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Ken Turner selected as Green Parade grand marshal

Ken Turner

Ken Turner, a lifelong Heppner resident, will be presiding as this year's Great Green Parade's grand marshal. The parade will be held Saturday, March 20 at 1 p.m. down Main Street in Heppner.

Turner is the son of Sam and Nora Doherty Turner. He says his Irish roots come from his mother's Doherty side, stretching back to 1883 when his great-great-grandmother Catherine Grant Doherty came from Carndonagh, County Donegal, Ireland, following her daughter Sarah, to Oregon. In 1891, Catherine and her sons, Barney and James (Turner's grandfather), began homesteading Blackhorse Canyon.

Around the same time, 1880, Turner's great uncles came to Morrow County and started their homestead in Sandhollow Canyon, which parallels Blackhorse.

Turner's father, fifth of seven and his mother, third of 13, met and were married in 1926 and had him in 1935. He attended schools in Heppner and graduated with a degree in agriculture from Oregon State University. After graduating from college, Tuner returned back to Sandhollow and took over the family ranch after the sudden death of his father.

In 1958, he married Jean Ann Swanson of Ione and brought her back to the Sandhollow farm where they raised four daughters, Cheryle Anne, Lori Marie, Melissa Jean and Sandra Lee. Cheryle (Gregg) Rietmann, Lori (Wayne) Seitz and Melissa (Todd) Lindsay, all live in Morrow County with their families and Sandra (Doug) Martin living in Sherman County. Turner also has eight grandchildren and said that one more is on the way.

One of the biggest changes that Turner has made to the original family farm is the expansion of the irrigation. Turner has since "retired" and his daughter Melissa and son-in-law Todd now run most of the farm operations.

To connect with his Irish roots, Turner plans on traveling to Ireland in July to participate in the fifth worldwide reunion of Dohertys. Turner will be one of 35 cousins for the Northwest and 100 total from the US traveling to Ireland.

Turner has also been active throughout the years in Morrow County working with the Willow Creek Park District and Morrow Conservation District, as well as being an Elks member for 47 years and a past Chamber Man of the Year.

Make sure to get out and see Turner in the parade and catch up with him during the weekend festivities; he is sure to have a great story to tell.

Campbell Road to perform during St. Pat's

Campbell Road will perform at the Heppner Elementary gym on Saturday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free to the public and everyone is invited to attend. The concert is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Formed in 1994, Campbell Road plays original arrangements of traditional Irish and Scottish tunes and songs. Campbell Road also performs tunes from other traditions (everything from Cape Breton to Scandinavian to klezmer) as well as some original compositions.

Band members include Jessamyn Tuttle on flute, whistle, bodhran, djembe, claves, and vocals; Jon Nauert on fiddle, bouzouki, djembe, and vocals; Dan Tuttle on guitar,

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Campbell Road

23rd Annual Wee Bit O' Ireland
St. Patrick's Weekend Celebration Schedule

******* Thursday, March 17th *******

SAINT PATRICK-PATRON OF IRELAND - 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall, 560 NW Jones. Original play written by Father Condon.

******* Friday, March 18th *******

MORROW COUNTY CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS - 8:30AM - 6PM, show and sale at Les Schwab Tire Center, Main Street.

HEPPNER PUBLIC LIBRARY- Open 10AM - 5PM.

MORROW COUNTY MUSEUM - Open 1 - 5 PM. Art Show & "Meet the Artist" Reception at 1:30PM.

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 541-676-5024.

LUCK O' THE IRISH CASINO NIGHT - Starting at 7PM at the Elks Club, 142 N. Main Street. Raffles and Auction included in the festivities. **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 Club, 142 N. Main Street.

LADS & LASSIES TEEN DANCE - 8 - 11:30 PM — a drug and alcohol free event for teens at the HHS Cafeteria. Funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Music provided by Dan Burns.

******* Saturday, March 19th *******

(Shuttle Bus Service All Day)

BREAKFAST - 7-9:30 AM at the St. Patrick's Senior Center, prepared by O'Senior Center.

SHEEP DOG TRIALS - Starting at 8:30AM (all day) at Thompson's Ranch, 3 miles northwest of Heppner on Bunker Hill Rd. off of Hwy. 74, between mileposts 41 and 42.

MORROW COUNTY MUSEUM & FARM EXHIBIT - Open 11AM - 5PM.

MORROW COUNTY CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS - 8:30AM - 4PM, show and sale at Les Schwab Tire Center, Main Street.

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

IRISH HOOP SHOOT - Starting at 10AM at the BEO Drive-way. Sponsored by Colt Basketball.

KUMA COFFEE HOUR - Starting at 10AM upstairs at the Elks Club. Come hear music, stories and blarney! Enter the IRISH BROGUE CONTEST and win cash prizes. **Drawing for $100 Pot O'Gold.**

HEPPNER PUBLIC LIBRARY - Open 11AM - 3PM.

O'SENIOR CENTER - 11AM - 1PM and 2 - 4 PM. Have a taste of homemade Irish soup/bread, and berry cobbler with ice cream/coffee.

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

SHAMROCK LANES - Irish Sweepstakes/Mixed Doubles No-Tap Bowling Tournament, 3PM, 5PM and 7PM.

LITTLE LEPRECHAUN CARNIVAL AND KIDS KUISINE - 11:30AM - 3PM on Main Street by the Post Office. Sponsored by the Adopt-A-Teacher Foundation.

ST. PADDY'S CRUZ-IN - Parade at 12 noon and until 4PM on Willow Street in downtown Heppner. Come and take a look at Antique and Classic cars in Heppner's Fourth Annual Cruz-In.

IRISH PARADE - 1PM on Main Street.

CEILI (pronounced Kay-Lee) - 2 - 4 PM, upstairs at the Elks Club. Irish entertainment featuring John Doherty and The Irish Singers, Joe Lindsay, the Shamrockettes and Mulligan Stew!

EWE-DO BINGO - 2:30PM. Live sheep activity at the BEO Drive-way. Sponsored by the HHS Cheerleaders.

MORROW COUNTY COURTHOUSE TOURS - 2 - 6 PM. Tour the historical Morrow County Historical Courthouse built of blue basalt in 1902.

O'DUCKY RACE - 3PM. Starts at the bridge in front of the Morrow County Courthouse. Adopt a duck to win a prize of $10 to $100. Sponsored by the Heppner Colt Football Program.

MY GRANDFATHER'S IMMIGRANT EYES - 4PM at the Heppner City Hall, 111 Main Street. Songs and history of the Irish Emigration to America by Jeni Foster. Sponsored by the Oregon Trai Library District.

ST. PATRICK'S HAM DINNER - 4 - 7 PM at the St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall at 560 NW Jones Street.

BUFFET DINNER - 6 - 8 PM with corn beef and cabbage, etc. with music from 9PM - 2AM at the Elks Club.

ENTERTAINMENT - CAMPBELL ROAD - 7:30PM at Heppner Elementary Gymnasium, funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. **Drawing for $100 Pot O'Gold**

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

******* Sunday, March 20th *******

BREAKFAST - 8 - 10:30AM at the Nazarene Church, 335 N. Gilmore St.

SHAMROCK LANES - Irish Sweepstakes/Mixed Doubles No-Tap Bowling Tournament, 10AM - 12 noon.

CHURCH - Your choice. Visitors welcome.

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

SHEEP DOG TRIALS - All day at Thompson's Ranch. (See Saturday for location.)

- PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE -

Heppner City Council votes to cut number of police contract hours

The Heppner City Council Monday voted to cut the hours of police protection provided by the county sheriff from 120 hours of coverage per week to 100 hours. The move could save the city up to $40,000 per year.

The city is in the process of renegotiating its police protection contract with Morrow County Sheriff Department and newly elected Sheriff Ken Matlack. The contract is on a yearly basis and would have cost the city approximately $210,000 for 120 hours of police coverage per week. Instead the council opted to cut the number of hours to 100 for around $170,000 or $175,000 per year, a figure has yet to be hammered out between the sheriff and the city.

The council also discussed dropping the

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Heppner Principal Wade Smith hired as district assistant school superintendent

Morrow County School Superintendent Mark Burrows has hired Heppner Elementary/Junior/Senior High School Principal Wade Smith as the new district assistant superintendent. Smith accepted the appointment, commenting that he was excited about the change and adding that he and Burrows share common goals. The board approved the appointment unanimously at their regular meeting Monday night at Boardman Elementary School.

Burrows' action, part of a move to create a cohesive administrative team to work toward board goals, will leave the HES/HJHS/HHS top position vacant until a new principal can be found.

Also as a part of the administrative team, Burrows has hired:

-Phyllis Danielson, former Heppner Elementary principal and currently a reading teacher at Irrigon Elementary and Irrigon Junior/Senior High schools, as half-time Irrigon Elementary principal;

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