

Cathy Lindsay wins essay contest



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Cathy Lindsay of Lexington, a Heppner High School senior, has won an essay contest sponsored by the Heppner St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee. The contest was open to all Morrow County students.

As the first place winner, Lindsay will receive a \$45 cash award and her essay is being published in the Gazette-Times and in the Enterprise. Betty Hodson of Riverside High School in Boardman, who won second place, will receive a 125 award. Christy Rathbun of HHS won third place and will be awarded \$15.

Judges for the contest were John Edmundson, Bob Abrams, Lib Daggett and Martha Doherty.

Following is Lindsay's winning essay:

**Irish Immigration
To Morrow County**
By MARY CATHERINE
LINDSAY

The lyrics of the song describing the plaque of Ireland immigration...

They left the mountains and the glens,

The lassies and the fine young men.

I saw a tear on every girl and boy.

Many young men of twenty said good bye.

tell the poignant story of Ireland's loss and Morrow County's gain.

They came to this country 100 years ago, leaving family and friends behind, hoping to find a better life. With large families on small farms, the future looked bleak for many young people in Ireland. English rule made life difficult for the Irish. The Irish economy was an agricultural economy. Yet, the Irish could own only the poorest land. The good land was confiscated for the English lords. It was even unlawful for an Irishman to own a horse for many centuries. He could use a mule, but the horses belonged only to the English. Then came the years when the potato crops failed, a main stay in Irish diets, to add to their troubles land drive even more young people away in search of a living.

Cousins, aunts and uncles who had gone before them to Oregon sent money for passage and the invitation for them to come. The prospect of land to homestead and the hope of establishing a home where they could raise their own families, gave them the courage to endure the hard-

ship of a long and dangerous sea voyage and a rough and dusty overland trip to Morrow County.

My Great Grandfather, Bernard P. Doherty, left County Donnegal, Ireland in 1885 under such circumstances to arrive in Boston. He worked there until he earned his passage west to Oregon. He went to work as a herder for Cunningham Sheep, taking his wages in sheep until he was able to homestead in Morrow County. Here, he worked diligently with his flock and the Good Lord blessed his efforts with success, lambing in Sand Hollow and trailing up to Lahman Springs in The Blues for the summer.

Stories told to me by my Grandma Rosella of the jolly times, the experiences of the newly-landed "Greenhorns," and all the busy activities of the sheep business are favorites with me.

Catherine Doherty, born in Carndonagh, County Donnegal, left home and the green hills of Ireland at 16 to land at the dry dusty hills of Hog Hollow on Franklin Hill in Morrow County. She worked as a cook and domestic helper, activities of newly arrived Irish in this land.

Barney (Bernard P.) and Katie (Catherine) met as part of the Irish and were joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony in 1895 and began the intriguing story of lives that would give new lives to enrich Morrow County.

Variety of goodies to be for sale

A variety of goodies will be available for purchase this Saturday during Heppner's St. Patrick's Day Celebration. The Heppner Swim Team

will be selling brownies, cupcakes and cookies in front of Central Market beginning at 10 a.m.

During the parade, the Heppner Lions Club will sell popcorn and cotton candy in front of the Abrams, Kuhn and Spicer office.

Also, the Heppner Soroptimist Club will be selling homemade pies along with green plants at Sears.

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