

## KUMA Coffee Hour to feature music, jokes and blarney

KUMA 2002 Coffee Hour at the St. Patrick's Celebration in Heppner will feature lots of music, stories, jokes and blarney. Host this year is Tom Melton. Father Gerry Condon will give the invocation and Heppner Mayor Bob Jepsen, the welcome. Grand marshals will be John Doherty and the Irish Singers. Also on the agenda will be St. Patrick's announcements by Heppner Chamber of Commerce director Claudia Hughes, information on the Morrow County Courthouse's

100th Anniversary Celebration by Morrow County Judge Terry Tallman, an Irish brogue contest; lots of stories, jokes and blarney, the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court, and plenty of music by John Doherty and the Irish Singers, the Sentimentalists, John Dezell, Steve Pyle on bagpipes, Ceili Kids Fiddle Players with Peg Willis and the Shamrockettes.

Be a part of the audience at the Heppner Elks Lodge on Saturday, March 16 at 10 a.m. or listen to KUMA.

## Auto history on display this Saturday

Automotive history will be on display on Saturday, March 16, beginning at 10 a.m. during the second annual St. Paddy's Cruz-In.

Vehicle categories include classic, modified, foreign and vintage cars and pickups. Dash plaques will be given to each entry.

Division awards will be presented to the winners at 3:30

p.m. at the Cruz-In location on May Street.

Additional awards will be presented for People's Choice, Leprechaun's Choice, County Judges' Choice, Club Award for an area car club, and Period Dress Awards for men and women.

Shirts, hats and visors with the St. Paddy's Cruz-In logo will be for sale at the competition.

## Volunteers fill role of St. Pat's Celebration chairs

The annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration has gone through many changes through the years. Beginning with Jim Farley, the following volunteers filled the role of chairpersons, each adding their own touch and talent to Heppner's Wee Bit O' Ireland Celebration: 1982-83 James J. Farley; 1984-1986 James J. Farley and David Sykes, 1987 - 1988 David Sykes and Diana Ball, 1989 -1993 Diana Ball and Claudia Hughes; 1994 -1995 Claudia Hughes and Rene Devin; 1996 - 2002 Claudia Hughes and Cara Osmin. 2003 and beyond "is up for grabs, with a strong support system and an office to field calls" say current chairpersons.

"Tis sure they've worked hard, but 'twould not be possible to pull off the huge annual event without the hundreds of dedicated committee chairpersons and volunteers. It's the behind-the-scenes folk that make the event happen. "Never judge a leprechaun until you've walked a mile in their green shoes!"

## 'St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland' play debuted



'St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland' debuted before a crowd at the Lone Grange Hall on Sunday, March 10. One audience member, the Rev. Dick Metz, traveled 180 miles to attend the performance and said that he was impressed with the material Fr. Gerry Condon presents in this, his first original drama. The cast will take to the stage again on Thursday, March 14, at the St. Patrick Parish Hall in Heppner. At 7 p.m. dessert will be served, followed by a musical prelude by the "Sentimentalists."

## Morrow County celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of courthouse

Morrow County is proudly celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the construction of its courthouse. In January 1902, the county commissioners declared their intent to construct a new courthouse to replace the original wooden structure, which had been donated to the county by the citizens of Heppner after being selected as the county seat in 1886. In what seems like lightning speed by today's standards the ground breaking was under way by May 1902 and construction was completed in March of 1903.

The county will be commemorating this centennial throughout the year. Events scheduled for the upcoming annual St. Patrick's celebration in Heppner March 15-17, include: a "dress up day" at the Courthouse on March 15, with

employees dressed in period costumes styled after the turn of the last century; a float in the parade on Saturday, March 16, as well as guided tours through the courthouse from 2-6 p.m.

There are many interesting stories about the courthouse, from the fact that the blue basalt for the building was quarried from the Osmin Ranch less than three miles from the courthouse, to the fact that the architect's cousin, Emma Lazarus, was the poet who wrote the poem found on the base of the Statute of Liberty.

Everyone is invited to come experience one of the most photographed courthouses in Oregon. For information about the St. Patrick's celebration, or any of the centennial events, contact Andrea Denton at 676-5620.

## St. Patrick's auction on Friday

The St. Pat's Auction will be held Friday, March 15, at the Heppner Elks Club starting at 7 p.m. with a live auction and a silent auction. Ken Grieb will be the auctioneer. Music will be provided by Joe Lindsay and "Somebody Else". Snacks and a no-host bar will be available.

Auction items include TrailBlazer tickets, a half beef cut and wrapped, WinterHawk tickets, a week at the Inn at the Seventh Mountain, a 25-person barbecue, a Riverfront Lodge package and a Hotel Condon package. Auction items are listed on [www.heppner.net](http://www.heppner.net), or at local businesses.

All proceeds from the auction go to fund St. Patrick's Day weekend events.

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## Happy St. Patrick's Day

**SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS:**  
 Thursday - 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
 Friday - 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Saturday - 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
 Sunday - 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**OPEN HOUSE SALE**  
**Refreshments and Drawing for a Free Basket**

Friday through Sunday:  
*Find the Hidden Shamrock in the shop! Each is worth \$5*

# Bucknum's

# BARBEQUE

**Wednesday through Saturday**

**of St. Patrick's Week**

will be at

# JOHN'S

# OTHER PLACE

**Main Street, Heppner**