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# Gazette Times

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## IUCC gets ready for auction

### Stories of the Flood

*Originally printed July 14, 1977:* "The Heppner Flood of 1903 evoked many acts of heroism from those involved and one of the recipients of such an act recently returned here to relate his personal experience.

Everett C. Jones was born in Heppner on June 8, 1902. During the flood on June 14 of the next year, both of his parents Pearl and Mae Ashbaugh Jones, three of their four children, Amy Fay, 9, Mae, 8, and Lester, 6, and quite a few other family members were drowned.

The one-year-old Everett survived because an aunt, Mrs. Mose Ashbaugh had taken him in one arm and her baby in the other arm to try to save them from the rising waters- she lost her balance, slipped and fell and her own child was drowned, but she managed to save Everett. He was raised by his grandmother, Nancy L. Jones (Mrs. James H.) of the Eight Mile Center. Many members of the Jones and Ashbaugh families are buried in Heppner's cemetery.

Jones, who now owns a refrigeration and air-conditioning business in San Jose, Cal. was accompanied on his sentimental look around this area by two of his sons, Ronald of Portland and Richard from Phoenix, AZ. The three spent an enjoyable time last Monday morning visiting the county museum and taking of family matters with Rachel Hamett.

The three Jones men were most interested in the museum's fine collection of flood pictures and in the some of the old-time harvest pictures."



(L-R): Jean Jepsen, Laurel Cannon and Katherine Lindstrom look over some of the antiques discovered while setting up for the 41<sup>st</sup> annual Ione United Church of Christ auction and barbecue.

The Ione United Church of Christ will be holding their 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Auction and Barbeque Saturday, June 7 at the Willows Grange Hall in Ione beginning at 10:00 am.

Chairmen for this year include: Rich Harper, trustees; Gary Grieb, auctioneer; Bill Rietmann, meat and wrapping; Harold Rietmann and Virgil

Morgan, pit; Jack Osterlund and John Jepsen, meat cutting; Loa Henderson, specialty merchandise; Helen Heideman and Linda LaRue, finance; Betty Gray, Country Store; Jerry Rietmann, merchandise; Cindy Osterlund, kitchen; Laurel Cannon, antiques; Rich Harper, Porta-Potties; Chuck Nelson, Snack Shack; and Jean Jepsen, publicity.

### Gazette closed for Memorial Day

The Heppner Gazette-Times office will be closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day. We will reopen with normal hours on Tuesday, May 27.

Do to the closure, the news deadline for the May 28 paper is Friday, May 23 at 5 p.m.

## Morrow County Fair theme contest winners announced

The winners of the Morrow County Fair theme contests are Claudia and Jessica Hughes of Heppner. For their entry they received a gift certificate for \$25 to be used at any Morrow County business. The winning theme is "Morrow County True To

The Red, White And Blue." Also, the Premium Book this year will be dedicated to the Morrow County Grain Growers for their many years of dedication to the youth of Morrow County and the Fair.

## Off highway vehicle park holds grand opening



Morrow County Judge Terry Tallman (left) and Oregon Parks director Michael Carrier, cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the OHV park Saturday.



Riders line up to start riding the trails



Don Stroeber with granddaughter Morgan were the first to use the new OHV trails



Tom Wolff (left) serves up hot dogs to a hungry crowd that attended the opening

About 150 people turned out Saturday for the grand opening of the OHV (off highway vehicle) park located 26 miles south of Heppner on Hwy 207.

Officials of the Oregon Parks Dept. were on hand for a ribbon cutting ceremony and afterwards a hot dog lunch was provided.

There is currently 81 miles of trails on the 6,200 acre park, but when fully developed will have a 120 space campground along with many other facilities and activities.

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