

Wedding

Gutierrez-Wilson



Jeff and Amanda Wilson

Jeff Dan Wilson and Amanda Christine Gutierrez were married in a double-ring ceremony on August 25, 2001, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Kevin Gutierrez, and grandfather, Lee Palmer. Fr. Gerry Condon officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Peggy Gutierrez, Walla Walla, WA, and Norma and Barb Zeller, Ione. Her grandparents are Lee and Mary Ann Palmer, Ione, George Gutierrez, Heppner, and the late Helen Drake. Her great-grandmother is Geneva Palmer, Ione.

The groom's parents are Danny Wilson, Heppner, and Dan Looslie and Carmen Wilson of Lexington. His grandparents are Ray and Gae Papineau, Lexington, and Bud and Delores Wilson, Hermiston.

Matron of honor was Kaedene Bailey of Heppner. Bridesmaids were Sara Edmonds, Pendleton, Kathy Bodewig, Pilot Rock and Jodi Ferguson, Hermiston. Junior bridesmaids were Emily Rietmann, Ione, and Danielle Looslie, Lexington.

Best man was Dale Wilson, Hermiston. Groomsmen were Stacy Wilson, Hermiston, Steve Wilson, Lexington, and Vance Crafton, Hermiston. Junior groomsmen were Lane Bailey, Heppner, and Brian Gutierrez, Ione.

Candle lighters were Meghan and Madison Bailey, Heppner. Flower girls were Machaela Shouldis, McMinnville, and Mary Rietmann, Ione. Ring bearers were Mathew Shouldis, McMinnville, and Justin Pranger, Heppner. Ushers were Ken Bailey, Heppner, Joe Rietmann, Ione, Chris Bodewig, Pilot Rock, and Jay Papineau, Lexington.

Inspirational readers were Dave Pranger, Heppner, and Pat and Lyle Jensen, LaGrande.

Soloists were Hope and Jeremy Miller, Pendleton. Pianist was Debbie Wryn, Ione.

The bride wore a white strapless, two-piece Mary's Designer Collection gown. The corset-style bodice was embellished with pearls and rhinestones with a "lily of the valley" embroidered design. A cast around the top of the bodice glowed with pearls and rhinestones. It was brought together in the back with a corset-style closure and a cathedral-length train.

Flowers, designed by Country Rose, were a mixture of pastel shades of roses in pink, yellow, salmon and wedding white. The bride carried a cascading bouquet of pastel roses. The bridesmaids carried round bouquets of roses.

The color theme of the wedding was royal blue, periwinkle, black and silver motif. The church was decorated with aisle candelabra with silk flower arrangements cascading each one. Two floral bouquets accompanied the six candelabra at the front of the church.

The bridal party was escorted to the Heppner Elks Club for the reception in a covered wagon by Joe Yocom.

A buffet-style dinner was served and catered by Anne Morter and Maureen Krebs. Aunts of the bride and groom served the cake and punch.

Dan Burns provided music for the reception.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Heppner High School and a graduate of Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, and Southern Oregon University, Ashland, with majors in psychology and criminal justice. This fall she will enter the graduate program at Washington State University. She is currently employed at Two Rivers Correctional Institution as a group therapy facilitator.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Heppner High School. He is a self-employed contractor and owner of Jeff Wilson Construction.

After a honeymoon trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple resides in Hermiston.

Ione sports awards dessert held

The Ione High School winter sports award dessert was Tuesday, March 5, at the Ione School cafeteria. Girls junior varsity coach Ryan Rudolf introduced the girls and commented on the 11-11 season. The girls won their last eight games.

The varsity girls had a 17-9 season record. Coach Dana Heideman presented the following awards: Most Rebounds (176)-Kristina Powell, Most Assists (109) and Most Steals (126)-Natalie McElligott, Most Hustle-Cyndi Heagy, Best Defense-Diana McElligott, Most Improved-Barbara Holland, and Most Inspirational-Amellia Peck. Powell was also recognized for having the most blocked shots for the year with 38. Salli McElligott broke the record for most three-point shots made in one season, with 37. The girls placed second in the Oregon Dairy Farmers IA academic awards with a 3.86 team GPA.

C-team coach Jim Swanson reflected on his team's season and presented John Denver's "Thank God I'm A Country Boy" cd's to all the boys on the basketball team.

Scott Burrigh, boys junior varsity coach, introduced the boys and presented JV awards to the following: Hustle-Cody Bergstrom, Defense-Cayle Krebs, Most Improved-Curtis Thompson, Most Inspirational-Johnny Collin, and Cardinal Heart-Nick Christman. Christman was also recognized for making six of six free throws at the Stanfield game.

The varsity boys were introduced by Coach Dennis Stefani. They received first place for IA schools in the Oregon Dairy Farmers academic standings with a GPA of 3.71. Ashley Roberts led the team in assists with 96. Brad Burrigh led in scoring with a total of 611 points and a 24.4 point-per-game average. He also led the team in field goal percentage (57.5 percent), free throw percentage (67 percent), blocked shots (28), steals (50), rebounds (322 with a 13 per game average), and took the most charges over the season (21). The following awards were presented: Best Defense-Ashley Roberts, Most Hustle-Adam Neiffer, Most Improved-Til Tullis, Most Inspirational-Adam Neiffer, and Cardinal Heart (for hard work and a positive attitude)-Mike Radie. The most valuable player for the year was Brad Burrigh.

The coaches and players recognized people for their support throughout the year. Charity McElligott and Cathy McCabe were thanked for feeding the players after school every day. Kari Morgan helped coach the girls. Dave Stevens, Loa Heideman, and Virgil Morgan took stats during the games. Helen Heideman and McElligott kept books. Athletic director Dean Robinson, principal Mike Stuart, the fans and community band were thanked for their support.

Heppner High/Junior High announces honor students

Heppner High School has announced its honor roll/honorable mention for 2001-2002 first semester. Following are the students who qualify:

Seniors honor roll-Jonathan Bennett and Shelley Rietmann, both 4., Meghan Bailey, Brad Bowman, Jodie Carlson, Jessica Gutierrez, Brian Rust, Paula Spicerkuhn, Sam Van Liew; honorable mention-Claire Anderson, Brett Barber, Kevin Drake, Stefan Matheny, Julie Proctor, Leland Rill, Codi Rosecrans, Tammy Smith, Molly Turrell.

Juniors honor roll-Clementine Guyot, Lacey Matteson and Darren Van Cleave, all 4., Donald Adams, Tyler Henderson, Daniel Jepsen, Marcy Miller, Doug Orwick, Ashley Ward; honorable mention-Brad Adams, Dawn DeBoer, Genia Grant, Rachel Howard, Sibbea Jones, Conor Kilkenny, Nicole Wilson.

Sophomores honor roll-Luke Murray, 4., Blake Allstott, Judd Lemmon, Courtney Nelson; honorable mention-Sarah Barrow, Justin Botefuhr, Lindsey Clough, Brian Haguwood, Stefanie Hanson, Danielle Looslie, Chantea Macaulay, Kiel Nairs, Danielle

Prindle, Brooke Rust, Sheena Shank, Jessie Woodward.

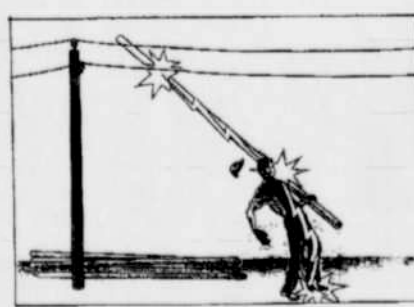
Freshmen honor roll-Cara Kennedy, Josh Lankford and Shanna Rietmann, all 4., Madison Bailey, Kylee Disque, Kyle Huddleston, Blair Keithley, Elizabeth Orwick, Jessica Wainwright; honorable mention-Emily Bergstrom, Tyler Boyer, Chelsea Britt, Ryan Campbell, Jode Coil, Chris Furgerson, Linsey Mitchell, Brandon Seitz, Terra Wilson.

Eighth grade honor roll-Laurie Murray and Mathew Van Cleave, both 4., Daniel Basile, Brianna Jones, Julianna Moore, Krystal Nairs, Roy Proctor, Heather Rill, Brenda Victorio, Heather Yocom; honorable mention-Mikel Britt, Amy Fulkerson, Charlene Houweling, Mathew Kenny, Rory Kilkenny, Sam Martin, Ashley Zimmerman.

Seventh grade honor roll-Aaron Allstott, Mahaley Huddleston; honorable mention-Justin Delveaux, Tony Haguwood, Brendan McElligott, Mechele Nieman, Andrew Prindle, Regina Seitz, Kylie Tasker.

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Ione students win Elks Americanism essay contest



Miranda Hunt, Jennifer Griffith and Aimee Emery, Elk's Club Americanism Essay Contest winners



Aidan Burt, Kara Clay and Kaylee Palmateer placed in the Elk's Club Americanism Essay contest for fifth-sixth grade division.

The theme for this year's Elks Club Americanism Essay Contest was "What does the flag of the United States stand for?" Ione students from grades fifth through eighth grades participated.

Winners this year were: seventh-eighth-grade division-first, Miranda Hunt, second, Jenny Griffith, third, Aimee Emery; fifth-sixth-grade division-first, Kara Clay, second, Aidan Burt, third, Kaylee Palmateer.

All first-place winners receive a \$100 savings bond, second place receives a \$75 savings bond and third place winners receive a \$50 savings bond.

Auction items many and varied



St. Patrick's Celebration auction items on display in the Heppner TV window

By Debbie Harper

This year's St. Patrick's Day auction will be held Friday, March 15, upstairs at the Elks Club. There will be snacks, a no-host bar and live music.

Joe Lindsay's a cappella quartet, Somebody Else, will be singing throughout the night. Joe, Cory and Stacie Cooley and Bill Mayclin sing "a little bit of everything, do wop, country, barbershop".

There are both live and silent auctions. Ken Grieb is the auctioneer for the live auction. Items are many and varied. There are a lot of packages-Blazer games, Wild Horse overnight, Inn of the Seventh Mountain condo stay and men's and women's indulgence packages from local merchants. Maryann Elguezabal and family are donating a 10-person Mexican dinner. There's also a new lawn mower, shop vac, handy man jack and a karaoke cassette recorder.

The silent auction has a variety too, with books, soda pop, statues and candles.

And don't forget, Rick Drake is auctioning off his hair.

The auction started as an idea from Pat Sweeney, who suggested a celebrity auction. Cara Osmin and Ann Spicer wrote celebrities for donations. At that time Frank Bettencourt of Triad Auction in Arlington was the auctioneer.

Originally the auction was held Saturday afternoon under a tent on Willow Street between the old Wagon Wheel Cafe and the St. Patrick's Senior Center. As the years went on, the auction started getting more items from the community and it slowly migrated to donated items rather than celebrity things. It also moved to the Neighborhood Center parking lot, but was still under that tent.

In 1995 Doris Brosnan agreed to take over the helm. The auction moved from Saturday to Sunday afternoon and was held at the fairgrounds for the first time. About three years ago the committee started putting packages together, and last year it was moved to Friday night at the Elks Club.

This year Kay Fowler and John and Ann Murray are the auction chairs.

The money generated from the auction has gone to many community activities over the years. Some money is always returned to the St. Patrick's Day celebration but money has also gone toward scholarships for south Morrow County graduates, the Heppner swimming pool and the playground equipment in the Heppner City Park.

"One year we gave money for Christmas decorations. We've always tried to give back to the community," said past committee person Cara Osmin.

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