

Shenanigans in Ireland July 14-28



(Top to bottom): Shenanigans- Brynna Rust, Alex Carlson, Kara Clay, Kate Kendrick and Eric Jepsen.

Shenanigans, a five member fiddle group from South Morrow County, is getting ready this week to depart on a two week trip to Ireland. The group has dreamed, planned and raised enough money (over \$10,000 during the past two years) to pay their expenses to attend a 6-day summer music school there, as well as spend a week traveling and sightseeing around the country.

The Shenanigans range in age from 12-14 years old and include Alex Carson, Kara Clay, Eric Jepsen, Kate Kendrick and Brynna Rust. They, along with director Peg Willis, will be taking their fiddles with them to Ireland and attending the Joe Mooney Summer School of Music located at Drumshambo, County Leitrim. Drumshambo is a town smaller than Heppner, but every bed and breakfast in the town and neighboring villages will be helping to house some 350 music students of all ages from around the world who will arrive there to attend a variety of music classes from July 19-24. Courses taught include: fiddling, mandolin, flute, harp, banjo, uilleann pipes, tin whistle, accordion, concertina, vocal music and Irish dance. The students will audition the first day and be placed in an appropriate class for their ability level with one of six Celtic fiddle instructors. In addition to their classroom instruction each day, there will be recitals, lectures and concerts throughout the week, as well as just having fun getting together to practice with each other and

with new friends that they meet.

The five Shenanigans members will each be accompanied by one parent, so counting their director Peg, there will be a total of eleven going on the trip. They will fly out of Portland on Wednesday noon, July 14 and land in Dublin the morning of July 15. Time in Ireland is 8 hours ahead. They will spend 3 days in Dublin taking in various sights such as museums and castles. Then they will travel to the music school, which is located in the north central part of the country. Following the conclusion of their music instruction on Saturday, July 24, the group will visit the western coast area of Ireland. Their itinerary includes a boat trip to the Arran Islands, sightseeing in Galway, the Burren, the Cliffs of Moher, Aillwee Cave, Doolin, Newmarket-on-Fergus, and a medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle. They will fly out of Shannon airport to return home the night of Wednesday, July 28.

Shenanigan members appreciate all the support that the community has given them. It has taken over 30,000 pop cans and many donations to fund this trip.

The group recently released their second CD. It is entitled "From Ireland to Morrow County- and from Morrow County to You!" It's available for \$12 at Murray Drugstore or from any Shenanigans member. The group plans to follow up their summer trip with a concert in the fall featuring some of the new music they will learn while in Ireland.

Murdock, Allen and Radie recognized for ISD commitment



Principal Dick Allen (left) with Ione School Board Chairman Joe McElligott.



Superintendent George Murdock (left) with Ione School Board Chairman Joe McElligott.



Debbie Radie (left), an original Ione School Board member with Ione School Board Chairman Joe McElligott.

Ione School Superintendent George Murdock and Principal Dick Allen were recognized for their commitment and dedication to Ione School District at the regular board meeting Monday, June 21.

Ione School Board Chairman Joe McElligott presented them with plaques. The plaques depicted the original Ione School and the new Ione Plaza, which features the original school bell. Both Murdock and Allen completed their tenure with Ione Schools June 30.

New Superintendent/Principal Bryn Browning stepped in July 1.

Debbie Radie, one of the original school board members, was also recognized for her year of work with the district and presented a rosebush. Radie resigned her position when she moved out of the district boundaries.

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Rebekah Lodge remains active during summer recess

Holly Rebekah Lodge members have recessed for the summer, but still have a full schedule for the next two months. The lower meeting hall has been given a face-lift by local lady painters Darcy Coil and Kathy Britt.

July 9, members will meet to clean the hall and a special meeting is planned for July 15 to discuss summer activities.

Plans are being made for a public pancake supper on July 24 from 5-7 p.m. The Blue Mountain String Band will entertain from 7-9 p.m., with possibility of dancing. Cost will be \$5 per person for the pancake supper.

Saturday, July 10, a public card party will be held at the Hall at 7:30 p.m.

All proceeds from fundraisers go toward upkeep of the hall, which is available to the public for events such as weddings, meetings, funerals, dinners, etc.

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