

Prickett takes Lakeview post

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Gerald "Jerry" Prickett, principal of Boring Upper Grade School for the past 10 years, is leaving his post for a new job in another district.

Prickett, 40, has served as principal of the upper grade school since 1977 when he first joined the district.

"It's been a very pleasant experience here," Prickett said. "I've really enjoyed it."

The former teacher is leaving his position in the Boring School District to become principal of Daly Middle School in Lakeview. The school houses about 225 students in grades six, seven and eight, Prickett said.

"It's time for a change for me professionally . . . new challenges," he said.

Prickett moved to this area from Yuma, Ariz., where he was principal of a school for students in grades four through eight. Prickett, who was born and reared in Yuma, has worked in the education field for 19 years.

Daly Middle School is in the Lakeview School District, a unified school district with an elementary, middle and high school program, he said. Boring eighth-graders, in contrast, attend high school in a different district.

The Daly Middle School staff includes approximately 14 teachers, Prickett said.

Prickett was principal at Boring Upper School when voters approved a \$750,000 remodeling project at the school several years ago. The



Jerry Prickett is leaving Boring Upper School after a decade as its principal.

old gymnasium also was refurbished during Prickett's administration.

"This facility now is an excellent facility," Prickett said.

In addition to working to improve the physical plant, Prickett noted his hiring responsibilities and efforts to build the staff at the school.

Prickett and his family will move to the Lakeview area from his home in Sandy. In addition to his wife Peggy, a tote painter, the Prickett family includes Kendra, Tami and Cassie.

Prickett has been spending time in both school districts recently. He said he has teachers to hire and

maintenance projects to oversee in Lakeview, and will be available to work with the new principal in Boring when he or she starts work.

While working in this area, Prickett served as president of the now-disbanded Boring Kiwanis Club. He was named an outstanding Kiwanian three times.

Recreation Department offers children's events

The Sandy Recreation Department will join in the Mountain Days celebration by offering four special events for children.

On Tuesday, July 7, a "new games festival" will be held at the Cedar Ridge Middle School field beginning at 10:30 a.m. The new games festival is open to anyone wishing to celebrate with a day of play.

Each participant will be awarded a ribbon and refreshments will be served.

Youngsters can take their favorite four-legged friend to a pet show on Wednesday, July 8. The covered play area at Sandy Grade School is the site for this event, which begins at 10:30 a.m.

Children 14 years old and younger are invited to bring along their special friends from the animal world.

First-place ribbons will be awarded in each category and all participants will receive ribbons and refreshments.

Competition will be fast and fun at the bike derby, which will be held on Thursday, July 9, at the Cedar Ridge track. Participants will be grouped according to age, and the event is open to children 14 years old and under. First, second, third and participation ribbons will be awarded, and refreshments will be served.

Youth events will culminate with a children's parade on Friday, July 10. The parade is open to boys and girls 14 and under. Children should arrive at the Mountain Video parking lot, 38950 Proctor Blvd., in costume with decorated bikes, tricycles, wagons or on foot. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. with face painting and other entertainment being provided until the start of the parade at noon.

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Barlow trail offers wealth of history

by CHRISTY TRUE
Staff writer

Colleen Curtis wants her grandchildren to know how Sam Barlow came to Oregon.

So for the last few years the Rockwood woman has collected everything she can get her hands on that documents the trip that Barlow and other pioneers took on that segment of the Oregon Trail.

The Barlow Trail is a 200-mile stretch between The Dalles and Oregon City that was developed by Barlow as the first road in Oregon.

From the summit of the Cascade Range westward to Sandy, the Mount Hood Loop Highway basically follows the old Barlow road, according to the book, "Oregon Geographic Names." Most of the trail has not been used in many years.

It was frequently used by pioneers who traveled west to Oregon by wagon train in the 1800s, Curtis said. Later, people traveling between western and central Oregon used it.

The Barlow Trail was the most difficult stretch of the entire westward route, partly because it was the last leg of an 1,800 mile journey and partly because it was hilly, steep and muddy, she said.

A member of the Clackamas Historical Society and the society's Historical Markers and Pioneer Grave Committee, Curtis has made it

her task to learn as much as possible about the trail and those who traveled it.

She has been interested in history and pioneers since she was a child.

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— Colleen Curtis

and now she is channeling that interest into documenting a little piece of history.

"I'm a packrat," she said, displaying an antique pioneer trunk full of journals, bonnets, dolls, coins, maps, photographs and an old trap her son found.

For her birthday, she wants a wagon wheel. In fact, she'd like to have an entire wagon in her back yard.

"I don't know why I want it. I don't know what I'll do with it," she said.

In order to better understand what the pioneers experienced, Curtis has adopted a pioneer nickname, "Rebecca," and she keeps a journal as pioneers did. The journal contains descriptions of her travels and any new information she can find about

the trail.

To learn more about the earliest Oregon settlers, she has read books and diaries, taken a wagon train ride, studied gravestones and met with many descendants of pioneers, including Sam Barlow's great-great-grandson. She hopes eventually to travel the entire trail on foot or horseback.

Curtis is helping the Historic Markers and Pioneer Grave Committee to update a book on historical markers in Clackamas County. When a marker or gravestone is found, it is photographed and as much information as can be found on it is documented.

With Curtis' encouragement, her whole family has become interested in her endeavor. Her 14-year-old son Craig built a picket fence around three pioneer graves along the trail

as a project for the Clackamas Historical Society. The community service project will help him earn Eagle Scout rank.

Curtis, a former special education and second-grade teacher, also has put together a presentation for grade school children that she has presented in the Reynolds School District.

The children wear name cards that identify them as early pioneers. They are given excerpts from those pioneers' journals to read during a narrated slide show.

Curtis wants the children to learn why the journals are important and to encourage them to keep their own journals. She also hopes they will learn how to identify the trail and understand why they should not vandalize historic items.

Deadline set for board position

The Cottrell School District is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on its board.

The person would serve until March 1988. Candidates should apply in writing to Carrol Platz, chairman, at 36225 S.E. Proctor Road, Boring, 97009, or appear in person before the board at the July 10 meeting.

"A slide presentation will provide an opportunity to see the results of last year's fish habitat improvements," said Donna Lamb, district ranger.

"Our biologist will describe the present program, answer questions and address concerns. They will also be identifying special volunteer opportunities for this field season."

Ecclesia

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representatives from the White House — hopefully with experience in health, education and welfare — and black intellectuals. Religious leaders also would be welcome.

Broussard said he believes he could hold his own in such a forum, convincing the public that the Ecclesia Athletic Association is not a cult.

In a letter addressed to KOIN-TV, Newsweek, the Los Angeles Times and The Oregonian, Broussard wrote, "Now this is just your friendly little ol' guru asking for a

little old fashioned chance, but I must warn you, I am going to beat the hell out of you in an arena (where) you can't edit or misinterpret (the information)."

Broussard wrote that the debate would be "the fight of the century." Broussard described himself in that letter as head coach and chief lecturer for the Ecclesia Family Network.

Broussard said he does not like the term "Ecclesia Athletic Association" because it has become associated in people's

minds with a cult.

Broussard, who is the son of a minister, grew up in the Watts section of Los Angeles. He said he wants to influence young people, show them there is nothing wrong with hard work.

Children in Watts see pimps and gangsters making money without working. They are caught up in the drug scene, he said.

Broussard, who describes himself as a Christian, said he has a national plan for his group, but he

would not elaborate.

"If they heard what my positive plan was, they'd really think I was a nut."

But, he added, it is imperative for him to destroy the idea that he is a cult leader.

"I will not fight for my national plan. I will fight for my liberty and freedom, to be cleared of being (called) a maniac."

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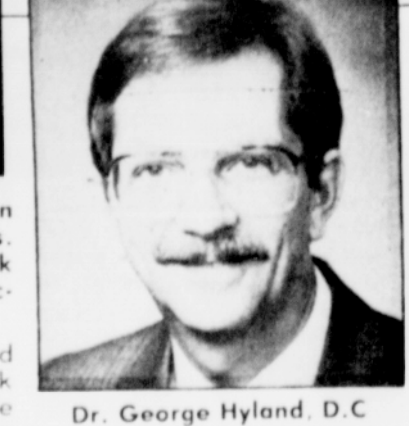
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