

Grand Marshal Charlie Daly to reign over parade



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Charles J. Daly, the 1999 Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo and Morrow County Fair Grand Marshal, is a lifetime cattle rancher with roots deep in Little Buttercreek soil.

Not only has he ridden long and tall in the saddle, but his other cowboy kicks came from mounting untried bareback broncs, roping fresh calves and mugging wily critters during wild cow milking events at rodeos. His dedication to preserving these western traditions includes years of serving as chairman of both the local rodeo and fair boards.

Charlie is the only son of pioneer settlers. His father, James Daly, immigrated to America from Ireland and herded sheep for area ranchers. James proved up on a homestead in Newman Canyon, a branch of Little Buttercreek. After serving in the army for three years during World War I, James married Kate McDevitt in 1919.

Charlie has three older sisters, Mary Doherty, Patricia Boyd and Kathleen Stuvland, all currently living in Pendleton. As young girls they faced all kinds of weather riding horseback to a country schoolhouse about six miles from home. When Charlie was six years old, the family sold their homestead, which is now part of the Currin Ranches. They purchased the Olie Neil place about three miles from Pine City. Charlie attended school there through the seventh grade. The Buttercreek children were then bused to Echo where Charlie graduated from high school in 1948.

The Pine City schoolhouse was also the site of social events for Buttercreek residents during the earlier years when neighbors closely interacted and depended on each other.

In the late 40's and 50's Charlie "cowboyed up" and sometimes down at rodeos held in surrounding places, including Pendleton and Ukiah. Ranch rodeos were common back then like when cowhands gathered at the Hughes Ranches corrals at Lena. Wild horses were captured, tried out there and often sold to stock contractors. Local cowherds provided fresh "waspy" calves, while their mothers were used for wild cow milking.

In 1951, the Morrow County amateur calf roping contest was created, which sparked renewed participation by local cowboys, Charlie says. Orville Smith, then the manager of the Heppner sawmill, donated the first championship saddle. After it became Kinzua, the business continued to donate trophy saddles through the years. By scoring the fastest time on two calves, Charlie won his championship saddle in 1961.

For years the relay races with teams from surrounding towns were a good draw for the Heppner rodeo, recalls Charlie.

Those hotly contested races were put on by volunteers willing to donate their time and fastest horses. Times change and Charlie credits the present rodeo committee with upgrading the facilities with a smaller arena for better management of professional shows. Speaking from experience, Charlie says the larger arenas burn time and horsepower. In addition to contesting, he became a pickup man for stock contractors such as Harley Tucker, Ed Ring, Howard Johnson and Ronnie Raymond at various shows. His rodeo knowledge led to help with college rodeos and 29 years of helping at the Pendleton Round-Up, often officiating as chute boss.

Charlie was involved with management policies of the local rodeo through the years. As chairman of the rodeo board, he credits a cohesive, hard-working board of directors for staging that era of rodeos. It was during his tenure that the south grandstand was built. Later when Charlie was chairman of the fair board, the Heppner rodeo format was upgraded to a PRCA show and cyclone fencing was built around the large arena. The fairgrounds were connected to the city sewer system and there were other improvements. For four years Charlie served as district director of the Oregon Fairs Association, which required Charlie's attendance at meetings throughout the state.

At home, family and ranch life progressed after Charlie and Yvonne Jarrard, a registered nurse, were married in 1953. In recent years, they have built a new home on their Buttercreek property where they continue to reside. Their six grown children are Jeanne Daly, Portland; Patty Daly, Pendleton; David Daly, Baker City; Tim Daly, Portland; Mary Gill, Hermiston and JoLynn Anderson, Blue River, OR.

While those children were growing up, the family became active in Wranglers Riding Club. Charlie served on the board of directors and was president in 1959. He also helped with the annual Wrangler-sponsored horse show held as part of the fair. In 1959, Charlie, Gary Tullis, Bonnie Barrat, Kay Anderson and Katie Hager became leaders of the first 4-H Horse program in Eastern Oregon. As the Daly family became involved with 4-H, in addition to helping at fairs, Charlie helped seed grasses in the snow to establish a successful groundcover near the 4-H building at Cutsforth Park. Junior and high school rodeos became part of the Daly children's lifestyles. The oldest daughter, Jeanne, reigned as Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen in 1973.

Charlie is a past president of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association. He was the 1978 Morrow County

Cattlemen of the Year. He and other members helped build the original livestock corrals at the fairgrounds. Charlie is a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the Heppner Elks Lodge. Though semi-retired, the Dalys continue to have cattle and a ranch to manage. Charlie isn't ready to hang up his spurs yet. With his ready smile, he will mount up and be ready to head up the 1999 parade--a fitting tribute to a longtime fair and rodeo promoter.

*A fresh new day and it is ours
a day of happy beginnings
when we, Kathryn Ann Cutsforth
and Edward Eugene Fullmer
pledge our love as one
on Saturday, the twenty-eighth of August
nineteen hundred and ninety-nine
at two o'clock in the afternoon
St. Patrick Church, 525 North Gale, Heppner
Our joy will be more complete
if you can join in this celebration of life*

*Reception immediately following
at the Mike and Kim Armato residence
68970 Willow Creek Road, Heppner (676-9777)*

RJ's Restaurant
Second Annual Lexington
Harvest Day

on Saturday, August 28th
at RJ's parking lot in Lexington!

There will be horseshoes, a magic show, beer garden (open at 3 p.m.), and dance to live music by Desert River Band (the music starts at 6 p.m.) Rolled-back prices! Barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs will be available between 4-7 p.m. All your favorite beverages will also be available.

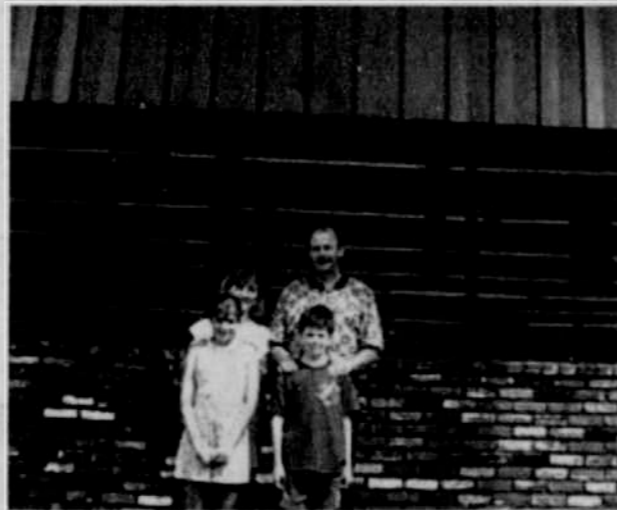
RJ's Restaurant will close at 2 p.m.
on Saturday, August 28
and will reopen at 8 a.m.
on Sunday, August 29

For questions, call 989-8359

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Thank You for your business, your loyalty and your friendship over the years. We hope you will offer the Houwelings the support you have offered us.

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Our nerves are frayed
Our patience wearing thin...
Our feet are sore
Our backs are bent
We think this has to end.
We've sold the store
We'll take a rest
and feel better fast.
We'll get involved
And do some good
And maybe we will last
We love it here
We'll never leave
This is our home indeed-
We'll miss you all
And THANK YOU MUCH
For helping us succeed.

-Gall Burkenbine

