

Osmin family to receive century farm plaque

The Morrow County Historical Society will present a century farm plaque to the Al Osmin family at the Morrow County Memorial Day picnic on Sunday, May 24 at the Heppner Elks Lodge Hall. A catered dinner will be served by the Lexington Grange at \$5.

The original land of the Osmin ranch south of Heppner in Balm Fork Canyon was purchased by Albert W. Osmin and Walter S. Brundage on February 11, 1888, according to the warranty deed.

Albert William Osmin was born at Rexville, New York, on April 17, 1859. As a young man of 24 years he came to Umatilla in 1883 and walked across the sands to Heppner. His first job was that of sheepherder for Gene Campbell. He went into partnership with Walter Brundage in 1888. He married Emma L. Brundage in Heppner March 8, 1889, and the family has lived on the ranch since that time.

The home was washed away in the 1903 flood but the family members escaped unharmed. They lived in the shop until friends and family had a house-raising and built the house that still stands there.

Albert left a living tribute to the community by furnishing the quarry rock that built the Morrow County Courthouse and Humphrey's Drug store (now Mur-



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ray's Drug). He also furnished rock for the Civilian Conservation Corp which built rock check dams on Hinton Creek, Shobe Canyon and Balm Fork. The quarry is still visible on the Osmin ranch.

Albert and his wife Donna, and

their sons Jess and Rick operate the farm today, raising cattle and alfalfa. "Hopefully the next generation of Osmins will carry on the farming and family history of the Osmin Ranch on Balm Fork," said a Historical Society spokesperson.

Summer program offered

The Neighborhood Center has scheduled a summer enrichment and educational program for elementary youth during the month of July. Their will be field trips to exciting sights in Morrow County. Trips being planned are to a railroad center, agricultural processing plants, county parks, national forest, a family farm and many more. There will also be opportunities to develop and instill or discover hidden talents in creative arts and crafts.

Information and registration forms went out this week to parents and guardians and need to be returned to the school or the Neighborhood Center by Friday, May 22.

"This program was initially designed and funded for 30 youth, but since the swimming pool is closed for summer, over 60 youth have expressed an interest. We are going to make room for those additional children," said the Rev. Stan Hoobing, Neighborhood Center board member. "We are also going to hope and pray that money comes in to support this program. We need just over \$3,000 to buy extra food for lunches and pay for buses for the field trips," added Hoobing. The staff on the summer project are all volunteers.

Heppner shuts out Rockets

The Heppner Diamondmen traveled to Pilot Rock on May 12, for a single game with the Rockets and shut out the Rockets, 14-0.

In five innings Jered Wicklund struck out six and held them to just three hits.

Heppner combined for 13 hits, led by Kevin Payne with a triple, double, and a single.

Minster, Warren attend writers conference

By Anne Morter

Lynde Minster from Ione Middle School and Felicity Warren of Ione Grade School were Ione representatives at the annual Young Writer's Conference held May 1 and 2 at Portland Community College.

The conference gathers together writers from grade school to high school to share what they have written and to attend seminars on various writing

techniques. Participants are chosen by the language arts teachers from their schools.

The young writers take along some of the best things they have written through the year and share them with a group of their peers. Both Ione girls noted that all feedback was very positive.

Lynde is an eighth grader and the daughter of Rick and Pam Minster. Felicity is in the fifth grade and the daughter of Gary and Sue Warren.

Preschool graduation May 28

The Heppner Day Care Pre-School four-year-old class will be graduating on Thursday, May 28, at 10 a.m. at the fairgrounds.

There will be a graduation ceremony complete with cap and

gown, followed by a program put on by the class. After the program there will be a picnic lunch with drinks and dessert finished.

The ceremony and program are open to the public.

Obituary

Theodore E. Thomson
Graveside services will be held for Theodore E. (Ted) Thomson on Saturday, May 30 at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Thomson, 77, Beaverton, died on May 14 in a Portland Care Center. He was born September 17, 1914 in Fort Collins, Colorado. He was reared in Heppner and was a lifetime member of the All Saints Episcopal Church.

A graduate of University of Oregon, he was in his second year of law school when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy as an Air Cadet on May 15, 1940. He was commissioned on April 3, 1941. He served in World War II in the South Pacific area. He separated from the service on September 14, 1946 as a Lt. Commander. Later he attained the rank of Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

For most of his lifetime his profession was that of a commercial airlines pilot with various airlines. He began his flying career with Flying Tiger Airline when he lived in Los Angeles, CA. Following that he worked for the Florida State Department of Transportation for several years until his retirement in 1984. He moved from Florida to the Portland area in 1986.

Survivors include his sister, Beatrice Thomson Bennett of Beaverton; a brother G. William Thomson of Burlingame, CA and six nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions for those who wish may be made to the American Cancer Society, Oregon Division, 0330 SW Curry, Portland, OR 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner is in charge of local arrangements.

tion and Heppner has been chosen as one of their stops. The riders enjoy visiting with people and showing off their antique machines. Heppner Chamber will be putting on a barbecue for our visitors and pre-selling tickets to the public who would like to join them for a steak Thursday, July 16. We hope to have entertainment, so mark your calendars to have an evening of fun with the Heppner Chamber and the Vintage Motorcyclists. We'll keep you updated.

Something new for the Pioneer Memorial Picnic. It will be held at the Elks this year, May 24 at 1:30 p.m. and prepared by the Lexington Grange. The cost is \$5 per person. Enjoy a delicious meal and some reminiscing with old friends.

Thought for the week: We wouldn't worry so much about what other people thought of us if we knew how seldom they did.

WCCC Golf

WCCC Ladies, May 5

Flight A: low gross-Anita Boyer; low net-Eileen Padberg; least putts-Martha Peterson; long drive-Harriet Pierson; K.P.-Harriet Pierson.

Flight B: low gross-Jo Pettyjohn; low net-Missy Cutsforth; least putts-Lucile Peck and Juanita Martin and K.P.-Missy Cutsforth.

Flight C: low gross-Neoma Bailey; low net-Doll Campbell-least putts-Anne Lusher; long drive-Linda Schultz.

Willow Creek Country Club will hold a family barbecue and play day on Monday, May 25, at 4 p.m.

Hosts for the afternoon are: Chairman, Rusty and Cyde Estes, Dave and Patty Allstott, Craig and Debbie Gutierrez and Dave and Karen Wildman.

Each family will bring their own meat to barbecue. Those whose names begin with A through I are asked to bring salad; J through Z should bring dessert.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Interested in vintage Motorcycles? A couple of months ago Chamber received a call from British Columbia inquiring about places to pitch tents. After visiting with the gentlemen for awhile, he chose the fairgrounds for the camp site for a group of about 45 vintage cycle riders. They are taking their annual vaca-

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



The Senior Center mealsite served 121 people at the May 13 dinner. Eight meals were taken out. Members of the Methodist Church served. The meal ticket was won by Tom Gonty. Garry Etchison won the door prize and the guest prize went to Ruth Sayles. The senior board met after the dinner.

Stan Foster of CAPECO met briefly before the dinner, he announced that if the CAPECO board approved, the AAA of Morrow and Umatilla Counties would be under the umbrella of CAPECO.

Menu for May 27 will include meatballs with mushroom gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, ice cream and cake. Members from the Lutheran church will serve.

May 21, Carol Bennett-Michael, OSU Extension agent will present a free workshop, "Laughter is the best medicine", at the center at 11 a.m.

A free film fair, concerning various aging problems will be held at BMCC in Pendleton May 22 at 8 a.m. If enough people are interested the bus will take them over.

Blood pressures will be taken in the Senior Center sitting room Wed., May 27 from 11 a.m. till noon.

Other dates to remember are: Monday, 1-4 p.m. quilting; Tues and Thurs. 10-10:30 exercise; Saturday, dance at Hermiston.

A group of volunteers folded newsletters for the Extension Service on May 18.

The 15 people that made the trip to Shaniko Friday on the senior bus reported having a very enjoyable time.

Ralph and Barbara Struthers accompanied Jane Rawlins to Bend Saturday, where they examined a mini van of the type to be purchased for transporting elderly and handicapped persons. It will also be used for delivering "meals on wheels". Jane has been working on this project for some time.

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Camp Fire girls left-right: Shelbi and Brittni Padberg, Sally Calvert; middle-Paula Spicerkuhn; Jennifer Patton; back-Jenni Dille, Abby Kahl, Michelle McCloskey, Tara Osment, Beth baker and leader Mary VandenHaak

Heppner Camp Fire girls held their Camp Fire awards ceremony at Kate's Pizza on May 13.

Paula Spicerkuhn, Michelle McCloskey and Sally Calvert received awards for perfect attendance at camp fire meetings. Paula and Jennifer Patton were

top sellers for the 1992 candy sale in their grade categories for the Heppner group. The Heppner girls were top sellers in the western region which includes Morrow and west Umatilla County.

The girls enjoyed pizza with the proceeds from their candy sale.

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