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Ione man dies in Willow Creek Lake



Buschke's pickup is pulled from Willow Creek Lake

Louis 'Barney' Buschke, believed to be 82 or 83, of Ione, was discovered dead when his pickup was pulled from Willow Creek Lake near Heppner around 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.

According to Norm Zeller of the Oregon State Police, he received a call around 9 a.m. that a pickup had been spotted in Willow Creek. Zeller said that he searched the creek and discovered nothing. Two fishermen, Eddie Gunderson and Everett Keck, had also arrived on the scene and called Heppner Police Chief Doug Rathbun after they saw an unattended fishing pole and cooler on the east side of the lake near the handicapped access area and became suspicious.

Zeller, in the meantime had received another call that a pickup had been seen in Willow Creek Lake. He then discovered the vehicle. Rathbun then arrived and the Morrow County Sheriff's Department was also alerted to the situation.

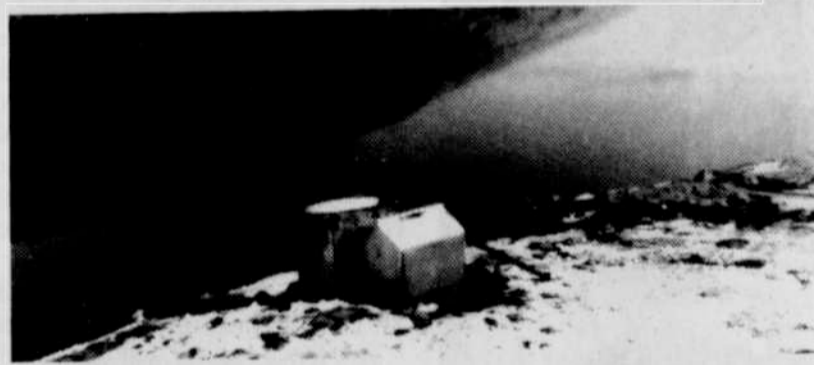
The accident is believed to have occurred between 8 a.m., when Rathbun last saw the deceased and around 9 a.m. when the accident was first reported.

Lyle Verrall of the Army Corps of Engineers was also called to the scene and drove a boat around to the submerged vehicle, which had been spotted by an oil slick in the water. He determined that a body was in the cab of the pickup.

Because of murky water and distortion, authorities, using binoculars from the bank at first believed that the vehicle was owned by a 31-year old man from Hermiston.

Because of mechanical difficulties and extremely cold temperatures, the wrecking crew's arrival was delayed.

Efforts by Zeller and Verrall to hook the vehicle from the boat with a cable from the wrecker



Other fishermen at the lake became suspicious when they found fishing pole and cooler unattended.

were not effective, so a diver who had been called from Boardman suited up and dove into the frigid water. The diver, 17 year-old Toby Hall, who was assisted by his brother, Ty, from the shore, was able to snag the pickup. Toby Hall, who is a senior at Riverside High School, a certified diver and a First Responder, was called back into the water first to shut the door of the vehicle, which was open about a foot and then again to reattach the pickup, which was pulled out of the water by Lexington Auto Body. Hall said that this was his first rescue dive, although he had many practice dives and had gone on 50 to

60 ambulance runs.

After the vehicle began to emerge from the water, authorities were able to determine the correct license plate of the blue Dodge and the owner of the vehicle. Police are unsure as to why the pickup had gone off the bank, but District Attorney Earl Woods said that observers had previously seen Buschke park extremely close to the bank to fish.

The cause of death is under investigation pending an autopsy. Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago said that Buschke's death was the first at Willow Creek Lake.



A diver Toby Hall, was called in to help with the recovery.

Elks announce scholarship winners

Sara Greenup and Joe Lindsay have been named the first place Elks Scholarship winners. Both Greenup and Lindsay went on to the district contest where Greenup took third place. According to Dean Robinson, contest coordinator, the third-place finish at district will give Greenup at least an additional \$650, with a maximum of \$1,000 a year for four years.

Second-place winners at the local level were Heidi Orem and Rick Koffler and third-place winners were Erin Fishburn and Tony Becket.



Heidi Orem

Leaders of America and the Ione Youth Group, Orem spent last year as an exchange student in Germany.

Orem intends to major in special education with plans to be a special education teacher for the hearing impaired.



Tony Becket

National Honor Society. He was a member of the varsity football team and the Wild Horse Club. Becket was selected for the Knowledge Master Open and is the vice president of the Outdoor Club. He has also been named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Becket says he hopes to attend Stanford University with majors in marketing and drama to pursue a career in acting, start a business or become an executive.



Sara Greenup

Greenup, the 17 year-old daughter of Greg and Janet Greenup of Heppner has played on junior varsity and varsity volleyball and basketball teams and varsity golf at Heppner High School. She is a member of the Wild Horse Club, the Outdoor Club, the National Honor Society, and the student council. Greenup has been active in the St. Patrick's Catholic Church youth group, 4-H and FFA. She has received the American Citizenship Award and has been included in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" all four years of high school.

Greenup says she plans to enroll at Oregon State University, majoring in veterinary medicine.



Rick Koffler

Eighteen year-old Rick Koffler is the son of George and Debbie Koffler of Heppner. He is the president of the Wild Horse Club and the treasurer of the National Honor Society. He was a member of the Outdoor Club, and lettered in football, basketball and baseball all four years of high school. Koffler was a student council class representative and has volunteered as an assistant coach for the Colt Basketball teams.

Koffler plans to major in sports medicine at Western Oregon State College or Linfield to become a college team therapist.

Seventeen year-old Tony Becket is the son of Ronald Becket of Heppner and Dianna Becket. A member of the Drama Club, Becket was selected to attend the Oregon Shakespeare Festival summer seminar for juniors. He has been the student council secretary and publicity director and the secretary for the



Erin Fishburn

Erin Fishburn, 17, is the daughter of Earl and Peggy Fishburn of Heppner. She is the vice president of the National Honor Society and has been a member of student council all four years of high school. She has been selected for "Who's Who Among High School Students." Fishburn is a member of the dance team and has been both a Sunday school teacher and a Bible school teacher. She was a member of the Knowledge Master Team and is on the Oregon Together Coordinating Council. She has also won several speech, essay and skills contests.

Fishburn plans to attend a small university, majoring in accounting or business administration. She says she hopes to become a certified public accountant.



Joe Lindsay

Lindsay, 17, is the son of Larry and Corrine Lindsay, Lexington. A senior at Heppner High School this year, Lindsay is the FFA Chapter president and was vice-president his junior year. He played on the varsity football, basketball and track teams. He is a three-year member of the HHS Drama Club and received first place in a Blue Mountain Community College radio broadcasting skills contest. Lindsay was one of the St. Patrick Catholic Church youth to attend World Youth Day at Denver in 1993.

Lindsay plans to major in agricultural education first at Blue Mountain Community College and then at the University of Idaho. He says he hopes to return to Eastern Oregon to teach vocational education at the high school level.

Heidi Orem, the 17 year-old daughter of Joe and Anita Orem of Ione, has been a member of Honor Society for the past three years. She is a member of the Ione High School tennis and volleyball teams and is a manager for the IHS girls basketball team. A member of the Future Business

MCGG plans appreciation day



Dick Sargent shows the many door prizes to be given away Saturday at the MCGG appreciation breakfast

The Morrow County Grain Growers will hold their annual Customer Appreciation Day this Saturday, Feb. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon.

In addition to the traditional free pancake breakfast, the co-op

will also offer many door prizes, factory representatives, and other special events Saturday.

There will be 300 carnations handed out to the first 300 ladies, and everyone is invited to attend

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