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Arts and crafts available for sale

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will have items for sale on Friday, March 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the front room of St. Patrick's Senior Center.

Available items for sale will be leather billfolds, key chains, wood items, crocheted towels, blankets, pillows and jewelry. Others will provide wood

hangings, painted wood items, dressed teddy bears, crocheted baby items and many kinds of jams and jellies.

On display and for sale will be a variety of paintings in different sizes and mediums. Another vendor will have silver jewelry and various kinds of stones.

Everyone is invited to stop by and see what local crafters are doing.

Walk/Run to be held Saturday

Friends Helping Friends will open the doors to the Methodist Church basement at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 14 for the annual Remembrance Walk/

Run event. Eats and treats, served by the committee ladies, will be available as well as registration and social hour beginning at 8 a.m., with the walk/run starting at 9:30.

There will be a \$5 charge per participant with kids free when accompanied by an adult. Wristbands for the past 12 years will be available. Dogs must be on leashes and doggie bags will be furnished.

Any and all donations will be added to the Friends Helping Friends Pot of Gold, which is used for donations within the community. "Grieving is difficult time for everyone, our community has had a hard ending of 2019 and the start of 2020," stated a committee member.

This year's route, as it has in the past, will go up Main Street, turn left around to Cemetery Hill Street, past Sweeney Mortuary, to Court Street to Heppner Elementary School and back to the Methodist Church. Participants may walk or run at their own pace.

of Irish sheepherders who arrived occasionally for a clean bed and bath. In her later years Rose worked in the dietary department at the Heppner hospital, moving to Pendleton in 1957, where she worked at St. Anthony Hospital dietary department until her retirement. She died March 3, 1983 in Hermiston and is buried at Vinson near her husband Herbert.

-Mary Ann (Callahan) Doherty's first husband, William Ruddy, died as a young man in Ireland of appendicitis. Due to the poor potato harvest and severe financial limitations, Mary Ann left her three young children in the care of her stepmother and father, migrating to the U.S. for employment. She worked at a large hotel in Boston for nine years, sending money home to Ireland to care for her children. She was never able to return to Ireland and later traveled west to Oregon to live with her sister, Kate Doherty in Morrow County. Mary Ann's stepmother, Mary, and Philip Hirl's mother, Rose were sisters. Philip and Mary Ann were not blood related and therefore were able to marry. The Doherty farm and the Hirl farm were "a stone's throw" away and Philip and Mary Ann knew one another growing up as children in Carndonagh, Ireland. They later bought a farm in McDonald Canyon in Morrow County. Mary Ann's three children by her first marriage came to the U.S. as adults and stayed with her and her husband, Philip. Willy Ruddy worked for his stepfather and later settled in Pendleton. Susan married her stepfather's brother, Dan Hirl. After Dan's death, Susan and brother Willy lived in Pendleton. Cassie arrived in the U.S. around 1915 along with Willy. She spent a short time with her family before moving to Seattle with two of her cousins. She married a young man with the same name of Ruddy. She died in childbirth and is buried in Seattle.

-Rose and Herbert's children, Raymond, nine, Joe, seven, and Dorothy, six months, remained at the ranch with their mother. Rose managed the farm for several years, sharing the workload with the hired men. She was the only woman member of the Five Mile Cattle and Horse Association organized through the Department of Agriculture. She married William Francis, an Oregon State Police Officer in 1938, and Francine was born in 1939. They divorced in 1942. The family moved from the ranch, leasing it to her brother-in-law, Jack French, and then Rose purchased a home in Heppner. To supplement her income, she provided room and board for single adults, including a school teacher, a Catholic priest, several young adults from Ireland, and an unusual assortment

2020 GRAND MARSHALS

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1840-1932, who never left Ireland; grandmother Mary Doherty, 1868-1957, who immigrated to Boston about 1893, married William Ruddy 1850-1893, then her second husband Phil Hirl 1868-1963.

-great grandfather, Edward Hirrell 1833-1919, came to Oregon in 1888; grandmother Rose Doherty 1835-1910, came to Oregon in 1888.

-Rose Anna Hirl 1902-1983 married Herbert J. French; they had three children, Raymond Jesse, 1927, Joseph Phillip, 1929, and Dorothy Mae, 1935. She then married William E. Francis 1896-1960; they had one child, Francine Rosanna, 1939.

Some Doherty, Ruddy, Hirl, French history follows;

-Mary (Newman) Doherty married William (Callahan) Doherty after his first wife, Susan Breslin, died during the birth of his first child, Mary Ann Doherty, in 1868. The baby was raised by her father's second wife, Mary.

-Rose Newman Doherty 1835-1910 married Edward (Neddy) Hirl 1833-1919. They came to Oregon in 1888 with their three sons, Dan 1870-1938, who married Susan Ruddy, Charles -d. 1930, and Phillip, 1868-1963, who married Mary Ann Callahan Doherty Ruddy. They traveled by steamship around Cape Horn to San Francisco and later to Morrow County. They settled south of Vinson, known as the "Head of Hog Hollow" which borders Umatilla and Morrow counties. Rose, Neddy and their son Charles are buried at the Vinson Cemetery.

-Susan Doherty French emigrated from Donegal County, Ireland, when she was 18. She arrived at Ellis Island, traveled across country to her relatives, the Butter Creek Dohertys, where she met and married Dillard French. They had four children, Agnes, Jack, Herbert and Jessie.

-Raymond's mother Rose Anna Hirl was born

on the family homestead at 'Hog Hollow Canyon' in Umatilla. As an infant she moved to McDonald Canyon in Morrow County, 20 miles east of Heppner. She graduated from Heppner High School in 1923 with a teaching certificate and returned as a teacher to the rural school where she began her education. Rose Hirl and Herbert French were married on August 26, 1926, at the old St. Patrick's Church in Heppner. During their courtship, they learned that they were distantly related; her great-grandfather, Philip Newman Doherty, and Herbert's great-grandfather, James Newman Doherty, were brothers. Rose and Herbert settled at the French Ranch on Big Butter Creek. Herbert became ill in 1934 and, after a trip by train to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, Lou Gehrigs Disease). He remained at home until the last three days of his life, passing at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton, with Rose at his side. Rose later married William E. Francis 1896-1960 and had Francine Rosanna in 1939.

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Cemetery District to meet

The Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District will hold a meeting on Monday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Ag Service Building

conference room at 430 W Linden Way. Agenda items include minutes of previous meeting, financial report and cemetery operations.

Meetings of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District are open to the public according to ORS 192.640(1). For questions, contact Janet Greenup at 541-561-6768.

Community lunch menu

United Methodist volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, March 18 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be corned beef with potatoes, carrots and cabbage, pumpernickel bread and pistachio pudding.

Milk, coffee and tea is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

~ 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.

Coronavirus discussed

To the Editor:

On Wednesday March 4, I attended the Morrow County Board of Commissioners meeting. The commissioners and county officials speak on a range of subjects. To me the most important issues that were discussed were the potential impacts of the coronavirus (Covid-19) and the transportation of hazardous waste through our county.

Morrow County Health spoke at length in regard to Covid-19. I think that being educated and informed about our health is vital so that we may do what is necessary to protect ourselves and the people around us. The potential ramifications to business in the area if there needs to be extended shutdowns is great and that is concerning to say the least. However, hearing how the health department is working with all local, and state agencies to both coordinate their response, and preparedness and to create a unified message across all agencies within the county gave me a sense of ease.

The transportation of potentially hazardous waste

through the county was disconcerting. However, I admire the prudence I witnessed from Commissioner Lindsay and Commissioner Russell on this matter. They showed respect for our neighbors in Gilliam County by seeking information and also their concern with the potential dangers that it could pose to their local county residents.

Commissioner Lindsay and Commissioner Russell attended town halls in Condon and Arlington put forth to answer the public's questions about this matter. As we now know, it was transported by semi-truck and was well below the required radioactive levels for reporting. The waste is a product of filtering naturally occurring materials found in the earth. A byproduct of fracking. This project is being monitored.

I would urge everyone to attend these meetings and learn about the issues that are occurring in our communities so that we may be more informed.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph B Armato

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