

## 101 Things to do in Heppner

By Cara Osmin

Bored? Or just have a free moment for a new experience? Following are a few suggestions, 101 of them to be exact, to fill your time.

-Hike up to the dam. Go shopping. Mow your lawn. Start a business. Sit on top of the hill overlooking dam. Plant spring bulbs. Wash the pickup. Sit on the back porch swing. Rent a video. Go shopping at the Red Apple. Go bowling. Eat out. Water the plants. Attend Chamber of Commerce. Go to church. Smile at each other. Plan a dinner party. Attend a city council meeting. Play a video game at the Shamrock Bowl. Go bicycling. Go skateboarding. Go rollerblading. Ride your scooter. Play at the park. Go sleigh riding. Go to the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo (in August). Take a ride to the mountains. Go to the Library. Take a class. Watch the sun set. Watch the sun rise. Relax. Pick apples and make applesauce. Bake a pie. Go golfing. Get on a committee. Attend the St. Pat's Celebration. Ride a horse. Take a ranch tour. Observe the wheat harvest. Go on a picnic. Go snowmobiling. Go cross-country skiing. Read a book under a shade tree. Enjoy the minute. Paint a picture. Have your hair and nails done. Go camping. Go bird watching. Hunt. Trap.

Volunteer. Play pinochle. Shoot clay pigeons. Visit a ghost town-Hardman. Look for fossils. Collect pine cones. Play bridge. Photograph the area. Become a 4-H leader. Write a book. Rent a video. Walk from one end of town to the other. Plan a tour for visitors. Go fishing and swimming in Willow Lake. Go swimming at the pool. Watch a football game. Go to the cemetery to look at old tombstones -find the one that looks like a tree stump. Say hi to someone you don't know. Say hi to someone you do know. Go for a walk. Go for a run. Visit a school. Hike up to the cross on the hill. Go to the museum. Tour the courthouse. Hike the Oregon Trail. Go mushrooming, when in season. Count the deer on an evening drive. Play tennis. Climb a tree. Hike to the top of a hill. Visit someone in the nursing home. Join the Willow Creek Singers. Learn to rope a cow. Pull some weeds. Join an organization. Play in the Willow Creek Symphony. Create a specialty item for Heppner. Invite your neighbors over. Start a club. Hold a yard sale. Dance. Jump rope. Name the Heppner merchants. Listen to music. Walk your pet. Plan the St. Patrick's Celebration for 2003. Write a letter. Take a computer class. Sit around thinking of 100 more things to do.

## Ceili offers foot stompin' Celtic entertainment

By Claudia Hughes

The Ceili began a few years ago when people wanted more Celtic entertainment. Mike Duffy of The Irish Singers is master of ceremonies and, with John Doherty and the Irish Singers, it makes for a foot stomping, dancing afternoon. People are welcome to come for all or part and there is no charge.

Ceili 2002 will be on Saturday, March 16, from 2-4 p.m. upstairs in the Heppner Elks. This is a family event for all ages. The audience will be treated to music by The Irish Singers with current members Mike Duffy, John and Leo Doherty, Scott Sager, Paul Green, Ivan Meads and Dan Emert, the Morrow County Ceili Kids (also known as The Little Fiddlers, under the instruction of Peg Willis), bagpipe music by Steve Pyle and two performances by the Baile Glas Irish Step Dancers from the Tri-Cities.

The Heppner Elks Lodge generously opens their doors for the weekend festivities with members working to set up for auction, Coffee Hour, and Ceili, while preparing delicious brunch, and corned beef and cabbage. The organization has set their sights on installation of an elevator later this year. Come for the festivities, behind the green door!

## Museum open for visitors during St. Pat's

By Claudia Hughes

The Morrow County Museum will be open both Saturday and Sunday of St. Patrick's weekend. The Farm Foundation welcomes Irish artifacts, which are in limited supply because most of the families who came from Ireland could not bring much to America; and many were experiencing the great potato famine.

'Tis said that many returned to Ireland for their brides. One story tells of the Irish bride, Kathleen Smith, whose wedding dress is on display in the museum. Arrival in the wild and woolly town of Heppner was enough of a shock, but when told by the groom William Hughes that the house he'd promised her before leaving Ireland "was in his back pocket",

one can only imagine what followed! Culture shock?

Many of the Irish families are scattered hither and yon around Morrow County, with a large population in the Buttercreek area. Most are no longer sheep men, rather cattle and wheat ranchers, passing on their Irish heritage to sixth generation descendants and joining in the festivities 100 years later.

Morrow County Museum and the Farm Foundation, with its machinery collection, have much to offer the visitor, giving one a glimpse of the past. A visit will whet the appetite to return for the commemoration of the 1903 Heppner Flood. Enjoy! The museum is open Saturday and Sunday, March 16-17, from 1-5 p.m.

## Stew feed planned Friday night

Mrs. O'Leary's Irish Beef Stew Feed will be held Friday, March 15, from 5-7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children six to 12 years old. There is no charge for children five years and under.

The menu is beef stew, fresh baked rolls, coleslaw, beverage and pie.

The feed is sponsored by the Heppner United Methodist Church. Proceeds are used for the upkeep of the community church.

## Motocross race provides fast-paced fun

The St. Paddy's Motocross Race, presented By Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee, will provide some fast-paced fun on Saturday, March 16, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

Activities will include barrel races, heat races and drag races. Races begin at 10 a.m., entries will open at 8 a.m. There is a \$2 admission fee.

Concessions will be available. Races will break for the Main St. Parade at 1 p.m.

Heat and Drag Racers may enter during the intermission (after all the barrel racing and during the 1 p.m. downtown parade break).

Motorcycle classes and entry fees are: 60cc and under, 80cc to 100 cc beginner, 80cc to 100 cc expert, all \$10 each; 125 cc beginner, 250cc and above beginner (note: any four-stroke 250cc rides in 125 cc class), 250 cc and above expert, women only, 125cc expert and over the hill (40-plus), all \$25 each.

Four-wheeler classes and entry fees are: ages six and under, 7-10 and 11-15, all \$10 each; two-stroke beginner, four-stroke beginner, two-stroke pro, four-stroke pro, women and over the hill (40-plus), all \$25 each.

Trophies and awards will be awarded for each class with a jackpot payoff.

Heat race is five laps for qualifiers and seven for main event.

This event is sponsored by the following businesses: Oregon Powersports-Suzuki, Cycletown-Honda-Yamaha, Power City Polaris, Lexington Polaris, Bank Of Eastern Oregon, Les Schwab Tires-Heppner, Miller's Manufacturing, United Rentals, Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders Supply, Lexington Auto Body, J.D. Wilson Construction, Shumate-Honda-Kawasaki Suzuki-Harley Davidson.

For more information, contact Jeff Botefuhr, 922-3254, or Ken Bailey, 676-5110, evenings.

## Have a Sham-Rockin' time at St. Pat's dance

A Sham-Rockin' dance will be held Friday, March 15, starting at 9 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Two DJs from San Francisco and three from Portland will provide a night of "booty shaking" St. Patrick's Day fun.

Parents are invited to attend. Cost is \$5 per person.

This is a fully-chaperoned, alcohol and drug free event.

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