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## Voter registration due April 29 Ballots to go out April 30

The last day for voters to register to vote in the May 20 primary election is Tuesday, April 29. Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers says all ballots will go out by Wednesday, April 30.

Ballots may be returned by mail, or dropped off at the county clerk's office or any of several drop locations throughout the county. More information on drop times and locations will be announced closer to the primary date.

## Forest draft plans released for public comment

Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman national forests have announced the release of the Blue Mountains National Forest Proposed Revised Land Management Plan (also known as the Forest Plan) and associated Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Plan are available for anyone to read, review and submit comments during a 90-day comment period that began March 14.

The DEIS and Proposed Revised Forest Plan are available electronically at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/BlueMtnsPlanRevision>.

The Blue Mountains National Forests consist of 4.9 million acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla, and Malheur National Forests.

Comments which are most meaningful and will be of the greatest help are those comments which address strategic direction for management of the national forest, or what the Forests should look like or provide for in the future

## Green is the new black for Wee Bit O' Ireland



Community members and visitors alike turned out in force for the 32nd annual Wee Bit O' Ireland celebration in Heppner. The weekend lured party-goers with some of the best St. Pat's weather on record for the town, adding to the festive feel of the event. Top: The Mahoney family served as grand marshals for the Great Green Parade on Saturday. Bottom right: A large crowd attended the annual Remembrance Walk in Heppner Saturday morning. Bottom left: The amateur boxing event, or Irish "smoker," continues to draw crowds on Friday night. -Photos by Mallorie Jones -See more pictures PAGE EIGHT

(desired condition).

Please share your comments about the DEIS and Proposed Revised Forest Plan electronically through the above website; by mail to Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision Team, P.O. Box 907, Baker City, OR 97814; by fax at 541-523-6392, or at one of our public meetings.

A series of public meetings have been scheduled to share information about the DEIS and Proposed Revised Blue Mountains Forest Plan, explain the commenting process, answer questions and listen to public input. A local meeting is planned for April 2 at Heppner City Hall.

## Willow Creek Symphony to perform in Irrigon

Inland Northwest Musicians presents in concert Willow Creek Symphony Saturday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at A.C. Houghton Elementary School, 1105 N. Main Ave. Irrigon. The program will include Procession of the Sardar by M. Ippolitov-Ivanov, Sambarina by Jay Wilbur, Eine Kleine Nachtmusik by W. A. Mozart and Relay Race (Perpetual Motion) by

Robert H. Rimer.

Willow Creek Symphony rehearses on Tuesday evenings at Irrigon, Jr.-Sr. High School. Some instrumental sections are supplemented by players from the Inland Northwest Orchestra. Maestro Lee Friese of Athena is director and conductor and Ralph Werner of Hermiston is the associate director of the all-volunteer Willow Creek Symphony.

Admission is free, though donations are always gratefully accepted. Tax deductible Season Sustaining Memberships with voting rights may be purchased for \$50 at the door.

Concert-goers are invited to join the performers for a reception with beverages and cookies.

The event is sponsored by Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

## Irrigon plans special assembly

County names March 8 'Irrigon Knight Day'

A special presentation and assembly is planned at Irrigon High School on Thursday, March 20, at 2 p.m. in the gymnasium.

This presentation will

include a Morrow County Commissioner presenting to the school and the team a resolution making March 8 "Irrigon Knight Day" in all

of Morrow County. The Irrigon Knights were 2014 2A Boys Basketball State Champions.

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