

Heppner festival celebrates 35 years o’ fun

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In its 35th year, the Wee Bit O’ Ireland Celebration is returning to its roots in recognizing founder Jimmy Farley, who would have turned 100 this year.

A full-blooded Irishman, Farley was dismayed that Heppner, with its community of Irish immigrants, didn’t have any sort of celebration — yet there was all kinds of hoopla at the Rainbow Tavern in Pendleton.

To remedy that, he lured radio personality Ted Smith to host the KUMA Coffee Hour at his Heppner automobile dealership. Farley Motors was bursting at the seams, which also featured a champagne social hour later in the day.

“We thought maybe some friends and relatives would be there but people just kept coming in,” recalled Shanny Miller, Farley’s daughter.

Sprouting from the two special hours, the event took off from there, Miller said. This year’s celebration kicks off Thursday, March 16 and runs through Sunday, March 19.

Even before the event was official, Farley held informal gatherings at his dealership around St. Patrick’s Day. A 25th anniversary in 1973 included coffee and donuts in the morning and champagne in the afternoon.

Farley referred to Heppner as Morrow County’s “Little Ireland” in a 1984 article in *The Enterprise*, a Boardman publication. He said participants didn’t have to be Irish to join the fun — urging people to just add an “Mc” or “O” to their name and don their best green clothes.

A photo of Farley graces the event’s 2017 collectible button. A pair of drawings will be held for button owners and the luck of the Irish pays out with the \$100 Pot O’ Gold.

Miller said her father, who died in 2000, would have been thrilled with the honor. But, even more so, he would be excited that people continue to celebrate the Irish heritage of area families.

“He would be downtown, dressed up in his green outfit with a big smile on his face,” Miller said. “I think

his intention was to bring friends and family back to Heppner to celebrate. It’s become kind of a reunion of sorts.”

Also, the event recognizes the Kenny family, who were named grand marshals of the Great Green Parade (Saturday, 1 p.m.). According to the *Heppner Gazette*, the family has farmed on Sand Hollow for more than 100 years.

Sheryll Bates, Heppner Chamber of Commerce executive director, said the family was blessed with musical abilities. Billy Kenny, who died in 2014, was known for his Irish tenor voice. According to his obituary, he once performed with Bing Crosby.

Passing down his musical genes to his children, Bates said a rendition of “Danny Boy” will be presented during the KUMA Coffee Hour (Saturday, 10 a.m.).

A 90-minute live program, the coffee hour continues to be popular, Bates said. It features music, an Irish Brogue Contest and running commentary between radio host Tom Melton, Father Gerry Condon, U.S. Rep. Greg Walden and retired attorney Dominic Monahan.

After nearly 20 years, the O’Planky Race (Saturday, noon) is coming back to the Shamrock Central. Bates said the activity encourages people to linger downtown while waiting for the parade to begin.

For those unfamiliar with the event, envision long narrow boards with toe straps. Oh, and four people standing on each plank. It takes some coordination, Bates said, to get synchronized. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.

The event includes musical performances, sheep dog trials, the Cruz-In car show, Welly Toss, Road Bowling, meals, vendor displays, fundraisers and fun for youths. Miller said the variety of activities helps make the event successful.

“We try to have something for everybody, so it’s not just the coffee hour and the parade and then everyone goes to the bar,” she said.

For a full schedule of events, visit www.heppner-chamber.com.



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The late Jimmy Farley, founder of Heppner’s St. Patrick’s Day celebration, is featured on the collectible \$100 Pot O’ Gold buttons. In its 35th year, the event is March 16-19.

Drama production leads off St. Patrick’s Day celebrations

An annual tradition during the St. Patrick’s season, Father Gerry Condon of Heppner has written another drama to be presented in lone and Heppner.

“A Rose in Bloom” will accept donations for Asher’s Army. Asher Schonbachler, the son of Eric and Rachel Schonbachler of Heppner, is being treated for leukodystrophy, a rare brain disease.

Featuring nearly two dozen local residents, the play will be staged Sunday at 3 p.m. at Lone Community School, 445 Spring St.; and Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at in the parish hall at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, 525 N. Gale St., Heppner.

A sequel to the 2016 drama “Intrigue at Glendalough,” the production finds Rose being pressured to accept a government assignment. Because of this, she sets out to catch and arrest a known criminal.

Rose is confronted with several challenges, mostly because of her disguise as a Catholic nun. Along the way there are clowns and “Festival Singers” with Joe Lindsay singing an original song for the drama.

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Thursday Morning

	STATION		6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
FOX	(11) KFFX	11	AgDay	Hot/ Clevel.	Good Day				Paid	Dog Town	Steve Harvey	Crime Watch Daily		
	KPTV	3	Good Day Oregon at 6		Good Day Oregon				Good Day		The 700 Club	Rachael Ray (N)		
CBS	(19) KEPR	2	News	News	CBS This Morning (N)				Harry		The Price Is Right	Young & Restless		
	KOIN	19	KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m.		CBS This Morning (N)				Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right	Young & Restless		
NBC	(25) KNDU	6	Wake Up Northwest		Today Show Kristen Stewart, Brie Larson (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)	Million? Million?		
	KGW	8	KGW News at Sunrise		Today Show Kristen Stewart, Brie Larson (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)	Portland Today		
ABC	(42) KVEW	4	Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America (N)				Live! With Kelly (N)		The View	Paid		
	KATU	5	KATU News Morning		Good Morning America (N)				AM Northwest		The View	Live! With Kelly (N)		
PBS	(31) KTNW		Stretch	W.L.Yoga	SplashB.	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	Peg + Cat	D.Tiger	Thomas	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	SplashB.	Sit and Fit
	(59) OPB	13	Sit and Fit	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	C.George	D.Tiger	D.Tiger	SplashB.	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	SuperWI	Bob Build

AFTERNOON

	STATION		12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
FOX	(11) KFFX	11	Paid	Pat. Court	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis	The People's Court		2½Men	Mike&M.	Last Man	Last Man	
	KPTV	3	12 O'Clock News		Wendy Williams		The Dr. Oz Show		TMZ Live!		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	5 O'Clock News	
CBS	(19) KEPR	2	NameG.	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		Let's Make a Deal		Dr. Phil (N)		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	
	KOIN	19	News Bold & B.		The Talk (N)		The Doctors		Dr. Phil (N)		KOIN 6 News at 4 p.m.		News	
NBC	(25) KNDU	6	TMZ	Paid	Days of Our Lives		Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Wendy Williams		Ellen DeGeneres		News	
	KGW	8	KGW New		Paid		Days of Our Lives		T.D. Jakes		KGW News		KGW News	
ABC	(42) KVEW	4	The Chew		General Hospital		The Doctors		Rachael Ray (N)		Minute	Minute	News	
	KATU	5	The Chew		General Hospital		Harry		Afternoon Live		KATU News @ 4		News	
PBS	(31) KTNW		Charlie Rose		Lidia's Kit. Knitting		Stretch	C.George	Speaks	WordGirl	Arthur	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts	Business
	(59) OPB	13	Painting	Ming	Charlie Rose (N)		Nature Cat		Thomas	Cat/ Hat	Jet Gol	Speaks	WordGirl	Odd Squad

EVENING

	STATION		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
FOX	(11) KFFX	11	Modern Family "Disney-land"	Modern Family "Tableau Vivant"	2 Broke Girls "And the Pity Party Bus"	2 Broke Girls	MasterChef Junior "Kitchen Emergency" (N)		Kicking & Screaming "Welcome to the Jungle" (P) (N)		FOX News First at Ten		:35 Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Poison"	:35 Anger M. "Charlie Gets Romantic"
	KPTV	3	6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	MasterChef "Kitchen Emergency" (N)		Kicking "Welcome to the Jungle" (P) (N)		10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls
CBS	(19) KEPR	2	Action News at 6:00 p.m.	Inside Edition	The Big Bang Theory	Simpsons "American History X-cellent"	The Big Bang Theory	The Great Indoors "Relationship ip Jack" (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	Training Day "Faultlines" (N)		Action News at 11:00 p.m.	:35 Stephen Colbert
	KOIN	19	KOIN Local 6 at 6	Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	The Great Indoors (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	Training Day "Faultlines" (N)		KOIN 6 News/ 11	:35 S. Colbert
NBC	(25) KNDU	6	Local News	Family Feud	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Superstore	Powerless "Cold Season" (N)	Chicago Med "Prisoner's Dilemma" (N)	The Blacklist: Redemption "Independence U.S.A." (N)		Local News	:35 The Tonight Show	
	KGW	8	KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7		Superstore	Powerless (N)	Chic.Med "Prisoner's Dilemma" (N)	The Blacklist: Redemption (N)		KGW News at 11	:35 Tonight	
ABC	(42) KVEW	4	Extra	Local News at 6:30	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	Grey's Anatomy "Civil War" (N)		Scandal "They All Bow Down" (N)		The Catch "The New Deal" (SP) (N)		Local News at 11 :05 Jimmy Kimmel Live	
	KATU	5	KATU News at 6			Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Civil War" (N)		Scandal "They All Bow Down" (N)		The Catch "The New Deal" (SP) (N)	KATU News	:35 Jimmy Kimmel
PBS	(31) KTNW		PBS NewsHour		Last of the Breed: Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard & Ray Price		Andre Rieu: Waltzing Forever				The Gate: A Pacific Journey (N)		Charlie Rose (N)	
	(59) OPB	13	Born to Explore (N)	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Midsomer M. "The Dogleg Murders" (N)		Midsomer M. "The Dogleg Murders" (N)		Midsomer Conversation With John Nettles		Rock Rewind (N)	
	STATION	PEN	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
A&E	52		First 48 "Teardrops/ Almost Home"		The First 48 "Love Hate/ A Soldier's Life"		The First 48 "Fatal Mistake" (N)		60 Days In "Truth or Dare" (N)		Nightwatch "Animal Instinct" (N)		:05 Cold Case "Killings on Christmas Eve"	
	AMC	60	✶ *** Unstoppable Denzel Washington.		✶ *** Forrest Gump himself in extraordinary situations throughout the course of his life.		'94, Com/Dra) Tom Hanks. A simple man finds himself in extraordinary situations throughout the course of his life.		✶ *** Forrest Gump Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.					
ANPL	24		North Woods Law		L. Star Law "Busted"		Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law (N)		Lone Star Law		L. Star Law "Busted"	
	CMT	43	Nashville (N)		Sun Records (N)		Nashville		Sun Records		Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne
CNBC	72		Shark Tank		Rich (N) Rich (N)		Super Rich		Super Rich		Super Rich		Paid	
	CNN	68	Anderson Cooper 360		History of Comedy (N)		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		The History of Comedy		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	51		Gold Rush		Rush "Oregon Gold"		Gold Rush Countdown		"Frozen Over" (N)		Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)		Gold Rush	
	DISN	26	Bunk'd	Bizaard.	Underc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	Good Luck	Liv Maddie	Liv Maddie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN	33		NCAA Basketball ACC Tournament Quarter-final Site: Barclays Center -- Brooklyn, N.Y. (L)				NCAA Basketball Pac-12 Tournament Site: T-Mobile Arena -- Las Vegas, Nev. (L)				SportsCenter			
	ESPN2	34	NCAA Basketball Big-10 Tournament (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsC.		J & J (N)	Basketball J & J
FNC	66		TuckerCarlsonTonight		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTonight		Hannity		The First 100 Days	
	FOOD	61	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped "Raw Deal"		BeatPlay		Beat Play	Beat Play
FREE	32		✶ ** The Prince and Me ('04, Com) Julia Stiles.		✶ ** Because I Said So ('07, Rom)		Diane Keaton.						The 700 Club	
	FX	65	✶ *** Captain America: The Winter...		✶ *** Iron Man 2 ('10, Act) Robert Downey Jr..						Baskets		Baskets	Baskets
GOLF	88		PGA Golf Valspar Championship		PGA Golf Valspar Championship		PGA Golf Valspar Championship		EPGA Golf		Indian Open (L)		EPGA Golf	
	GSN	76	Divided (N)	Divided (N)	Idiotest (N)	Idiotest (N)	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Divided	Divided	Idiotest	Idiotest	Baggage	Baggage
HALL	87		Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		Middle		Middle		G. Girls	
	HGTV	62	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt (N)	House	Flip (P) (N)	FlipFlop
HIST	50		Swamp People "Fresh Blood"		Swamp People "Breakdown"		Swamp People: Blood "Vampire Gator" (N)		Swamp People "Landry vs. Landry" (N)		:05 Gangland Under. "The Devil You Know"		:05 Swamp People "Breakdown"	
	LIFE	29	✶ ** My Best Friend's Wedding		Julia Roberts.		✶ *** The Proposal		Sandra Bullock.		✶ ** What Happens in Vegas		Cameron Diaz.	
NICK	27		H.Danger	H.Danger	Nicky "Go Hollywood"	✶ ** The Parent Trap ('98, Fam) Dennis Quaid,		Lindsay Lohan.				Nashville		
	ROOT	37	H.S. Basketball		H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament				H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament				H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament	
SPIKE	42		✶ *** The Dark Knight Rises		Lip Sync Battle		Caraoke Showdown		✶ *** The Dark Knight Rises (2012, Action) Christian Bale, Tom Hardy, Anne Hathaway.					
	SYFY	67	✶ ** Volcano ('97, Act) Anne Heche, Tommy Lee Jones.		✶ ** Ghost Rider ('07, Act) Eva Mendes, Nicolas Cage.								✶ *** The Faculty	
TBS	59		Seinf. "The Subway"	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Boyfriend"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan John Lydon, Milky Chance	
	TCM	56	✶ *** Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? ('66, Dra) Elizabeth Taylor.		✶ ** The V.I.P.S. (1963, Drama) Richard Burton, Louis Jourdan, Elizabeth Taylor.				:45 ✶ ** The Sandpiper A love affair comes close to ruining a man's marriage and career as a minister.					
TLC	49		She's In Charge		600-lb "Angel's Story"		600 Life: Supersized "Tanisha's Story" (N)		Skin Tight (N)		600 Life: Supersized			
	TNT	57	NBA Basketball S.A./Ok!. (L)		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns (L)		Inside the NBA		NBA Basketb. S.A./Ok!.					
UNI	21		Includo	Noticiero	La rosa de Guadalupe		Pequeños Gigantes		Vino el amor		La piloto		Impacto	
	USA	58	✶ *** John Wick		✶ *** The Dark Knight Rises		Captain America: The First Avenger		Chris Evans.		Colony (N)		Law&O: SVU "Selfish"	
WE	118		L.A. Hair (N)		L.A. Hair		Braxton Family Values		Braxton Family Values		Braxton Family Values		Braxton Family Values	
	WGN		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Outsiders		Cops		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
STZ ENC	644		✶ Steel Magnolias		:10 ✶ ** Sleepless in Seattle		Tom Hanks.		✶ *** Entrapment ('99, Cri) Sean Connery.		:55 ✶ The Peacemaker			
	HBO	518	✶ *** X-Men: Apocalypse		Vice News		✶ ** Resident Evil		Milla Jovovich.		Golovkin		:15 Big Little Lies	
HBO2	520		✶ ** Fracture ('07, Thril) Anthony Hopkins.				Girls		Vice		Tickled		:35 ✶ The Huntsman: Winter's...	
	HBO3	521	:20 ✶ *** The Revenant ('15, Dra) Tom Hardy,		Leonardo DiCaprio.		✶ *** American Psycho		:35 ✶ Emelie Sarah Bolger.		:45 Making		Vice	
MAX	549		:05 ✶ ** Eraser Arnold Schwarzenegger.		✶ The Darkness		Kevin Bacon.		:35 ✶				✶ Cirque Du Freak: T...	
	SHOW	578	Movie	✶ Bridge of Spies ('15, Thril) Mark Rylance,	Tom Hanks.		Billions "Optimal Play"		Homeland				Gigolos	
STARZ	621		✶ ** Along Came a Spider		✶ ** A Night at the Roxbury				:55 ✶ The Shallows		Blake Lively.		:25 ✶ ** Step Brothers	