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Leprechauns will be out in force during this weekend's A Wee Bit O'Ireland Celebration. The 36th annual event is Thursday through Sunday in Heppner.

# Heppner celebrates St. Patrick's Day

By TAMMY MALGESINI  
COMMUNITY EDITOR

Everyone can claim to be a wee bit o' Irish during St. Patrick's Day in Heppner.

Sheryll Bates, Heppner Chamber of Commerce executive director, invites people to Shamrock Central as they paint the town green during the 36th annual A Wee Bit O'Ireland Celebration. While the majority of the shenanigans take place Saturday, the event kicks off Thursday with a vendor's square (9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) and a drama performance (7 p.m.) written and directed by Father Gerry Condon. "Searching For Meaning" is free but donations are accepted on behalf of "Anson Strong," benefiting the family of Anson Fairbank, a local 2-year-old with leukemia.

New this year is Murray's Irish Beer and Wine Fest. Featuring Dan Burns 3D Productions — an electrifying live DJ show complete with music, lights, fog and more — it kicks off Friday at 8 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Admission is free. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Musical entertainment, food and fun will be aplenty as people from near and afar celebrate the town's Irish heritage. Joe and Leanne Lindsay, their children, Ryan, Cori Jo and Andrew, and other extended family members are grand marshals of the Great Green Parade (Saturday, 1 p.m.). Also, the Lindsay gang will surely share some blarney during the Irish Coffee Hour (Saturday, 10 a.m.).

Actually 90 minutes long, the coffee klatch is a weekend highlight, Bates said. It features music, an Irish Brogue Contest, cash prizes and running commentary between host Tom Melton, Condon (a retired Catholic priest), U.S. Rep. Greg Walden and local attorney Bill Kuhn. Although new to the coffee gang, Kuhn's corny jokes have earned him the seat previously reserved for Dominic Monahan, a retired attorney.

Other Saturday activities include the Welly Toss (10 a.m.). It features launching Wellington boots for o' Irish fun and braggin' rights. And, when Pioneer Memorial Hospital discovered some old gurneys, Bates said it was a sign to bring back the Bed Races

(11 a.m.). Also, last year's O'Planky Race (11:30 a.m.) revival was quite a crowd-pleaser, she said. In addition, activities for young lads and lassies will be plentiful during Top O'The Hour (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). The Road Bowling, Bates said, has been moved up to Saturday. If that sounds right up your alley, gather a team of four and register by 1 p.m. for the 3 p.m. lane assignments.

The event also includes sheep dog trials, a Cruz-In car show, a children's talent show and the annual Friends of the Library book sale. Also, be sure to fork out some dough for a chance to win a \$100 pot o' gold. The drawings are Saturday at CEILI (2-4 p.m.) and during the CrossStrung performance (7:30-9:30 p.m.).

"We try to have something for everybody, so it's not just the coffee hour and the parade and then everyone drinks beer," Bates said. "It's just a lot of fun."

For more information, including a link to a full schedule, visit [www.facebook.com/st.patrickscelebration](http://www.facebook.com/st.patrickscelebration). For questions, call 541-676-5536.

# Singers offer St. Paddy's cheer

HERMISTON HERALD

Musical entertainment, dancing, sing-a-longs and lots of blarney are featured during performances of John Doherty & the Irish Singers.

To enhance your St. Patrick's experience, be sure to catch one of their local performances. The group will gather around microphones to sing traditional Irish tunes that they've mastered over time. In addition, they will strum a variety of instruments (both traditional and non-traditional) and encourage merriment throughout the weekend. Catch John Doherty & the Irish Singers at:

•Friday from 7-10 p.m.

at Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St., Echo. No cover charge. Food and drinks available for purchase.

•Saturday during the 10 a.m. Irish Coffee Hour at A Wee O'Ireland Celebration at the Heppner Elks Lodge, 142 N. Main St. No cover charge for the all-ages event. Food and drinks available for purchase throughout the town's festival.

•Saturday from 7-10 p.m. at Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton. There is no cover charge for the all-ages show. Food and drinks available for purchase.

•Sunday 5-7 p.m. during the Traditional Irish Dinner at the Pendleton Convention

Center, 1601 Westgate. The cost is \$12 per person or \$35 for a family.

The Sunday event serves as a fundraiser for the Life Teen program, which supports area youths in attending various Catholic-based conferences, retreats, camps and activities. In addition to the musical entertainment, the fourth annual event includes a meal of Irish stew, corned beef and cabbage, salad, Irish soda bread and trifle.

Also, Irish beer will be available for purchase.

Tickets for the Irish Dinner can be purchased by contacting Jacquie at 541-969-9333, [hitzman4@msn.com](mailto:hitzman4@msn.com) or Tiffany at 541-310-0856.

## BRIEFS

### Music workshop focuses on eye-hand coordination

An upcoming music workshop will examine ways to further develop hand-eye coordination of piano students.

The free event is offered by the Umatilla-Morrow District of the Oregon Music Teachers Association. Presented by Deborah Cleaver, "Where to Look When: Developing Hand-Eye Coordination" is Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

The workshop is open to music teachers and anyone else who is interested in attending. Advanced registration is not required. Participants are welcome to bring examples of passages that cause problems for their students. For more information, contact Sue Nelson at [musicdoc3@mac.com](mailto:musicdoc3@mac.com) or 541-276-0346. For more about the association, visit [www.oregonmta.org](http://www.oregonmta.org).

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### Jews for Jesus missionary to speak in Boardman

Alan Bond of Jews for Jesus is a guest speaker at the Boardman First Baptist Church.

The public is invited to hear Bond's presentation, which is titled "Christ in The Passover." The free event is Friday at 7 p.m. at the church, 200 Willow Fork Drive, Boardman.

Founded in 1973, Jews for Jesus started as a small group of young Jewish believers in Jesus in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco. It has expanded to 13 countries and 25 cities around the world and has embraced new, creative modes of ministry to keep up with today's technology. Bond is a senior missionary at the San Francisco branch of

Jews for Jesus.

For more information, call 541-481-9437. For more about Jews for Jesus, visit [www.jewsforjesus.org](http://www.jewsforjesus.org).

### Nazarene church hosts ladies paint night

A ladies paint night is planned at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene.

Paint with Friends is Tuesday, March 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the church, 1520 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. The activity is open to girls in fourth grade through adults. A donation jar will be available to assist with expenses.

No experience is necessary for the beginner's level painting project. All supplies are provided, although if you have a favorite paint brush you can bring it along.

To register or for more information, contact 541-567-3677, [hermistonnaz@gmail.com](mailto:hermistonnaz@gmail.com) or visit [www.hermistonnazarene.org](http://www.hermistonnazarene.org).

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OUR OPIOID CRISIS FEATURING: ERIC HOLEMAN AND DR. JOEL RICE

Jim Setzer, Umatilla County Public Health Director, will serve as moderator for the forum.

Eric Holeman obtained a Bachelor Of Science in Pharmacy from Oregon State University in 1986, and received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree and Hospital Residency from University of Washington/Harborview Medical Centers in 1988. Eric developed an interest in pain and opiate management in 1999 when he served as a hospice pain consultant and later in 2002, when he initiated a pharmacist managed pain service at Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles, Oregon. In 2012, he obtained certification through the American Academy of Pain Management as a credentialed pain provider.

Eric served as a member of the Clinical Advisory Panel to the Gorge Coordinated Care Organization from 2012-2016. He has been instrumental in leading a regional effort to develop strategic initiatives for chronic pain and opiate management throughout the Columbia Gorge and Central Oregon regions.

Eric has been employed at Mid-Columbia Medical Center since 2001, and currently serves in the capacity of Clinical Lead Pharmacist providing consultation related to cancer care, chronic pain, anti-coagulation and acute care management.

Dr. Joel Rice is Board Certified in General Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine, and started a small addiction clinic, Grande Ronde Recovery, in La Grande almost 20 years ago. Joel has been treating opioid use disorder with Suboxone and other medications in La Grande for 15 years, being the first in eastern Oregon to do so. Retired Pendleton Internist Dr. Dan Marier has the DEA Waiver to treat patients with Suboxone, and has just begun working with Joel.

Joel has been treating opioid use disorder in Pendleton for 3 years, in coordination with Umatilla County Human Services, and has plans to start seeing patients at their clinic in Hermiston soon. Joel currently has around 200 patients in Umatilla County with Opioid Use Disorder. He has established four "Sober Homes" in La Grande, where individuals with addiction can live in a supported, sober environment. They are working with Umatilla County Human Services to establish sober living residences in Pendleton and Hermiston.

Also in attendance will be Dr. Chuck Hefmann, Medical Director of New Prescriptions Drug Overdose treatment center in Baker City, Mike Stensrud, the Eastern Oregon Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Coordinator for Umatilla County Public Health, and Pendleton Police Chief, Stuart Roberts.

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