

Many attend Pioneer Picnic



The Olden family enjoys picnic

The 34th annual Memorial Day Pioneer Picnic was attended by 249 people at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Sunday. The Olden-McCabe family, pioneers in Morrow County, hosted this year's event.

Alena (Redding) Anderson won a prize for being the Longest Resident of Morrow County. Marvel Jones was honored as the Oldest Woman present. Gene Ferguson of Hermiston was the Oldest Man present. The youngest

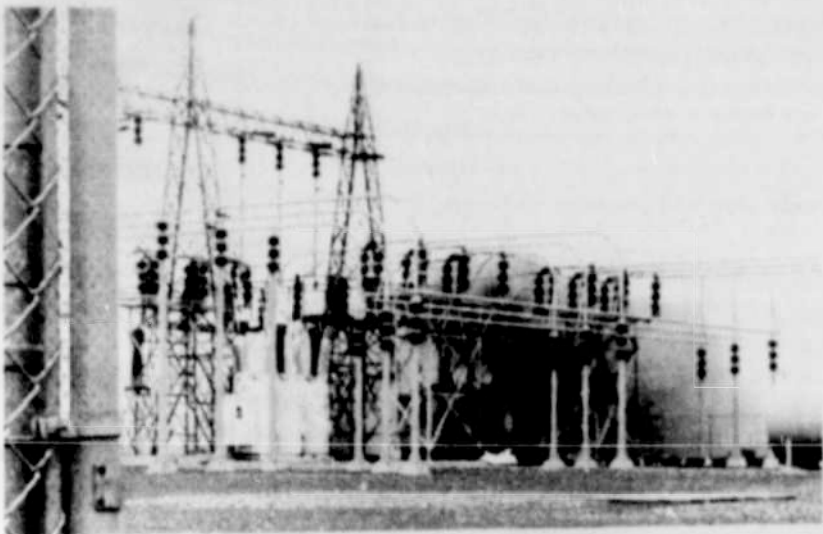
person at the picnic was Andrew Mason, son of Meg and Jerry Mason of Portland (Jerry is the grandson of Bert Mason of Ione). Erma Scott of Pasco, Washington won the drawing for an Afghan.

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Power Outage

A circuit breaker burns near Boardman Tuesday, causing a power outage in the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op region.

Electricity was originally out in the Heppner area at 11:20 a.m. Tuesday when power poles burned near Rhea Creek.

Power was turned back on about 4:15 p.m. and immediately caused the 115,000 volt breaker near Boardman to blow out and burn. Power was out in Boardman for a short time, but as of press time Tuesday night, still had not been restored to Heppner, Ione and Lexington.

Illegally introduced fish will reduce trout at Willow Creek Lake

Mike Black, assistant Fishery Biologist from Pendleton, and Dick Herzig, Eastern Oregon Warmwater Fishery Biologist from Ontario sampled the fish species in Willow Creek lake Thursday, May 21.

Using an electrofishing boat, they collected Smallmouth Bass, White Croppie, Pumpkinseed (a small, warm-water species that attains an

adult length of 3-4 inches) and Rainbow trout.

The illegally introduced fish Smallmouth Bass, Croppie and Pumpkinseed, will eventually reduce the trout population and production and will also override the planned introduction of Largemouth Bass and Black Croppie, said a spokesperson from the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.

Methodist end Sunday school year

By Justine Weatherford
On Sunday, May 31, balloons holding Bible verses memorized by the children of the Sunday School of the Heppner United Methodist Church will be released after the church service. This colorful event is the climax of the children's Sunday school year on their last day of classes until September 6.

As the balloons drift away, the

congregation will gather in the church basement to honor its three 1987 high school graduates, Trent Harrison, Troy Hyatt, and Cindy Strober at the after-church coffee time.

On Sunday, June 7, the Methodists will change to summer hours for three months. From that first Sunday in June through Sunday, August 30, Sunday morning services will begin at 9 a.m. instead of 11 a.m.

Former ambassador to speak



John L. Loeb Jr.

Former ambassador to Denmark John L. Loeb, Jr. will be guest speaker at the Ione graduation ceremony Thursday night. Six seniors will be graduated at the 8 p.m. ceremony in the Ione gym.

Loeb is a cum laude graduate of

Parks open for season

The county's parks are now open for the tourist season. Earl Papineau will assume caretaker duties at Cutsforth Park and Kathy Rankin will maintain Anson Wright Park. Fees for trailer pads and campsites are the same as they were last year.

Dr. Thiessen to leave Heppner

Dr. Curtis Thiessen said Tuesday he will be closing his practice in Heppner on June 22.

He gave no reason and said only that he was going to Portland.

Retires after 34 years with city



George Eldon Tucker

Ione city council sponsored a retirement dinner for George Eldon Tucker on Sunday, May 17 at Ione City Park. Tucker worked for the city for 34 years.

About 75 people attended including out-of-town relatives: his daughter Tammie and her husband Jae Williams and their three children Jesse, Nola, and Guy, from Utah; and their children Heidi and Holly of Canby; and his sister-in-law Delores Turner of Vancouver, Wa.; his daughter Tanya Ties and her children Robbie and Steven of Polouse, Wa.; his daughter Teresa King, her husband Mark, and their children Sabrina, Brian, and Patricia and his son David, all of Ione and his mother Mildred Padberg of Heppner also attended. His sister Mary Evelyn Ross and her husband Gordon.

Mayor Judy Osmin read a proclamation from the city council and presented him with a money tree.



All Aboard

Chuck Nelson waits for kids to pile into the Model T that has become a tradition at the annual first Saturday in June Ione United Church of Christ auction and barbecue. This year's event gets underway at 10 a.m. June 6. Tickets for the pit barbecued beef dinner will be on sale the day of the event at the Willow Creek Grange Hall.

Nelson inherited the responsibility of giving rides to children during the auction from his dad Norman who started the tradition.

That's the way it has gone with several departments of the 25-year old event, Nelson said, because the kids are now the parents, and have taken over the responsibilities.

The first auction Nelson remembers, he was in junior high and his Sunday school class' contribution was a slave sale. It may have been 25 years ago, but white washing a fence for eight hours takes a long time to forget.

Conservation tour/barbecue slated

The Morrow County Conservation Man of the Year tour is scheduled for May 30 at 4 p.m. with a barbecue dinner at 6 p.m. The dinner is free and everyone is invited.

The Conservation Man of the Year award is given annually to the Morrow County farmer who uses the best conservation practices and equipment. This year's recipient is The Sixty-Six ranch at Butter Creek Junction, farmed by Frank Mader and his family.

The tour at 4 p.m. will look at the Sixty-Six ranch and at many of its

innovative ideas. The Sixty-Six is just a few hundred yards past Butter Creek Junction on highway 207.

Turn left at the mailbox with "Mader" on it.

The tour will include a look at the Mader family's new yielder drill, at the crops it seeded last fall and this spring, and at a hooded sprayer, a necessary piece of equipment in the windy area of the Sixty-Six.

There will be a steak barbecue at 6 p.m. The Morrow County Wheat Growers League is the sponsor and everyone is invited.

Blue Mt. musicians to perform

The vocal music students at Blue Mountain Community College will present a free concert Monday, June 1, at Heppner High School.

The concert, an extension of BMCC's silver anniversary, will begin at 7:30 p.m. The college's vocal music efforts have been honored with exceptionally high ratings at adjudicated performances.

David Miller, BMCC music instructor, is director of the groups slated to perform.

The BMCC Choral and Blue Jazz will present a mixed program of classical and contemporary music. Classical pieces by Vivaldi and Eilers are

scheduled as are contemporary works by Manhattan Transfer, James Taylor and Chicago.

Hayes named to OSU honorary

Loran Hayes, a pre-engineering student from Heppner is among 122 Oregon State University students honored for scholastic achievements.

They have been announced as new members of Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman honor society. Membership represents top scholastic recognition for first-year students at the University.

Board leans toward Clinic lease

The North Morrow Medical Board had begun steps to lease the North Morrow Medical Clinic to a health care provider whether it be a corporation or a private individual. The decision was announced at a special meeting called by the board last Tuesday.

A motion was approved to begin the necessary steps to lease the clinic to a medical service provider with possible subsidies from the county to help finance the operation.

The Morrow County Medical Board met May 11 and Don Eppenbach, chairman of the North Morrow Medical Board and a member of the new county board, asked members' help with a rough draft on the direction the existing board should take if it decided to lease the clinic. The board drafted a paper listing the minimum standards it thought would have to be met in the event of leasing the clinic. Eppenbach presented that draft at the board's May 14 meeting.

The draft cited leasing the clinic to a second party as the preferred direction. Operating the Clinic with county paid personnel was the second choice. A third choice listed operating the clinic with a private physician with an income guarantee.

Dean Mason, a member of the audience, objected to the meeting held by the new medical board and objected to Eppenbach's request of the board to set standards for leasing the clinic without public notification in accordance with the Open Meetings Law. Board members Tim McCreary and Cliff Peck also objected to the meeting.

Eppenbach said he did not attend the meeting of the new board, of which he is a member, with the intent of outlining standards for leasing the clinic. He said that during the meeting he mentioned that he had and another member, Bob Miller, were uncomfortable making decisions about the clinic that would be implemented after the current board dissolved without input from

the new board.

Ed Glenn, a member of the new county medical board apologized for the unpublicized meeting. Glen said as a member of the new board he would insist the Open Meetings Law be followed in the future to allow public attendance and public participation. "The legalities are not the issue," he said, "it's just plain bad manners."

The advantage the board sees to leasing the clinic is it would insulate the board and the county from interstaff squabbles and transfer the clinic to a position where it could most likely become a private business without tax support in the future.

"My feeling on the direction we take is we've got to do something different than in the past; it hasn't been successful. We need to ensure the people they're going to have a doctor for more than a year or two," said board member Cliff Peck.

Peck also presented the board with a letter of interest in leasing the clinic from Dr. Steve Zielinski.

One of the requirements of a lease agreement the board agreed must be met is full time medical services, preferably with a resident physician.

The board plans to advertise for bids to lease the clinic with a closing date of June 15. Ed Glenn and Mary Michael will represent the North Morrow Medical Board in negotiations with prospective leasees.

The board met in executive session Monday to begin outlining the specific requirements needed to lease the clinic.

No Trader this week

Due to an all day power outage the Morrow County Trader will not be published this week. Look for it on the newsstands next week.



Face Lift

Workmen from Hermiston Glass Co. ensure the safety of a new glass clock face which was lifted in place atop the Morrow County Courthouse last week. Cost of the replacement glass and the crane was approximately \$3,000, according to Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson. The county's insurance paid the replacement cost, he said. Vandals shot at the clock earlier this year necessitating replacement of the clock face.