

## Trail Band to perform



Trail Band  
Photo by Owen Carey

The Trail Band will perform an encore concert at this year's "Wee Bit O' Ireland." Brought to the celebration a second time by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District, six members of the group, with two guest musicians, will delight all ages with their humor and musical talents. The district's sponsorship of the event provides an uncommon opportunity to concert-goers: The Trail Band's new, unique concert of Irish songs and stories will be free.

Formed in 1991 to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oregon Trail, the eight-member band has become well known throughout America and in Japan. The group has produced seven albums that feature vocalists and brass and string instruments in what "The Oregonian" has

described as an "exuberant, classy, wide-ranging display of original tunes and fresh arrangements of traditional acoustic music."

The Trail Band was a huge success when they helped Heppner celebrate in 2002. They played to a full house, so the St. Pat's Celebration Committee members remind everyone who wants to attend the concert that seating at the Heppner Elementary School gymnasium is limited. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 13. As "Victory Music Review" has reported, the Trail Band is "an absolute must," so attendees should plan to arrive early.

A leprechaun will be attending the concert, for sure. It will be enjoying the music, but it will also be watching closely as the third \$100 pot o' gold is awarded to a lucky owner of a commemorative button.

## St Patrick's Weekend Food

There is always room for one more at an Irish table, and there is always room for one more at the many tables set in Heppner on the March 12-14 weekend.

The Heppner eateries are eager to serve from their menus, each featuring special entrees for the weekend, and some vendors will be open on Main Street. Local restaurants include the Pot O' Gold Café on Chase Street and John's, GD's, Willow Creek Diner, and Bucknum's on Main Street. The delicatessen foods at Central Market and at the Chevron station offer variety and options, as well.

Setting the atmosphere for the Irish weekend and the camaraderie that goes with that is Mrs. O'Leary's Stew Feed at the St. Patrick's O' Senior Center on Friday. The Methodist Church congregation will be serving from 5-7 p.m.

The Elks Club also serves buffet style, on Friday evening and for Saturday's brunch and their evening's comed beef and cabbage, with music.

Saturday morning begins for the hungry early risers at the O' Senior Center, where those volunteers will serve breakfast from 7-9:30 a.m. They will then shift gears and cooking ware, to prepare their homemade soup, bread, and pie for the lunch crowd.

Kessler's O'Barbecue serves up a fine choice of chicken and ribs at the city park on Saturday.

The St. Patrick's congregation will start serving their ham dinner Saturday at 4 p.m. at their parish hall. The diners will have the pleasure of music by the Lindsay family.

Into the wee hours of Sunday morning, the volunteer fire department will be ready to serve its Wee Hours O' the Mornin' Breakfast. At the fire hall on Willow Street, the volunteers will begin serving at 10 p.m. on Saturday and stand by with food for the hungry until 3 a.m.

The Nazarene Church congregation will begin the Sunday morning fare at 8 a.m. Their church hall is at 335 North Gilmore, and the cooks will be serving up a hearty breakfast until 10:30 a.m.

## Stew Feed to be held at St. Pat's Senior Center

Heppner United Methodist Church members will be serving Mrs. O'Leary's Stew at a feed held at St. Patrick's Senior Center, on Friday, March 12, from 5-7 p.m. Served along with the stew will be rolls, coleslaw, desserts and beverages.

Cost is \$6 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6-12 and children under 6 eat free.

## Matlack announces candidacy for Sheriff

Kenneth Matlack has announced that he is running for the position of Morrow County Sheriff.

Retired from the Oregon State Police in 1999 after 25 years of service, his last duty assignment was as the outpost commander in Arlington. He also has served as an assistant station commander in The Dalles and a sergeant in the Patrol and Detective divisions. He was a trooper and detective in Morrow/Umatilla County for 12 years.

Matlack attended grade school in Irrigon and Umatilla and met by wife Donna in first grade at AC Houghton School in Irrigon. He graduated from Umatilla High School in 1967. He attended Blue Mountain Community College for two years then graduated from the Eastern Oregon University in 1971 with a degree in secondary education. He was a social science teacher and head coach at Powder Valley High School in North Powder for two years before being recruited in 1973 by the Oregon State Police and was sworn in as a recruit trooper in March 1974.

Matlack believes in a concept called Rural Policing and wants to bring that idea to Morrow County. "Rural Policing is more than being a law enforcement officer. It means being a problem solver. You cannot solve problems unless you know the people you serve. Rural Policing is about getting to know people and their communities," he explained.

"A Rural Police Officer provides a service that is more than writing tickets or making arrests. It's about working with people and their concerns and problems. When a rural police officer is

## Umatilla County Historical Society meeting set

"Eden Within Eden: Exploring Oregon's Utopian Heritage" will be the featured program at the Umatilla County Historical Society's 2004 annual meeting on Sunday, March 14. The event will begin at 2 p.m. at Heritage Station Museum in downtown Pendleton, and the public is invited to attend free of charge.

Sam Pambrun, Adams, will preside over the annual meeting, including volunteer recognition, election of directors, and a review of the Historical Society's 2003 activities and plans for the future.

A native of Umatilla County, Jim Kopp, director of Lewis and Clark's Aubrey R. Watzek Library, Portland, will present the program. The presentation is part of Oregon Chautauqua, a program of the Oregon Council for the Humanities.

Oregon has long been identified as an Eden-a-

assigned a case or is asked a question about the law or a local problem, he doesn't say I don't handle that or that isn't my job. He researches the problem and provides the answer. If he doesn't know the answer, he provides the names and phone numbers of the people that can answer the questions or answer the concerns. The Rural Police Officer handles the assignment until his neighbor has the solution or gets the information to address his concern. Sometimes it may take several contacts or follow ups to resolve the issue and complete the assignment," Matlack further explained.

Matlack believes rural policing is about helping people. "It's not about a job. It's about who you are. It's what you do. It's going the extra mile. The Rural Police Officer wears many hats and works with many people. He's a social worker, he's a counselor, he's a mentor; he is many things to many people."

If elected, Matlack says you can expect to see the Sheriff and Undersheriff engaged in Rural Policing; they will be problem solvers. They will lead by example. They will both actively work in the field with other members of the Sheriff's Office. "You solve problems by knowing people and getting involved in their lives. You give of yourself for the betterment of others. That is what Rural Policing is all about. It's more than writing tickets and arresting people," Matlack emphasized.

If you see his vision and wish to support his campaign you contact him at (800) 291-1791. He is open to talking to individuals and groups about Rural Policing and the future of Morrow County.

destination and a refuge for people seeking to establish paradise in a variety of ways that might be called utopian. From our most historical utopian community, Aurora, to the notorious communal settlement of Rajneeshpuram, the state has been home to an astounding variety of efforts aimed at communal perfection. The Jewish agrarian community of new Odessa, Ionia and Bellamy colonies in Lincoln County, and the WomenShare Collective in Grants Pass are a few examples of Oregon's often short-lived but intensely passionate utopian communities.

Dr. Kopp will offer an integrated examination of history, literature, philosophy, religion, architecture and art by exploring what the ideal meant to those who came to or lived in Oregon and sought to achieve Eden here.

This event kicks off the Umatilla County Historical Society's celebration of its 30th anniversary.

## Pubic advisors sought for East Cascade Resource Councils

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking applicants for 17 positions on Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) in Washington and Oregon. These RACs advise and recommend management strategies for federal lands east of the Cascade Range administered by the BLM and the US Forest Service. The Eastern Washington RAC has five expired terms, the John Day-Snake RAC is seeking seven applicants, and the Southeast Oregon RAC will fill six positions. The nomination period ends Monday, April 19.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires RACs to be balanced and represent the various interests

concerned with public land management. Vacancies and expired terms this year include: commercial recreation and/or Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV), dispersed recreation, national or regional environmental groups, conservation and/or wildlife interests, local elected official, Indian tribes, commercial timber, grazing permittee, academician, historic and cultural interests, and wild horse and burro.

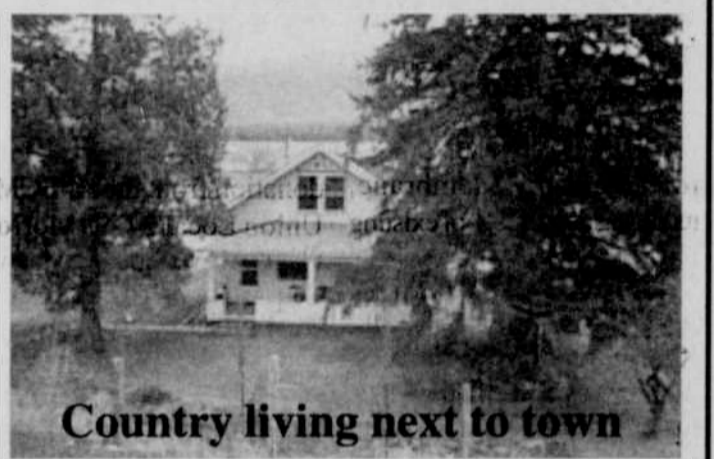
Individuals may nominate themselves or others, and current members whose terms will expire in September may be renominated. Candidates must reside in the state where the council has jurisdiction.

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**St. Patrick's Celebration Events at the Heppner Elks Club**

**Friday, March 12th**  
BUFFET DINNER starting at 6 p.m.

**Saturday, March 13th**  
ST. PATRICK'S BRUNCH from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.  
CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER starting at 6 p.m.  
LIVE MUSIC with two bands:  
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*Presented by the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee*  
**Saturday, March 13th**  
**Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner**

**FUN FOR ALL AGES!**  
**Motorecycle/4-Wheeler Heat & Barrel Races**

**Race starts at 10 a.m.**  
**Entries open at 8 a.m.**  
**Admission: \$3**

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