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24th Annual Wee Bit O' Ireland St. Patrick's Weekend Celebration Schedule

***** Thursday, March 16th *****

ST. COLUMCILLE, The Masterful Monk, and BRIGID, Patroness of Ireland (both with music) - 7:30 PM, St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall, 560 NW Jones. Original plays written by Father Condon.

***** Friday, March 17th *****

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

HEPPNER PUBLIC LIBRARY - Open 10 AM - 5 PM.

MORROW COUNTY MUSEUM - Open 1 - 5 PM.

VENDOR'S SQUARE - Enjoy crafts, food and other treasures from local and visiting vendors. All day Friday, Saturday and 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 7 PM 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 - 9 PM - midnight - a drug and alcohol free event for teens at the HHS Cafeteria. Sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and St. Pat's Committee.

***** Saturday, March 18th *****

BREAKFAST - 7-10 AM at the St. Patrick's Senior Center, prepared by the Senior Center. All you can eat for \$4!

ST. PADDY'S MOTOCROSS - Sign up from 8 - 9 AM, with races going from 10 AM - noon, then continuing after the Parade at 2 PM until finished. \$2 admission. Sponsored by the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee.

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.

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

MORROW COUNTY CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS - 8:30 AM - 4 PM, 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.

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

HEPPNER PUBLIC LIBRARY - Open 11 AM - 3 PM.

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

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

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

ST. PADDY'S CRUZ-IN - Parade at noon. Show until 4 PM on Willow Street in downtown Heppner. Come enjoy Antique and Classic cars during Heppner's Sixth Annual Cruz-In.

IRISH PARADE - 1 PM on Main Street.

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

WE-DO BINGO - 2:30 PM. Live sheep activity at Main and Center streets. 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 - 3 PM. 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.

ST. PATRICK'S PIT HAM DINNER and HOMEMADE PIES - 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 - THE TRAIL BAND - 7:30 PM 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 19th *****

BREAKFAST - 8 - 11 AM at the Nazarene Church, 335 N. Gilmore St.

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

IRISH ROAD BOWLING - Details to follow at the KUMA Coffee Hour on Saturday.

- PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE -

Dom Monahan named grand marshal of 24th St. Patrick's weekend celebration

This year's grand marshal for Heppner's 24th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration is Dom Monahan. Monahan now lives in Eugene, but has deep roots in Morrow County and a history with the celebration.

Monahan wrote an article about Morrow County sheep herding for the second St. Patrick's Celebration. "Jimmy Farley (the founder of the celebration) really liked that article and asked what more we could do to promote the celebration," Monahan relates. "I was living in Washington, D.C., at the time and was able to get a letter from President Ronald Reagan acknowledging the next St. Patrick's Celebration. Another time he arranged an interview with the Irish ambassador, which was then played on the radio during the Coffee Hour.

"I was flabbergasted to be honored," Monahan said of his being picked as grand Marshal. "I am deeply honored."

Following is biography of Dominic Monahan, the Grand Marshal of the 24th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Heppner:

J. Dominic 'Dom' Monahan was born in Heppner, Oregon, the son of James and Camilla Monahan. His mother, Camilla Kilkenney Monahan, was born in Ireland, as were all of his grandparents. Like many of the Irish in Morrow

County, his grandparents immigrated from Counties Longford and Leitrim shortly before the turn of the century. His grandfather, Frank Kilkenney, arrived in Morrow County in 1890 together with his brother, John Kilkenney. Dom's paternal grandfather, Frank Monahan, was one of at least four Monahan brothers who immigrated first to Boston and then to Omaha and finally arrived in Morrow County. All of Dom's forbears eventually found themselves in the sheep business, which was the mainstay of Morrow County's economy up until World War I. Dom is one of four children. His older brother Michael lives in Portland, and his younger brother, Bill, resides in Hermiston. Dom's sister,

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Ballard announces for DA



Elizabeth Ballard

Morrow County Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has announced her candidacy for Morrow County DA. Current DA David C. Allen has announced that he will not run for another term.

Ballard, 39, Hermiston, has been the assistant DA for three-and-a-half years. Prior to that she worked with troubled youth as a treatment coordinator. Ballard, originally from Iowa, received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Western State College in Missouri. She received a doctor of jurisprudence from the University of Oregon in 2002.

Ballard said she was especially concerned about the methamphetamine problem. "It is so pervasive," said Ballard. "I am pleased to see the action that our legislature has taken. It is one of the strictest laws in the county, prohibiting the over-the-counter sales of pseudophedrine. But it's also concerning that more meth may be brought in from Mexico which may be more potent and additional property crimes may be committed to support the user's habit. I'm also very concerned about children and families, which, of course, meth impacts."

Ballard said that her office has worked very hard

Ann Spicer to run for circuit court judge position

Annetta 'Ann' Spicer of Heppner has announced her candidacy for Circuit Court Judge District Position 5. The position, for Morrow and Umatilla counties, is a new one. There are currently four circuit judge positions for Morrow and Umatilla counties, with the fifth beginning in January.

Spicer has been in law practice for 23 years. She was Morrow County District Attorney for two years, Morrow County Deputy DA for one year and Umatilla City Attorney for two years. She and her husband of 28 years, Bill Kuhn, currently have a private law practice with offices in Heppner and Hermiston. In her practice, she has represented cities, school districts and has done "all aspects of family law."

Prior to becoming an attorney, Spicer was a special education teacher specializing in the developmentally disabled.

Spicer says that she is much better qualified than her opponents and has a lot



Ann Spicer

of experience-in family law, criminal law, municipal law, appellate law and general civil law-which makes a difference in the judge's position. She has a "strong belief in service to the community-a good way to give back to the communities."

Spicer is a member of the Oregon State Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee, the Oregon State Bar Ethics Committee, the Umatilla Morrow Family Law Advisory Committee, an Oregon Legal Services Pro Bono intake volunteer and a Hermiston Domestic Violence Victims attorney.

Christopher R. Bauer and Steven Fogelson, both Pendleton have also filed for the circuit court judge, 6th District, position 5.

School board reinstates Heppner High School vo-ag

The Morrow County School Board unanimously approved reinstating a vo-ag program for Heppner High School at its regular board meeting held Thursday, March 7, at the district office in Lexington.

M C S D Superintendent Mark Burrows said that reconfiguration of the full-time equivalent positions for Morrow County schools indicated that Heppner High School was eligible for an additional full-time teacher. He said that hiring a teacher for the HHS vo-ag program would not take a teacher from another area or from another school.

Burrows said that reconfiguration also resulted in the reduction from two business tech teachers at Irrigon High to one.

The number of teachers for each school is determined by each school's budget, which, in turn, is determined by the number of students in attendance at each of the schools. When a school gains or loses students, its budget is affected. The amount of money the entire district receives in state funding is also determined by student population and other factors such as the number of

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