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Hand-tooled saddle to be featured in auction

By Doris Brosnan

One of the recent donations to the St. Patrick's Day Auction comes from Kay Anderson of Heppner. The hand-tooled saddle, donated by Anderson, was crafted in 1954 by Ken and Verle Green, who were saddlemaker in Heppner for a short period of time. They were in Heppner from 1953-1959.

Ken Green made the saddle and his wife, Verle, hand-tooled it. According to their son, Tom, who lives in California, his mom was the artistic one in the duo.

The saddle will be offered on Sunday, March 19, in the live auction at the fairgrounds.

"Donations continue to come in, and the variety of items is vast," says an auction committee member. The live auction, silent auction, raffle, and country store will contain new, used, and collectible articles and services.

Among the selections in the live auction, destination packages will feature the Wildhorse Casino, the Columbia Gorge Hotel and the Newport Hallmark Inn.

Each of the three segments of silent bidding will also offer "something for everyone," from handymen and sports enthusiasts to kids and collectors.

The Country Store will offer a wide range of prices and new and used displays. The raffle will again feature a \$50 beef certificate and will have some items of interest to children. Of course, someone will win the 1972 Volkswagen as the auction comes to an end.

Entertainment provided by Ron McDonald and the Outhouse Singers will begin shortly after doors open at 11 a.m. on March 19. Ron's group delighted the crowd three years ago and promises to do the same this year. The Country Store will be open at 11 a.m., and bidders can begin marking their bids on the Silent Auction sheets at that time, as well. The three Silent Auction segments will remain open until 2, 3, and 4 p.m., respectively, as they were last year. The live auction will begin at 1 p.m.

The list of auction items are posted on the Heppner Website, heppner.net.

St. Pat's info on Internet

The St. Patrick's Day schedule of events is now posted on the Internet at Heppner's web site www.heppner.net.

Also on the web site is a complete list of items that will be available at the St. Patrick's Day auction. The auction list will be updated as new items are added.



This happy leprechaun is having a Ball riding the hand tooled saddle to be auctioned off at the St. Patrick's Day auction. And she's Dianaing to see you at the auction.

School report cards delayed again for Heppner, Ione schools

The Oregon State Department of Education has postponed issuing the state school report cards for Heppner and Ione schools until April 17, according to Mike Keown, Morrow County School District assistant superintendent.

Keown said that the state notified the district that the results for Heppner Junior/Senior High School and Ione Schools would be delayed. They were to be published by March 1.

When the department of education posts the results, they may be accessed on the Internet at www.ode.state.or.us.

Because of the delay, the state department of education has

Hill Street to close March 11

Hill Street in Heppner will be closed on Saturday, March 11 from 7 a.m. until late afternoon. The Heppner Fire Department, along with other agencies, plans to burn down two buildings on the street.

extended the time line for the schools to issue the school report cards to parents to May 30, said Keown.

Be ready for Irish joke & story contest

Get out your favorite Irish joke or story, brush up your Irish brogue, and get ready for the Irish joke & story telling contest to be held during the KUMA coffee hour Saturday, March 18 during St. Patrick's day weekend.

\$100 in prize money will be given away this year, with \$50 going to the first place winner, \$20 to second place and \$10 to third. Entrants will be judged on content and presentation (how funny is the joke or story, how good is your Irish).

To enter contact David Sykes at the Heppner Gazette-Times, or you can enter right before the coffee hour, which starts at 10 a.m. and is held upstairs at the Elks Lodge.

Local man bags cougar near Blakes



Tom Wolff with the 90-pound cougar he shot near Blake Ranch.

It was a lucky day for Tom Wolff of Heppner, but not so lucky for a cougar wandering near the Blake Ranch area near Heppner.

Wolff, who has been going out with glasses looking for the cats for some time, finally spotted one Thursday, March 2, about two miles below Blake Ranch on the North Fork Willow Creek around 5:40 p.m.

"I've been hunting cats for nine years," said Wolff. "This is the first time I've connected. It's just incredible to connect with an animal like this. They are so beautiful."

Wolff says he plans to have the full-grown, three-year-old, 90-pound female mounted.

Wolff said that he had heard about cougar tracks in the area and a local man said that a cougar got into his horses last Tuesday, about five-six miles (as the crow flies) from where Wolff shot the cat. Luckily, none of the horses were hurt.

Considering that cougars have around a 10x10 mile range, it could have been the same animal, Wolff says.

The big cats seem to be proliferating in the area-one was killed last week on Upper Rhea Creek and another was killed during archery season, says Wolff. Wolff said that according to Bob Krein of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, up until three years ago there were no cougar sightings or tracks, but over the last several years the population has increased.

Final Warning to perform at Kiwanis Kapers

A local band, Final Warning, has qualified for the Kiwanis Kapers and will perform on Friday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the Vert Auditorium in Pendleton.

The band includes David Bates, vocalist, who has written an original song, "English Love Song," Jeff Currin, lead guitar, Travis Bellamy, bass guitar, and Meghan Bailey, drums. All the band members are Heppner High School students who live in the Heppner-Lexington-Buttercreek areas except for Bates, an HHS graduate who is attending Blue Mountain Community College.

Final Warning has also been hired for the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo kickoff dance in August.

Tickets for the Kiwanis Kapers are available for \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. There are two different shows, one on Thursday night, March 9, and one on Friday, March 10, with the top performers selected to compete for cash prizes on the final Saturday night show on March 11.

Wolff, the cougars prey on deer, killing about one a week for food.

Cougar hunting requires a valid hunting license and a tag which must be purchased prior to the

start of the season.

Wolff grew up in Heppner, moved away and then returned about a year ago, partly because of the hunting opportunities in the area. "This is one of the reasons I came back," he said.

2000 Heppner St. Patrick's Day Schedule of Events

Friday, March 17

- *HEPPNER PUBLIC LIBRARY - Open 10AM-6PM.
- *MORROW COUNTY MUSEUM - Open 1-5 PM.
- *VENDOR'S SQUARE AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER - Enjoy crafts, food and other treasures from local and visiting vendors. All day Friday, Saturday & Sunday on Main Street across from the Library/City Park. For more information call Janice at 541-676-5024.
- *MRS. O'LEARY'S STEW FEED - 5 - 7 PM at St. Patrick's Senior Center, 190 N Main Street, prepared by the Heppner United Methodist Church members.
- *BLUE MOUNTAIN OLD TIME FIDDLERS - Dinner 5-7PM and concert at 7PM at Heppner Elementary School Cafeteria and Auditorium.
- *BUFFET DINNER - 6 - 8 PM at the Elks Club, 142 N Main Street.
- *LADS & LASSIES TEEN DANCE - 9 PM - midnight, A drug and alcohol free event for teens at Heppner High School.

Saturday, March 18

- *BREAKFAST - 6 - 10:30 AM at St. Patrick's Senior Center, prepared 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 AM - 4 PM. Make a "grand tour" of the Irish Capitol of Oregon. The event starts at Central Red Apple on Main Street and tours the town on a 6.2 mile/10 kilometer route.
- *MORROW COUNTY MUSEUM - 10 AM - 5 PM. Come visit the famous Morrow County Museum! See their display of the historical 1903 Heppner Flood and other displays from the past.
- *AG EQUIPMENT MUSEUM (Shorty's Museum) - 10 AM - 5 PM. See Shorty Peck's fine collection of farm equipment. Members of the museum board will be available to answer questions.
- *MORROW COUNTY CREATIVE ARTS AND CRAFTS - 9 AM - 3 PM, show and sale at Les Schwab.
- *VENDORS SQUARE AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER - All day across the street from the Library/City Park.
- *IRISH HOOP SHOOT - starting at 10:00 AM on E Willow Street, sponsored by Heppner Colt Basketball.
- *KUMA COFFEE HOUR - 10 AM at the Elks Club, 142 N Main Street. Come hear family histories, music, stories and blamey! Enter the IRISH BROGUE CONTEST and try to win \$100 for the best brogue.
- *BRUNCH - 11:15 AM - 1:30 PM at the Elks Club, 142 N Main Street.
- *O'SENIOR CENTER - 11 AM - 1:30 PM. Have a taste of Irish homemade soup and bread, pie and coffee 3 - 4:30 PM. Videos of Ireland for your relaxation.
- *O'BARBECUE Chicken and Ribs - 11 AM - 4 PM by Kessler's Catering at the City Park on Main Street.
- *LITTLE LEPRECHAUNS' MINI-CARNIVAL AND KIDS' KUISINE - 11:30 AM - 2 PM between the post office and Shoe Box. Sponsored by Heppner DayCare.
- *WESTON-McEWEN PIPE & DRUMS - performing on the Main Street Shamrock at 12:30 PM, prior to the Parade.
- *BARTENDERS' RACE - before the Parade, starting at the Main Street Shamrock.
- *IRISH PARADE - 1 PM on Main Street. Drawing for \$100 Pot O'Gold.
- *HEPPNER PUBLIC LIBRARY - Open 1 - 5 PM.
- *CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC - 2 - 4 PM .City Park, sponsored by First Christian Church.
- *CEILI (pronounced K-Lee) - beginning at 2 PM, upstairs at the Elks Club, 142 N Main Street. Come enjoy Irish music featuring John Doherty and The Irish Singers and the Round-Up City Cloggers performing Irish Step Dancing with optional audience participation. Cost is a St. Pat's Button.
- *ST. PADDY'S MOTORCROSS BARREL RACE - sponsored by the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee, has outgrown the celebration and will be rescheduled at a later date. Watch for advertising!
- *EWE-DO BINGO - 2:30 PM. Live sheep activity on NW Willow Street. Sponsored by Heppner Water Park/ Swim Team.
- *TOURS - 2:30 - 4 PM. Morrow County Courthouse. Historical structure built of blue basalt in 1902 at 100 S. Court Street.
- *O'DUCKY RACE - 3 PM, starts at bridge in front of Courthouse. Adopt a duck to win a prize of \$10 to \$100. Sponsored by the Heppner Colt Football Program.
- *O'FARLEY SOCIAL HOUR - 4 - 5 PM at the Senior Center Bus Shed on E May Street. Reminiscence with old and new acquaintances. Drawing for \$100 Pot O'Gold.
- *ST. PATRICK'S HAM DINNER - 4 - 7 PM at Catholic Church parish Hall at 560 NW Jones Street. Family tickets available.
- *BUFFET DINNER - 6 - 8 PM. Corn Beef & Cabbage, etc. with music from 9 PM - 2 AM at the Elks Club, 142 N Main Street.
- *THE TRAIL BAND - 7:30 PM at the Heppner Elementary School Auditorium. You will not want to miss this wonderful entertainment from Portland featuring music, stories, and costumes inspired by the great migrations to America at the turn of the century. Sponsored by the Morrow County Recreation District, Willow Lodge I.O.O.F. and the St. Pat's Committee.
- *WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING BREAKFAST 11 PM - 3 AM by Heppner Volunteer Fire Department at 190 NW Willow Street.

Sunday, March 19

- *BREAKFAST - 6 - 10 AM at the Nazarene Church, 335 N. Gilmore.
- *CHURCH - your choice. Visitors welcomed.
- *VENDORS SQUARE AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER - All day across the street from the Library/City Park.
- *SHEEP DOG TRIALS - all day at Thompson's Ranch, 3 miles northwest of Heppner on Bunker Hill Road off of Highway 207, between mileposts #41 and #42.
- *ST. PADDY'S DAY O'TEAM ROPING - 10 AM at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.
- *BARBECUE - 11AM - 3 PM at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Family tickets available.
- *ST. PATRICK'S ANNUAL AUCTION - 1 PM indoors at Morrow County Fairgrounds. Preview items at 11 AM. Have the fun of a live auction, as well as a Country Store, silent auctions, drawings, raffle drawing for VW Bug/Dune Buggy and music. Drawing for \$100 Pot O'Gold.

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