

## Fair & Rodeo Court busy during St. Pats



L-R: Princesses Jodi Vandeventer, Jenni Ashbeck, Kristine Bedortha, Elizabeth Doherty and Queen Jodi Ashbeck

It was a busy day for the 1991 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court as they helped to celebrate Heppner's ninth Annual St. Patrick's Day festivities.

Queen Jodee Ashbeck and Princesses Elizabeth Doherty, Jenni Ashbeck, Jodi Vandeventer and Kristine Bedortha took part in the KUMA Coffee Hour, where they invited everyone to the Fair & Rodeo August 14-18, and told of some coming highlights.

The full court was on hand for the parade, consisting of the five older ambassadors and six pennant

bearers. The pennant bearers are a big part of the court and will be traveling around the state most of the summer. They are Dawn Boor, Stephanie Haguewood, Jossie and Casey Evans, Joe Doherty and Kimberly Bedortha. The group rode in the horse drawn wagon belonging to Joe and Hilda Yocom of Lexington.

Queen Jodee and her court rode in the open coach belonging to Iris Doherty, and were pulled by one of the famous Doherty Arabians, "Arafon". The carriage was driven by David Doherty in his top hat and

tails. The Dohertys are relatives of Princess Elizabeth.

Immediately after the parade the court visited the residents of the nursing home and presented shamrocks for their solarium. Many of the ladies said they would like to see the girls' horses, so the court will be working on a photo album with horse shots to be presented to the residents later in the summer.

The girls have a busy month coming up in April, with a trip to Portland Meadows, several public speaking luncheons and their first parade in Milton-Freewater.

## 'Bossy' chooses winners Saturday

Dawna Doherty of Heppner won \$250 in the first round of "Bossy bingo" game as "Bossy" chose Dougherty's spot to do her duty.

Second round of \$250 was split between Joy Krein and Rhonda Winters.

The game netted around \$1,700 to benefit Heppner High School's athletic programs. Also donated for the bovine bingo game were 100 gallons of gasoline from Devin Oil Company and two cords of firewood from Kinzua Corp.

In the bedrace, held just prior to the parade, the Adams Bread bedracers took first with 41.22. Second place went to Les Schwab's team with 43.74. The Pioneer Memorial Hospital bedrace team was judged best of show out of nine teams competing.

Winner of the bed race calcutta was Gloria Clappner of Hermiston, who won \$100.

The annual St. Patrick's auction, the major fundraiser for the St. Patrick's celebration took in around \$3,600 at this year's auction.



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Casey Evans brings out one of the participants of Bossy Bingo

The Irish Heppner's sons and daughters of Ireland came together Saturday, March 16 at the KUMA Coffee hour held at the Heppner Elks Club. The Irish Musicians, Singers and Dancers from County

Cork joined with local musicians to entertain a large crowd of onlookers.

The Irish from County Cork also visited the schools and put on a "set" dance demonstration, which is somewhat like our square dancing.

## Children's youth services to meet

A meeting of the Morrow County Children's and Youth Services Commission will be held Tues., March 26 at 7 p.m. at the Children's Services Building at the Mountain Valley Land Realty Building, Boardman.

Since over \$95,000 will be coming into Morrow County for children over the next two-year period, the meeting has been set to review priority areas before funding.

Anyone wishing to offer input is invited to attend.

For more information concerning the meeting contact Juanita Martin, 989-8117.

## 4-H'ers plan for summer week

Morrow County 4-H members in grades seven through 12 are receiving information and registration forms this week for this year's 4-H Summer Week at Oregon State University, according to Bill Broderick, Oregon State University Extension agent.

Those planning to attend the June event must return their registration forms to the county Extension office in Heppner by May 1. Scholarships, contributed by local organizations and businesses, are available to help cover costs.

Those attending the 1991 Summer

Week will choose from among 90 different classes. Fresh Tracks will allow an in-depth look at a 4-H area of interest, including career possibilities, subject matter and decision-making.

Afternoons will find the young people involved in a variety of leisure education activities.

All seventh through 12th grade 4-H members are eligible to attend Summer Week. Any youth who wishes to receive information about Summer Week are asked to contact their county Extension Office. For more information call Bill Broderick, 676-9642.

## County-wide library district meeting topic

Formation of a Morrow County Library District was the topic of a meeting held March 7 at the Heppner City Library.

"The district is being proposed in order to provide financial stability for libraries in the county and to increase library services for people all over the county," said a library district supporter. They said that the district would include a computer database system which would allow a person anywhere in the county to have access to any book in the county and beyond. Ways for extending the library system to outlying areas in the county, such as a courier system, were discussed. The need for more space, heated space, and handicapped accessibility in various libraries was also discussed. The district would include a district administrator who would be a professional librarian and would coordinate library services throughout the county, they said. Another benefit of the district is that it would be available for state improvement grants, they added.

It was stressed at the meeting that a library's collection would remain its own even though books would be loaned between libraries and to outlying areas. Donations to a library would remain the property of

that library and would not be taken into account in dividing district funds.

Jerry Allredge was elected chairman of the task force to work on the formation of the library district with Ed Struthers as vice chairman. Sharon Meyers and Paulette Simmons were elected recorders. The need for representatives on the task force from each library in the county as well as towns without libraries and rural areas was stressed.

The next meeting will be held on March 25 at 7 p.m. in Irrigon. The place is yet to be determined. The agenda will include work on a draft proposal and an economic feasibility statement. The public is invited.

## 55 Alive driver's ed class planned

By Anne Morter  
The "55 Alive" classroom refresher course for drivers 55 years and older will be held at the Willows Grange Hall in Ione on April 15 and 16 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The cost of the course is \$8.

Interested parties should contact Helen Crawford at 422-7575 in the evenings for sign up information.

## Rev. Thew to speak Palm Sunday

The Rev. Richard Thew will be the guest priest at the Palm Sunday worship service at All Saints Episcopal Church. Service begins at 10:30 a.m.

During the service the Passion of St. Mark will be read in narrative form. Members of the congregation will read specific parts of the Gospel and the congregation will also have speaking parts in this moving Biblical account of the last days of our Lord. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Obituary

**Harry T. O'Donnell**  
Harry T. O'Donnell, 69, of Heppner, died Thursday, March 14, 1991 at a Salem hospital.

Recitation of the rosary for Mr. O'Donnell was Sunday at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner. Funeral Mass was Monday at the St. Patrick Church. Burial followed at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. O'Donnell was born May 26, 1921 at Oakland, Calif., to Harry and Claire Nickerson O'Donnell. The family moved to Heppner in 1926 and he attended Heppner schools, graduating from Heppner High School.

He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and later returned to Heppner where he married Helen P. Healy on June 9, 1946.

Mr. O'Donnell owned and operated the Morrow County Abstract and Title Company for over 25 years.

He was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, the Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, Heppner BPOE 358 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. O'Donnell enjoyed golfing and was a member of the Willow Creek Country Club.

Survivors include nephews, Dennis of Salem and Jon of Klamath Falls and a niece Mary Ann Gallagher of Milton-Freewater, who were all raised by Mr. O'Donnell and his wife, and numerous other nieces and nephews. His wife died in 1989.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Association of Oregon, P.O. Box 222, Portland, 97207.

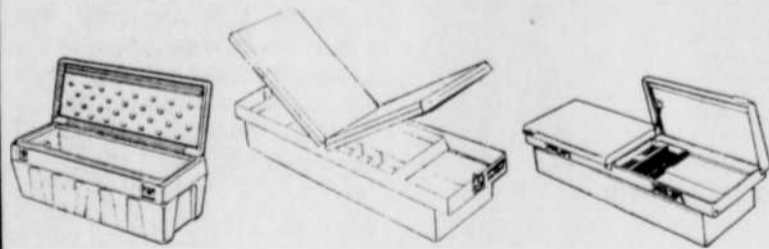
Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

## ATTENTION

The Morrow County Road Dept. Crew will be working on the Rattle Snake Grade on Gooseberry Road beginning on March 20th, Monday thru Friday.



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