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Willow Creek lake *continued from page one*

website at www.nwp.usace.army.mil/pm/e/reports/willowcreekea.pdf. Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber declared a drought temporary in Eastern Oregon in September 2001 that is still in effect. Subsequent to the declaration, the Bureau of Reclamation received requests from irrigators for the release of water stored at Willow Creek Reservoir. Without the water releases, farmers in the Willow Creek area expect severe economic losses. A previous drought temporary declared in 1992 led to temporary contracts for irrigation water that year. Irrigation water has not been contracted from Willow Creek Reservoir storage since that time. Should irrigation be proposed as a long-term use, a supplemental information report would be prepared by the Corps to address impacts.

Marriage

Wattenburger-Powney



Louise and James Powney
James M. Powney and Louise M. Wattenburger were married June 7, 2003 at Lehman Hot Springs in the Blue Mountains of Oregon. The Lehman Hot Springs bunkhouse was the site for the wedding and family weekend celebration. James works for the Morrow County Grain Growers as Superintendent of Hogue Warner Elevator in Irrigon. Louise has best been known for being Louise the Mail Lady. She is now fulfilling her lifelong dream of being a stay at home wife and mother to James' 11-year-old daughter WhitLee. The couple resides east of Hermiston.

Junior Golf Program to begin

A junior golf program will begin in Ione on Wednesday, July 16. The program is open to boys and girls ages six to 15. For more information contact Craig at 422-7455.

Letters to the Editor

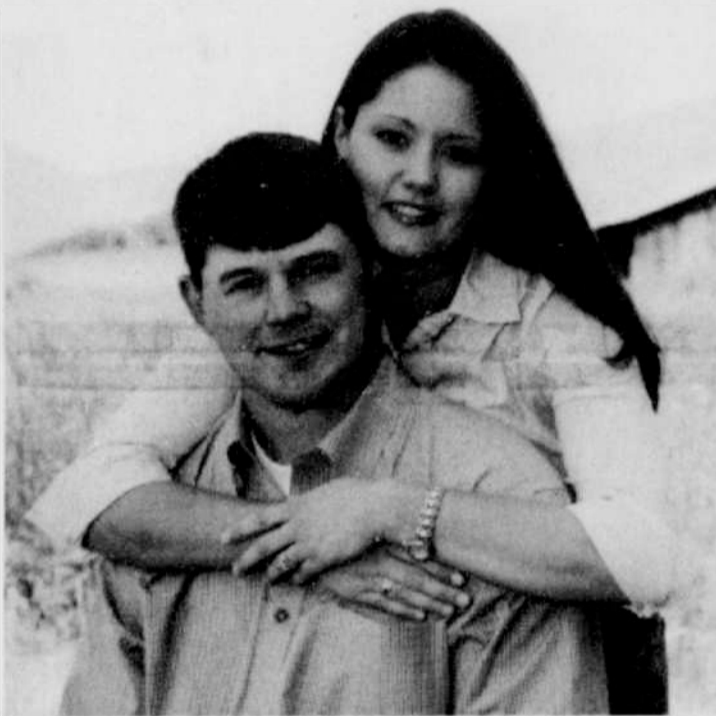
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Flood reaches beyond city and state

To the Editor:
Imagine my surprise this morning when my local paper, The Ashland Independent, had a lengthy story written by AP writer, Joseph B. Fraizeir, about the 100-year anniversary of the Heppner flood. Although very few, if any, people here know anything about Heppner, it holds a warm spot in my heart. In 1949, my husband Tilman (Tim) Juett and I took jobs teaching in the local school system. Tim taught eighth grade and was elementary principal, and I taught vocational home economics in the high school. Mr. Tetz was the school superintendent and Leonard Pate the high school principal at the time. We loved Heppner's friendly people. Our oldest child, Judy, was born in the local hospital in 1952. In 1961, when she was 9, we took her from Ohio to Oregon so that she could visit her birthplace. Mrs. Ralph Scott had an open home for us and many ex-students and friends came. We visited Heppner again in the late 1980's shortly before my husband's death. On that trip, Paul and Claudine Warren had us for lunch and then took us on a "sight-seeing" trip, which was more of a remembrance trip. Mrs. A. Anderson also had us for lunch. The Christian Church was our church home while there. Several Heppnerites are still on my Christmas mailing list, but the number gets smaller each year. Heppner people who have visited with us are Dick and Phyllis Knight, who saw us in Ohio and Jim and Irma Vanoner who visited us in Ashland. Both couples were affiliated with the school system. The article excited me and I just had to write. (s) Lucille Juett Ashland, KY

Engagement

Haguewood-Hisler



Shaun Hisler and Stephanie Haguewood
The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of Heppner High School. He graduated from Northwest Lineman College in Meridan, ID in 1999. He is employed by SeaWest Wind Power as a supervisor/technician in Condon. Both are also actively involved on the Hisler ranch. The couple will be married on Sept. 20, 2003, at 2 p.m., at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. A reception will follow at the Heppner Elks Lodge. The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Ione High School. She graduated from Eastern Oregon University in 2001 with a psychology degree. She is employed by CAPECO in Hermiston as a youth counselor for At Risk Youth. The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of Heppner High School. He graduated from Northwest Lineman College in Meridan, ID in 1999. He is employed by SeaWest Wind Power as a supervisor/technician in Condon. Both are also actively involved on the Hisler ranch. The couple will be married on Sept. 20, 2003, at 2 p.m., at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. A reception will follow at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Port of Morrow meeting date changed

The regular commission meeting for the Port of Morrow has been rescheduled to July 16, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Port of Morrow building in Boardman.

Obituaries

Beverly Verl Launer

Beverly Verl Launer, 73, formerly of LaGrande and Heppner, passed away peacefully at home in Reno, NV on Thursday, June 5, 2003.

A native of California, born July 22, 1929 to Thomas and Verl LaMont in LaHabra, CA. She moved to Oregon in 1965 and lived in Oregon until 1986.

Launer worked as a dispatcher for the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and the LaGrande Police Department.

She is survived by daughters, Sue Birrell, Reno, NV, Donna Gage, Hermiston; sons, Thomas Launer, Lincoln, NE, James Launer, Jr., Central, AZ, Mark E. Launer II, Reno, NV; two stepchildren, Debra Hall, Glenn Heights, TX and Russell Launer, Orinda, CA; sisters, Marcia Carlson and Barbara Roizen of California; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, James Glenn Launer, Sr, in 1991.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Veteran's Cemetery in Fernly, NV on July 22, 2003, which would have been her 74th birthday. Walton's Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mark James Leach

Mark James Leach, 56, of Pendleton, died Saturday, July 5, 2003, at Amber's Loving Care in Pendleton.

A memorial service for Leach was held July 9 at Robert L. "Bob" White baseball field with graveside service following at Olney Cemetery.

Leach was born July 26, 1946, to James and Peggy Leach. He attended public schools in Pendleton and graduated from Pendleton High School in 1966.

With Leach's love of sports and being around people, he was a natural for working in the sports field. He was employed by Kenny/Tom Melton Athletic Store from 1961 through 1979. Afterwards he worked for Dean's Athletic Store until his retirement in 1999.

In 1977, Pendleton High School awarded Leach the title "Pendleton's Number 1 Sports Fan." Leach spent many years volunteering his time and support working with area sports teams. He enjoyed being involved with the Pendleton Schools Athletic events and had a keen ability to track each student's individual accomplishments. He was a volunteer with The Pendleton Round-Up for over 20 years. In 1980, the Main Street Cowboys honored him with the "Tenderfoot of the Year" award. He became a

charter member of the Pendleton Linebacker's Club in 1983. In 1990, the Babe Ruth Baseball Association awarded him a plaque for his 24 years of support and hard work. He was recipient of the "Buckaroo Booster" award in 1999. That same year, the Jaycees honored Leach for 26 years of service to the State 2A Basketball Tournament. His special moment in life came when he was playing in his 20th class reunion Alumni Football Game in 1986 and he scored a 33-yard touchdown to lead the Evens to victory over the Odds. Score was 20-3.

Leach's favorite pastimes included scrapbooking his sports articles, attending professional sporting events, going to rodeos and visiting with family and many friends. He amazed people with his memory, never forgetting a face or name and he had total recall of all sports statistics. It was said every "village" needs a Mark Leach, and that Pendleton was so lucky, as he was loved by all.

Survivors include his sisters, Sharyn Finley of Heppner and Susan Cable of Pendleton; a niece and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Peggy Leach.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mark Leach Memorial MVP Baseball Award through Burn's Mortuary, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801.

**Death Notice
George Elvon Tucker**

George Elvon Tucker, 75, of The Dalles, formerly of Ione and Heppner, died on Monday, July 7, 2003.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, July 14, 2003 at 11 a.m. at the Ione Cemetery.

A complete obituary will be in the July 16 issue of the Heppner Gazette.

Births

Cameron Henry Sanders Crum- a son, Cameron Henry Sanders, was born June 19, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, to Rosanne and Steven Crum, of Ione.

Ryan Gene Page- a son, Ryan Gene, was born June 21, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Cindy Ranette Whitbeck and Tony Ralph Page of Irrigon.

Edwin Julian Sanchez- a son, Edwin Julian, was born June 22, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Lorena Rodriguez and Hermenegildo Sanchez of Boardman.

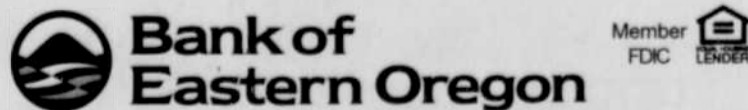
Sydney Lee Wilson- a daughter, Sydney Lee, was born July 1, 2003, to Steve and Mindy Wilson of Lexington. Sydney was 6 pounds 7 ounces. She joins sibling, Kelly Wilson, 6. Grandparents are Delbert and Nola Binschus of Heppner and Carmen Wilson of Lexington and Danny Wilson of Heppner.



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