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Paintin' o' the green



Volunteers paint shamrock in preparation for festivities

Irish Players to perform again during St. Pat's



The Irish singers (left to right): Scott Sager, Kreg Hawkins, John Doherty, Mike Duffy, Paul Green and Ivan Meads will be performing again this year during the St. Patrick's Day Celebration. The group has been playing Irish music at Heppner's celebration for many years.

Donkey basketball game planned at Ione

The Cardinal Booster Club is sponsoring donkey basketball at Ione High School on Wednesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. It will be the Ione school faculty and fire dept. members versus the high school basketball (boys and girls) teams.

"If you have never had the privilege of watching basketball being played from the back of a

not-so-enthusiastic donkey, don't miss this opportunity. It's fun for the whole family," said a club spokesperson.

Presale tickets are available at Beecher's Restaurant and Wheat-land Insurance. Debbie Morgan will be selling tickets, and the Ione middle school children will sell tickets also. Adults are \$4.50,

students grades 7-12 are \$3.50, and students K-6, \$2.50. For tickets at the door, add .50 each.

Advertising Deadline
12 noon Tuesday

Iris Doherty Partney to reign over St. Pat's festivities

Iris Doherty Partney

Iris (Rockwell) Doherty Partney has been selected to reign over Heppner's 17th annual St. Patrick's Celebration planned this weekend, March 12-14. Iris will ride in the St. Patrick's parade with her daughter, Donna. The parade is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 13.

Iris, whose former husband is the late Joe Dominic Doherty, lives with her husband, Dick Partney, on the same ranch where she grew up. The ranch was originally owned by her grandparents, Julius and May Guderian.

Iris, 68, was born February 15, 1931, to Guy and Irene Rockwell at Pendleton and grew up on the family place which is situated on McKay Creek between Pilot Rock and Pendleton. She graduated from Pilot Rock High School and, after graduation in 1949, worked at the Umatilla County Courthouse in the tax department. She and Joe were married in 1950. After their marriage they briefly lived in Pendleton, but then moved back to the farm because of her father's ill health.

Joe farmed and worked nights at the Pilot Rock lumber mill and later went into the real estate business.

Iris and Joe had four children, Donna, David, Richard and Dennis.

Donna, who lives nearby, has two children, Kyle and Heaven. Donna is employed with the city of Pendleton in their finance department. David, who is employed with Pioneer Construction, and his wife Rachel live outside Pendleton. They have two children, Lucas and Justine. Richard and his wife Sue live on the ranch. Their children are Jake and Jessie. Richard is employed with the Pendleton Flour Mill. Dennis and his wife Kelly also live on the ranch, along with their children, Adam and Alex. Dennis is employed with Cascade Gas.

Joe, who passed away in 1981, had a tremendous singing voice, says Iris, and often sang at weddings and funerals.

Joe is buried at the Vinson cemetery at Nye Junction. When visiting his grave a while back, Iris noticed that several quarters had appeared on his headstone. She discovered that the quarters had been placed there by Mike Kilkenny of Pendleton. She placed several there herself and it has become a tradition.

In 1991, she married Dick Partney, who is a self-employed contractor. Dick, who born at Milton-Freewater, moved to Pilot Rock after graduation.

Besides her children and grandchildren, Iris also loves horses and the outdoors and for many years bred and showed purebred Arabian horses. She still has about nine horses, but has since given up breeding them. She had a 4-H horse club for 25 years. She was a member

of the Umatilla County Fair Board, was superintendent for the horse division at the Umatilla County Fair and was honored to be selected as the grand marshal of their fair.

The family still has a white carriage with wine-colored velvet seats which was pulled by a white Arabian. Joe used the carriage and their son, David Doherty, has also used the carriage.

The Doherty family has a rich Irish heritage. Joe D's grandfather, Pat Doherty, came to America in 1888. He worked in the U.S. until his return to Ireland in 1901 to wed Mary McLaughlin. When they returned to America, they brought Mary's brother, Cor, and Pat's cousins, Paul and Nora (Newman) Doherty with them.

In 1908, Pat and Mary, sailed on the Lusitania back to Ireland with their son, Joe (Joe D's father), who was six years old at the time, and daughters, Susan and Mary. They spent three months in Ireland visiting relatives and friends. Susan, who attended grade school in the country school at Big Buttercreek, married Bernard Doherty, son of Barney and Katie Doherty, Sandhollow. Barney had property in both Morrow and Umatilla counties and ran sheep for years. Susan has also presided over the Heppner St. Patrick's festivities as grand marshal.

Joe D's great, great, great paternal grandfather was John (Newman), who left the Isle of Dough in 1785 and settled at Ballyloskey, County Donegal, Ireland. His great, great grandparents, Philip and Nancy McLaughlin Doherty had six children: Mary (many of whose descendants settled at Sandhollow), Shan, Big Paddy (Blackhorse), Rose (Hirl families), and Kate (Mullaly).

Joe D's great grandparents, Shan and Susana McLaughlin Doherty came from Ireland in 1890 with five of their children and joined the rest of the family, settling at Hog Hollow in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Joe D's parents, Joe and Fanny McCauley Doherty, raised a family of nine. Most of their descendants live in Umatilla County.

Other descendants of John's include Tutuilla Dan Doherty, Susie Doherty French and Catherine Doherty Nelson.

On the maternal side, Mary McLaughlin Doherty's father, Daniel McLaughlin (Big Denny) came from a long line of McLaughlins, known as the "Crocker Behg" (Gaelic) McLaughlins. The first son in each family was named Cornelius. Mary and Cor were the only ones in their family to emigrate to America. Cor McLaughlin married Mary Doherty (Blackhorse) and they raised a family of 13 children on their ranch in Morrow County.

Mustangs to hold baseball camp

The Heppner Mustangs will hold a baseball camp Monday, March 22, to Thursday, March 25, at the Heppner High School baseball field from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost is \$25 which includes a team hat. All youth from ages 9-14 are invited to come.

For more information, contact Tony Pupo at 676-5997 or Robin Graff, 422-7191.



Iris Partney



The late Joe Dominic Doherty

City leash law to be enforced

Heppner City Manager Jerry Breazeale has said that because of the numerous complaints about dogs the city has received, the city is going to enforce the leash law and city police may start issuing citations for people who don't comply.

Breazeale said that dog owners who violate the law may be subject to a fine. Up until now, while the law has been on the books for some time, it was only enforced if a complaint about a dog was made.

Breazeale said that dogs within the city limits are to be confined to a fenced enclosure or on a leash when out in public.

"Owning a dog is the responsibility of the owner," said Breazeale. "They need to be sure their dogs are not causing problems for other people."

Bike-a-thon planned

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has announced plans for the "Wheels for Life" Bike-a-thon to be held Sunday, April 25, in Ione.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, is the largest childhood cancer research center in America in terms of the number of patients treated and treatment success. Treatment is provided at no cost to the family and all finding are shared freely with doctors and hospitals all over the world.

"Thanks to St. Jude Hospital, children who have leukemia, Pediatric AIDS, sickle-cell anemia, and other life-threatening diseases now have a better chance to live," said a spokesperson.

Routes and other details will be released soon. For more information, call Anne Morter, ride coordinator, at 422-7429.

GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

Morrow County - March 9, 1999

(Preliminary Results Only)

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