

St. Patrick's Day in Heppner

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will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the finish by 4 p.m.

Central Market is donating orange slices for the walkers and the R&W Drive In is providing a complimentary drink coupon with the purchase of a menu sandwich.

Twenty-two volunteers are signed up to help with rest stops, registration and check points.

A volunteer crew of John Edmundson, Jim Wishart, Earl Fishburn and Don Finley freshened the green paint on the shamrocks marking the route this week.

Arts and Crafts Sale

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts club will sponsor an arts and crafts sale Saturday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Les Schwab store.

Arts and crafts club members may set up their wares at 9 a.m. They are reminded to bring two dozen cookies to the sale.

Potato Decorating Contest

Heppner Day Care has planned an Irish potato decorating contest on Saturday, March 16, from 2-4 p.m. at the old television office on Main Street in Heppner.

Potatoes and craft items will be provided or those participating in the contest may bring a completed potato from home. There is a \$2 entry fee.

Categories are: three to five years, six to 10, and 11 and older.

Everyone participating will get a ribbon and certificates will be awarded for the most unusual potato, most original, most Irish, best dressed lassie, best dressed lad and most edible.

Sheep Dog Contest

Sheep dog trials will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 16-17, from 8 a.m. to dark at Brian Thompson's Ranch, three miles out of town toward Lexington.

Approximately 35 contestants with 50 dogs from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and Canada will compete in three classes, open, pro/novice and novice/novice. Krebs Ranches supply the sheep.

This is the third year that the trials will be held at the Thompson Ranch. It will be the first trial of the year for the Oregon Sheep Dog Society. The event is sanctioned by the U.S. Border Collie Handlers Association. Mary Hamilton, Walla Walla, is in charge of the trial. Some concessions will be available. Spectators may watch from their cars.

O'Pool and Ewe Do Bingo

Ewe Do is back again this year at the Heppner St. Patrick's celebration.

This is how the contest works. A lamb is turned loose on a grid of pre-sold numbers. When the lamb leaves its "ewe-do" on a numbered square, the owner of the square wins \$300.

Tickets, at \$5 each, are pre-sold at RJ's in Lexington, Murray Drugs, the Elks Club, Bucknum's Tavern and Bud's Pub in Heppner. Tickets will also be available on Main Street on Saturday, March 16. The Ewe Do Bingo begins at 2:30 p.m. that day on northwest Willow and Main Streets.

Proceeds go to help fund the proposed swimming pool.

Mrs. O'Leary's Stew Feed

Hungry St. Patrick's Day revelers can fill their empty stomach at Mrs. O'Leary's Irish Beef Stew Feed on Friday, March 15, from 5-7 p.m. at the St. Patrick Senior Center on Main Street in Heppner.

The stew is "the best" and is accompanied by coleslaw, freshly baked rolls, a beverage and pie. Prices are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 6-12. Children under five years are admitted free. Takeouts will also be available.

The stew feed is sponsored by the Heppner United Methodist Church.

Team Roping

The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo St. Patrick's Day Team Roping event will be held Sunday, March 17, beginning at 11 a.m.

at the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Arena at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Entries will open the morning of March 17 until 10 a.m.

Classes are as follows: open class-three for \$20.50; number 9 and 7-three for \$15.50; and number 5-three for \$12.50. There will be unlimited entries for number 5 and a limit of three for the other classes.

Admission is free for spectators and concessions will be available.

For more information call Ken Bailey, 676-5110 or 379-2812. Ken Eckman is chairman.

Motorcross Barrel Race

The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo St. Patrick's Motorcross Barrel Race will be held Saturday, March 16, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Arena at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

Motorcycles will race first, followed by four-wheelers. Entries will be open the day of the race until 2 p.m.

For more information, call Ken Bailey, 676-5110, or 379-2812. Marlene Currin is secretary.

Admission will be free to spectators and concessions will be available.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage license:

March 4: Teruo Chinen, Jr., 23, Heppner; and Rebecca Kimberley Wicklund, 22, Heppner.

Barbershoppers to entertain during St. Pat's

The Blue Mountain Barbershoppers (BMB), directed by John Freeman, will perform in Heppner Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner Junior High School auditorium. In addition to the chorus, the show will also feature several quartets.

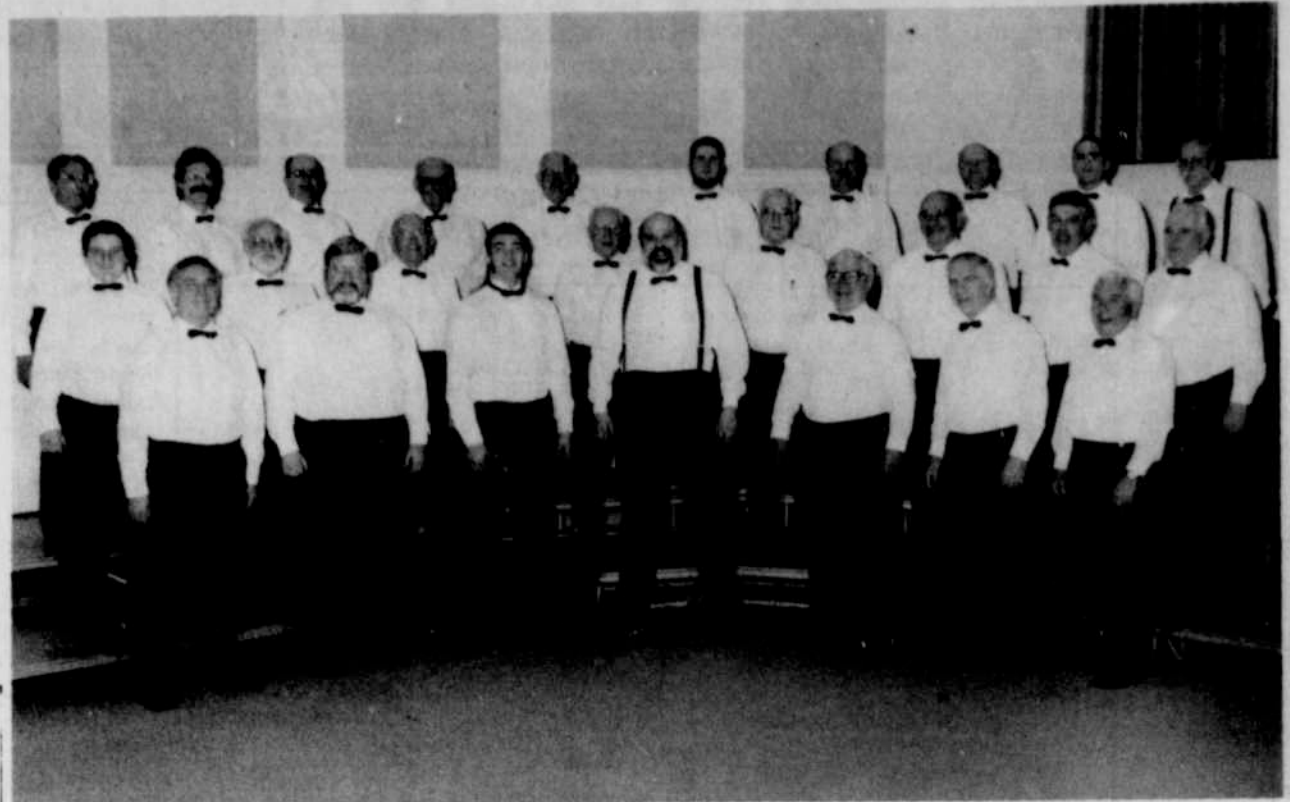
St. Patrick's Committee entertainment chair Molly Rill says that around 40 barbershoppers will be coming and adds that the group has written a play geared to the Morrow County experience, incorporating local names in their performance.

Tickets are now available for \$5 each at Murray's Drug and may be purchased at the downtown information booth Saturday, beginning around 1 p.m. If the presentation is not sold out, tickets will also be available at the door.

Rill also says that the barbershoppers will do a lot of roving downtown and will also sing during the KJMA coffee hour presentation.

When the curtain rises Saturday evening, the BMB will be singing in their 14th year of harmony. It is a long way from their first show in 1983. The group first met in the summer of 1982, but took a while to get organized, chartered and learn music for their charter show. Nine of the original members are still singing with the chorus.

The group has put on shows in La Grande, Baker City, Hermiston, Pendleton and Enterprise. They have sung in Elgin and gone to contests in Spokane and Tri-Cities, WA and Twin Falls, ID.



Group membership has ranged in age from high school to over 90 years and includes men representing a variety of careers and occupations.

Part of the proceeds of the annual shows has gone to the support of Heartspring (formerly known as Logopedics), barbershoppers' national effort

to help those with speech and hearing difficulties. BMB has also sponsored a musical scholarship in recent years at Eastern Oregon State College in La Grande.

Serious traffic accident occurs at Heppner Junction Monday, March 11

A traffic accident on Interstate 84 at the junction with Highway 74 at milepost 147 delayed both east and west-bound traffic on the Interstate Monday, March 11. Four semi-trucks, a pickup truck and a number of passenger vehicles were involved in the accident, which closed the eastbound lanes. Traffic was re-routed over the overpass and delays of 15-20 minutes were expected. There was one fatality and

three people were trapped in vehicles, possibly injured, said an Oregon Department of Transportation news release. Emergency teams responded to the scene, working to free injured passengers.

The four trucks involved carried compressed nitrogen, liquid nitrogen, liquid helium, a swimming pool aggregate and concrete mix. A hazardous materials (Hazmat) team from Hermiston also responded to

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the scene and representatives from the Department of Environmental Quality were to assess potential environmental damage.

Traffic was detoured around the accident until the Hazmat team determined that the gases are contained and the area is safe.

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******* FRIDAY, MARCH 15 *******

- *MORROW COUNTY MUSEUM - 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Learn basics of researching family heritage from expert Pete Young. View updated info on museum expansion project.
- *MRS. O'LEARY'S STEW FEED- 5:00 to 7:00 PM at St. Pat's Senior Center, 190 SE Main Street, prepared by the Methodist Church members.
- *BRUNCH - 11:15 AM to 1:15 PM at the Elks Club, 142 N Main St. Open to the public.
- *O' SENIOR CENTER - 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, have a taste of Irish homemade soup and bread; pie and coffee 3:00 to 4:30 PM. Videos of Ireland for your relaxation.
- *O' BARBECUE chicken and ribs - 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM by Kessler's Catering at the City Park on Main Street.
- *O' SHANTY RACE - 1:00 PM on Main St. A wee bit o' fun with porta-potties on the run.

******* SATURDAY, MARCH 16 *******

- *BREAKFAST - 6:00 to 10:30 AM at Morrow County Fairgrounds by O'Senior Center.
- *SHEEP DOG TRIALS - starting at 8:30 AM (all day) at Thompson's Ranch, 3 miles northwest of Heppner on Bunker Hill Road off of Highway 207, between mileposts #41 and 42.
- *VOLKSWALK - 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Make a "grand tour" of the Irish Capitol of Oregon. The event starts at the High School on West Morgan Street and tours the town on a 6.2 mile/10 kilometer route.
- *ROVING MUSICIANS - The Blue Mountain Barbershop Chorus will be singing at various locations during the day. Featuring quartets, Irish musicians and some community "Sing Alongs".
- *SCOTCH DOUBLES at Heppner Bowl, 180 NE Chase Street.
- *MORROW COUNTY MUSEUM - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, view local Irish history, wool and textile exhibits. Spinning and weaving demonstration in the morning hours. Research family heritage with expert Pete Young. Clint Krebs will give a slide presentation on history of sheep ranching in Morrow County at 2:30 and 3:30 PM.

- *O' CRAFTERS FAIR - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 288 N Main Street (Union Hall).
- *MORROW COUNTY CREATIVE ARTS AND CRAFTS - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, show and sale at Les Schwab Building at 124 North Main Street.
- *KUMA COFFEE HOUR - 10:00 AM at the Elks Club, introducing and honoring the Irish (Cunningham) Family, history, blarney and music.
- *O' FARLEY SOCIAL HOUR - 4:00 to 5:00 PM at Skagg's Auto Clinic (Old Farley Building) at 126 E May Street. Reminisce with old and new acquaintances. Drawing for \$100.00 Pot O'Gold.
- *ST. PATRICK'S HAM DINNER - 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Catholic Church Parish Hall at 580 NW Jones Street.
- *BUFFET DINNER - Eat, visit and dance a jig to music at the Elks Club.
- *MUSICAL SHOW "THE IRISH COWBOY" - 7:30 PM at the Grade School Gym. A three act show in the barbershop style, featuring The Blue Mountain Barbershop Chorus from La Grande, Oregon. This is the story of a young man from Ireland who comes to Heppner to be a cowboy.
- *WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING BREAKFAST - 11:00 PM to 3:00 AM by Heppner Volunteer Fire Department at 190 NW Willow Street.

******* SUNDAY, MARCH 17 *******

- *BREAKFAST - 6:30 to 10:00 AM at the Morrow Co. Fairgrounds, by the O'Golfers of the Willow Creek Country Club.
- *CHURCH of your choice, visitors welcomed.
- *SHEEP DOG TRIALS all day at Thompson's Ranch on Bunker Hill Road.
- *SCOTCH DOUBLES, at Heppner Bowl.
- *MORROW COUNTY MUSEUM open 1:00 to 5:00 PM
- *LAMB BARBECUE - Noon to 3:00 PM by South Morrow Scholarship Trust Board directors and friends at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.
- *ST. PADDY'S TEAM ROPING - 11:00 AM at the Oregon Pro Rodeo Arena at the fairgrounds. Concessions available. Free admission.
- *ST. PATRICK'S ANNUAL AUCTION - 1:00 PM indoors at Morrow County Fairgrounds. Preview items prior to the auction at 11:00 AM. Drawing for \$100 Pot O'Gold.

*******RV PARKING*******

Willow Creek RV Park: 541-676-9618.
Morrow County Fairgrounds: 541-676-9474.

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