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## St. Pat's Auction to feature variety and a new format



St. Pat's Auction chairman Doris Brosnan and an identified leprechaun show off some of the Irish goodies up for bid at the auction this Sunday, March 15, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

This year's "Wee Bit o' Ireland" at the St. Patrick's Weekend Celebration auction is "sure to satisfy" because of the great selection of items and the variety in the new format.

At 11:30 a.m. "Absolutely Nobody", an a Capella quartet, will get the early comers and lamb barbecue customers relaxed and in a fun-loving mood with their lyrics from the past and present. Half of the members of this group proudly flaunt their Irish connections—one comes from Ireland. One of them is a Morrow County-grown Irishman, Joe Lindsay.

Auctioning will start at 1 p.m. Support of area citizens and merchants far exceeded the hopes of the committee, so the variety and quality are superior, said auction chairperson Doris Brosnan. Some local donors have provided items with an Irish theme: a porcelain musical "Irish colleen", a large Budweiser-Irish mirror, a specially printed sweatshirt and carved oak bat, a 1907 Dublin International Exposition" scarf and "Thank You, Ireland" (book).

Other individuals and merchants in Heppner, lone, Lexington, Hermiston and Pendleton have contributed dining, sport, entertainment, beauty, decorator, automotive, and clothing products and services.

A raffle of selected items will satisfy persons who like to take chances. For just 50 cents a ticket, the chance-takers can try to win their favorite choices, such as Ken and Barbie dolls, a camera or a special dining

experience. For the silent-type personality, the silent auction offers that opportunity to quietly but persistently outbid anyone else on some choice items. More than 100 items will be on the silent auction block.

The bargain hunter will find satisfaction in the "Country Store." Both new and used, these items are specially priced for great savings, says Brosnan.

Ken Grieb will guide the bidding of the live auction for the vocal participants. Something for all ages, male and female, these items have been selected for their variety and appeal and include some trips, some gravel, some jewelry, some "collectibles" and antiques, tickets to a Portland Trail Blazers game and a Blazers autographed basketball, tickets to Portland Winter Hawks games, season passes to Heppner High's football and basketball seasons, a round-trip airfare in the USA, a Columbia Gorge Hotel stay, a mink stole, newspaper subscriptions, decorator items, a lasagna dinner, a tv utility basket, weekend commemorative collectibles... about 60 items in all.

The auction should run much more quickly than in past years, thanks to the division of items into four different areas, which will run simultaneously, says Brosnan, who adds that the citizens and business owners deserve credit for making this auction a great success. The other key to success will be the participants, she says, who will be looking for an entertaining, worthwhile Sunday activity to end their celebration.

## Dr. Atkins resigns

Dr. Ernie Atkins, physician at Pioneer Memorial Clinic and Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home in Heppner, announced his resignation from his positions with the Morrow County Health District in a staff meeting Tuesday, March 3.

Dr. Atkins and the MCHD Board met in executive session on Monday, March 9, at the Pioneer Memorial Home Health office.

Dr. Atkins' three-year contract with the board will end May 31.

## St. Pat's booth sports "blarney green"

The St. Patrick's information booth will be sporting a new "blarney green", thanks to Heppner's local Lions Club. The Soroptimist organization of Heppner will 'man' the booth providing information to visitors, a schedule of events for the weekend, the sale of collector buttons, lapel pins and a smile for one and all.

Messages may be posted on the message board, as well as the winners in the various races and the parade. "If you lose a leprechaun, just stop at the information booth," said a spokesperson.

## Leprechauns fall down on the job



'Tis sure you'll be able to beat this crew of leprechauns (aka Diana Ball, Claudia Hughes and Doris Brosnan) who, along with Heppner city manager Gary Marks, keep falling down on the job and just can't seem to get their feet off the ground practicing for the annual St. Pat's O'Hanky-Planky Race set between noon and 1 p.m., following the Bartender's Race and the O'Shanty Race Saturday on Main Street.

## Bucknum's to re-open

Bucknum's Tavern in Heppner was scheduled to reopen under new management March 11, just in time for the St. Patrick's Celebration.

RJ's in Lexington is also under new management.

## Alice Tatone files for county judge



Alice Tatone

## Mollahan throws hat into ring



John Mollahan

John Mollahan, 62, of Lexington, has thrown his hat into the ring to run for Morrow County Judge.

Mollahan was born in Heppner and has lived in Morrow County all of his life, graduating from Heppner High School. His father, Pat, a city policeman, was born in Ireland. Pat served as county sheriff when Clarence Bauman served in World War II. John's mother, Elsie, was a registered nurse, working in Heppner all of her adult life.

Mollahan attended Blue Mountain community College in law enforcement. He served as a city police officer from 1964-69. He was elected Morrow County Sheriff twice, in 1968 and in '71. Mollahan has been a farmer all of his life and is still farming.

He and his wife, Christina Sharp Mollahan, have been married 10 years. He has two children, Jackie Bowman, who lives in Anchorage, Alaska, and Joe, McMinnville, and six grandchildren.

Mollahan says that he believes it will be very interesting to be involved in Morrow County's future, especially during the next few years with the anticipated disposal of chemical weapons at the Army Depot and is also interested in the county's general development.

Mollahan says that the position is a "joint venture" and is really a legislative position. "Your have to work with other people to accomplish anything," said Mollahan.

He also said he would like to see more emphasis put into improving the county's roads.

Alice (Wicklender) Tatone of Boardman has announced her candidacy for Morrow County Judge.

Tatone and her husband, Joe, have owned and operated Dodge City Inn in Boardman for the past 48 years. "With that business background," says Tatone, "I intend to contribute to county management an element of efficiency and effectiveness that may be lost in government in general."

Tatone says she has long been a champion of education, especially for young people. She has served on advisory committees for Blue Mountain Community College and Eastern Oregon State University where she received a bachelor of science degree in 1993. In addition, she has served as a 4-H leader, a Camp Fire leader and helped organize Pee Wee Rodeo in the area.

The mother of two children, and the employer of dozens of young people at Dodge City, Tatone says she is comfortable with the duties of the juvenile court judge, a jurisdiction which now lies with the Morrow County Judge.

Tatone's son, Jody Tatone, a five-time bullrider in the World

Rodeo Championship finals, is now a real estate broker in Roseburg. Daughter, Linda Smith, a former juvenile court director in Gilliam County, lives on a ranch near Condon and actively participates in the management of Dodge City.

Tatone's husband Joe has served as Boardman's mayor, city councilman and on the Morrow County Road Advisory Committee. A Navy veteran and member of the VFW auxiliary, Tatone was a long-time member of Boardman's Tillicum Club and the Greenfield Grange.

Alice and Joe Tatone were recognized last winter for their lifetime contribution to the Boardman community by the Boardman Chamber of Commerce.

"There are two things I can promise the voters of Morrow County," Tatone said. "First, I strongly believe in the equality of all citizens, no matter their age, where they live or what they do for a living. Second, I will listen to the people. I don't have all the answers to all the problems we face now, nor will face in the years to come. But I intend to do my best to learn and to meet my responsibility to all the people of Morrow County."

## Tallman files for Co. Judge



Terry Tallman

Terry Tallman, Boardman, has filed as a Republican candidate for Morrow County Judge.

Tallman, 51, a native Oregonian, was born at Nyssa. He graduated from Adrian High School in 1964. He attended Treasure Valley Community College, the University of Oregon and Oregon State University, studying speech communications.

He served in the U.S. Navy from April 1967 to April 1971, performing day-to-day maintenance on the F4J weapons system during the Vietnam War. In the Navy he also studied electronics and computers for the Westinghouse F4J weapons platform.

Tallman and his wife Cheryl have been married 23 years. They have three children, Jonathan, 21, Crystal, 19, and Derrin, 16. He has been self-employed in the family farming

operation since 1974. He moved a portion of the farming operation from Malheur County to Morrow County in 1978.

Tallman has been mayor of the city of Boardman since January 1997. He was a member of the city of Boardman Planning Commission from 1985-96 and the commission chair from 1991-1996; member of the Boardman City Budget Committee from 1987-89; a member of the Morrow County School District Computer Technology Advisory Committee from 1989-90; a member of the Port of Morrow/Umatilla Board Development Fund Committee from 1990-95; a board member of the Morrow County Unified Recreation District from 1995-present; Morrow County Budget Committee member, 1997-present; Morrow County Transportation System Planning Committee, 1997; Boardman Community Strategic Planning Committee from 1997-present; and the Boardman Area Emergency Planning Group from 1997-present.

Tallman has also been a Little League coach, a Columbia Youth Basketball coach, a member of the Riverside High School Booster Club and a member of the Boardman Chamber of Commerce.

Tallman says that he is a candidate who will: "Listen for ideas that provide for a positive Morrow County future"; "Seek to make change a friend, not an enemy"; "Encourage opportunity for all of Morrow County"; "Continue to build cooperation within our county"; and "Further our efforts to distinguish Morrow County as a place for others to want to visit, work and live."

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