

## Seniors to raffle baskets on St. Pat's



Seniors Conor Pappas, Drew Brannon, Andrew Bara and Stephanie Schuler display the baskets to be raffled.

Seniors at Heppner High School are raffling off baskets for their Senior 2012 Project Graduation during the week of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

Tickets will be available at the O'Donkey Basketball game at HHS on March 14, the Irish Boxing Smoker at HHS on the 16<sup>th</sup>, at a table in front of Bank of Eastern Oregon on March 17 and during the entertainment featured at Heppner Elementary School on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Students and parents will be selling tickets for four baskets, including a men's basket, a woman's basket, a couples' basket and a golf basket. The baskets will be on display at Murray's Drug.

Exciting basket contents include a Wild-

horse getaway package with an overnight stay for two, two rounds of golf and a casino fun book; a \$40 gift certificate for Murray's beverages; wine glasses and chocolate; two rounds of golf at Willow Creek Country Club; golf for two with cart at Stone Creek course in Oregon City; a \$25 gift certificate to Bucknum's Tavern; a one-day sturgeon-fishing trip for two on the Columbia; \$50 gas card from Devon Oil, \$70 individual sports' pass from HHS; a 30-minute massage from Tamara Lobdell; five tans from styles by Stefanie; and much, much more.

For more information, contact Chris Bailey at 676-5969, Marry Hague-wood at 676-9759 or Teresa VanDoorn at 676-5985.

## Legion, Auxiliary hold fundraiser

Ione American Legion and Auxiliary Post 95 asks everyone to save the day for the eighth annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament, Bingo and Bake Sale fundraiser on March 24.

The event will include a sandwich and salad bar, and no-host bar provided by The Office Pub. Poker buy-in is \$40; buy-in starts at 6 p.m. with play starting at 6:30. No late buy-ins allowed.

A youth-sized Rossi Tri Fecta Rifle will be raffled. The rifle has three barrels: a .243, .22 long and a 20-gauge. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any Ione Legion or Auxiliary

member; Pettyjohn's Builders are also selling tickets, and they have the rifle on hand for anyone who would like to see it. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase rifle tickets.

The Legion is also selling raffle tickets for beef. There will be two drawings, with one-half beef for each winning ticket drawn.

The raffle tickets for both beef and rifle are one for \$1 or six for \$5. There will be further information to come.

For questions, call Becky R. at 541-422-7230 or Gina J. at 541-422-7180.

## OTPR to hold public meeting

The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee will hold an open meeting on March 12 at 7 p.m. at the rodeo office to discuss the upcoming Morrow County Rodeo rules.

Topics under discussion include whether the MOCO rodeo should be open to alumni spouses and their children, and whether contestants' county residency requirement should be changed from one year to three months.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Anyone who is unable to attend but would like to provide input may e-mail [mocorodeo@hotmail.com](mailto:mocorodeo@hotmail.com) or contact any rodeo committee member.

## Something for everyone on St. Pat's

Heppner's Wee Bit O' Ireland St. Patrick's Celebration is just around the corner, March 14-18, which means it's time to get out the green and wear it proudly...the greener, the better.

Lots of activities are planned for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Wee Bit O' Ireland Celebration. Things start earlier this year with an O'Donkey Basketball Game between Heppner FFA and School Staff on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the Heppner High School gym.

Everyone is also reminded to take in "From Cenacle to Calvary," the play written by Father Condon, with music by Joe Lindsay, on Thursday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic parish hall.

Or, get ready to rumble as a participant or observer at the Heppner Chamber/Y102 fifth annual Irish Boxing Smoker on Friday, March 16 at Heppner High School.

Participate or be a spectator in the St. Paddy's Arena Cross, Cruz In or Great Green Parade, or the Remembrance Walk and 5K Run. Cheer the children on as they participate in the Leprechaun Run. Tap your toes at the KUMA Coffee Hour or Ceili.

Indulge a taste for the arts by shopping at the Vendor's Square, checking out the arts and crafts display at Les Schwab, perusing the Wee Bit O' Western Fine Art Photography by Denise Smith and Celia Moyer at the City Park; buying a book or two to support the Friends of the Library book sale; or checking out Morrow County Heritage and Agricultural Museums.

Participate in the lighter side of the festivities with "Ewe-Do-Bingo," "O'Ducky Race" and "O' Kiddie Tricycle Races." Or, try your hand at the "Throw the Welly" competition.

Rest assured, there will be more than enough during this year's festivities to keep anyone busy. Also, remember to stop and shop at our local merchants who have stocked up to serve their community.

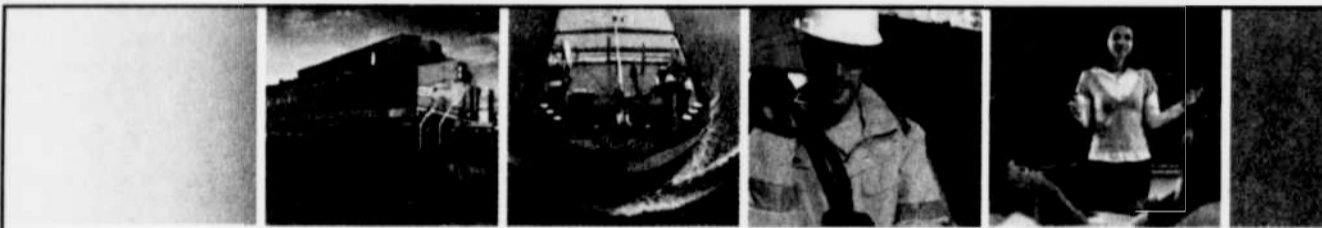
Stop by and watch the Sheep Dog Trials (Saturday and Sunday) as part of the activities. Stick around Saturday evening for more great entertainment, including the Gothard Sisters at the Heppner Elementary School gym from 7-9:30 p.m. and the Old Time Fiddlers at the Morrow County Fairgrounds starting at 6:30 p.m. until the fiddlers are too tuckered out to fiddle anymore.

Of course, it wouldn't be St. Patrick's without the road bowling on Sunday. Sign up to participate, as entries will be limited.

Finally, there is lots of great food planned for everyone's enjoyment. Local food vendors are getting ready, along with a few outside vendors, to test your taste buds. Check out the local food vendor map with days, times and special menus made especially for St. Patrick's weekend. Don't forget to check out Mrs. O'Leary's stew feed at St. Patrick's Senior Center on Friday from 5-7 p.m. On Saturday, visit St. Pat's ham dinner and homemade pies at St. Patrick's Catholic Church from 4-7 p.m., or the Elks Irish Buffet Dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage from 6-9 p.m.

All the weekend's entertainment is free, sponsored again by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

There is something for everyone, and the schedules will be coming out soon. Call the Heppner Chamber office at 676-5536, check out the website at [www.heppnerchamber.com](http://www.heppnerchamber.com) or Facebook at "St. Patrick's Celebration Heppner Oregon USA" for more information.



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### Creating Jobs

The project, which is being developed by Ambre Energy, will bring an estimated 25 jobs to Morrow County. It will also create 25 jobs in Columbia County and 55 jobs in the transportation of coal - for a total of 105 local jobs overall. These will be family-wage jobs with benefits, in the range of \$50,000 to \$90,000 per year.

### Supporting Morrow County

The local economy will benefit in other ways as well.

- The project will pay an estimated \$750,000 in property taxes to Morrow County annually and \$850,000 in annual fees to the Port of Morrow, based on initial shipping estimates of 3.5 million tons.
- In addition, Ambre will make an annual voluntary contribution of approximately \$350,000 to schools in Morrow County, based on a 10-cents-per-ton contribution.

### Show Your Support

These jobs and benefits could begin as early as mid-2013. Community support is crucial during the public comment period to make this opportunity a reality. Please visit [www.MorrowPacific.com](http://www.MorrowPacific.com) and click on

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