

300 enjoy Pioneer Memorial Picnic

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

The Brosnan, Currin and Nelson families were hosts to 300 returnees and current residents of the county at the 28th annual Memorial Pioneer Reunion Picnic in the pavilion building at the Morrow County Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 24.

Members of the Heppner American Legion Post carried on the traditional opening ceremonies including the presentation of the colors and the reading of the names of those patriots from the county who gave their lives during World War I and World War II. The legion reader, Cliff Aldrich, also read a special statement of dedication that was added this year in memory of Elaine Sigsbee George who was, for the first time in more than 30 years, not at the head of the Soroptimist registration table because of her untimely and sudden death. Ione's versatile musician, Gene Rietmann, blew the traditional taps closing this segment of the day's program.

Master of ceremonies, Judge Ralph Currin, encouraged everyone to sing "America The Beautiful" as Ola Mae Groshens presided at the piano, as she has for many memorial picnics.

Father John O'Brien of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Heppner, gave the invocation. Then the long lines of family members moved along to the tables at the rear of the hall which were well laden with contributed salads and desserts and with baked ham, scalloped potatoes and hot rolls arranged for by the host families.

Younger family members, all fourth and fifth generation descendants of pioneer Irishman Jeremiah Brosnan, went from table to table with coffee and punch. Much good visiting and renewing of friendships took place before, during and after the meal.

When most had finished eating at the long tables which were centered with 26 flower pots of fresh flowers arranged by the members of the Heppner Garden Club, Judge Currin announced he had a few introductions to make. This year's Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court, Queen Nancy Miller and Princesses Anita Palmer and Kathy Hansen, were introduced and each told a little bout herself and about court activities.

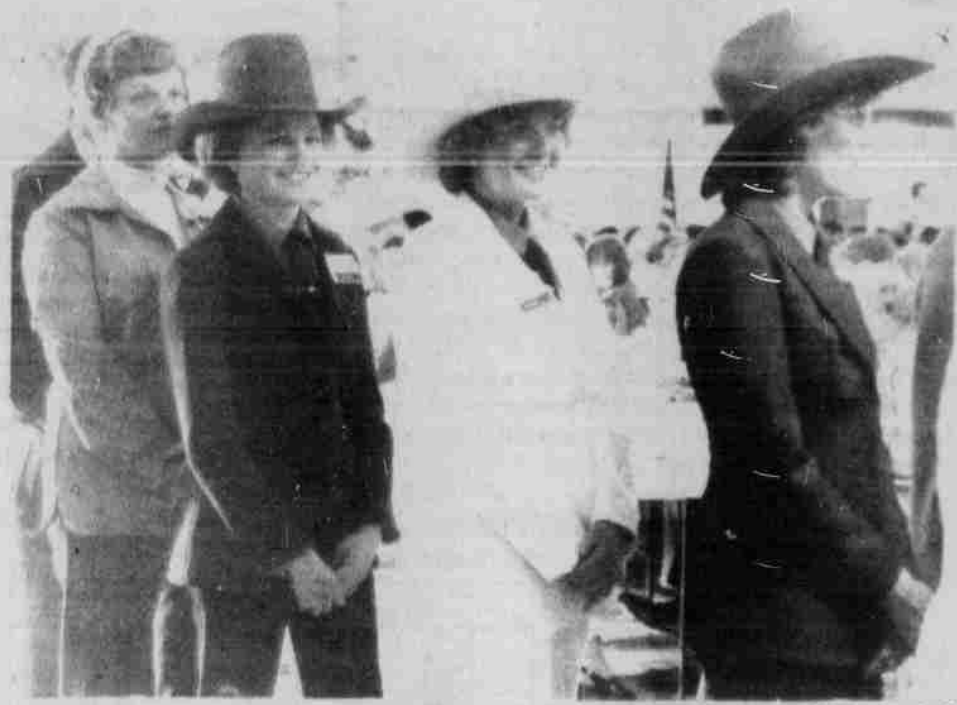
Those members of the Brosnan, Currin and Nelson families seated at the head table were introduced and other members of those families were asked to stand. Judge Currin asked if there was anyone present over 95 years of age? Only Lillie Currin Happphold rose Mrs. Happphold, from Portland, has attended many of the annual picnics. She was 95 years, one month and one day old on May 24, and was given an Oregon CowBelles Beef Certificate in recognition of being the oldest person attending this year's event.

The youngest in attendance, eight-month-old Abiah Lucile Weaver from Port Orchard, Wash., was attending with her parents, Karla (Weatherford) and Rick Weaver. Abiah was also presented a beef certificate. Joe Brosnan from Little Rock, Arkansas, won a prize certificate for coming the farthest. Jerry Brosnan was enlisted to draw tickets for the door prizes. The first prize, another gift certificate, was won by Norma Mullins, Pendleton, (daughter of Heppner's Oma Cox). Two copies of the county history book "Homesteads and Heritages" were presented to lucky ticket holders Pete McMurry, Heppner, and Shawn Robison, Portland.

The concluding presentation, a main feature of the day, was the awarding of a plaque of recognition and a pretty vase of silk flowers from the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce to Amanda Waid Duvall. Dr. Wallace Wolff, chairman of the chamber's honors and awards commit-

tee, made this presentation in a warm and humorous manner. He said that he would like to deliver a lecture on metamorphosis—and that in his almost 30 years of being acquainted with many members of the host families he had observed several interesting changes—particularly in Judge Currin. Dr. Wolff spoke in praise of matriarch Zetta Brosnan and her delightful sense of humor.

He stated that the Chamber of Commerce was honoring Amanda Waid Duvall for her many generous contributions to this community, such as the Museum-Library Building and the home of the hospital administrator. (The Museum-Library was built by her as a memorial to her husband Rancher Harry Duvall and to their daughter Erma Wickersham.) Dr. Wolff mentioned that Amanda had done so much for the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in contributing an ambulance and donating toward the hospital's enlargement and maintenance through the years. She and Harry had the large stone fireplace built in the park behind the county courthouse. Amanda has also been a major supporter of the Heppner United Methodist Church and has also helped many individuals in the community in many ways through the years.



Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court at Pioneer Memorial Picnic held Sunday at Morrow Co. Fairgrounds

Many of Amanda's family sat with her at the picnic: her brother Vernon Waid and his wife and their son Jim came from Portland; her nephew Lloyd Waid, Ukiah's mayor, and his wife and their daughter Mrs. Bud Lewis and son from Pendleton; her nephew Kenneth Waid and his wife and daughter from Hermiston; Amanda's granddaughter Lois Oringdolph and great-granddaughter Kara Lee and Amanda's grandson Loren Wickersham and his wife and

aplause which followed with a brief "thank you to everyone" and said how surprised she was.

The printed programs which were given out at the registration desk before the picnic began carefully listed the weekend hours for the county museum, and as usual, many visitors enjoyed seeing that outstanding historical collection which was given its very fine housing by Amanda Duvall.

their four children all came from the Portland area.

Mrs. Duvall had expected only her brother and his wife and son to come for the weekend and knew nothing about receiving an honor. After she and her brother and family arrived at the picnic Amanda was so surprised to have so many other family members arrive and to be told by her granddaughter Erma that she was going to be honored.

Amanda responded to Dr. Wolff's presentation and to the

Students participate in art show

Kindergarten through twelfth grade students at Heppner schools displayed their art work in an art show last Thursday at Heppner Junior High School.

Results from that show are as follows:

1st place for overall show: Kathleen Clark - batik, Bonnie Nix - chalk drawing, Jodi Padberg - ceramics.

2nd place for overall show: Nancy Paine - oil painting, Sherry Cowett - water color, Bonnie Nix - poster design.

3rd place for overall show: Melissa Privett - oil painting, Kathy Hansen - oil painting, Mark Hamman - pencil drawing.

1st place: Traci Lindsay - batik, Michele Stack - pen and ink, Mark Launer and Glenn Smith - mural for high school.

2nd place: Sherry Cowett - chalk drawing, Victor Leadington - pencil, Tony Clement - batik, Michele Stack - pen and ink.

3rd place: Kimberly Hughes - block print, Jay Keithley - ceramics-pen and ink, Frank Cason - chalk.

4th place: David Green - ceramics, Stephi Payne - wood and enamel on copper, Michele Stack - chalk, Don Lott - pen and ink.

Gift Certificates: Bonnie Nix - chalk, Mark Launer and Glenn Smith - mural, Michele Stack - pen and ink, Kathleen Clark - batik, Renee Struthers - wood recipe file.

Award of Merit: Barney Lindsay - dragon, Frank Cason - sailboat, Tarina Campbell - house, Tarina Maire - collage, Bobby Rhiel - sailboat, Sean Stack - house, Missy Eubanks - pencil drawing, Staci Toll - kite, Sean Stack - Herbie, Sheila Piper - Home on the Range, Ty Scott - beach, Nika Wilson - clay, 5th grade reading.

In an awards presentation Friday, Gene Hall of the Heppner Elks Club presented winners of the Elks Eye Protection poster award - Shannon McLaughlin, 5th grader, Theresa Lindsay, 6th grader, and Sean Stack, 6th grader - each with a \$100 bond.

Ralph Limanen, on behalf of the Heppner Merchants Association, presented gift certificates to artists Glenn Smith, Heppner High sophomore, Michelle Stack, HHS freshman, Bonnie Nix, HHS senior, Renee Struthers, Heppner Junior High School eighth grader, and Kathleen Clark, HJHS eighth grader.

Instructors for the students are Jean Strange, Kindergarten



Glenn Smith (left), Michelle Stack, Bonnie Nix, Ralph Limanen, Renee Struthers, Kathleen Clark



Shannon McLaughlin (left), Theresa Lindsay, Sean Stack with Elk Gene Hall

ten through 7th grades, and Ron Forrar, 8th through 12th grades.



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