-Times.

**A Wee Bit O'Ireland**

By Claudia Hughes

"It's a soft day," said one of our Irish visitors this past weekend. What a good description for a day that put a bit of rain upon our fields, stayed dry during the festivities, and was warm enough to walk about town. (If the sun had been shining, could we have handled any more people?)

A large, warm and friendly crowd of people attended various events and kept our local people busy feeding and entertaining them during our 19th annual Wee Bit O' Ireland celebration. Heppner received many compliments thanks to such a great bunch of behind-the-scenes people.

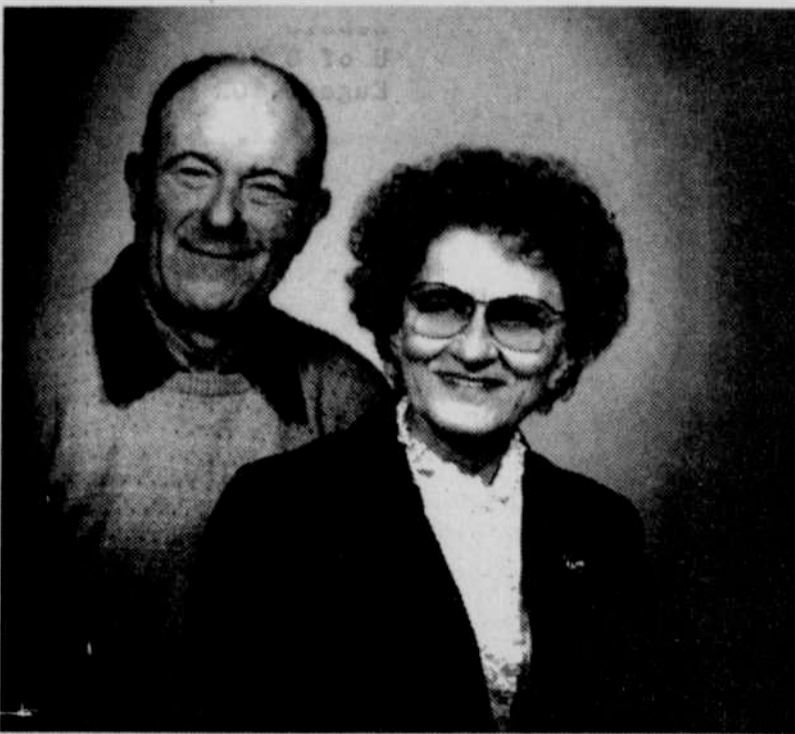
The St. Patrick's Committee will hold a wrap-up meeting on Thursday, March 22, at 6 p.m. at John's Other Place (formerly Kate's) to discuss last week's event and plan next year's.

Hopefully all committee chairs will attend to report on their event and will act in an advisory capacity as 2001 is discussed. Those chairs would be: co-chair, Cara Osmirn; auction chair, Doris Brosnan and successors; sheep dog trials, Mary Hamilton and Brian Thompson (the event could not happen without the utilization of the Thompson Ranch); buttons, Judie Laughlin; entertainment, Don and Tami Sneddon; Cruz-In, Dick and Lynnea Sargent; leprechauns, Molly Rhea; KUMA Coffee Hour, Dave Sykes; flags, Jerry and Joyce Hollomon; Ceili, Mike Duffy; and parade, Craig Strobel and Monica Hunter.

In addition, heads of the other organizations such as the Elks (what would we do without their facility and wonderful cooperation), Motocross, the Old Time Fiddlers, meals, contests, etc. are invited to attend to give input and suggestions for the advisory committee to act upon. Also encouraged to attend are the local business owners such as retail and restaurants who are a large part of the weekend event. All are welcome while ideas are still fresh in their minds.

See you on Thursday and then we'll let the green rest for awhile.

**Wordens celebrate  
50th anniversary**



Wilbur and Rita Worden



The Wordens, 1951

Wilbur and Rita Worden, Heppner, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The Wordens were married March 26, 1951, in Seattle, Washington.

Wilbur worked at the Ford dealership in Heppner until it closed in 1971. He then worked at the Kinzua shop in Heppner until he retired. Since retiring, he has kept busy helping his sons on the family farm.

Rita came to Pendleton from Kansas to be with her sister and worked as a nurse at the hospital in Pendleton. When the hospital opened in Heppner, she was one of the first two nurses and worked 12-hour shifts. After the children were grown, she returned to the hospital to work in the medical records department.

The couple have three children, Bob, Heppner, Dave, Pendleton, and Randy, Milwaukie, and eight grandchildren.

**Engagement**

**Anderson-Logan**



Heather Logan and Severn Anderson

Heather Logan and Severn Anderson, both Tigard, announce their engagement to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Paul and Ellen Logan, Bend.

The groom-elect is the son of David and Barbara Anderson, Cochabamba, Bolivia. They are both graduates of Heppner High School. His grandparents are Jim and Barbara Bloodworth, Heppner, LaVonne and Elmer Morford of Mist, OR, and Nels and Esther Anderson of Dallas, OR.

Heather is a 1996 graduate of Bend Senior High School. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Oregon State University at Corvallis in 2000 and is currently studying for a master's degree in education at George Fox University in Newberg, anticipating an April 2001 graduation.

Severn is a 1995 graduate of Sunriver Prep School. He received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Oregon State University. He is employed with Woodworks Northwest, Portland.

The couple plan a July 7 wedding at St. Francis of Assisi church in Bend.

**TV shoot planned**

Long distance shooting skills will be put to the test when shooters try to hit and break a 27" TV tube at a distance of 1,000 yards with one shot, on Saturday, April 14, at 10 a.m.

Entry fee is \$20. A prize of \$100 will be awarded. Money collected will be used to buy material and prizes for kids at Ione's 4th of July celebration.

To sign up or for more information, call Terry Mewhinney at 422-7259.

**Wedding Tables**  
**Laurie Michael and Bryce Hyde**  
Wedding March 29, 2001  
**Marie Tworek and Robert Rose**  
Wedding April 21, 2001 ~ Shower: April 7, 2001  
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