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Healy family reigns over 1990 St. Patrick's celebration



Mike Healy

1990 Heppner St. Patrick's Grand Marshal, John Michael, 'Mike' Healy was born in Heppner in 1918. He went to first grade in Heppner and lived with the John Healy family.

In the second grade they moved to lower Rhea Creek and he attended school in a one-room schoolhouse with 12 or 13 other children. He sat in a double seated desk with Bryce Kean as they were the only two in the same grade up to the seventh grade.

In the seventh grade the family moved to Boardman to farm. He graduated from high school in 1935 in a class of seven and moved to Portland the day after graduating. He was in the army in 1941 for a short time.

He married Lillie Bocci in 1949. They have four children, Michele Nelson, Marla Murray, Megan Hessel and Michael Healy; and two grandchildren Scott and Alena Nelson.

His father, Michael Healy, Sr., was born in County Longford, Ireland and came to Heppner right after the flood, having been sent for by his two older brothers, Pat and John. They also had a sister, Mary Kate in New York and a sister Bridget and a brother Tom in Ireland.

Mike was in the restaurant and lounge business in Portland for many years. The last 20 years he owned several motels in Oregon and built several apartment complexes in Portland. He retired two years ago.

Michael, Sr. went to work herding sheep for Jim Cartey at Six Mile. He then came to Heppner and ran a livery stable, renting out horses and buggies. Later he farmed at three or four different farms, renting from the Kilkenny's next to Mike Kinney's home ranch.

He married Mary Ellen Hughes in 1908. She was the daughter of John Hughes, who came to Heppner in 1880. Their children were Michael, Patrick, Josephine, Mary and Geraldine. An older son, Tom, passed away in 1939 and a daughter died in infancy.

Mike Healy Sr. died in 1946. Katherine Margaret "Kay" Healy Burchell, will reign as queen of the 1990 Heppner St. Pat's festivities.

Kay, the eldest of Patrick and Margaret Healy's five children was born in Heppner on February 1, 1918. She grew up and attended school in Heppner and married Edward Lafayette Burchell of Lexington in 1935.

Kay and Ed lived in Corvallis where the first of three children, Larry Edwards, was born in 1936. A second son, Gail Patrick was born in 1939. Kay and Ed lived in Portland, Heppner, Manzanita and Waldport where Ed was commanding a CCC camp when WWII broke out. Kay moved back to Heppner for the duration of the war while Ed fought in the Pacific. Kay and Ed's daughter, Barbara Ann was born in 1944.

After WWII Ed became a career Army officer and Kay an Army wife. They traveled the world from assignment to assignment and raised their children. Fort Ord (Monterey), California; Fort Worden (Port Townsend), Washington; Fort Eustis, Virginia; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Mannheim and Stuttgart, Germany; Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Alexandria, Virginia; St. Louis, Missouri; Battle Creek, Michigan; and Los Angeles, California were all called home until Ed retired from the Army as a Colonel in 1968.

Kay and Ed moved back to Corvallis in 1971 where Ed worked at Oregon State University until his death in 1972. Kay continues to reside at the family home in Corvallis.



Kay Burchell

Larry and Gail graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1959 and 1961. Larry currently resides in San Antonio, Texas; Gail in West Richland, Washington and Barbara in Middleburg, Virginia. Kay has nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren scattered from Oregon to Germany.

Kay's father, Pat Healy was born in County Longford, March 16 or 17, 1880, the eldest of six children. He had worked in Ireland and England, but because of economic conditions, saved up his money to come to Oregon. He arrived in Oregon around 1902 and worked as a sheep herder, eventually owning his own sheep outfit. For many years the sheep were lambled out on the range, where the weather was not always good. In later years the sheep were moved to the Bombing Range area where the weather was better for lambing. In the summer the sheep were moved to the high mountains and some years the family would spend part of the summer at the sheep camps. Family members recall that Pat would count the sheep going through the chutes by making "a mark with a stub of a pencil and would hardly ever miss a one-500 or 1,000." He became a successful sheep man until he lost his business, like so many others, during the Depression.

After the Depression Pat worked at various jobs until his death in 1949. He is still remembered for his sense of humor and his love of children.

Neighborhood center told to cut costs

A delegation of Neighborhood Center supporters and volunteers protesting the county's funding of their organization came before county Judge Louis Carlson Tuesday.

The county gave the Neighborhood Center \$10,000 last year to help fund the center's charitable projects. The next fiscal year starting July 1, the county has budgeted \$8,000 for the groups

because a similar group has been formed in north Morrow Co. The newly formed group, the Boardman-Irrigon Assistance Center will receive \$5,000 for the coming year.

Neighborhood Center proponents, however, say that their function is much more expansive than the north county group and say they need more money to survive. They cite differences in hours-the

Neighborhood Center is open 40 hrs a week, but the Boardman-Irrigon center is open only nine hours a week. They say that the Neighborhood Center provides a larger variety of programs, including emergency food, clothing and shelter, office space for CSD and the heating assistance program among others, while the other group is basically a food pantry.

Judge Carlson says that the group should look to other sources of funding and examine ways to cut costs, including operating on an all-volunteer basis, cutting non-essential programs, and looking toward other, less expensive facilities.

Neighborhood Council members say that unless they can get another \$2,000 to pay for director Nadine O'Briens salary they will close down.

The (Neighborhood) Council is not a part of Morrow County. We fund it because we think it's worthwhile," said Carlson. "You people on the board need to have the guts to stretch revenues and cut costs like everybody else. It may very well be that you'll have to cut the scope of your program."

Carlson agreed to help the council explore a possible reduction of the center's property taxes. Les Schwab owns the building and an increase in property taxes will be passed down to the center, say center board members.

"I'll be glad to help anyway I can, short of helping you do your business for you," said Carlson.

"There's no question about it," he added later, "if we didn't have the Neighborhood Center, there'd be a real problem."

The council has scheduled a public meeting for Wednesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at the center.



Jason Maben (left) and Larry Benjamin paint fire hydrants white, orange and green for St. Patrick's Day celebration this weekend.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Roller Skating at Fairgrounds
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and 8:15 - 10:15

IRISH STEW DINNER at St. Patrick's Sr. Center by Heppner United Methodist Church 5:30 - 7:30

Judee's Kiddee Rides on Main Street (weather permitting)

St. Patrick's Day Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Senior Breakfast for One & All, Fairgrounds 7:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast at the Elks 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

SHEEP DOG TRIALS - Morrow Co. Fairgrounds 8:30 a.m. throughout day

Shamrock Dash Radio Controlled Car Race Heppner Elementary School - 10:00 a.m.

KUMA COFFEE HOUR, Elks - 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. All types of Irish music, jokes, stories, Irish family, Morrow County Fair Court & more

Heppner Historical Home narrated Drive-by 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. (Tour begins at Morrow County Museum)

Morrow County Museum Open House Arts & Crafts 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

BRUNCH & IRISH MUSIC at Heppner Elks 11:00 - 1:15 p.m.

Touch of Blue Mt. Country, Cloggers - auction stage 11:00 a.m. - auction area

Air Life Helicopter Landing - Les Schwab Lot 12:00 noon

Scotch Doubles Bowling - Heppner Bowl, Chase St. 12:00-2:00-4:00p.m.

Bed Race & Calcutta - Heppner Main Street 1:00 p.m.

ST. PADDY'S DAY PARADE - Main Street 1:15 p.m.

Judee's Kiddie Rides - all day, weather permitting

ANNUAL ST. PADDY'S DAY AUCTION Main Street 2:00 p.m.

Roller Skating at Fairgrounds 2:00 - 4:00 and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Senior Center "TASTE OF IRELAND" 12 - 4:00 p.m. potato soup, homemade bread, pie and coffee and videos of the home country

Morrow County Historical Courthouse Tours 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

JUNIOR HOOP SHOOT - ages 5 & up Sr. Center Lot 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

ST. PADDY'S 'O DUCKY RACE, Court St. Bridge to Park 4:00 p.m. (Quackers for rent 10:00 - 3:30 p.m.)

Social Hour - Farley's (next to Coast to Coast) 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Dixieland Jazz Band - Bob Isted Elks - 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HAM DINNER & music 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Elks Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

Elks Dance - 8:30 p.m. (\$2.50 cover charge)

TEEN DANCE - 9:00 p.m. - Morrow County Fairgrounds

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Sheep Dog Trials - Morrow County Fairgrounds 9:00 a.m.

Scotch Doubles, Heppner Bowl, Chase St. 10:00 & 12 noon

Mario's Basque Barbeque, Fairgrounds, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

TRADITIONAL OLD TIME BAND CONCERT, Morrow and Gilliam Counties, Fairgrounds, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Judee's Kiddee Rides - all day, weather permitting

Rent-a-duck for duck race Sat.

The "Ducky Booth" will be open March 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to rent a duck for the St. Pat's O'Ducky race. Each contestant will rent a plastic duck and be assigned a number which will be put on the duck's head. "You may hold your duck for a few minutes, name it, give it instructions and wish it good luck," says organizers Joyce Hughes and Cheri Lovgren. "Then return it to the duck pen until the time of the race." All ducks will be released into Willow Creek at the bridge in front of the courthouse. The finish

line will be in back of the city park.

The first three to finish will win prizes. Contestants can not touch their ducks once they are in the water. "If it blows out of the creek or washes ashore-tuff duck. If your duck isn't smart enough to swim down the creek, it's out of the race. You'll have a chance to rent a smarter duck next year," they said. Duck rental is \$3 each.

For more information call Hughes, 676-9228 or Lovgren 676-9603.

Teen dance Saturday

A St. Patrick's teen dance will be held Sat. March 17, from 9 p.m. to midnight at the Morrow County Fair pavilion.

Music will be by Fantasy Nights, a sound and light show from Milton-Freewater. Cost for the chaperoned

dance, which is open to junior high and high school students is \$2 a person.

The dance is sponsored by the St. Patrick's committee. For more information contact Susan Johnston.

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, March 13	
Soft White	
March	\$3.79/\$3.80
April	\$3.82/\$3.84
May	\$3.81/\$3.77
Aug.	\$3.69
Barley	
March	\$105 T
April	\$108/\$109 T
May	\$108 T
Aug.	\$103 T
Pik	\$95 1/2 %

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

March 6 - 12, 1990			
	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	59	33	.0
Weds.	55	30	.14
Thurs.	48	33	.0
Fri.	58	39	.33
Sat.	44	27	.01
Sun.	47	25	.0
Mon.	47	27	.0

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