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# Sweeney family grand marshals of 2009 Heppner St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Patrick "Pat" W. Sweeney is a third generation American Irishman who descends from a long line of Patrick Sweeneys from County Donegal, Ireland. The Sweeney family will be serving as grand marshals for this year's St. Patrick's Celebration.

**Front row , left to right - Jorden Sweeney, Brooke, Pat, Trisha, Drew Coe, Jace Coe. Back row Kane Sweeney, Brandi Sweeney, Corey , Stefanie and Cam, Scott Coe, and Nikki Coe.**

Pat's grandfather, Dr. Patrick Jerome Sweeney, was the first of the family born in America. He was born in the Helena, MT Territory on February 4, 1888 to Patrick Michael Sweeney and Mary Hawkes Sweeney. Patrick Michael Sweeney was born March 17, 1854 in Glenties County, Donegal, Ireland, and arrived at Ellis Island, NY on May 14, 1875. Mary Hawkes was born in Inishannon, County Cork, Ireland, on February 21, 1864, to James Hawkes and Ellen Mahoney. She arrived in Boston October 19, 1883 and married Patrick on February 12, 1886 in Helena.

**Dr. Patrick Jerome Sweeney, Pat's grandpa**

Pat's great-grandfather, Patrick Michael Sweeney, had 11 siblings, eight brothers and three sisters. Patrick Michael and his siblings were born in County Donegal to Patrick Owen Sweeney and Ellen Gallagher Sweeney. Patrick Owen Sweeney raised sheep and grew flax for many years in Donegal. He made several trips to America prior to the Civil War to sell wool in Philadelphia. Patrick Owen Sweeney's father, Patrick Sweeney, was listed in the Irish Flax Growers List for County Donegal in 1796, as was his father, Patrick Sweeney.

**Tiny and Jerry Sweeney, Pat's parents**

Patrick Michael and three of his brothers, Cornelius, Francis "Frank," and James immigrated to America. His three sisters and four other brothers remained in Ireland. Cornelius came to America in 1871 and worked on railroads in Texas and Minnesota before settling in Montana near Helena. His brothers came to Montana as well. Frank immigrated in 1884 and worked as a teamster. James immigrated in 1886 and

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# ICABO circulating petition for cell service

Ione Community Agri-Business Organization (ICABO) is circulating a petition asking US Cellular to site a cellular tower that would provide coverage for the City of Ione and surrounding areas.

The petition is supported by over 20 local businesses and community organizations. According to ICABO Representative Greg Smith and US Representative Greg Walden have also endorsed this project.

Petitions are available in Ione at MCGG, BEO and Wheatland Insurance. Petition are also available at BEO in Heppner and MCGG in Lexington.

You do not have to be a US Cellular customer to benefit from a cellular tower in the Ione area. All those who travel Hwy 74 between Heppner and Arlington will benefit from this project.

The petitions will be collected on March 11.

# St. Patrick's Celebration Schedule

**Thursday, March 12,**

-"Homecoming" - 7 p.m., St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall, 560 NW Jones. Original play written by Father O'Condon, with original music by Joe Lindsay.

**Friday, March 13,**

-Morrow County Creative Arts & Crafts – 10a.m. – 6 p.m., show and sale at Les Schwab

-Oregon Trail Library District/Heppner branch – Open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

-Will Hornyak, Storyteller- performance at Library – 1-1 p.m.; "The Never Ending Story" will be shown from 2-4 p.m.

-Morrow County Heritage and Agricultural Museums – Open 1-5 p.m.

-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.

-Friends of the Library – will be selling books to benefit the Heppner Library - City Hall 1-6 p.m.

-Mrs. O'Leary's Stew Feed – 5-7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center, 190 N. Main Street, prepared by the Heppner United Methodist Church members

-Lind's Concession – Open at 10 a.m. – Featuring corn dogs, elephant ears, funnel cakes, nachos, beer battered onion rings, cotton candy, caramel apples. Located in parking lot of Heppner Family Foods on Main Street

-Rolling Thunder BBQ – Open at 10 a.m., Featuring bar-b-que sandwiches (Tri-tip; corned beef; pulled pork, pulled chicken; BBQ nachos and bratwurst). Set up next to Heppner Family Foods on Willow Street.

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# DUII saturation patrols in effect for St. Pat's Celebration

Morrow County Sheriff's Office will be conducting saturation patrols for DUII drivers March 13 and 14 for Heppner's St. Pat's Celebration.

Event goers are encouraged to utilize designated drivers or walk.

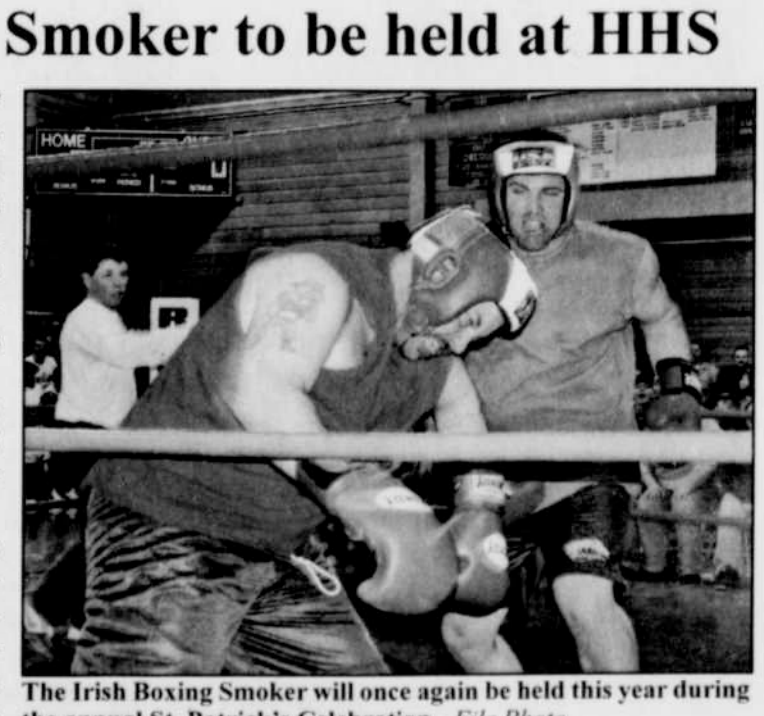
Funding for saturation patrols are provided by a federal grant from ODOT for traffic safety.

# Irish Boxing Smoker to be held at HHS

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce and UROCk 96.1 FM will hold the second annual Irish Boxing Smoker on Friday, March 13, at 8 p.m. at the Heppner High School gymnasium. A $300 purse is up for grabs.

Admission will be $10 (12 years – adult), $5 (8-11 years), and free for ages seven and under.

Arrangements have been made with Morrow County Special Transportation to offer a delivery service from downtown to the high school and dropping back off downtown when the event is over. The bus will be located near Heppner Family Foods starting at 7 p.m. and will make as many runs as possible to accommodate passengers.



**The Irish Boxing Smoker will once again be held this year during the annual St. Patrick's Celebration.** *-File Photo*

Sign up paper work is due to the Chamber by March 12 and there is a limit of 24 boxers.

To sign up, or for more information, Sheryll Bates at 676-5536. All proceeds will benefit the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

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