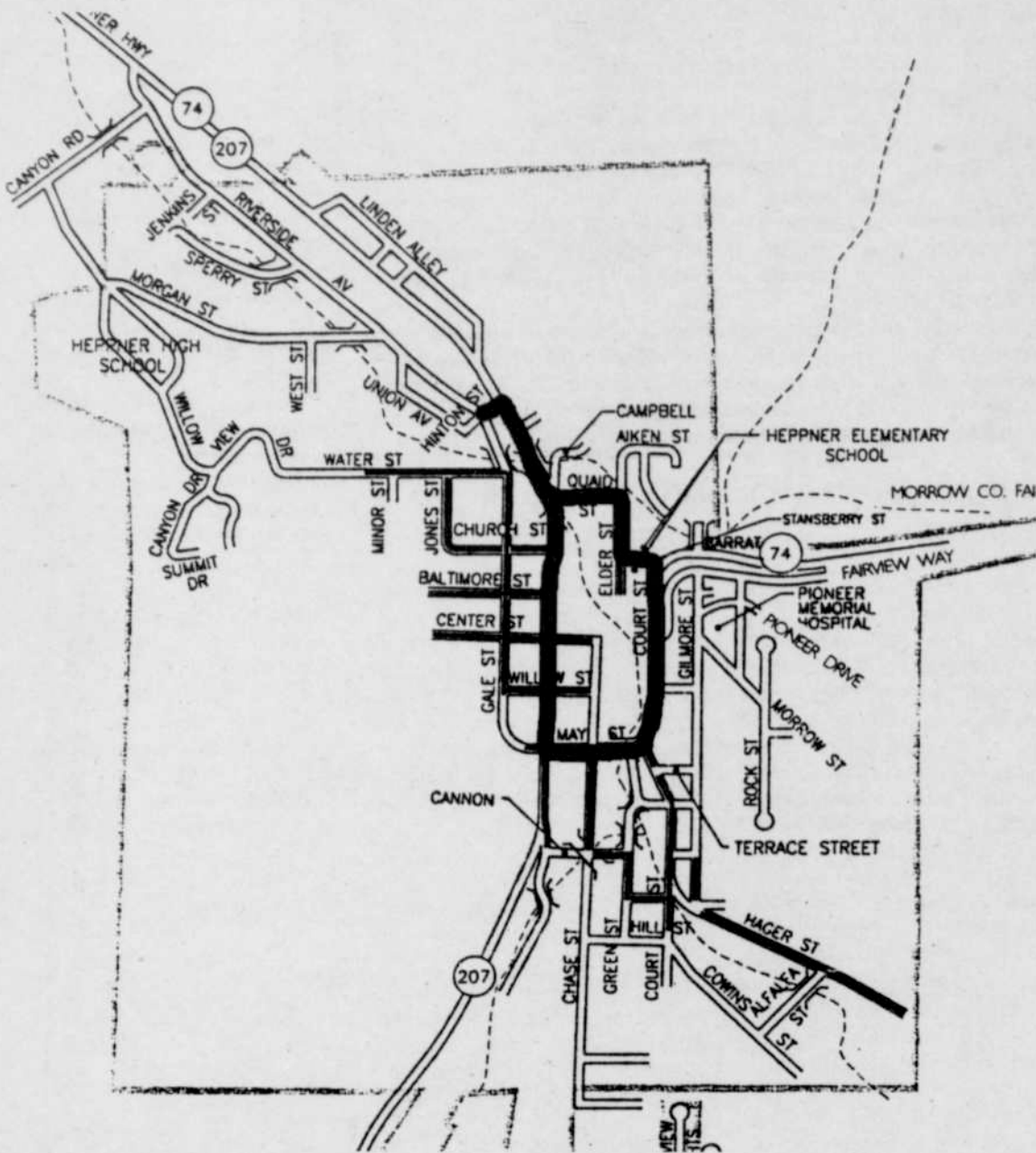


Watch Heppner's Great Green Parade Saturday St. Paddy's Cruz-In expands this year



Parade route shown in black. The parade starts at Green Feed and Seed traveling south along Main Street, then makes a loop back around to the start.

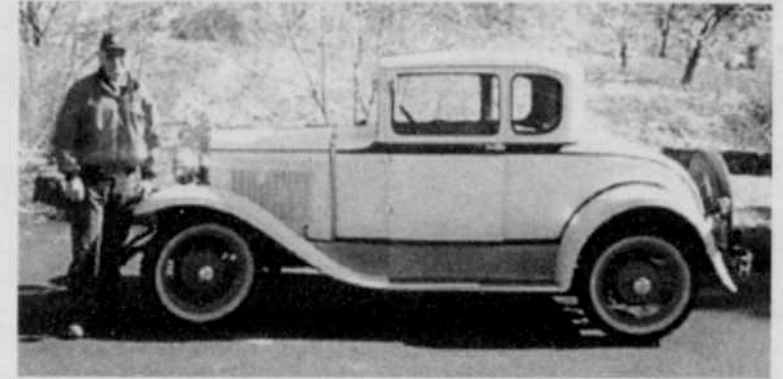
Come one, come all! Take a break from all that spiffing up of your businesses and yards and come on out for the Great Green Parade. You never know what you'll see—the world's tallest leprechaun, leprechauns with very big heads, cleaned-up old cars, very, very small cars, an Irish racing green car with almost half a million miles on it (okay, well, 320,000 miles), clowns, marching bands, as well as emergency vehicles not going to emergencies.

This year's parade honorees are John Doherty and the Irish Singers. Craig Strobel is the chair and his wife, Monika Hunter, is announcing again this year.

Show up an hour early before the parade and see the Round-Up City Cloggers perform on the City Center Shamrock at noon. Also, you can watch bartenders spill their beverages in the street in the annual Bartender's Race. So bring your lawn chairs, your houseguests and kids and enjoy a true blue, oops, I mean a true green spirit (hopefully on a true

blue day) honoring Saint Patrick and all other Irish culture in the greater Heppner area.

Once again, you'll find the Great Green Parade going down Main Street in Heppner on Saturday, March 16, at 1 p.m.



Cruz-In organizer Dick Sargent with his Model A

The first St. Paddy's Cruz-In was held March 17, 2001. The car shows first event included 37 cars and pickups from the Columbia Basin and Portland area. Put together with three weeks head start, it was a success that encouraged the club to go forward as an added event of their already successful St. Patrick's Celebration.

The 2001 show's winners and categories were: Peoples Choice Award going to Joe Roberts of Aloha with his 1949 Ford Tudor; Leprechaun's Choice was Bud Englert of Umatilla and his 1935 Chevrolet four door sedan; Tom Wolff of Heppner won the Antique category with his 1948 Willy Jeep; Randy Henderson of Hermiston took the Classic Award with his 1970 Dodge Challenger; and Charles Reiben of Hermiston won with his 1947 Chevrolet pickup. All entries were awarded the 2001 St. Paddy's Dash Plaques.

It was a great addition to the

already very successful St. Patrick's Celebration and has promise of being a major part of our annual event.

As of March 1, 2002, the St. Paddy's Cruz-In 2002 has expanded to 27 award categories, raffles, an event cap and shirt sales. Pre-registration is running ahead of last year's event and the following committee members are looking forward to a great show: Archie and Diane Ball, John Flaherty, Hobie Hansen, Frank and Cara Osmin, Dick and Lynnea Sargent, Cal Sherman, Meredith Walters and Gary Watkins. Student members are Lindsey Ward (2001), Paula Spicerkuhn and Ashley Ward.

The Cruz-In brings to Heppner's St. Patrick's Celebration a new event - creating new excitement and interest for the you and not so young. Come join them to see automotive history at a great St. Patrick Celebration.

The Trail Band to present free concert



The Trail Band

Photo by Owen Carey

The Trail Band will present a free concert on Saturday, March 16, at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary gym.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Doors will not open until 6:30 p.m. with 400 seats available.

The concert is sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and the St. Pat's Committee.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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