

# Welcome to the 20th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Heppner, Oregon March 15 -17, 2002



## Celebration gets underway with annual auction

By Doris Brosnan

"A Wee Bit O' Ireland" officially begins Friday at 7 p.m., when the auction starts upstairs at the Elks Lodge. Auctioneer Ken Grieb and the auction crew will offer the bidders a variety of opportunities, and other auction committee members will help bidders find that "something special, something spectacular" at the silent auction tables. Almost 200 donations have resulted in an event that features something for everyone - men, women, children and even pets. The audience will be entertained during the intermissions, with the music of Joe Lindsay.

The auction is accessed by turning left up the stairs inside the Elks' front entrance. Assistance with the stairs is available. Upstairs, bidders will discover an atmosphere more spacious and quiet than last year's. They will find - among the vast variety - practical and luxury items (ie. tools, a genuine Waterford crystal bowl from Ireland), entertainment and dining packages (overnight getaways, golf, pool party for up to 40), collectibles and limited editions (one-of-a-kind "A Wee Bit O' Ireland" buttons sweatshirt, retired Beanie Babies, Blazer dolls), sporting goods and items for the home. Although donations will be accepted until auction time, a mostly complete list of items will be available on Friday morning in the local eateries, at the Senior Center's meals, and at the information booth. The list printed in today's newspaper offers a good idea of the variety that will be found at the auction.



### Thursday, March 14

>SAINT PATRICK-APOSTLE OF IRELAND - 7 PM, St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall, 560 NW Jones Street. Get in the Irish mood with this original play written by Father Condon.

### Friday, March 15

>HEPPNER PUBLIC LIBRARY - Open 11 AM - 5 PM.

>MORROW COUNTY MUSEUM - Open 1 - 5 PM.

>MORROW COUNTY COURTHOUSE SELF-GUIDED TOURS - From 8 AM - 5 PM.

>VENDOR'S SQUARE - Enjoy crafts, food and other treasures from local and visiting vendors. All day Friday, Saturday & Sunday at the Neighborhood Center on Main Street across from the Library/Museum/City Park. For information call Janice at 541-676-5024.

>ST. PATRICK'S ANNUAL AUCTION - Starting at 7 PM at the Heppner Elks, 142 N. Main Street. Live and Silent Auction. Drawing for \$100 Pot O'Gold

>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.

>BUFFET DINNER - 6 - 8 PM at the Elks, 142 N. Main Street.

>SHAM ROCKIN' DANCE - starting at 9 PM at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. \$5 per person. A drug and alcohol-free event.

### Saturday, March 16

>BREAKFAST - 6 - 10 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 Rd. off of Hwy. 74, 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. Follow the shamrocks!

>ST. PADDY'S CRUZ-IN - 10 AM - 4 PM behind Les Schwab, and beyond. Come and take a look at Antique and Classic cars in Heppner's Second Annual Cruz-In.

>AG EQUIPMENT SHOW - 10 AM - Dusk at Miller's Manufacturing, Heppner-Lexington Highway.

>ST. PADDY'S MOTOCROSS - Sponsored by the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee. Sign up 8 - 9 AM with races going from 9 AM - noon-then continuing after the Parade at 2 PM until finished. \$2 admission fee.

>MORROW COUNTY MUSEUM & FARM EXHIBIT OPEN

>MORROW COUNTY CREATIVE ARTS AND CRAFTS - 9 AM - 3 PM, show and sale at Les Schwab.

>VENDOR'S SQUARE - All day at the Neighborhood Center across the street from the Library/Museum/City Park.

>IRISH HOOPSHOOT - Starting at 10 AM on E. Willow Street. Sponsor: Heppner Colt Basketball.

>KUMACOFFEE HOUR - 10 AM at the Elks, 142 N. Main Street. Come hear family histories, music, stories and blarney! Enter the IRISH BROGUE CONTEST and win cash prizes. Drawing for \$100 Pot O' Gold

>HEPPNER PUBLIC LIBRARY - Open 11 AM - 3 PM.

>O'SENIOR CENTER - 11 AM - 1:30 PM. Have a taste of Irish homemade soup and bread, pie and coffee after parade.

>O'BARBECUE chicken and Ribs - 11 AM - 4 PM by Kessler's Katering at the City Park on Main Street.

>SHAMROCK LANES - Irish Sweepstakes/Mixed Doubles No-Tap Bowling Tournament, 11 AM and 2:30 PM

>BRUNCH - 11:15 AM - 1:30 PM at the Heppner Elks, 142 N. Main Street.

>LITTLE LEPRECHAUN CARNIVAL AND KIDS KUISINE - 11:30 AM - 3 PM. On Main Street between the Post Office and The Shoe Box.

>PERFORMANCE BY THE ROUND-UP CITY CLOGGERS - Noon on the Main Street Shamrock.

>IRISH PARADE - 1 PM on Main Street. Join the fun of the 20th Annual St. Patrick's Parade in Heppner honoring John Doherty and The Irish Singers!

>CEILI (pronounced K-Lee) - 2 - 4 PM, upstairs at the Heppner Elks, 142 N. Main Street. Come and enjoy Irish music, stories and dance. Performances include John Doherty and the Irish Singers, Morrow County Ceili Kids and Baile Glas Irish Dancers and bagpipes.

>EWE-DO BINGO - 2:30 PM. Live sheep activity on NW Willow Street. Sponsor: HHS Cheerleaders.

>TOURS - 2 - 6 PM. Morrow County Courthouse. Historical structure built of blue basalt in 1902 at 100 S. Court Street celebrating its 100 year anniversary.

>O'DUCKY RACE - 3 PM. Race starts at the bridge in front of the Morrow County Courthouse. Adopt a duck to win a prize of \$10 to \$100. Sponsor: Heppner Colt Football Program.

>O'FARLEY SOCIAL HOUR - 4 - 5 PM, Senior Bus Garage on May Street.

>ST. PATRICK'S HAM DINNER - 4 - 7 PM at the St. Patrick's Catholic 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 Heppner Elks, 142 N. Main Street.

>THE TRAIL BAND IN CONCERT - 7 PM at Heppner Elementary School Auditorium - Free to the Public. This concert is paid for in part by funding of the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and the St. Pat's Committee. Drawing for \$100 Pot O'Gold

>LADS & LASSIES TEEN DANCE - 9 PM - midnight-a drug and alcohol free event for teens at Heppner High School. Sponsors: The St. Pat's Committee and Morrow County Behavioral Health.

>WEE HOURS O'THE MORNIN' BREAKFAST - 10 PM-3 AM by Heppner Volunteer Fire Department at 190 NW Willow Street.

(Two shuttles will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or so starting at the RV park at the lake with various stops around town every half hour.)

### Sunday, March 17

>BREAKFAST - 7 - 10 AM at the Nazarene Church, 335 N. Gilmore.

>SHAMROCK LANES - Irish Sweepstakes/Mixed Doubles No-Tap Bowling Tournament, 10:30 AM/1:30 PM.

>CHURCH - Your choice. Visitors are welcome.

>MORROW COUNTY MUSEUM - Open 1 - 5 PM.

>VENDOR'S SQUARE - All day at the Neighborhood Center across from the Library/Museum.

>SHEEP DOG TRIALS - All day at Thompson's Ranch, 3 miles northwest of Heppner on Bunker Hill Rd. off of Hwy. 74, between mileposts #41 and #42.

>WILLOW CREEK SYMPHONY AND SINGERS - 3 PM at Heppner Elementary Auditorium. Drawing for \$100 Pot O'Gold