

Gazette Times

Fr. Condon's play to be performed during St. Pat's festivities

"Intrigue at Glendalough," a drama of faith, forgiveness, and intrigue," written by Father Gerry Condon, retired pastor of St. Patrick Church in Heppner and St. William Church in Ione, will be held in Ione and Heppner during the St. Patrick's festivities beginning March 13. The first performance will be at the Ione Community School on Sunday, March 13, at 3 p.m. The final performance will be at St. Patrick Parish Hall on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, at 7.30 p.m. Entertainment will be included, with Irish music by Joe Lindsay, guitar, Bill Monagle, Cory Cooley, Jeb Ball, banjo,

Eric Jepsen, fiddle and Rick Drake. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

Community School Glendalough (The Glen of Two Lakes) originally was famous because of St. Kevin and the monks who lived there. In the ten hundreds a round tower was built there for protection from the Vikings, and for the safe keeping of precious manuscripts. Today it is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Ireland.

This is the location of the story where a group of tourists share events in their lives, and where there is an underlying intrigue.

There is a cast 19 and a production crew of 10. The cast includes: Joe Lindsay, Larry Lucher, Bill Monagle, Rick Drake, Bill Kuhn, Cam Sweeney, Corey Sweeney, Dan Van Schoiack, Dan Lindsay, Adam McCabe, Debbie Gutierrez, Ashley Lindsay, Rita Van Schoiack, Janet Greenup, Beth Dickenson, Brian Kollman, Josh Coiner, Ann Morter and Nikki Coe.

Donations received at both performances this year will again go to further the St. Patrick Parish Hall restoration, as that was the charity of the cast's choice.



Deb Gutierrez, Ann Morter, Beth Dickenson, Dan Van Schoiack, Bill Kuhn, Janet Greenup & Rita Van Schoiack. Front, Fr. Gerry Condon. -Contributed photo

Historical Society to present George Griffith award

The Morrow County Historical Society will be awarding an honorary membership to George G. Griffith of Ione on Sunday, March 13, at 2 p.m. at the Irrigon Baptist Church.

Morrow County Judge Terry Tallman has been asked to present the award.

Welcome to Heppner sign restored



CBEC employees assist with project -Contributed photo

Community Enhancement funds from the Columbia River Enterprise Zone (CREZ) provided resources which enabled the Welcome to Heppner sign at the northwest entry to town to be rehabilitated.

Rod Wilson restored the sign and Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative (CBEC) installed the sign behind the number one green at Willow Creek Country Club.

CBEC employees who assisted with the project included Tom Wolff, Brian

Heppner's 34th St. Pat's Wee Bit O' Ireland Weekend March 17-20



Local kids in The Great Green Parade



St. Pat's Parade entries

Everyone is invited to put on your green hats, jewelry and clothing and get ready to have some good old "Wee Bit O' Ireland" fun, starting on Thursday, March 17, with Father Condon's play "Intrigue at Glendalough". The play performance will be performed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 560 NW Jones, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Friday will start the weekend event with lots of arts, crafts, the annual Friends of the Library book sale and food galore. From 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Gary Kopperud will be at the Morrow County Courthouse to answer questions about the clock restoration and will have a couple of antique watches on display. The Morrow County Commissioners will have the new

trials with lots of places to shop, eat and sit. Don't forget to check out Vendor's Square at the City Park, Les Schwab and the Morrow County Fair Board is sponsoring an Arts and Crafts show at the fairgrounds from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Don't forget to stop and check out the annual book sale at Heppner City Hall.

If you are up for a Remembrance Walk and 5K Run, you will find that too. There will be "Cruz-In" vehicles on display and an opportunity to take part in the "Welly Toss", the KUMA Coffee hour, the Morrow County Heritage and Agricultural Museums, Leprechaun Run for those children in grades K-6, The Great Green Parade, starting at 1 p.m. Following the parade there will be some "O'Fun & Games activities" including bouncy houses and other inflatable units for preschool children through high school at the HES Gym from 1:30-5:30pm.

The CEILI will be held from 2-4 upstairs at the Elks Lodge. Ewe-Do-Bingo and O'Ducky Race are also on the agenda, along with a bus tour of the "Talking Rocks" in Heppner at 2 p.m. (meet in front of the City Hall to catch the bus).

A "3 on 3" basketball tournament for youth will be held at the outdoor basketball court on Riverside (or will move to Heppner High School gym if it rains).

The evening will close out with some great entertainment. "The Old Time Fiddlers" will perform at the Fairgrounds Dance Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m.; there will be a local children's Talent Show from 6-7:20 p.m. and the main entertainment "Cross Strung" will be performing starting at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Sunday will bring the final chance to watch the Sheep Dog Trials, and participate in the annual Road Bowling Competition.

The St. Patrick's Committee hopes you will participate in as much of the weekend as you can! For more information, call 541-676-5536, visit www.heppnerchamber.com or visit us on facebook at "St. Patrick's Celebration Heppner Oregon USA". "We are looking forward to seeing you... don't forget to wear your green (or there will be lots of selections for you to buy)".

"Whether you are Irish when you come, you will certainly be Irish when you leave... so come and join us for a great weekend."



St. Pat's leprechaun

Bartholomew Building dedication March 18



The dedication for the Bartholomew Building will be held on Friday, March 18, at 2 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Spring ahead

Everyone is reminded to Spring Ahead and set clocks ahead one hour before bedtime this Saturday, March 12. Daylight Saving's Time begins Sunday, March 13.



FIND THE SHAMROCK!



Win \$50 Gift Card

The first person to find the hidden shamrock will win a \$50 Visa Gift Card donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

-RULES-

1. A new set of clues to guide you to the hidden shamrock will appear in each edition of the Heppner Gazette-Times.
2. A total of five clues beginning with the Feb. 17 edition will be published each week on the front page.
3. The hidden shamrock is not on private property and no digging or moving of objects, dirt or other materials is necessary to find the shamrock.
4. The first person to find the shamrock and bring it to the Heppner Gazette-Times office will claim their prize.

CLUE #4

The hunt goes on to find the prize. Little green shamrock "Where are you?" they cry. Follow the clues - be smart and be fast. There is no reward for those who show up last, So you're at the stone box where kids got wet. Where do you go? Read this clue and don't fret. A bone that goes from hock to fetlock Tells the path you should take - don't balk! To starboard you'll go when at emerald way. Then around the corner, make sure not to stray. Over aquatic you go, just continue your hike To a lane heading north, but it's south end we like. In Gaelic your path name will mean a boy devoted. Just what you need to find where we voted. It's on this road your prize does lay Be first there and you're sure to get the pay.

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