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## 'Wee Bit o' Ireland'...it's a wrap!



Heppner's 34th annual Wee Bit o' Ireland celebration is over. See highlights from the week-end PAGE FIVE. -Contributed photo

## New administrative building dedicated



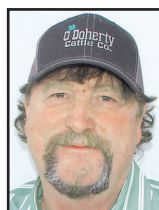
A large crowd filled the parking lot of the new Bartholomew Building in Heppner during the administrative building's dedication last Friday. The building was named for Alba Bartholomew, Morrow County Judge and hero of the Heppner Flood, and several of the judge's descendants were present for the dedication. Though not made of the same blue basalt as the Morrow County Courthouse, which was quarried at the Osmen Ranch, the \$4.2 million building was designed to blend with the historic structure next to it. The building opened for business in November. Pictured above (L-R): Alba Bartholomew's descendants Frances Coppinger, Gus Wahner, and Nancy and Jerry Myers, and Morrow County Commissioner Don Russell. Below: The Bartholomew Building. -Photos by April Sykes



## Final candidates file for county positions

Two more candidates have announced they will run for county positions in the May 17 primary election.

Jim Doherty has announced he has filed for the Morrow County Commissioner Position 1; he will run against incumbent Leann Rea. Also filing before the March 8 deadline was current Morrow County Surveyor Steven Haddock, who will again run for the surveyor position. Haddock is running unopposed.



Jim Doherty



Stephen Haddock

Doherty was born and raised in the southeast corner of Morrow County but, because it was easier than driving over Franklin Hill to Heppner, attended school in Pilot Rock. He graduated Pilot Rock High School in 1983 and then went on to study production agriculture at Blue Mountain Community College for two years. He later went back to school to obtain a bachelor's degree in history and ag business from Eastern Oregon University.

After high school, Doherty worked as a crops manager for Madison Farms and then managed a seed stock operation in central Oregon. He lived in Jefferson County for about 10 years. While there, he

chaired the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District for several years, as well as the Trout Creek Watershed Council. At the request of the state, he also briefly chaired the Middle Deschutes Watershed Council. After returning to Morrow County in 1998, he served two terms on the Morrow SWCD. He now lives in Boardman, where he has been self-employed as a rancher for the last decade.

Haddock was born in Heppner, but his father was an engineer for the Forest Service, and the family moved every two years, though always staying in the area. They ended up in Pendleton, where Haddock graduated from Pendleton High School in 1981. He then obtained an associate's degree in electrical engineering technology from Blue Mountain Community College, while working summers surveying with his father. Haddock also spent four years in active duty and two years reserve in the U.S. Army, serving as a diesel mechanic.

Despite his degree, he decided he didn't want to live in Silicon Valley, so

he cowboied in the Steens Mountain area for four years before returning to Pendleton in 1995 to work in his father's business, Haddock Surveying. He obtained his own surveyor's license in 2001 and started Witness Tree Surveying that year. Haddock, who lives in Pilot Rock, completed Certified Federal Surveyor Training in 2011 and was elected as county surveyor in 2012, taking office in 2013. In his role as surveyor, both privately and for the county, he says he has dealt extensively with various government bodies.

Other county positions and candidates seeking election this May are: Morrow County Judge, Greg Sweek and Melissa Lindsay; Morrow County Clerk, Bobbi Childers; Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Annetta Spicer; Morrow County Sheriff, Ken Matlack; and Morrow County Treasurer, Gayle Gutierrez. All are four-year terms except for judge and justice of the peace, which are both six-year terms.

The filing deadline for all positions was March 8. Voters have through April 26 to register to vote in the May primary election.

## Local youth get direct line to help with common problems

Melissa Trombetta of Oregon YouthLine stopped in Heppner last Tuesday to talk to junior high and high school students about some of the struggles they face and the resources available to help them.

Trombetta talked with junior high students about peer pressure, while she gave high-schoolers a presentation on stress and ways to cope with it.

Katy Stinchfield, Community Counseling Solutions supervisor for school-based mental health and school-based mental health counselor for Heppner High School, said Trombetta traveled from Portland as part of an extensive tour of Eastern Oregon.

"Via my role, we wanted to bring in the Oregon YouthLine to provide more education and support around common issues in adolescence and promote mental wellness," Stinchfield said.

During the presentation, for instance, teens were offered concrete methods to deal with stress, including strategies for body, mind and their social life.

As part of the presentation, every youth also received a lanyard with the YouthLine number.



Melissa Trombetta of Oregon YouthLine spoke to Heppner youth on peer pressure and stress last week. -Photo by David Sykes

Like many crises lines, YouthLine is a 24/7/365 service. Unlike other help lines, Oregon YouthLine offers teens confidential peer-to-peer help from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. YouthLine explains in a brochure that teens often turn to their peers for advice, believing their parents wouldn't understand. YouthLine volunteers, though teens themselves, receive 40 hours of extensive training before answering calls or texts. Yes, texts. YouthLine recognizes the changing ways teens are communicating, and takes three times more texts than calls during operating hours.

The teens are trained in

mental health first aid and suicide SafeTALK, among other things, in order to give crisis and referral resources for a variety of issues. They are also supervised by crisis line specialists who are mental health professionals. Concerns addressed on the YouthLine range from peer pressure or bad grades to more serious concerns like depression, bullying, and even suicide. According to the Oregon Health Authority, in 2012 in Oregon, suicide was the leading cause of death among teenagers; 15 percent of YouthLine callers call about suicide.

Oregon YouthLine is a service of Lines for Life, a nonprofit that has been

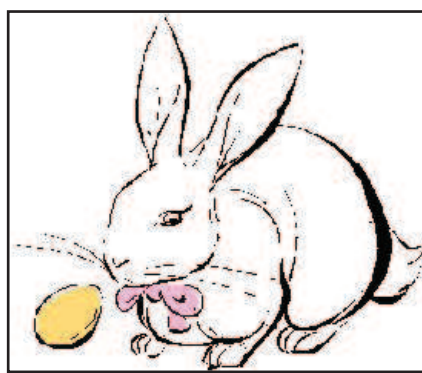
working to prevent alcohol and substance abuse, and suicide, since 1993. Learn more at oregonyouthline.org. Youth can check out the site, or contact the line at 877-968-8491 or by texting teen2teen to 839863. Oregon YouthLine is also on Facebook and Twitter.

## Easter egg hunts this Saturday in Heppner, Ione

South Morrow County children will have two opportunities to fill their Easter baskets this Saturday, both at 10 a.m.

Ione's annual Easter egg hunt will be held this Saturday March 26, at 10 a.m. in the Ione City Park. Children up to the fourth grade are invited. The event was made possible by those who supported the duck race on the Fourth of July and who have made donations throughout the year; anyone wishing to make a donation may do so at Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione.

The Heppner Elks Lodge also will sponsor its annual Easter egg hunt at the Heppner City Park this Saturday, March 26. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will begin at 9 a.m., with the egg hunt beginning at 10 a.m.



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