

Munkers to celebrate 50th



Riley and Bebe Munkers

Riley and Bebe Munkers of Heppner will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house reception at the Heppner Senior Center on Sept. 4, 1993 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The couple were married on September 8, 1943.

Riley Munkers was born and raised in Lexington and moved to Heppner when he was in the fourth grade in 1929. Bebe (Sharrard) was born in Willows and lived all of her life on the lower end of Willow Creek. She attended Arlington schools.

The Munkers have two sons, Gary, Lexington and Don, Cottonwood, Idaho. Gary and his wife, Martha (Munk) have three sons, Dean and Shane, both of whom will be in college this year and Ryan, who attends Heppner High School. Don and his wife, Sheila (Healy) have a son, Jon, who will attend college this year and a daughter Holli, who attends



Riley and Bebe, their wedding day high school.

Riley is retired after 29 years with the Morrow County Grain Growers. Bebe worked in food service at Heppner Elementary School for 14 years.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



There were 102 in attendance for the senior dinner Wednesday, Aug. 18, including nine visitors. Three meals were taken out. Members of the First Christian Church served. Margaret Dubuque won the meal ticket, Marble Blann of Mitchell won the door prize and Marie De Boer of Boardman won the guest prize.

Approximately \$400 was made at the senior pie booth at the fair. Proceeds will help support the senior center. Daisy Collins and Irene Schroeder, chairpersons, work crews and those who baked all the pies all helped make the event a success.

Six people were present for the movie "Show Boat" Sunday evening. Darlene Arrington loaned the video.

There will be a fashion show at the senior center on Saturday, Aug. 28.

Sunday, Aug. 29 the bus will depart for the picnic at Gonty's cabin at Penland Lake at 1 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the senior center office.

There is also a sign up sheet for the trip to see the musical "Quilters" in Pendleton. Departure time is 6 p.m. Aug. 28.

The menu for Sept. 1 is sweet and sour chicken with rice, tossed salad, carrots, pears, biscuit and pudding. Members of the Christian Life Center will serve. A meal site committee meeting will follow the meal. Blood pressures will be taken before the meal and the Willoughby Hearing Aid representative will be present from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Other dates to remember: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. exercise; Friday cards 2:30 p.m.; Sunday movie, 7 p.m.

Cycle Oregon VI to stop in Heppner

Heppner Chamber has taken the leadership in hosting Cycle Oregon VI for lunch on Tuesday, Sept. 14. Cara Osmin is again co-chairing the event with Chamber Manager Claudia Hughes. "Community involvement is definitely needed but on a much smaller scale than three years ago. We have tried to eliminate all night meal preparation in Heppner so that people are free to help in Ione as Ione was so helpful for us for Cycle Oregon III," says Hughes. Osmin says that a Youth Job Corps group will be preparing the sack lunches and loading them on a truck provided by the Heppner Ranger District. The lunches will be served off the truck at the city park. The green information booth will be set up, manned by Soroptimists and the street will be blocked off for the bike parking and support vehicles.

Welcome packets will be offered at the information booth giving the cyclists activity oppor-

tunities to keep them in Heppner for awhile. Activities will range from courthouse tour, dam tour, shuttle to lake, museum, local shopping and local entertainment. "It is suggested that retailers offer to mail items to encourage shopping," said Hughes. "Organizations are invited to set up booths as the cyclists like to support community projects." The committee is still searching for entertainment in the park such as musical groups or individuals. "We want to give them a Heppner welcome they won't forget before we send them on to a great evening in Ione," says Hughes.

Individuals or organizations wishing to help greet the cyclists, make signs, serve lunches, etc. should contact Osmin or Hughes immediately. "Proceeds from this event will be much smaller than when Heppner orchestrated breakfast and dinner, so they will go toward a project that will benefit the entire community," said Hughes.

Youth sample forest service work



Kids that participated in the Tupper Youth Camp were treated to a visit from Frazier Helitack crew. They were Matthew Baird, Cheri Jones, Mark Wulk, Kris Paullus, Crysti Taylor, B.J. Hill, Julie Watkins, Jared Thompson, Ross VanEtta, A.J. Perez, Jamie Perez and Mark Loomis.

Timber surveying, fire line construction, controlled burning, and wildlife and vegetation identification, all in a day's work for Forest Service employees but it's something new and exciting for Morrow County youths attending the first-annual Tupper Youth Camp, a project designed to provide positive outdoor experience for local kids.

Twelve students, ranging in age from nine to 14, were selected to attend the two-day campout August 5 and 6 at Tupper Guard Station, 35 miles south of Heppner. The project is sponsored by the Heppner Ranger District, Morrow Branch Children's Services Division, Heppner Youth Program, and Morrow County Juvenile Department.

Don Crompton, fire/range officer, for the Heppner Ranger District, considers Tupper Youth Camp an investment in the Forest Service's future. "We're targeting these kids by giving them the opportunity to experience a range of Forest Service activities and showing them there is more to our job than logging trees and putting out fires." Crompton adds, "these are the kids we'll see later in our Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) or Job Training and Partnership Act (JTPA) jobs. And those are the kids who apply for summer-seasonal positions and eventually full-time forest service employment."

The first activity was lunch, followed by a visit from the Frazier Helitack crew. The helicopter kicked up the dust as it set down on the landing pad located just above the Tupper

complex. The kids visited with the pilots and fire fighters, taking turns sitting in the helicopter, surveying the equipment and instrument panels, and learning the variety of techniques used in fighting forest fires from the air.

Later in the day, they experienced on-the-ground fire fighting first-hand when Tom Jones, assistant fire management officer, torched off a small controlled burn. While allowing the fire to burn behind him, Jones explained to his wide-eyed audience the nature of fire and why the climate, the afternoon temperature, and the wind's direction and speed, all had an effect on the fire. A few minutes later Jones radioed in a request for assistance. The Tupper Fire Crew, conveniently waiting nearby, appeared momentarily and went to work extinguishing the blaze.

Other afternoon activities included hands-on forestry practices such as measuring tree height and age, rides on forest service horses, wildlife identification and a nature walk.

"We wanted to start out small the first year, then expand each year as we gain community interest and support," said Crompton. The Forest Service provided accommodations, tents and sleeping bags, if necessary. Morrow County Grain Growers donated \$200 for food, beverages and the ingredients for homemade ice cream.

The evening campfire entertainment was organized by Tupper Fire Crew members and included all the traditional campfire activities like singing, acting out skits, storytelling, and of course, s'mores construction.

Olden family

descendants hold reunion

Descendants of the Menzo and Mary Jane Olden homesteaders south of Ione in 1885, gathered at Dufur Aug. 14. Those attending viewed the annual threshing held at Dufur and enjoyed a family potluck dinner and visiting and reminiscing into the evening. Sunday afternoon the group visited Crates Point at The Dalles and enjoyed the historical display there.

The family of Jessie Olden Henderson was represented by Lonnie and La Verne Henderson and Larry Henderson all of Hood River; Ladd and Jeanette Henderson, Mark and Doug from Stayton; Linnea and Rick Dennis, Ryan and Marcus from The Dalles and Helen and Grant Henderson, LaGrande.

Lola Olden's family were: Ernie and Mary Jean McCabe, Heppner; Laurie and Dan Wilson, Jane and Andrea, of Dayton; Clifford and Alice McCabe, Umatilla; Don and Shirley Harris, Bend; Linda and Jerry Barone, Nick and Jason, Eleanor and Lyman Farrar, Winona and Joel Creed, Peg McCabe, Mary Binder and Stacey, Dan McCabe and Erin, Tom and Michelle McCabe, and David and Rosie McCabe, Corena and Eric, all of the Portland area; Ron McCabe, Kennewick, WA; Jack McCabe and Mary Higgins, Hillsboro; Raymond and Charlotte Lundell, Eugene; Karen Stack, Chester, Mont.; Lola Ann Pettyjohn and Ruth McCabe, Ione and Virginia and Howard Eubanks, Condon.

Rodeo parade largest in years

With walkers, horseback riders and wagons galore, this year's Morrow County Fair and Rodeo parade was an exciting production featuring Oregon Trail pioneer days. Long-time residents noted that this was probably the longest and most colorful parade in recent years.

The Hardman Community Center took the sweepstakes award with John and Mildred Eubanks in the driver's seat. This covered wagon float, complete with sagebrush and antiques also placed first in the community float section. Second was the Heppner Garden Club float featuring a buggy surrounded by flowers.

Almost like a reunion, a special feature of this 1993 parade was the presence of 41 past fair and rodeo queens since it began in 1922—a large turnout from the 54 queens that are still living. The oldest queens present were Eva Padberg Griffith, Heppner, who was queen in 1923; Alice Rietmann Peterson, The Dalles, 1924

Off the Wall

By Marilyn Robinson

One aspect of being a 'has been' is that it provides many comparative years as one realizes that he won't have to make so many mistakes all over again.

Time can also make one more observant and appreciative of others' endeavors. There's always an interesting mix of people of all ages who work to make our fair and rodeo a success. As the fast-moving events unfolded this past week, some parents began to look as though they had been walking non-stop with the wagon train, while the travelers at Cecil looked somewhat rested.

In addition to the accomplishments of 4-H'ers and FFA members, one highlight of fair was the senior queen contest. The 1993 Queen Helen Martin, Ione, noted that this was perhaps the most memorable event during a lifetime of rearing a family and being active in community affairs. But no one could upstage Gladys Hobbs, last year's queen, who kept everyone laughing about her past deeds which she said only scratched the surface. All the contestants had stories that would enliven the history books.

With the colorful Rawlins' flowers, the increased parking and the fairgrounds cleanliness it was indeed a good fair as noted by the evaluator. Like the hard-working rodeo committee, fair board members were still at work on Monday taking down temporary fences and coping with mountains of left-overs.

For those who found time during fair week to visit with the wagon train it was a historic affair. While the energetic Krebs families and a lot of Ione folks prepared dinner for around 900 visitors, former Cecil residents were in attendance.

Among the oldest of former Cecil store residents were members of the Lowe family—Annie Lowe Krebs, Arlington and her sister Minnie Lehman from Seattle, WA. Along with daughters and grandchildren, these ladies reminisced about those 'good old days'. Now in their 90's they recalled their school days in Cecil and finishing their education in Portland. Minnie returned to Cecil and at age 20 taught 13 students of all grades at Rhea Siding one-room country school, about two miles from Cecil. Annie became the hard-working ranch wife of Henry Krebs.

Minnie's chauffeur for his trip was Jerry Burke from Poulsbo, who, through mutual acquaintances, offered her transportation in return for a chance to ride with the wagon train. Burke, a professional guide and packer, got his wish as the Krebs provided him with a horse. And as an involved 4-H leader, he also took in Morrow County's fair while looking forward to his own fair when he returned from this trip.

Heppner's Bill Lowe commented that if he'd been 40 years younger he would have been one of the first to participate in the street dance that was held in front of the newly-refurbished and very popular Cecil store. There's no question that in his younger days he was very fast on his feet—how else would such a personable young man remain a bachelor all of his 90-plus years.

Everyone has commented on the quality and length of the parade on Saturday. People like Vonnie Lovgren worked on several floats. And a popular feature seems to be the presence of numerous wagons and teams. Nostalgia also reigned among the 41 past fair and rodeo queens present for this parade. It was quite a turnout from the 54 past queens who are still living that came from different parts of the Northwest and California.

Each past queen has many precious memories as well as some funny events that happened during her reign. On the serious side there were some spills and broken limbs, but just like past Queen Tricia VanSchoiack Maben who rode horseback in Saturday's parade with a cast on her foot, those obstacles are overcome and the good memories outweigh such setbacks.

For Darlene Hoskins and myself, it's impossible to fib about our ages. Darlene's daughter Mickey Madison is also a past queen. And my grandaughter Rondi, is a court member who only a short time ago was a towhead bouncing along with me in the saddle seat.

Time marches on and our county can be proud of the many accomplishments associated with events that are unfolding during the 150th celebration of the Oregon Trail. Good job everyone.

BMCC beginning golf classes set

Blue Mountain Community College will offer beginning group golf class this fall at Willow Creek Country Club. The class will be held on Mondays from 5-6 p.m. beginning September 13 and will consist of six instruction sessions.

The classes are intended for people with little or no prior golfing experience. They will cover the basics of the rules, play and etiquette of the game. The skills of putting, chipping, pitching, ap-

proaching, fairway shots and teeing-off will be covered.

There is a \$20 course fee and a temporary golf course membership fee of \$20 for non-members of Willow Creek Country Club.

Registration may be completed by contacting Sue Warren, south Morrow County BMCC coordinator at 422-7040. The class will be limited to 10 people.

For more information contact Warren or the instructor John Edmundson, home 676-5177 or work 676-9187.

ly been a bountiful hatch of cleverly decorated small wagons.

Matching colorful outfits and precision drills gave first place in the marching division to the women's Crossfire Drill Team from Walla Walla, WA, who also performed during the Saturday afternoon PRCA performance.

Parade music was provided by the Heppner Community Band that garnered a blue ribbon. And in keeping with the 'Wagons Ho' parade theme, the Kinzua Corporation placed first in the commercial float division with their covered wagon scene. A close second was an entry from the Heppner branch of First Interstate Bank.

Pendleton's Round-Up was represented by a large contingent of Main Street Cowboys on horses. The Pendleton Round-Up Court won the top award in the mounted courts division. Second place went to the Happy Canyon princesses from Pendleton and the Umatilla Sage Rider Court of Hermiston placed third.

Five year old Hally Kannard, Pendleton, granddaughter of Jerry and Pat Dougherty, Heppner, was judged the best-dressed individual junior rider. Senior individual rider awards were shared by Ralph Beamer and Cornett Green, both Heppner. Overall best dressed individual rider went to Queen Mary Wachter of the Arlington Rodeo.

A parade wouldn't be complete without antique cars. Bob Lankford, Heppner and his grandson paraded "Grandpa's Car", a 1923 Ford Runabout that had been completely restored. Second place winner, Darrell Vinson, Heppner, brought his 1925 Model T Ford touring car to town for a drive up Main Street.