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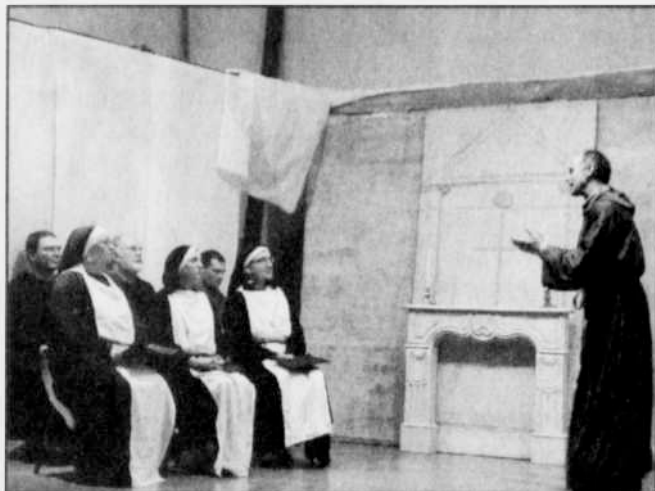
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St. Pat's players again to stage original drama by Fr. Condon

Saint Lawrence O'Tool featured in 11th annual production



The St. Pat's Players rehearsing an original drama on the life of St. Lawrence O'Tool. Dan Van Schoiak is pictured speaking. Nuns are Janet Greenup, Leanne Lindsay and Rita Van Schoiak. Monks are Dan Lindsay, Rick Drake and Joe Lindsay. —Contributed photo

The start of Heppner's St. Patrick's Day celebration will once again be marked with an original drama featuring the St. Pat's Players and directed by recently retired Fr. Gerry Condon.

Father Condon's original dramas have become a St. Patrick's Day tradition. This marks the 11th year of such a production. The play will be presented at Lone Community School on Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. and again in Heppner at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall on Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m.

Admission is free but donations are accepted and are given to a local charity of the cast's choosing.

This year's production features a cast of 15 and a production crew of eight and will chronicle the life of Saint Lawrence O'Tool. Lawrence O'Tool was born into a noble family in 1130 A.D. He was taken hostage at an early age by Dermot MacMurrough, King of Leinster. He was eventually released to live at a monastery at Glendalough and later became abbot of that monastery.

The same king who had

earlier held him hostage nominated him to Rome to become the Archbishop of Dublin, which he became. However, Lawrence realized the manipulation by MacMurrough, and he sided with King Rory O'Connor against him.

Vikings attacked Dublin and conquered the city under King Rory's watch but Lawrence encouraged King Rory to fight back. He was successful in regaining control of Dublin. After that Lawrence was called to Rome to participate in the Third Lateran Council.

About the same time, King Henry made it known that he was going to impose restrictions on church authority in Ireland, which was contrary to the Windsor Treaty.

Archbishop Lawrence set off to England to clarify the matter. King Henry refused to meet with him and left for Normandy. Archbishop Lawrence was persistent and followed him there and convinced King Henry to honor the treaty.

Lawrence started back to Ireland but, unfortunately, he fell ill on the way home and died in Normandy in 1180 A.D.

Obituaries

Marlys I. Green

Marlys I. Green, 78, of Pendleton died Saturday, February 22, 2014 at her home, surrounded by her family. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, March 1, at 3 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge, with a reception to follow. Private family burial will take place at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.



Marlys I. Green

She was born October 16, 1935 at Huron, SD, the daughter of Robert and Doris Benson Phelps. She was raised and attended school for a time in South Dakota before the family moved to Oregon. She then attended school in Tillamook, where she graduated from high school in 1953.

On November 13, 1954 she married James A. Phegley at Tillamook. The couple had five daughters. James and Marlys later divorced.

She married Marion C. Green on March 5, 1974 at Las Vegas. The couple lived at Reedsport until 1984, when they settled in Pendleton. Marlys worked in the accounting department at International Paper while living in Reedsport. She worked for the Brent Fife Accounting firm in Pendleton as a bookkeeper for 16 years. The couple attended Peace Lutheran Church, and also

were members of the Kill Kare Club in Pendleton. They enjoyed attending functions at the Pendleton and Heppner Elks lodges.

She enjoyed doing all kinds of puzzles, reading and gardening, and was a master at crocheting. She also did volunteer work at the gift shop in St. Anthony Hospital.

Survivors include: her husband, Marion C. Green of Pendleton; daughters, Beverly Crum of Lone, Wendy Carlson and husband Ted of Lake Oswego, Becky Phegley of Beaverton, and Marilyn Baertlein and husband Bill of Tillamook; sister, Vanette Pinto and husband Bob of Goodyear, AZ; stepchildren, Gregory Green and wife Marcia of Bothel, WA, Howard Green and wife Debbie of Portland, and Joel Green and wife Christine of Spokane, WA; brothers-in-law, Stephen Green of Pendleton and James Green of Canby, OR; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and special friends Jerry and Jo Simpson, and Brent and Fran Fife.

She was preceded in death by: a daughter, Tracey Phegley, and a sister-in-law, Mary Ruth Troyer.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony's Hospital Hospice Program, 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

DUNCAN BUYS OUT BRITT

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"It makes Heppner look pretty well-populated," he says, adding that he and his three brothers were home-schooled because the nearest school was an hour-and-a-half bus ride each way.

Duncan went right into business after high school, working, as he says, in "a little bit of everything." He spent most of his working career in the construction industry, both heavy highway and site civil work, covering most of the state of Montana. He also, among other things, drove a concrete mixer truck in Portland for a while and worked for Swaggart Brothers in Hermiston as site superintendent for four and a half years.

He says he was brought to this area by "a red head." That red head was Katie Walton, who now works at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in the radiology department.

The couple met while Duncan was attending flight school in Portland during the construction off season. They married in 2007 and now have two little girls with another on the way.

Duncan says his family is the reason he bought the business, from Britt.

"The Heppner community is a good place to raise kids but a hard place to find a job in," he says. "If we're going to live here I needed to find something to do. This fit what I've been doing for the last number of years."

He says the business will continue offering the same products and services, with the possibility of adding more later. Duncan says he is considering adding civil dirt work, irrigation-related work, and Ag-based civil work.

He did say he wanted to be careful not to change too much.

"I'm trying not to adjust too much what Roger had," he says. "No sense in tipping over the apple cart if it was working."

Duncan says his reception as a new business owner in the area has been warm so far.

"I've only been in business for two months, and it's been very amazing what kind of community support I've already got for being an import."

One final change to the business will be a new number. Right now, anyone interested in contacting Duncan can call him on his cell at 541-620-2690.

Chamber lunch meeting

This week's Heppner Chamber of Commerce lunch meeting will be an all entities report on Thursday, March 6, at noon at Heppner City Hall. Cost of lunch is \$10; Willow Creek Diner will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP no later than the Wednesday before.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Time to take a stand on Heppner citizens' rights

To The Editor,

The Heppner City Manager has taken the right steps in pursuing a change in the City Ordinance pertaining to Abandonment of Motor Vehicles. In the City Charter it is stated that the city of Heppner has adopted the Oregon Vehicle Code by reference. This code is all-inclusive of cars, pickups, boats, campers, utility trailers or any other vehicle requiring a license, allowing it to be used on any public road

But this code also includes exemptions from title registration (Oregon Vehicle Code 808.030), stating "title from this state is not required for a vehicle unless the vehicle is operated on a highway in this state."

Without a registration, no license will be issued. Hence, if the owner of a say, boat or trailer, has no intention of using it on any public highway until it's worthy, (that person) isn't required to license it.

I encourage and challenge all the good citizens of Heppner to attend the city council meeting on March 10 at 7 p.m. at city call. By showing up in numbers, we will let the council know how strong we feel about this unreasonable ordinance and, hopefully, prompt them to review all the city codes, keeping infringement of the rights of its citizens in mind.

Are we going to stand up for our rights or just roll over and turn a blind eye to the over-reaching powers of government? After all, who's working for whom?

Still Very Concerned,

(s) Glo Lesperance, Heppner

Heppner reminds citizens of open door policy

The City of Heppner recognizes that there has been some misinformation and concern regarding projects and agenda items concerning the city and its citizens.

The city would like to remind everyone that if they have questions or concerns with the City of Heppner, their office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or you can call the city hall at 541-676-9618.

The council meetings are open to the public and are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

(s) Kim Cutsforth

Heppner City Manager

Time for litter pick up for St. Pat's celebration

It's time to tidy up our streets and sidewalks for the annual St. Patrick's Celebration.

Let me express my thanks in advance to everyone for making our town look good, both for ourselves and for our visitors.

(s) John Edmundson, Coordinator

Heppner Chamber of Commerce

ODOT Litter Pick Up Program

Buttons, can cozies to benefit St. Pat's weekend

The 32nd annual Wee Bit o' Ireland celebration begins next week in Heppner and is sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

To help offset expenses of the event, buttons and can cozies are sold during the event and prior at Murray's Drug, Community Bank and Heppner City Hall for \$3 each. Those who purchase buttons will be included in two drawings for \$100.

Community lunch menu

Hope, Valby and All Saints church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, March 12, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include smoked salmon frittata with eggs, cream cheese and spinach, oven-fried potatoes, glazed beets, hot rolls, and orange ambrosia. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday

Daylight Savings Time will begin Sunday, March 9. The Gazette-Times reminds everyone to "spring forward" and turn your clocks forward one hour.

Ladies, PER and Oldtimers Night
Thursday March 6
BBQ Steaks
By Officers
Side Dishes
by Kim Cutsforth
Dinner 6p.m.

Lodge and PIN
Ceremony 8 p.m.
HEPPNER ELKS 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main



Join the Benefit- All Proceeds go for Alex Rystedt Medical Expenses
Enjoy Trivia, Raffle & Live Music
WITH TRAVIS BELLAMY, JAKE ROY SKYLAR EVANS & DOG BITE HARRIS
\$5 Cover Charge - See you there!
BUCKNUM'S TAVERN
SATURDAY MARCH 8TH
Raffle Donations can be dropped off at Bucknum's - (Trivia by Portly & Stout)