RUMMAGE SALE SET FOR MARCH 12

LA GRANDE — Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church will have a rummage sale Saturday, March 12, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Enter through the door at Fifth Street and K Avenue. A \$1 bag sale starts at noon. Offerings include home decor, baby items, toys, bedding, kitchen items, clothing, jewelry, collectibles and more.

VFW RESUMES EVENING BINGO GAMES

UNION — The organizers of the Wednesday community bingo games at the Veteran of Foreign Wars High Valley Post 4060 in Union have decided to move the games back to the evening. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and bingo begins at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

WEE BIT O' IRELAND RETURNS FOR TWO WEEKENDS

HEPPNER — After a two-year hiatus, the Wee Bit o' Ireland festival returns for bookend weekends, March 11-13 and 18-19, including a full day of food, fun and family-friendly activities on Saturday, March 12.



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Decked out in the color of the day, people line the streets for the Great Green Parade on March 14, 2015, during Wee Bit o' Ireland in Heppner. After a two-year hiatus, this year's parade returns on Saturday, March 12, 1 p.m. on Main Street.

March 12 entertainment highlights include a local talent show (6 p.m., Gilliam & Bisbee Building), the Blue Mountain Old-Time Fiddlers (6:30 p.m., Morrow County Fairgrounds) and the Gothard Sisters (7:30 p.m., Gilliam & Bisbee).

The following weekend brings Murray's Irish Beer and Wine Festival on Friday, March 18, 7-11 p.m. at the Gilliam & Bisbee Building. The live DJ show includes music, lights and fog with Dan Burns 3D Productions. There is a \$5 cover charge with additional drink tokens and food available for purchase from Upper Place Concessions.

Closing out the celebrations is the 2022 Coastal Farm & Ranch Challenge of Champions Bull Riding. Tour Stop No. 3 is Saturday, March 19, 4 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Get tickets at www.cctbullriding.com.

For a full schedule of events and activity registration forms,

visit www.heppnerchamber.com. If you have questions, call 541-676-5536.

HEPPNER FINDS A WAY TO STAGE PRIEST'S LAST PLAY

HEPPNER — The last play written by the late Father Gerry Condon, "The Little Way of Saint Therese," will finally be staged in Heppner.

The play will be presented Friday, March 11, 7 p.m. at the

Gilliam & Bisbee Building, 106 E. May St., and the St. Patrick Catholic Church Altar Society will provide desserts. Donations are accepted.

Condon, who died March 7, 2020, at the age of 92, began writing dramas to provide historical information about the church and saints. Born and raised in Ireland, he served 57 years in the priesthood, the last 22 in Heppner and Ione.

Staging Condon's plays became an annual tradition leading up to the town's annual St. Patrick's celebration. JoAnna Lamb, Heppner Chamber of Commerce executive director, said the play was performed in lone, just a day after the beloved priest's death. However, pandemic restrictions postponed its curtain call in Heppner.

The play is based on the life of Therese Martin, who was born in 1873. At 15, she was finally allowed to join a convent after petitioning the Pope. The young nun's autobiography, "The Story of a Soul," was published shortly after her death of tuberculosis at age 24.

