

## Sheriff's Office MS Commandos



MSCO walkers (back L-R): Sheriff Verlin Denton, Under-Sheriff Larry Sample and Deputy in training Jaime Greene; (front L-R): Deputy Denise Williams, Deputy Sarah Baker, Corporal Samarra Van Doorn, Kris Acock, Sergeant Jeanine Dilley and Sr. Deputy Paula Morris. Not pictured: Doug Elia, Gabriel Kauffman, Joe Van Doorn, Drion Van Doorn, Chris Elliott and Chris Dilley.



MCSO dedicates their walk to Sarah Baker (left) and Jaime Greene (right).

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office has joined together to create the "Sheriff's Office MS Commandos." A team of 15, so far, will be walking April 12, in the 2003 Rebif MS Walk.

MCSO not only wants to help support people with MS nationwide, but also those in their own office. Two

MCSO employees, Sarah Baker, 22, and Jaime Greene, 44, have both been diagnosed with MS. Baker was just diagnosed this past September; while Greene has lived with MS for over 20 years.

Sergeant Jeanine Dilley, one of those heading the MCSO team, has a special challenge for Rusty Estes and his volunteer fire fighters and Carl Lauritsen and his volunteer EMTs. "Come out and walk, because the 'Commandos' can walk circles around you," challenged Dilley.

For those who would like to join the walkers or make a donation you can call the Commandos team captain, Kris Acock at the Sheriff's Office at 676-5317.

## Judy's Therapeutic Massage is relocating and going full-time

Judy Durkee-Norris, L.M.T., who had worked in Pioneer Memorial Hospital's physical therapy unit for over five years, has decided to leave PMH to pursue her own business full time.

Judy's Therapeutic Massage is moving and joining the Hair Expressions group at 280 S. Main Street, near Greenfeed.

Durkee-Norris received her training and license from the Oregon School of Massage in Portland in 1994. She performs Swedish, deep-tissue and sports massage along with acupressure point work and myofascial release.

Durkee-Norris says she got into the massage field

to "help people relax, destress and live healthier lives." Not only does she perform massage on others, but also shows clients and their family members how to perform some techniques for pain control between visits. Those interested in Durkee-Norris' services may contact her at 676-2945 for more information or to set up an appointment.



Judy Durkee-Norris

## Heppner Elks announce events for St. Paddy's weekend

Thursday, March 13, the PER, Old Timers and Ladies Night will be underway, with Linda Kenny, Andrea Mortimore and crew serving a chicken and rice dinner starting at 6 p.m. Lodge and pin ceremony will start at 8 p.m.

Friday, March 14, there will be a buffet dinner with BBQ pork and more. The dinner will start at 6 p.m., with the St. Patrick's Auction to begin at 7 p.m. upstairs.

Saturday, March 15, the Elks will be holding a brunch, with an egg casserole, hash browns, ham, fruit salads and sticky rolls. The brunch will be held from 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will be an \$8 charge for adults and a \$5 charge for children under 12.

Also on March 15, there will be a corned beef and cabbage dinner starting at 6 p.m. Live music will begin at 9 p.m., with High 5 and 3 Quarters Short.

## Obituaries

### Ronald T. Palmateer

Ronald T. Palmateer, 52, of Ione, died Thursday, March 6, 2003, at his home.

A funeral mass was held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner, Saturday, March 8. The concluding service and burial followed at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Palmateer was born Feb. 6, 1951, at Heppner, to Albert "Ted" and Rosetta Healy Palmateer. He was raised at Ione and attended Ione schools, graduating from Ione High School in 1969. He later attended Eastern Oregon University at LaGrande, then returned home and went to work on the family farm.

In 1986, he began working as an insurance adjuster at Crop Hail Insurance. Later he was employed by Rain and Hail Insurance Services until the time of his death.

Palmateer enjoyed radio-controlled airplanes, stargazing and snowmobiling.

Survivors include his mother, Rosetta Palmateer of Heppner; sons, Tyson of Portland, Treve of Echo, and Kyle of Ione; daughter, Kaylee of Ione; and numerous other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, "Ted" Palmateer, 1992, and sister Janet Wohlford in 1981.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeny Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

## Irish roots go deep

Historically, a month prior to March 17, Jim Farley would announce two Irish families whose ancestors had come to County Morrow from the old country. These families were contacted and honored at the KUMA Coffee Hour. Most of the families came to Morrow County in the 1800s through Ellis Island. Honored over the years has been Lenin/Healy 1984; Kilkenny/Kenny 1985; Doherty/Lindsay 1986; Hughes/Rands 1987; Monahan/Farley 1988; O'Brien 1989; Healy 1990; McLaughlin 1991; Laughlin 1992; Mollahan 1993; Wilson 1994; Brosnan 1995; Cunningham 1996; the newest arrivals from Ireland, Wynne Flynn and Father Jerry Condon 1997; and Hirl 1998.

In 1999, Iris Doherty from Umatilla County was recognized. Some of the Irish arrived prior to Morrow County's existence. In 2000, Bill Mitchell, "Big Willie," was honored. He was a child on Buttercreek and after moving, faithfully came from California for many years to attend the event. In 2001, all Irish families were honored with attendees placing their flags on both the map of Ireland and in Morrow County. John Doherty and the Irish Singers led the parade in 2002, in appreciation for their many, many years of providing true Irish music for the KUMA Coffee Hour.

And this year... come one, come all. Join the parade. Everyone's Irish on St. Paddy's weekend and invited to share family stories during the coffee hour. Now would ye be Irish? We're looking for the 2004 Irish family.

## St. Pat's Week to begin with two dramatic productions



Part of the cast and crew of "St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland": (L-R) Katherine McElligott, Ashley McCabe, Kelsey Wolff, Gayle Arbogast, Larry Lucher, Debbie Gutierrez, Joe Lindsay, Ashley Wolff and Jessica Connor.



Cast of "St. Brigid": (L-R): Eric Orem, Nikki Coe, Anne Morter, Mike Armato, Janet Greenup, David Pranger and Tom McLain.

For a second year, Fr. Gerry Condon, of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner, is bringing his worthwhile contribution to the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration to the stage. This year's presentation, on Thursday, March 13, will consist of two one-act dramas.

"Saint Patrick, Apostle of Ireland," well-received last year, was Condon's first dramatic work and will again provide a fitting introductory to the weekend. The drama is a culmination of Condon's interest in drama, his futile search for an already-written drama based on fact rather than on myth, and his research into the man who evangelized the Emerald Island in the 400s A.D.

The historic Patrick is viewed as a courageous individual who faced paganism in order to bring Christianity to Ireland. Taking the audience to four locations significant to Patrick's evangelism will be the cast of fourteen: Joe Lindsay, Tom Wolff, Barney Lindsay, Brian Kollman, Kathy McCabe, Dan VanSchoiack, Ken Turner, Dan Lindsay, Gayle Arbogast, Debbie Gutierrez, Tom McElligott, Pat Sweeney, Larry Lucher and Jim McElligott.

Condon's second production is "St. Brigid: Patroness of Ireland." Brigid arrived with other nuns in Ireland in 480 A.D. She sited an abbey under a great oak above the Curragh Plains, after the king of Leinster gave her land for curing a deformity.

The location led to the Gaelic naming of the town "Cill Dara," meaning "church of the oak." This community today is called "Kildare."

Brigid ruled over religious communities of both men and women, and many traditions and legends have sprung from her work. Though her original church would have been a simple wooden building, St. Brigid's Cathedral is now located on the original grounds. After a visit to the cathedral last summer, Condon began writing his drama. The cast of "St. Brigid" includes Anne Morter, Nikki Coe, Janet Greenup, David Pranger, Tom McLain, Eric Orem and Mike Armato.

Production staff includes Doris Brosnan, Kim Armato, Nelson Connor, Martha Munkers, Gwen Healy, Pat Dougherty, Liz Miller, Kathy Britt, Jessica Connor, Kelsey and Ashley Wolff.

On March 13, Fr. Condon, the actors, and the production crew will present the two dramas as "dessert theatre" at the St. Patrick Parish Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. After "St. Patrick," the audience will be treated to a special dessert and the additional entertainment of the Sentimentalists, the women's ensemble that will sing "Glorious St. Patrick" during the intermission. The "St. Brigid" production will conclude the evening.

Any free-will offerings at the door will be given to charity.

## Deadline is March 20 for BMCC position

The Zone One position on the Blue Mountain Community College Board currently held by Nancy Snider of Ione is up for election in May. Snider has opted not to run for re-election.

The deadline for registration for election to this four-year term is March 20.

Those interested must live in the zone which includes all of Morrow County and two precincts in Northwest Umatilla County, precinct 101 and 102. Candidates must file at the Umatilla County Clerk's Office.

A total of four positions on the BMCC Board will be up for election in May.

## MCGG'S SPRING FENCING SALE

<b>HI-QUAL HEAVY DUTY PANELS</b>	<b>HI-QUAL FLEX PANELS</b>	
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12' cattleman's gate 113 <sup>27</sup>	55 gallons 54 <sup>95</sup>	
14' heavy duty gate 103 <sup>43</sup>	100 gallons 67 <sup>99</sup>	
	155 gallons 99 <sup>99</sup>	
<b>HI-QUAL MISC. ITEMS</b>	250 gallons 154 <sup>95</sup>	<b>Fencing Sale good through Saturday, March 22nd NOT ALL ITEMS MAY BE IN STOCK - CALL FOR AVAILABILITY</b>
12'x6' dog kennel 449 <sup>00</sup>	350 gallons 165 <sup>00</sup>	
11 1/2' grain bunk 159 <sup>99</sup>	700 gallons 225 <sup>00</sup>	<b>RAILROAD TIES</b>
10' feed panel 138 <sup>91</sup>		Railroad Tie #1 11 <sup>50</sup>
<b>T-POSTS</b>		<b>LIVESTOCK PANELS</b>
5 1/2' #125 17 <sup>9</sup>		Cattle Panel 52"x16' 14 <sup>99</sup>
6' #125 19 <sup>9</sup>		Combo Panel 52"x16' 18 <sup>99</sup>
<b>BARBED WIRE</b>		<b>TREATED POSTS</b>
2 pt. 28 <sup>99</sup>		4"x7' post 4 <sup>99</sup> 5"x7' post 6 <sup>99</sup>
4 pt. 36 <sup>99</sup>		4"x8' post 5 <sup>49</sup> 5"x8' post 8 <sup>49</sup>
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## 4-H News

### Sew Happy

By Maggie Armato, reporter  
 Maggie Armato called the Feb. 14, meeting of Sew Happy to order, while Sherilyn Peck, Kathryn Strouse, Emily Thompson, Joe Armato and Catherine McElligott were present.

Destiny George and Kaylee Helfrecht weren't there to taste the Valentine's cookies the club made. Maggie Armato provided the recipe and the ingredients for the decorated sugar cookies.

At our next meeting, Sherilyn Peck will be providing ingredients for a main dish salad.

The March meeting of Sew Happy was held March 7 at Sharon Lewis' house.

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