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“Glorious Reunion”

We find in the Library archives that the front page of the **June 5, 1892** Weston Leader newspaper was dedicated to coverage of the **first Umatilla County Pioneer’s Picnic**. The account included many details of the two day celebration, including lists of those pioneers registered and the dates of their immigration and conveyance to Umatilla County.

The Weston Leader editor reported that “Never in the history of Eastern Oregon has such an immense throng gathered together for a similar purpose.” 2,500 men, women and children were carefully estimated by the committee to have attended.

The first Pioneer’s Picnic was considered a complete success. Credit was given to a number of Weston’s most prominent citizens for their “untiring efforts” in preparation. Not the least of which was that of local farmers who contributed their “teams and time in hauling evergreens from the mountains for the arrangement of a spacious grove.” Early photos do in fact show that trees were temporarily set in place for the event.

The article concluded, “Altogether it was an event which will never be forgotten by our citizens, and next year when the pioneers meet for a second reunion at Pendleton or Athena or Milton, we promise to turn out in full force.” Indeed, the pioneers have met again, always in Weston...this year for the 125th time **June 2 and 3, 2017!**



Early Pioneer Picnic

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Summer Reading Program: Build a Better World

Kids of all ages join us for Summer Reading! This year’s theme is Build a Better World, Stop by the library when school is out for the summer to PICK UP YOUR CALENDAR of events and start reading! We will meet in the park or library (check your calendar) each Friday afternoon at 1:00. Friday programs include the theatre group “Traveling Lantern,” storyteller Chris Leebrick, University of Oregon Museum of Natural History and MORE! The program is SUPER SIMPLE, and reading incentives will be offered!



June Dates

6/6 Library Board 5:30 PM (Library)

6/9 Traveling Lantern 1 pm (Weston Park)

6/16 Chris Leebrick 1 pm (Library)

6/23 U of O Museum 1 pm (Weston Park)

6/29 Novel Readers 5:30 pm (Library)

6/30 Summer Reading 1 pm (Weston Park)

New at the Library

- **Democracy**, nonfiction by Condoleezza Rice
- **Granite Mountain**, nonfiction by Brendon McDonough
- **News of the World**, fiction by Paulette Jiles
- **Since We Fell**, fiction by Dennis Lehane
- **Real Cowboys**, kids’ fiction by Kate Hoefler