

Obituaries

Mary P. Bechtel

Mary P. Bechtel, 85, of Ione, died Saturday, July 25, 1998, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

The funeral was held Tuesday, July 28, 1998 in Pendleton, with burial at the Helix Cemetery.

Mary P. Tompkins was born August 25, 1912, at Walla Walla, to Mr. and Mrs. John Tompkins. She grew up on the Tompkins Ranch between Helix and Athena and attended a one-room school in that area.

On May 11, 1934, she married Harvey G. Bechtel at Walla Walla. Her husband had worked as a machinist for Collier Motors Machine Shop in Walla Walla. The couple moved to Helix, where they lived for many years.

Mrs. Bechtel enjoyed needleworks and crafts.

She had been a member of Eastern Star, GAR and the Helix Merry-Go-Round Club.

Her husband, Harvey, died in 1990. Survivors include daughters, Marilyn Childers of Ione and Beverly M. Myers of Clarkston, Washington; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home at Heppner or the Ione Topic Club at Ione directly or through Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Frank Christenson

Frank D. Christenson, 71, died July 7, 1998, in a Las Vegas hospital.

Graveside services were at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Christenson was born February 9, 1927, in Heppner. A retired Air Force veteran of World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam War, he was a 15 year resident of Henderson, Nevada and a member of Tropicana Christian Fellowship, Retired Officers Association, Air Force Association, Air Force Police Association and American Legion.

Mr. Christenson is survived by his wife, Joan, of Henderson, Nevada; daughters, Teresa Threadgill of Las Vegas and Cynthia Lopez of Boulder City, Nevada; sister, Norma Edger of Heppner; brother, A.B. "Pete," of Portland; and two grandchildren.

Palm Mortuary-Henderson handled arrangements.

Clark Catherine Howk

Word has been received by relatives here of the passing of one of Ione's earliest citizens. Clark Catherine Howk died July 15, 1998, at a nursing home in Gresham at the age of 97. She was born January 12, 1901, and came to Ione from Ripley, Ohio, in 1913, on an emigrant train with her parents, Peter J. and Grace O'Connor Linn and three little brothers.

She was educated in the Ione schools and she and Blanche Turner Lindstrom were the only graduates in 1920. After working at various jobs and as bookkeeper in the Mason store and as postmistress she married Joseph W. Howk, the Union Pacific Railroad depot agent, on July 20, 1923. They resided in Ione until 1935 when he was transferred to Condon and in 1944 to Troutdale. He died in 1954 and after that Clark was employed by the Security Bank of Troutdale and later by McCready Lumber Yards. In 1963 she moved to a retirement village, where she resided for 22 years until her health began to fail.

She was a member of the Christian Church from the age of 12. Her father was one of the carpenters to build the church in Ione, which was recently burned. She was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star and was Worthy Matron in Ione, as well as in Troutdale. Mrs. Howk was always active in the local community, church and school activities, including the Troutdale City Council and Loaves and Fishes.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law Lois and Bill Moller of Gresham; granddaughter, Elisabeth Moller of Portland; Anne McCallister and husband Michael of Gladstone; a sister-in-law, Edna Linn of Vernonia; and several nieces and nephews. Her son Alan, preceded her in death in

1996.

Mrs. Howk was also preceded in death by her brother, Carl Peter Linn, 93, who passed away at a nursing home in Cloverdale, CA, in May of this year and was buried near his home at Windsor, Ca. He was also an early resident of Ione and graduated from Ione High School in 1924. He was married to Alice Head and they had one daughter, Leeta Bailey, who lives in Amhurst, MA, with her mother living nearby.

Mr. Linn worked most of his life for the U.S. government as a road surveyor in the Pacific Northwest, spending a great deal of time in Alaska.

Following his divorce he married Myrna Rodgers-Hilburn on July 20, 1967 at Anchorage. She died in Jan. 1997.

Mr. Linn was a life member of Ione Lodge No. 120 AF&AM and served as master. He also belonged to several other professional organizations.

Set dates for 1999 events

Morrow County Tourism Chair Carol Michael encourages all Morrow County organizations to set dates for 1999 events now.

The Oregon Festival & Events Association, in partnership with the Oregon Tourism Commission, will distribute the 1999 "Oregon Events Calendar" in mid-December 1998. The earlier distribution date will enable the calendar to include January and February events for a full 12-month calendar.

"If you have not seen the 'Oregon Events Calendar,' I encourage you to pick one up at your community Chamber of Commerce Office. Annual events and festivals for the various regions of the state are presented in calendar order. New residents of Eastern Oregon can check the events calendar and discover an adventure for every weekend. Long term residents can check the events calendar to find out what will be going on all over Oregon. It is an invaluable tool for any visitor-related business answering the question 'What's there to do around here?'"

Listings in the "Oregon Events Calendar" are free, but events must meet qualifying criteria to ensure that only events of interest to visitors are in the calendar. Listings must have the specific dates of the event, for example, "July 17-19" not "third weekend in July."

Local chambers of commerce must submit listings for the '99 "Oregon Events Calendar" by Sept 15.

"I encourage community organizations to set 1999 dates for visitor-related events/festivals now. As soon as dates, locations, and contact phone numbers are firm, contact your local chamber of commerce, or a member of the Morrow County Tourism Committee, 541-481-301 for a Call for Entries to the calendar form, fill the form out completely and accurately, and return it to your chamber for submission with other local entries before Sept. 15," concludes Michael.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

-- Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sawyer from the Tri-Cities, WA, were callers in Lexington on Saturday.

-- Bill Irvin and daughter Julie of Twin Falls, ID, were callers in Lexington on Saturday.

Willow Creek Road report

The U.S. Dept. of Transportation lists its planned construction activities on Willow Creek Road for the week of Monday, July 27:

Tidewater will be continuing with the cut slope excavation and placing rock embankment with materials from the cut slope, working between the beginning of the project and Smith Ditch. The surveyors are on the project, placing stakes for cuts and fills, rock embankment areas and for the various culverts located along the project. They received the culverts for the unnamed tributary and Smith Ditch on Monday they planned to start placing the culvert at the unnamed tributary. They will continue building rock embankment and placing culverts as they come to them.

Willow Creek Road (Coal Mine Grade) is closed to through traffic from Cutsforth Park to the intersection of Forest Service roads 5320 and 53. This intersection will remain open, to the logging contractor only, for the removal of timber sale material. The FS 21 Road, Penland Lake Road, intersection will remain open during construction

activities controlled with flaggers.

Willow Creek Road remains open, to local traffic only, to Cutsforth Park. The park will remain open for the construction season.

Tidewater planned to blade and water the Shaw Creek Road (the detour route) starting on Tuesday, July 28 and then on Wednesday, July 29 they planned to put down a dust palliative (lignosulfonate) to control the dust for most of the construction season. As the lignosulfonate is placed and until it has absorbed into the road surface, the public will want to observe the speed limit to avoid getting the mixture on their vehicles. Tidewater asks drivers to please observe the construction signs and thanks drivers for their cooperation.

Please observe the warning signs for the detour route and barricades at both ends of the construction zone. Please have a safe summer and remember that the barricaded road closures are for the traveling public's safety.

For more information, contact Robert G. Toops, project engineer, at 676-5904 in Heppner for additional information.

Fair & Rodeo kickoff dance, Aug. 1

The Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo kick-off dance, featuring the music of "Young Guns", will be held Saturday, August 1, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Pavilion.

"Young Guns", a band from the

Tri-Cities, has opened for many big name groups and has played at the Buff n' Brew outside Hermiston. They feature country western music and some rock.

Admission is free and everyone, including children, is invited to attend.

Local teachers complete space course

Mary Haguewood and Cara Osmin, teachers at Heppner Elementary School, have completed the "Living in Space and Basic Rocketry" Space Discovery Graduate Course conducted by the United States Space Foundation in Colorado Springs, CO. The course prepares K-12 education professionals to incorporate aerospace education across the curriculum to motivate students and improve learning.

In this course, teachers participated in inquiry-based learning activities meeting state and na-

tional standards. Subjects covered included rocketry principles, building model rockets, neutral buoyancy training, orbits and biology in space.

The course was taught at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Instructors included U.S. Space Foundation and NASA educators, academy staff, and commercial experts in the aerospace industry. Nearly 70 educators from around the country took part in the course. Guest speakers included Greg Vogt, NASA educator/author; Debra Shearer, NASA educator; and several Colorado educators, including Jay Mahoney, Linder Winter, Beth Cooper and Delene Hoffen.

For additional information about the foundation and its educational programs, call 1-800-691-4000, or access the foundation's home page at www.ussf.org.

Births

Isaiah Daniel Walker-a son Isaiah Daniel was born to Maranda and Troy Walker of Irrigon on July 16, 1998 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz.

Leonardo Amaya-a son Leonardo was born to Alba and Cristobal Amaya of Boardman on July 21, 1998 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 15 oz.

Fire crew dispatched

Members of the fire crew from the Heppner Ranger District were dispatched to a fire on Sunday evening beginning around 5 p.m.

Lightning-caused fires were confirmed from Wall Creek up to Ditch Creek around 20-40 miles southeast of Heppner, according to Deb Roy, U.S. Forest Service district fire management officer.

Roy said that around 50 people from the Heppner and North Fork John Day districts were sent out to fight the fires. The state of Oregon also sent personnel from Fossil and John Day, she said.

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Columbia Tri-County District 6 champions

By Sam Bellamy

Seventeen players from Condon, Heppner, Boardman, Irrigon, Umatilla and Stanfield combined talents to claim the District 6, 14 year old Babe Ruth Tournament that was held in The Dalles, July 11-16.

Columbia Tri-County (CT-C) won four straight games to stay in the winner's bracket and defeated Pendleton in the championship game to claim the title. Last year, as 13 year olds, CT-C was edged out of the championship by Hermiston in a very close battle.

To get to the district championship, CT-C started by edging out the host team, The Dalles, by a score of 5-3. On Sunday, July 12, they defeated Hood River, 15-1. Monday saw CT-C meet Pendleton in the winner's bracket and defeated them by a score of 8-6. This put CT-C in the cham-

ampionship game on Thursday.

In a game which saw several lead changes and five different pitchers, CT-C pulled out an 8-6 victory in the final innings. Pitchers used in the championship game were Todd Shaeffer, Condon; Jared Mitchell, Arlington; Travis Bellamy, Lexington; Bruno Ybarro, Umatilla; and Mario Martinez, Boardman.

"The coaches were very proud of the 14 year olds. They never quit and they showed outstanding hustle and sportsmanship," said coach Sam Bellamy. "A double honor that went with the championship trophy was to be awarded the sportsmanship trophy for the tournament. This was a very special award, particularly for the coaches and parents."

Highlights of the tournament were Todd Shaeffer's two inside-the-park home runs.

Wheatland Pomona Grange meets

By Delpha Jones

Wheatland Pomona Grange met on Sunday at the Greenfield Grange in Boardman.

The meeting started with a luncheon served by the Greenfield Grange ladies. Reports of Granges was heard from master of Willows, Willard French; Lexington, Clarence Buchanan; and Greenfield, Martha Baker. There was no one present from Spray due to illness.

A petition concerning the expressway from Ontario to Coos Bay was discussed and tabled to a later meeting. There was more discussion on the drawdown of the Columbia River.

A memorial was held under the direction of the Pomona chaplain, Zelma McDaniel. A poem, "Don't

Grieve for Me," was read along with the names of Edgar Cress, Anna Culver, George Hammon and Leona Whitehead from Spray; Barbara Emert, Beverly Doherty, Erma Potter and Mary Wilkins from Willows; and Paul Brown, Barton Clark and George Irwin from Lexington. Vocalist was Sheila Carpus from Boardman.

Resolution #1, a thank you to Greenfield for dinner and hospitality, was adopted. The cake walk was enjoyed after which the meeting adjourned.

A guest for the day was Shirley Carties of Hood River.

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