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Fun times at St. Patrick's Day Celebration



St. Pat's leprechaun (aka Molly Rhea) dances a jig with Father Gerry Condon of Heppner during the entertainment at the coffee hour Saturday. More pictures of the celebration on page 4.

Local fiddle groups win at Kiwanis Kapers

Three local fiddle groups were winners in this year's Kiwanis Kapers Talent Show. Some 48 different contest entries competed for prize money in five age categories at the 45th Annual Talent Show, which was held in Pendleton on March 6-8. In the elementary age division, "Mulligan Stew" claimed first place honors and \$100 cash with their performance of "The Irish Washer Woman". Mulligan Stew included Heppner members Bryan and Matt Holland, Kelle Jones and Sarah Kendrick. Other group members were: Russel Pattee, Condon, Kodria and Ben Haddock, Pilot Rock, and Hannah Haberstroh, Blaise Grant and Holly Warne of Pendleton.

Second place, and \$75 cash in the elementary division went to "The Blazin' Bows" and their rendition of "Texas Schottische". Luke Young and Willy Gentry from Heppner were two of the seven members. Seth Case, Walker Hoolehan, Joanna Wolotira, and Ben and Joe Haddock from the Pendleton area rounded out the group.

"Shenanigan Fiddlers" were named the winner of the middle school division. They

received \$100 following their performance of a medley of Irish tunes. The six Shenanigans members, all from South Morrow County, include fiddlers Brynna Rust, Eric Jepsen, Kate Kendrick, Kara Clay, and Alex Carlson, along with Matt Holland on guitar. Nick Berretta, formerly of Heppner, tied for second place with his vocal solo of "Love Changes Everything".

This year's \$500 Grand Prize went to the Kik-

Up Kloggers with their performance of "Witch Dance". The People's Choice Award went to the Homestead Trio of Irrigon (Frazier, Liberty, and Spencer Wambeke) and their comedy piano/vocal performance entitled "Page Turner".

The fiddle groups performed at the St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Heppner and were featured at the Ceili at the Elks Club.

Wranglers spring clinic and playday to be held

Get ready for Wranglers on Saturday, March 22. The spring clinic will be held at 8:30-10 a.m. for advanced students and 10-11:30 a.m. for beginners. There will be a potluck at 12 noon. Participants are asked to bring their favorite dish, drinks and eating utensils.

After lunch, a playday will be held, with different age groups. After all participants have completed one run, they may run again. Electric timer directions are just past the split rail fence, turn left, and at far end of the pasture.

Cost is \$5 for clinic and \$5 for playday.

Participants are requested to RSVP. Volunteers are needed to help with events. For more information or to sign up, contact Ruby Shear, R&A Paints, 62774 Hwy 74, Ione, phone 422-7290.

Pot O' Gold winners announced

Three drawings were held during the St. Patrick's Celebration for the \$100 Pot O' Gold. The winners were: Craig Herrig, Heppner; Kim Dennis, Pendleton; and Dale Huston, Echo.

Softball clinic to be held

A softball clinic will be held Saturday, March 22 at Bob Kilkenny softball field in Heppner. The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Children ages 8-18 are welcome, along with major and minor coaches.

For more information contact Kim Gutierrez, 676-5052 or Petra Elguezabal, 676-5774.

Local son serving in Middle East



2nd Lt. Eric Schonbachler

Second Lt. Eric Schonbachler, son of Gary and Donna Schonbachler of Heppner is currently serving in Kuwait. He is a 1997 Heppner High graduate and is now an Army Ranger, part of 82nd Airborne Division.

For those wishing to send him a letter his address is: 2nd Lt. Schonbachler, Eric, B Company 1-325 Air, 82nd ABN DIV, APO AE 09368.

Boy scouts help create mobility for local woman

By Debbie Harper

Boy Scouts of Troop 661 recently built a wheelchair ramp for retired teacher Inez Miller. Lee McCarl, father of two of the scouts, knew Miller was having trouble navigating the steps in and out of her house, and suggested the scouts build the ramp for her.

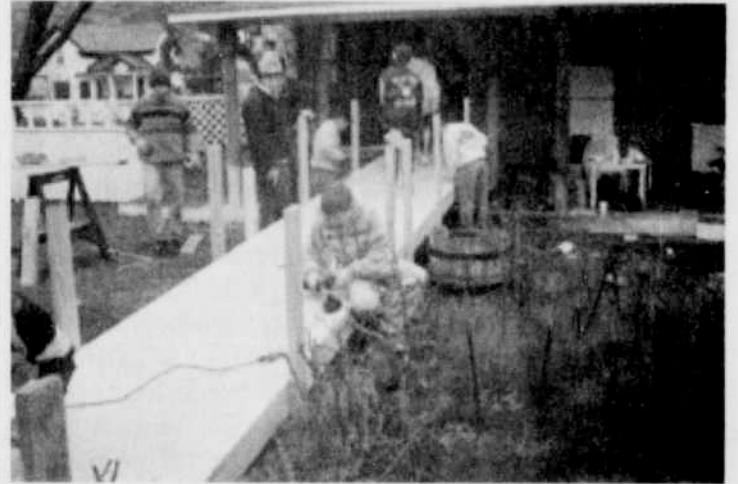
Miller was a teacher in the Heppner schools for 22 years. She has been living back in Heppner for three years.

The Boy Scouts helping on the project were: James VanLiew, Trent Miles, Chris Hickerson, Taylor Disque, Ben McCarl, Drew Johnson, Colter Raver, Zach McCarl, Curtis Harper, and Tomas Elguezabal. Adult helpers were Terry Harper, Lee McCarl, Duane Disque, Russ Hickerson and Dan VanLiew.

"It was a wonderful thing," says Miller. "I was almost housebound because of the steps. It's magnificent."



Boys Scouts building ramp for Inez Miller



Boy Scouts build wheelchair ramp

Election registration deadline Thursday

The deadline for registering for a position for the upcoming Morrow County School Board election is this Thursday, March 20, at the Morrow County Courthouse. Paperwork must be in the clerk's office by 5 p.m. that day.

As of Tuesday, March 18, the following have

registered for election on the school board spots:

-Position 1 (four-year position)-Richard Rockwell, Boardman;

-Position 3 (four-year position)-John Kilkenny, Heppner, and Marc Rogelstad, Boardman;

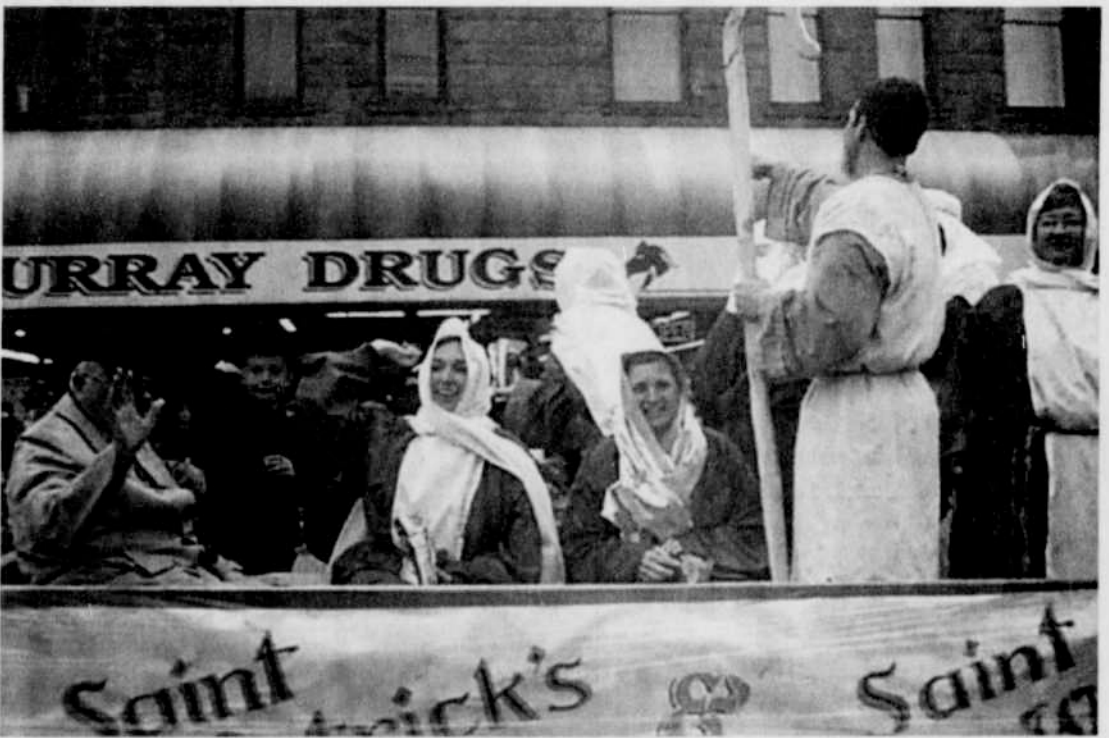
-Position 4 (four-year position)-Mike Armato,

Heppner, and Kenneth Matlack, Irrigon;

-Position 5 (four-year position)-Pat McNamee (incumbent), Irrigon;

-Position 6 (two-year position)-Barney Lindsay, Lexington.

St. Pat's Day Parade winners announced



St. Patrick's Catholic Church received the Leprechaun's Choice, grand sweepstakes

St. Patrick's Catholic Church received the Leprechaun's Choice, grand sweepstakes, for the March 15 St. Patrick's Day Parade held in Heppner.

Other winners included: Irish Group/Commercial: First- Hitch Hiking Spike Oregon State Weed and Second- Smokey the Bear US Forest Service; Irish Group/Non-commercial: First-Heppner Girl Scout Troop #400; Irish Open Class: First- Heppner Schools Adopt a Teacher, Second-

American Legion; Irish Float/Commercial: First- Hermiston Glass, Second- East Oregonian and Eastern Oregon Real Estate Guide; Non-Profit Float: First- 2003 Flood Commemoration, Second- St. Patrick's Antiques; Band and Musical Groups: First- Heppner Elementary Band, Second- Ione Band; Dance/Drill Teams: First- Round Up City Cloggers; Irish Bicycle: First- Cody and Jaden Orr; Irish Golf Carts: First- All the Saints

(MS Walkers), Second- Mid Columbia Title Co.; Custom Vehicle: First- Desert Shriners of Hermiston, Second- Main St. Cowboys; Antique Vehicle/Pre-1945: First- Jim and Rose Donnell, 1926 Dodge Brothers car, Second- Earl Norris, driving Dean Hunt's 1937 Chevy Sedan; Antique Vehicle/Post-1945: First- Frank Skaggs, 1961 Ford Econoline; Parade Special Event: First- 2003 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court.

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