

2023

"Fun and Games Through the Years"



June 16th, 17th & 18th

Brownsville, Oregon



2023

presented by the
Linn Pioneer Association

**Welcome to the 2023
Linn County Pioneer Picnic
Theme: Fun and Games Through the Years
Schedule of Events**

Thursday, June 15

5:30 - 7:00pm Flower show entries accepted Log Cabin

Friday, June 16

8:00 -10:00am Flower show entries acceptedLog Cabin

9:00 - 4:00pm Pioneer Picture Gallery open Picture Gallery

11:00am Kitchen Opens Pavilion

11:00 - 6:00pm Quilts of Valor ShowCommunity Arts Bldg.

Noon Kiddie Parade Assemble..... First Rate Roofing

1:00pm Kiddie Parade..... Main Street

..... *Organized by Pollyanna*

1:00 -11:00pm Beer Garden Pavilion

1:30 - 7:00pm Flower Show.....Log Cabin

1:00 - 7:00pm Food, Arts & Crafts Booths, Inflatables Pioneer Park

2:00pm Spelling BeeStage

3:30pm Penny Scramble Family Games Area

5:30pm Hollywood Studios DanceStage

7:00pm Opening Ceremony, Coronation, RaffleStage

Queen's ReceptionStage

Karaoke Dance Hall

Saturday, June 17

All Day Sign-Up: All Ages - Talent Show Info Booth

7:00 - 9:00am Wagon Train Breakfast..... Pavilion

8:00am Parade Entrants Assemble Templeton & Hwy 228

9:00am Parade Judging..... South of Hwy 228

9am - 5:00pm Picture Gallery Open Picture Gallery

9am - 5:00pm Hot Rod Car Show Pioneer Park

10:00am Sign-Up: Horseshoe Tournament Horseshoe Pits

10:00am Grand Parade Through Town.....

..... *Organized by the Central Linn Lions Club*

11:00am Kitchen Opens Pavilion

11am - 6:00pm Quilts of Valor Show Community Arts Bldg

11am-11:00pm Beer Garden Pavilion

Noon Horseshoe Tournament Horseshoe Pits

12:00 - 5:00pm History: Picnic Tug-O-Wars.....South End of Prairie

12:00 - 7:00pm Flower Show.....Log Cabin

12:00 - 7:00pm Food, Arts & Crafts Booths, Inflatables Pioneer Park

Saturday, June 17 (cont.)

- 12:45pm** NW Scots Honor Guard Presentation by
Colonel Daniel Gepford, Commander.....Stage
- 1:15pm** Summer Reading Program Kick Off
Mike & Carleen McCormack.....Stage
- 2:00 - 4:00pm** Square Dance Dance Hall
- 2:30pm** Pie Eating Contest.....Stage
- 3:45pm** Quilts of Valor PresentationStage
- 4:00pm** All Ages Talent ShowStage
- 7:00pm** Backwood Beavs Country Western Dance Team..... Stage
- 8:30 - 10:30pm** Live Band "Pendleton Hwy" Dance Hall

Sunday, June 18

- 7:00 - 7:45am** Sign-in/Sign-up Pioneer Dam Run 5K/10K... Museum Park
- 7:00 - 10:00am** Wagon Train Breakfast..... Pavilion
- 8:00 am** Pioneer Dam Run 5K/10K..... Museum Park
- 10:00am** Church ServiceStage
- 11:00am** Horseshoe Tournament..... Horseshoe Pits
- 11:00 - 4:00pm** Beer Garden Pavilion
- 11:30am** Kitchen Opens Pavilion
- 11:00 - 4:00pm** Quilts of Valor ShowCommunity Arts Bldg.
- 11:30 - 3:30pm** Flower Show..... Log Cabin
- 11:00 - 4:00pm** Food, Arts & Crafts, Activity Booths..... Pioneer Park
- 12:30 pm** Penny Scramble Family Games Area
- 1:00 pm** Family Games / Races Family Games Area
- 1:00 pm** 62nd Linn County Loggers' Jamboree Logging Arena
- 1:00 - 4:00 pm** Picture Gallery Open Picture Gallery
- 3:30 - 4:00 pm** Pick-up Flower entries/ribbons/prizes Log Cabin



Early cooks at Picnic

Fun and Games Through the Years

Written by Linda McCormick

In 1887, a craze swept the United States, called “Donkey Party”. This, of course, later became known as the game, “Pin the Tail on the Donkey”. The original game was created in the northeast region of the United States, specifically in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area. It is thought that the game originated from central American farm life; country children would often think of new and fun games to entertain themselves with. Because the game is centered on a donkey, it is thought that the game must have begun on a farm.

The game was played much like it still is now, with one player who is blindfolded and spun around. Once they are spun at least three times, they must attach a pin to the picture of a donkey. The closest player to the actual tail is the winner. This game is both fun, quick, and exciting for most children. Because of its appeal to all, not just children, the game spread from Milwaukee to New York and Washington DC later that year, and eventually around the world.

What makes the game so universal, is that it requires no formal translation. The joy of the game can be translated to any language or culture. Because of this, the game has managed to stay relevant through all these years.

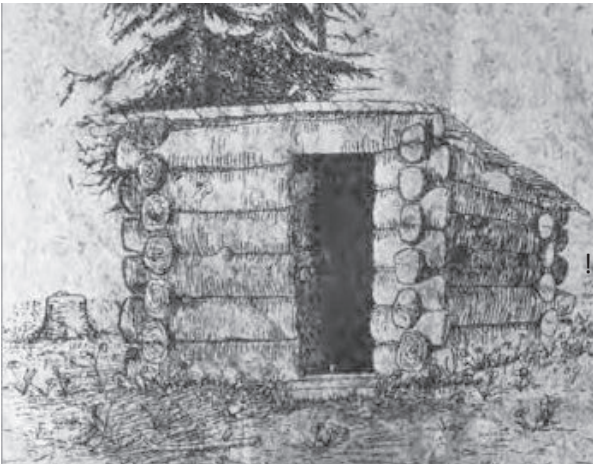
The History of the Linn County Pioneer Picnic

Written by Linda McCormick

For many years, the homesteaders of Linn County talked about some day having a reunion. Many of them knew each other from traveling the Oregon Trail together, doing business with each other, or working together on their farms etc. Finally, in 1887, they made the decision to meet and plan the reunion. Many of the old timers had died by then. It was now or never.

Since many of the organizers lived around Crawfordsville, the first planning meeting of the Linn County Pioneer Association was held in an upstairs room of a store owned by Robert Glass in Crawfordsville on July 30, 1887. Those present were George F. Colbert, Robert Glass, Wilson B. Glass, James W. Gay, Dr. G.W. Gray, William McCaw, J.H. Scott, James N. Rice and the Rev Robert Robe. George F. Colbert was elected the first president and Wilson B. Glass became secretary. The group decided that the first Linn County Pioneer Reunion would be held on Sept. 1, 1887 in a nearby grove. It is believed that grove was just east of the road to the Crawfordsville Cemetery which is east of town. There is still a small stream that runs through that property. During the first reunion the new Association elected Robert Glass as president for the next year, Dr. G.W. Gray vice president, and the Rev Robert Robe secretary. A committee was appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws for a permanent Linn County Pioneer Association.

After all these years, the event has never been cancelled and today the Linn County Pioneer Picnic continues to be a family event, thanks to the dedication of the Linn County Pioneer Association.



Late 1840s the first
cabin in Albany,
Oregon

Grand Marshall Tom Marquette

*Interview and article by Vance Parrish,
Courtesy of The Times,
Brownsville, Oregon*



This year's Pioneer Picnic Marshall is Tom Marquette. Many of you are likely familiar with Tom as he has been running his team of mules in Brownsville events for over 20 years. Most recently he ran his team and wagon in this year's Carriage Me Back to 1923. Tom's great-great-grandfather, John Wesley Gaines, was one of the pioneers that formed the Pioneer Reunion (Tom thought around 1878) before it was called the Pioneer Picnic Association. "In my head it's always been special because I know it was instrumental. It's hard to believe that they came down here for a meeting, which is 30 miles with horses, and have a Pioneer meeting and go back up there. Maybe stay at somebody's place overnight."

Tom grew up in Multnomah County but left at the age of almost 16 to work at a dairy in Albany. Tom dropped out of high school (Albany Union, now West Albany High School) to join the Navy. Marquette's ship, the USS Kearsarge (an aircraft carrier) helped to retrieve astronauts for the Mercury 8 and 9 missions. Tom spoke about a special reminder of those missions, "The antenna [from a retrieved capsule] which was a metal a lot like aluminum, it could have been titanium, [was] sent down to the machine shop where I worked on the ship. We cut two inch wide pieces, out of a two inch pipe, and engraved them with a pantograph for dignitaries, including the Vice President and all over the United States. [As the remainder got smaller], we weren't cutting them up any more [for] dignitaries. So we cut pieces off and gave to our wives for rings. My ex-wife still has a ring that has been twenty two orbits in outer space." Tom also served during the Vietnam War. "I have a copy of a

newspaper. Front page saying 'LBJ Declares War' which to me it dispels all these people that are saying 'oh it was just an incident', 'it was just a little skirmish, conflict or police action'. When I went there, it was because LBJ said 'this is war'.

Tom has deep roots in the Linn County area. On his father's side of the family, Tom is a descendant of Jane Powell Beeler. Joab Powell married Anna Beeler and Jane Powell married John Beeler. Martha Beeler was married to Cornwall Thackery Lever who is Tom's great-great-grandfather and grandmother.

The Sheltons' (his 3 greats grandfather and grandmother, Haman Shelton and Pricilla Fitzgerald Shelton) came out west in 1847 as part of the first wagon train to use the full Barlow Road/Trail, traveling around the south side of Mount Hood. Prior to 1846, the journey would have involved floating your belongings down the Columbia River on rafts (usually your wagon with the wheels pulled off) and following along the sides of the river banks with your animals. Tom shared that since the Valley was very marshy where we now have I-5 (until about the 1950's) most travel would have been through the drier areas where we now see HWY 99 East & West. He said that also accounts for why the older towns, including Brownsville and Halsey run along these roads today.

Also on his father's side of the family, Tom is related to the Gaines Family (Willis Gaines and Louesa Crowley Gaines), which came to this area around 1852. Louesa's Father (Samuel Crowley, born in 1791) came later, around the horn up through what is now California. Her father is buried within a mile of the Providence Cemetery in Scio. This is the cemetery that Tom shared is the final resting place for 8 generations of his family.



On his mother's side, there was less he knew about that part of the family's history. However, he did mention that he has a photo of his great-grandmother on a horse at about 100 years old. Tom said that he believes she lived to be 102. He said he also thought she had seen both of his children born, which was about 5 generations in each direction, at that time.

Both the Crowley and Gaines Families received Donation Land Claims. At that time settlers could receive 320 acres for themselves and an additional 320 acres for your wife. The claim owned by Samuel Crowley has since been reduced down to about 160 acres but Tom is still good friends with the family that currently owns the land. That family owns draft horses and Tom said that he has "...had the pleasure of going over there and plowing with horses the same ground that my great-great-grandfather plowed with a horse."

Tom also shared an experience of going to the Oregon Centennial Celebration. At that time it was held at the Multnomah County Fairgrounds. His uncle paid his way to go the event and he pushed his great-grandmother in a wheelchair to see the all the covered wagon history displays, which she had extensive knowledge of from listening to her parents. "Both of her parents walked. Unless you were very pregnant or very sick you didn't ride in the covered wagon. Tiny kids could get in for a while and ride. All their belongings for the rest of their life were in that wagon. Everybody walked down here," said Marquette. When I asked about driving the wagons Tom said that most wagons were not horse or mule drawn. "...if it was ox drawn, which most of them did more ox driving, you don't sit on the wagon, you walk alongside with an ox goad and poke the ox with the stick. So in that case, which most of them were ox drawn wagons," said Tom.

In addition to his participation in Brownsville community events Tom also



enjoys wagon train reenactments. "I have been on several wagon train reenactments, I would guess between 20 and 30, where we [use] animals horses and mules. Never oxen because oxen can't keep up with horses and mules. The only place you see them mixed in the same wagon train is on television. You get a police escort through town. The horses and mules go through [town] with a police escort and the oxen are left behind to fend for themselves," said Marquette.

Tom continued, "Most [wagon train reenactments] would be on paved roads. A few places we've had people cut their fences or open gates and let us go on the actual trail where the ruts are still visible, in some cases. But, very few ruts are left visible today. In Oregon, around Myrtle Creek, that's the closest town to

where I saw ruts. [Outside of Oregon], on the Applegate trail reenactment, which is 700 miles long from the Black Rock Desert in Nevada to Rickreall Oregon.”

Tom missed the first two days of that 700 mile reenactment but the wagon train still in Black Rock when he joined. Wagon trains can typically travel 7-15 miles a day depending on the ease or difficulty of the terrain. “I got a mountain man outfit, clothing and a backpack, and I had somebody take me out into the desert country where they were coming up into California. They came just across the point of California. I had him let me loose out there with a backpack on. He was a photographer going to photograph the wagon train anyway. So he went on in and then I came up walking out of the desert with a backpack and asked if I could join the wagon train. The wagon master was writing a book and he said [in that book] that he couldn't believe this guy came walking out of the desert wanting join the wagon train where there shouldn't have been people,” said Marquette.

When asked how common oxen teams are today, Tom shared that they are a lot less common in our area (more often found around the New York area). “The last ones I remember seeing were at Phillip Foster Farm. My friend Elwin Shibley had them and I started to raise oxen, or tried to go in that direction. I got a Texas Longhorn heifer raised her and I got artificial insemination semen from a supplier that was from a speckled Longhorn that I was going to use to breed mine. It didn't take the first time and the neighbor's Hereford bull came over and I ended up with Hereford looking offspring. So that shut down my oxen raising for another year. During that time, my friend Elwin told me that his oxen are so destructive that he wouldn't recommend it to anyone. They accidentally can hook a horn in a fence and take out 200 feet of fence before they can shake it loose. Then all the rest of the animals are gone. I came home many, many nights and went chasing all my sheep and cattle because the Longhorn accidentally hooked a fence. They don't do it to be destructive, but those horns are just in the way. They knock the gutters off the barn [and] they knock the downspouts off the gutters.

Tom started working with horses sometime between the ages of 7 and 9 years old. “I used to go to family reunions where I had one old cousin (Roscoe Gaines), which was actually my grandmother's first cousin, who always either rode horses down to the family reunion and gave us rides on horses or for several years we had the reunion in his yard so the horses were right there. We would ride horses around, circle through the barn and back out of the barn around one end of it. Then, as I got a little older, he would come down with a horse and wagon and give wagon rides to more people at a time, than just behind him on a saddle. In both cases, [Roscoe] said, ‘Well, you've done this long enough. Why don't you just take over and I'll go talk to the old folks’, said Marquette.

Tom also shared that he, “Got a lot of driving experience driving with Dr. Dick Warner; driving them with him and on his property. I was driving two and

three and four horses at a time, three abreast, which that's the only place that I ever drove three of them side by side instead of two, [while] we were disking and plowing at his place. He passed away last couple of years ago. But I spent a lot of time practicing with him learning more and more about driving.”

Tom cares a great deal for his mule team and works with them from the beginning to ensure they are the best team they can be. “I have a more modern wagon, and my team has been born and raised to do just this. I started training them when they were 20 minutes old and still wet. I put collars on them. I put pieces of harness on so it jingled and jangled. So they know everything. That is all they've known all their life. If I'm brushing them, I go back and forth under their belly to get to the other side. So, if a three year old runs out there to get candy in a parade, I've already been there [and] today they aren't spooked by anything like that. They're used to being in parades with Harley's going behind them or in front of them. Fire trucks [and] police cars have about five different sirens they can flip it to and they play with that in a parade. In Scio a real fire happened while we were in the parade. The fire truck went out around me and cut right back in front of the mules, within two feet of the near mule, screaming a siren and they didn't even blink,” said Tom. He also shared that the mules are used to the boom and bang of cannons and black powder rifles that are often a feature of reenactments.

When asked about working with mules, Marquette said, “I learned on my own and I read books about it from people that had done it. People that have trained horses, there isn't that much difference between training a mule and training a horse. They say mules are more stubborn. I think mules are only as stubborn as a person that trains them. They'll do everything you want as long as they think they thought of it. You can't force them. If you force them you're wasting your time.”



Tom making wagon wheel repairs.

Tom also spoke about teaching the next generation about wagon trains. “We took our wagon trains through to schools. Usually, it's the fourth grade classes that are being taught about Oregon history. We had several kids walking with us and I put about 20 of them on a rope to slow the wagon down going down a hill. I said you guys are going to be the tree that I would have tied behind my wagon to slow it down to go down [a] steep hill,” said Marquette. Tying your wagon to the top end of a tree was a common method used to provide easier control of the wagon during steep descents.

Tom has a special place in his heart for Brownsville and looks forward to participating in Carriage Me Back, Pioneer Picnic and Hands On History each year. Tom's friend Linda shared a special experience from Hands On History that provides a clear picture of the joy they get from what they do. “There was a man near the museum, all by himself, and he stood back and he watched us do load after load after load of people. At the end of the day, when we should have been done and we were hot and dog tired, he came and asked if he could pet the mules. I could see that he shook so much, he had Parkinson's. When his hands touched those mules, you could just see him melt into them. He didn't shake and he kept it up for the longest time. He said thank you so much I miss my horses,” shared Linda.

The article represents just some of highlights from the hour plus conversation I had with Tom Marquette. If you would like to hear the full interview you can find it on our YouTube channel:

youtube.com/channel/UCxGMx4jgFHAQgH5sBfdUZSQ



Tom with the Pioneer Picnic 2023 Court

Reigning Queen
2021 & 2022
Sydney Johnson



Reigning Queen Sydney Johnson is 20 years old and lives in Halsey with her parents Mike and Lovica Johnson and her sister Saydey 17. After earning her Associates of Science degree from LBCC, she will attend OSU's Honors College this Fall to study Anthropology and Marine Studies. She enjoys reading books, watching movies, and spending time with her family, especially camping at the coast. Clam-Fettuccine Alfredo and Vallarta Enchiladas are some of Sydney's favorite foods. For music, Sydney likes anything and everything from Country, to Pop, and all the Oldies. Her favorite colors are shades of blue, shades of pink, and forest green. Sydney loves marine wildlife and orange kitties. Sydney named her parents Mike and Lovica and sister Saydey as her heroes! At Pioneer Picnic, some of her favorite memories include the Penny Scramble, working in the kitchen, and walking through the exhibits. Some silly things she does include telling cheesy jokes, making other people laugh, and laughing at herself, too! Sydney describes herself as kind, compassionate, honest, and genuine. She enjoys the simple life, marine wildlife, the environment and agriculture! Sydney enjoys writing personalized cards for people she appreciates, looks forward to volunteering in her community, and she works hard to make a difference. **Congratulations Sydney, on being Pioneer Picnic's Reigning Queen!**

Princess Ella Glenn



Ella May Glenn is 17 years old and a junior at Central Linn High School. She is the daughter of Kirt and Sarah Glenn and has lived in Brownsville for 17 years. Ella has four siblings, Davin (25), Grace (22), Hayden (20), and Alyse (13). Ella said her favorite subject in school is Government and Economics. Her favorite color is forest green. Her favorite movies are Star Wars, Thor, and the Count of Monte Cristo. Her favorite music is 80's Pop, and music from the 50s and 60s. Ella said her favorite food is strawberries. Chickens are her favorite animal. Her favorite activities are participating in Future Farmers of America and playing the piano. For a family activity, she likes going camping with her family in the summer time. On a normal day you will find Ella hanging out with her chickens and taking walks in the woods. When asked what her favorite thing to do at Picnic was...she said watching the Pioneer Picnic parades, competing in the pie eating contest, and looking at the flowers at the flower show. The bravest thing Ella says she has ever done was when in the 4th grade she held a snake. The silliest thing she thinks she has done was when she told her Mom, "Violence is always an option!". When asked what was the nicest thing she has ever done, she said it was when she sacrificed her lunch and gave it to someone who needed it more than her. When asked who was someone she might think of as her hero, she said she looks up her Mom because she shows kindness to others. Ella describes herself as funny, caring, soft spoken, creative, a friend, a nature lover, animal lover, and IN LOVE WITH CHICKENS. **Congratulations Ella on being a 2023 Pioneer Picnic Princess.**

Princess Saydey Johnson



Princess Saydey Lovica Johnson is 17 years old and a junior at Central Linn High School. She is the daughter of Mike and Lovica Johnson and has lived on her family's farm outside of Halsey all her life. Saydey has one sibling, a sister Sydney (20). Saydey said her favorite subject in school is Zoology. Her favorite colors are lavender with shades of green and blue. Her favorite movie is Tangled. She likes "old country" and Italian cooking music. Saydey said her favorite foods are steak and anything seafood. Sea Otters and her Mamma Kitty are her favorite animals. Her favorite sports are volleyball, softball and basketball. For a family activity, she likes going camping on the coast with her family. On a normal day you will find Saydey reading, baking and cooking for her loved ones. When asked what her favorite things to do at Pioneer Picnic...she said tossing candy in the parades and walking around visiting the booths. The bravest thing Saydey says she has ever done was going on a zip line and cliff jumping. The silliest thing she thinks she has done was her waking up post wisdom teeth removal surgery. When asked what was the nicest thing she has ever done, she said, **it is when she stands up to those who bully others, even if it means standing alone.** When asked who was someone she might think of as her hero, she said, "her Mom". Saydey describes her Mom as hard working, intelligent, caring, and the most selfless person she knows. Saydey describes herself as honest, independent, hardworking, kind, caring, witty, and resourceful. **Congratulations Saydey on being a 2023 Pioneer Picnic Princess.**

Junior Princess Catalina Díaz Calvario



Princess Catalina Isabella Diaz Calvario is nine years old and has lived in Brownsville for about three years. She is the daughter of Ulises and Karen Diaz Calvario. She is a third grader at Central Linn Elementary and in Ms. Kjosness' class and she really likes it. Catalina has one sibling Anita (12). Catalina says that her favorite colors are blue and hot pink. Her favorite movie is "Demon Slayer: The Mugen Train" and her favorite music genre is Latino Pop. Catalina said her favorite food is Spaghetti. Cats are her favorite animal. Her favorite sport is tennis and skateboarding. A family activity, she likes is cooking. On a normal day you will find Catalina drawing and watching You Tube. When asked what her favorite thing to do at Pioneer Picnic was, she said eating and playing. The bravest thing Catalina says she has ever done was when she had to walk near a cliff. The silliest thing she thinks she has done is when she was slipping and fell on her bottom. When asked what is the nicest thing she has ever done, she said it is when she said to someone that "you should stand up for yourself". When asked who was someone she might think of as her hero, she said, "her Family". Catalina describes herself as nice and silly. **Congratulations Catalina on being a 2023 Pioneer Picnic Jr. Princess.**

Junior Princess Fiona Karo



Fiona Dawn Karo is eight years old and a third grader at Central Linn Elementary. She is the daughter of David and Twila Karo and lives in Brownsville. Fiona has one sibling, Aksel (11). Fiona is in Mrs. Kjosness' class where her favorite subject is math. Fiona says that her favorite color is teal, "because it's just a good color". The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe is her favorite movie. Fiona says mac and cheese, cheeseburgers, pickles, and popcorn are some of her favorite foods. Cats are her favorite animal and her favorite activities are drawing and golfing. She likes the song Dance Money, by Tones and I. For a family activity, she likes playing the boardgame Clue. On a normal day you will find Fiona drawing and leaving trails of DIY projects throughout her parent's house. When asked what her favorite thing to do at Picnic was she said riding on the parade floats with her Grandpa and Grandma Karo and going to the carnival. The bravest thing Fiona says she has ever done was when she started to have seizures at age 5 and had to take yucky medicine for almost 2½ years but now she is healthy. The silliest thing she thinks she has done was to ride on her brother's shoulders and pretend to be a giraffe. When asked what was the nicest thing she has ever done, she said at school my friend's feet got too hot so I lent her my flip flops for the whole day. When asked who was someone she might think of as her hero, she said her brother Aksel; he is kind, funny, and cares for people and animals. Fiona describes herself as someone who loves to make friends and spend time with family. She thinks she is funny, good to be around and kind--just like her Dad. **Congratulations Fiona on being a 2023 Pioneer Picnic Jr Princess.**

Junior Princess Madaline Jones



Princess Madaline (Maddie) Mae Lee Jones is nine years old and has lived in Halsey also for nine years. She is the daughter of Valerie and Cliff Jones. She is a third grader at Central Linn Elementary and is in Ms. Klein's class. Maddie has two siblings Tripp (12) and Cooper (9). Maddie says that her favorite color is yellow. Her favorite movie is "Encanto" and her favorite music genre is Pop and Tones and I: Dance Monkey. Maddie said her favorite foods are cake, ice cream, and corn dogs. Horses are her favorite animal. Her favorite sport activity is cheer. A family activity, she likes is playing games. On a normal day you will find Maddie singing in her spare time. When asked what her favorite thing to do at Pioneer Picnic was, she said playing carnival games. The bravest thing Maddie says she has ever done was when she went on a Ferris wheel. The silliest thing she thinks she has done is when she danced with the dog! When asked what is the nicest thing she has ever done, she said it is when she gave someone a gift. When asked who was someone she might think of as her hero, she said, "God/Jesus." Maddie describes herself as smart and nice. **Congratulations Maddie on being a 2023 Pioneer Picnic Jr. Princess.**

Junior Princess Maci Kennedy



Princess Maci Kennedy is nine years old and is homeschooled. She is the daughter of Josh and Amanda Kennedy and has lived in Lebanon all her life. Maci has two siblings Luci (13) and Josh Jr. (8). Maci's favorite subject is Math. Maci says that her favorite color is pink. "A Week Away" is her favorite movie. Maci says pizza is her favorite food. Kitties are her favorite animal and her favorite activity is tap dancing. She likes County music and for a family activity, she likes to go bowling. On a normal day you will find Maci tap dancing. When asked what her favorite thing to do at Picnic, she said, "the parades and seeing the princesses". The bravest thing Maci says she has ever done was when she was a "flyer" in cheerleading last year. The silliest thing she thinks she has done was when she went down the slide head first, landing in a summersault at the bottom. When asked what was the nicest thing she has ever done, she said it was when she worked at the Lebanon Toy Drive during Christmas time. She helped distribute toys and she always enjoys this. When asked who was someone she might think of as her hero, she said her Mom. Maci describes herself as nice, kind, and fun to be with. She says she enjoys spending time with friends. She says you can always find her with a smile on her face. **Congratulations Maci on being a 2023 Pioneer Picnic Jr Princess.**

Junior Princess Amelia Neal



Princess Amelia Ruth Neal is nine years old and a third grader at Central Linn Elementary. She is the daughter of Tyler and Jessica Neal and lives in Brownsville. Amelia has two siblings, Esther (6) and Layla (3). Amelia is in Mrs. Kjosness' class where her favorite subjects are math and P.E. Amelia says that her favorite colors are light blue, purple, and turquoise. Her favorite movie is High School Musical and her favorite music is from Selena Gomez and Allstar Weekend. Amelia said her favorite foods are sushi, cob salad, and beef stroganoff. Cats are her favorite animal and her favorite activities are soccer and reading. For a family activity, she likes watching movies and playing games. On a normal day you will find Amelia reading, playing in her room or drawing. When asked what her favorite thing to do at Picnic was, she said playing the games. The bravest thing Amelia says she has ever done was selling raffle tickets. The silliest thing she thinks she has done was to studder while talking. When asked what was the nicest thing she has ever done, she said it was when she shared her candy with her little sister after she ate hers. When asked who was someone she might think of as her hero, she said her BIG cousin; however, her Real Heroes are her Parents. Amelia describes herself as kind, sharing, pretty, smart, and someone who has a good sense of humor. **Congratulations Amelia on being a 2023 Pioneer Picnic Jr Princess.**

Junior Princess Eliana Randklev



Princess Eliana Randklev is nine years old and has lived in Brownsville eight years of her life. She is the daughter of Candice and Ryan Haddock. She is homeschooled and says her favorite subject is Math. Eliana has two siblings Kaelyn (10) and Mercy (7). Eliana says that her favorite color is yellow. Her favorite movie is "Over the Moon" and her favorite music genre is Pop. Eliana said her favorite food is watermelon. Dogs are her favorite animal. Her favorite sport is cheer. For a family activity, she likes going swimming. On a normal day you will find Eliana playing Roblox and playing outside on the farm. When asked what her favorite thing to do at Pioneer Picnic was, she said the inflatables and the horses. The bravest thing Eliana says she has ever done was when she got stitches. The silliest thing she thinks she does is when she scares her sister. When asked what is the nicest thing she has ever done, she said it is when she helps her Mom with the chores. When asked who was someone she might think of as her hero, she said, "my Mom". Eliana describes herself as funny, nice, sweet, a good friend, smart, and silly. **Congratulations Eliana on being a 2023 Pioneer Picnic Jr .Princess.**

Junior Princess Annabella Whittam



Princess Annabella Rose Whittam is nine years old and has lived in Halsey for a short seven months of her life. She is the daughter of Joshua Whittam. She is a third grader at Central Linn Elementary. Annabella has six siblings Tristen (12), Olivia (8), Naomi (7), Amaya (5), Maryann (3), and Eli. Her favorite class in school is P.E. Annabella says that her favorite color is purple. Her favorite movie is Avatar: "The Way of Water" and her favorite music genre is Country. Annabella said her favorite food is nachos. Hyenas are her favorite animal. Her favorite sport is soccer. For a family activity, she likes going camping. On a normal day you will find Annabella practicing and playing soccer. When asked what her favorite thing to do at Pioneer Picnic was, she said, "I have never been!" (*this will be a new and fun experience for Annabella*). The bravest thing Annabella says she has ever done was when she had to face some mean dogs. The silliest thing she thinks she has done is when she makes fake scabs. When asked what is the nicest thing she has ever done, she said it is when she helped an old man one day. When asked who was someone she might think of as her hero, she said, "her Aunt Kim". Annabella describes herself as blond, silly, smart, kind, funny, and ticklish. **Congratulations Annabella on being a 2023 Pioneer Picnic Jr. Princess.**

Junior Princess Aurora Wooten



Princess Aurora Cristine Lynn Wooten is eight years old and a third grader at Central Linn Elementary. She is the daughter of Ashlie and Tyler Simmons and Brandon and Tonya Wooten. She has only lived in Brownsville for two years. Aurora has four siblings: Marilyn (5), Duncan (3), Marshall (3), and Shiloh (2). Aurora is in Ms. Klein's class where her favorite subject is Language Arts. Aurora says that her favorite color is pink. Her favorite movie is "The Emperor's New Groove" and her favorite music is Tones and I: Dance Monkey. Aurora said her favorite foods are chicken curry, spaghetti, and beef stroganoff. Bobcats and Megalodons are her favorite animals. Her favorite sport is wrestling. For a family activity, she likes playing Mario Cart and cuddling. On a normal day you will find Aurora playing outside. When asked what her favorite thing at Picnic is and she said "the jump toys". The bravest thing Aurora says she has ever done was when she got her tooth pulled when she broke it in dance. The silliest thing she thinks she has done is when she sings and is silly at school. When asked what is the nicest thing she has ever done, she said it is when she helps her friends. When asked who was someone she might think of as her hero, she said, her Mom and Sonic. Aurora describes herself as smart, funny, nice, and brave. She is also good at helping people and likes to make friends. She's kind, sharing, pretty, smart, and someone who has a good sense of humor. **Congratulations Aurora on being a 2023 Pioneer Picnic Jr Princess.**

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Reunion Games

By Bobbie Kalman

There were several games played by pioneer children that are still played today in homes, schools, and on the playground. Here are a few.

- **Shadow Tag** was a game played on bright, sunny days. Someone was chosen to be “it” at the beginning of recess. That person tried to step on somebody’s shadow. If the others tried to hide under a tree or in the shade, they could only do so to the count of ten before they had to come out into the sun to be part of the game. Whenever “it” stepped on another student’s shadow, that person became the new “it.”
- Two people were chosen to be “it” in **Chain Tag**. Those chosen clasped each other’s hand and began chasing others. When they tagged someone else, that person needed to link hands with one of them to make a chain of three. The chain grew longer as more people were tagged.
- In **Drop the Handkerchief** (called Duck, Duck, Goose today), players form a circle and hold hands while “it” takes a handkerchief or a cloth and runs around the circle dropping the handkerchief behind someone in the circle. That person then picks up the handkerchief and runs the opposite direction of the one who dropped the handkerchief to try and beat him/her back to the place where “it” began. Whoever did not get back to fill in the empty space is “it.”
- **Dare Base** was a game where there were two teams. Each team chose an area that was their home base. Sometimes it was around the flagpole or some other place chosen on the playground. Players who would dare would try to run around the home base of the other team. If they were caught, the team that caught them could choose a player from the other team to be on their team. The team who had all the players on their team at the end of the game was the winner, and the game began again.



PROCLAMATION

**136th Annual
Linn County Pioneer Picnic
"Fun & Games through the Years"**

Whereas, 2023 marks the 136th Annual Linn County Pioneer Picnic in Brownsville when we welcome hundreds of visitors to our community; and,

Whereas, the Pioneer Picnic is a county-wide event and the City's recognition of this event is fitting and appropriate; and,

Whereas, 2023 will see the return of events to Pioneer Park; and,

Whereas, the community of Brownsville can show their support and celebrate Pioneer Picnic week by decorating their homes and businesses during the week of June 16th – 18th, 2023, and by attending this annual, traditional celebration; and,

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Adam Craven do hereby proclaim June 16th – 18th, 2023, as the Linn County Pioneer Picnic – a time for the City of Brownsville to show their fondness and memories of Pioneer Picnic with the theme of "Fun & Games through the Years."

Attest:

S. Scott McDowell
Administrator

Approved:

Adam Craven
Mayor

Adopted this 25th day of April 2023

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