

Weddings



Hobbs — Weilacher

Becky Eileen Hobbs became the bride of Jeffrey Scott Weilacher in a double ring ceremony August 8. The marriage ceremony was performed at the Columbia View Community Church in Irrigon with Rev. Don Crosley reading the vows.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hobbs of Irrigon, Mrs. Rosemary Weilacher of Jamestown, New York, and Harold Weilacher of Columbia, South Carolina.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a full-length gown of white satin, with chapel train, and chiffon overlay of rose patterned lace trim. The bodice, of white Venetian lace over white satin, featured back button-and-loop closing and standing collar with lace applique and clusters of tiny pearls. The full-length Cathedral sleeves of chiffon were accented with lace applique and pearls, also. She wore a fingertip-length veil of net with scalloped-lace trim. Her bouquet was a silk arrangement of mauve and burgundy roses and carnations, accented with baby's breath.

The bride's sister, Jyl Hobbs, was maid of honor. Vicky Mesteth, also a sister of the bride, Teresa Jordan, Ontario, and Shelly Key, Boardman, friends of the bride, served as bridesmaids.

The bride's gown was created by her sister-in-law, Cheryl Hobbs, as were all other gowns in the wedding party.

Serving as best man was Dale Isley of Fargo, North Dakota, a former "navy buddy" of the bridegroom. Groomsmen included Kelly Norton, Oak Harbor, Wash., Larry Vaughan, Gresham, and Tim Key, Boardman. Candelighters were Shelly Hobbs, Klamath Falls, and Andrea Mesteth, Umatilla, nieces of the bride. Mark and Lori Moeller, Heppner, cousins of the bride, were ringbearer and flower girl.

Guests were greeted as they signed the guestbook by Amy Hobbs, a niece of the bride.

LaVelle Partlow presented a prelude of traditional wedding music as the guests assembled and accompanied the vocalist, Glenda Hobbs, sister-in-law of the bride, who sang "The Wedding Song" and "You and I".

Following the ceremony, the reception was held in the yard at the home of the bride's parents. Reception hostesses were Terri Hobbs, Clackamas, sister-in-law of the bride, Leora Nice, LaGrande, Alene Willis, North Powder, Bernice Hughes, Wichita, Kansas, Geneva Redfern and Vivian Hughes, Anthony, Kansas, all aunts of the bride. Also assisting with the reception were Isabelle Jones, Jean Dillon, Virginia Phillips, and Juanita Ryan of Irrigon, friends of the bride's family.

Other out of town guests included: Ed Weilacher, Huston, Texas; Julie Didato, Aurora, Ohio; Jim Gronquist, Jamestown, New York; Jeff and Meg Wolcott, Bishop, Texas; Mary Lou Milne, Vancouver, Wash.; John and Ann Conforth, Steve Payette, Oak Harbor, Wash.; Dick and Cathy Cook, Walla Walla, Wash.; Vila Rae Cook, Sheryl Jones, Martin and Jan Lusk, Dan and Violet Hill, Dave Cook, Susan Huwe, Gresham; Scott and Katie Flury, Corbett; Vallas and Dee Dexter, LaGrande; Pat Cimmiyotti, The Dalles; Carla Leighton, Wilsonville; Daniel and Corinna Leighton, Hillsboro; Eldon Hobbs, North Powder; Chuck and Donna Moeller, Heppner.

Following a three-week wedding trip to Niagara Falls and Jamestown, New York, the couple will make their home in Oak Harbor, Washington where the bridegroom is stationed on Whidbey Island as an Airman with the U.S. Navy.

Irrigon correspondent joins G-T



Joyce Hensley of Irrigon is now the Irrigon Correspondent for the

Heppner Gazette-Times. She was the Irrigon correspondent for the Boardman Enterprise since February of this year.

Hensley moved to Irrigon with her family six years ago from Prineville, where they lived for 15 years.

She started writing a little over three years ago when the Irrigon Irrigator was first conceived, then did some contributing writing for the Hermiston Herald, and a small amount of free-lancing for the Portland Oregonian.

Hensley's husband, Al, owns and manages Interstate Surplus in Umatilla. The couple have six daughters; Shelle Hensley, Laura Long, and Billie Meyer, all of Anchorage, Alaska; Lisa Bruso of Yakima, Washington; Jill Powell of Redmond, and Colleen, who is still at home. They also have 15 grandchildren.

State college reps visit RHS

Parents of high school students are invited to attend a college visitation program by representatives from Oregon's state colleges and universities at Riverside High School, September 23, at 1 p.m.

The program is an opportunity for interested students and parents to receive first-hand information about academic program offerings, admission requirements, student support services, housing, costs to attend, financial aid, scholarships, and other information important in planning for college.

A general presentation on the State System will be followed by individual college sessions presented by representatives from Eastern Oregon State College, Western Oregon State College, Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Southern Oregon State College, and the University of Oregon.

The Oregon State System of Higher Education college visitation program reaches almost all public and private high schools in the state. The program's goal is to stimulate good post-high school planning and decision-making by students and provide them with an introduction to the study and career opportunities available through Oregon's state colleges and universities.

Parents are urged to discuss post-high school plans with their sons and daughters before and after the visitation program.

Obituaries

Joseph D. Bock

The funeral for Joseph Daniel Bock was held Monday in the chapel at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston, with burial at the Boardman Cemetery.

Bock, 40, died Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1987, at Corpus Christi, Texas.

He was born April 3, 1947 in Portland, was a resident of Boardman for a time, and had lived at Corpus Christi for the past 15 years where he was a sergeant with the Corpus Christi Police Department.

He is survived by daughters, Danet and Dana, both of Corpus Christi; and sisters, Laura O'Day of Summer, Wash., and Gloria Summer of Portland.

Burns Mortuary, Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Ernest Lappen

Ernest Lappen, 84, Irrigon, died Sunday, Sept. 13, 1987, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

A memorial funeral service was held today at the chapel of Burns Mortuary in Hermiston.

Lappen was born July 1, 1903, in Naper, Neb., the son of Arnold and Winnie Lappen. He had worked most of his life as a logger.

Survivors include his wife, Irene, of Irrigon; sons Earl Lappen of Pasco, Melvin E. Lappen of boardman and Benjamin A. Lappen of Maupin; brother Frank Lappen of Albany; sister Margaret Broadhurst of Salem; grandchildren Candy, Tory, and Ty Lappen; and 10 nieces and nephews.

July unemployment soared

Morrow County's unemployment rate soared to 14.3% in July because of layoffs in the food processing industry in both Morrow and Umatilla counties, reports a press release from the State Employment Division.

These layoffs were responsible for the rise in the number of unemployed from 330 in June to 640 in July.

The improvement (or stability) in all other sectors demonstrates that Morrow's economy is still continuing to improve. This is a more important indicator of the county's economic health than the unemployment rate, the Employment Division said. Once the temporary layoffs in food processing are over, Morrow's unemployment rate should return to lower than year ago levels.

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Irrigon fish hatchery encourages visitors

Photo by Joyce Hensley



created by the dams eliminate spawning grounds and natural rearing habitat "for the steelhead and how the dams are a major obstacle to the up-stream migration of the fish. "Down stream migrants can be killed or stunned by the underwater turbines," they explain.

The starting tanks that are home to the fingerlings after they come out of incubation, can be seen through a viewing window in the center.

December and January are the best time during the yearly cycle of the steelhead to visit the hatchery. "If you don't mind bad weather, the fish have reached smolting size of seven inches and all of the raceways are full prior to hauling out the smolt in February and March," said Hill.

The 30 cement rearing ponds with their automatic feeders and bird screen can also be enjoyed in October and November. Hill said, "The fish are getting pretty good size and most of the ponds are full by that time plus, you can enjoy nice weather."

April and May will find the rearing ponds empty of the 1,680,000 smolt as the liberation trucks haul 1,350,000 to the Imnaha in the Northeastern corner of Oregon, and take 330,000 to acclimation ponds on the Grande Ronde where they will eventually be released to make their way to the Pacific Ocean.

Milking female steelhead of their 4,000 or 5,000 eggs each and male steelhead of their sperm, to bring back to the incubator trays at the Irrigon hatchery to start nature's cycle over again, will be the Fish and Wildlife Technicians job in May.

About 200,000 fewer fingerlings will be at the hatchery in November for the visitors to view. A new endeavor this year will be to release the "graded off" or undersized fingerlings into a fishery on the Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam "so people can catch them as trout," said Hill.

There are also spring chinook salmon to be seen at the hatchery. The visitors center is open seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ryan Elazares, 4, and Ray Edwards, 9, along with Kay Edwards and Jerry Elazares all of Walla Walla look over the Blue Steelhead in the viewing pond outside the visitor center at the Irrigon Fish Hatchery.

The hatchery was built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Bonneville Power Administration and maintained by the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.

By Joyce Hensley

Visitors are welcome and even encouraged at the Irrigon Fish Hatchery, located three miles west of Irrigon, on the Columbia River.

Even though visitors ooh and aah at the life-like display of steelhead in the various stages, ranging from fingerlings to the mature spawning fish, in the glass display in the visitors center at the hatchery, the spot they seem to enjoy the most is the show pond. "They like to look for the sturgeon and blue steelhead we put in there," said Manager Ray Hill.

The visitors center was completed in 1986 by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, but the guest book was not installed until July 16 of this year. "By the end of July, we had 360 guests registered," said

Hill. "During the month of August, we had 690 visitors."

With utmost courtesy is how visitors can expect to be treated at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife maintained hatchery by the six Fish and Wildlife Technicians employed there. "Public relations is part of our job," said Hill. "It is an educational thing. It benefits people who don't realize why we are here and the impact of the dams on fish."

The Irrigon Fish Hatchery is one of 10 in the lower Snake River Fish and Wildlife Compensation Plan that were built to remedy the problems of fish loss caused by the dams on the rivers.

Wall hangings in the visitors center explains how "reservoirs

Boardman's first private school opens

By Joyce Hensley

The North Morrow Christian School is the first private school to be opened in Boardman, according to the directors, Tod and Pam Files, Irrigon.

"We opened the school in Boardman to enable us to reach the entire county," said Pam, who is also the pre-school, kindergarten and first grade teacher. "Our enrollment consists of half Irrigon children and half Boardman children," she said.

The nondenominational North Morrow Christian School uses Alpha Omega Publications and Bob Jones University Press curriculum to teach children from pre-school age through sixth grade.

The goal of the school is to give the students individual instruction. "We want to keep our enrollment down to 14 students at the maximum," said Tod, principal and teacher at the school. "If the school is small we can work individually with the kids. You can't do that if you have a lot of children."

The tuition for the school, located at 209 First Street Northwest, is \$60 per family. "That covers the rent and utilities," said Pam. For the upper grades there is a \$120 book fee to cover the price of books for the whole year.

Support for the Files comes from private individuals and churches. "We raised our support by deputations as missionaries do," said Pam. "People who know of our work



Photo by Joyce Hensley

Pam and Tod Files, Irrigon, directors and teachers at the North Morrow Christian school in Boardman feel there are advantages of a private school. "You can have a Christian perspective for teaching and the students receive individual instruction."

The Files plan to keep their enrollment down so they can maintain that atmosphere.

agree to send monthly support to meet our needs."

According to the Files, there are three advantages of a private Christian school: "You can have a Christian perspective for teaching, the students receive individualized instruction, and the child has an opportunity to move faster than his group."

"The children can transfer straight

across into public school or transfer straight across from public school to our school," said Pam. "The child is diagnostically tested, so his curriculum can be fitted to his basic skills. When there are skill gaps, we fill in those skills."

Tod received his B.S. from Oregon State University, in Corvallis, and has seven years experience as principal and teacher in Christian schools.

Pam has a Masters Degree in early childhood education and learning disabilities from the Oregon College of Education in Monmouth. She has taught eight years full time in the public school system, four years part time in Christian schools, and taught three years full time in Christian schools.

Parents also volunteer their time to help in the North Morrow Christian School.

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