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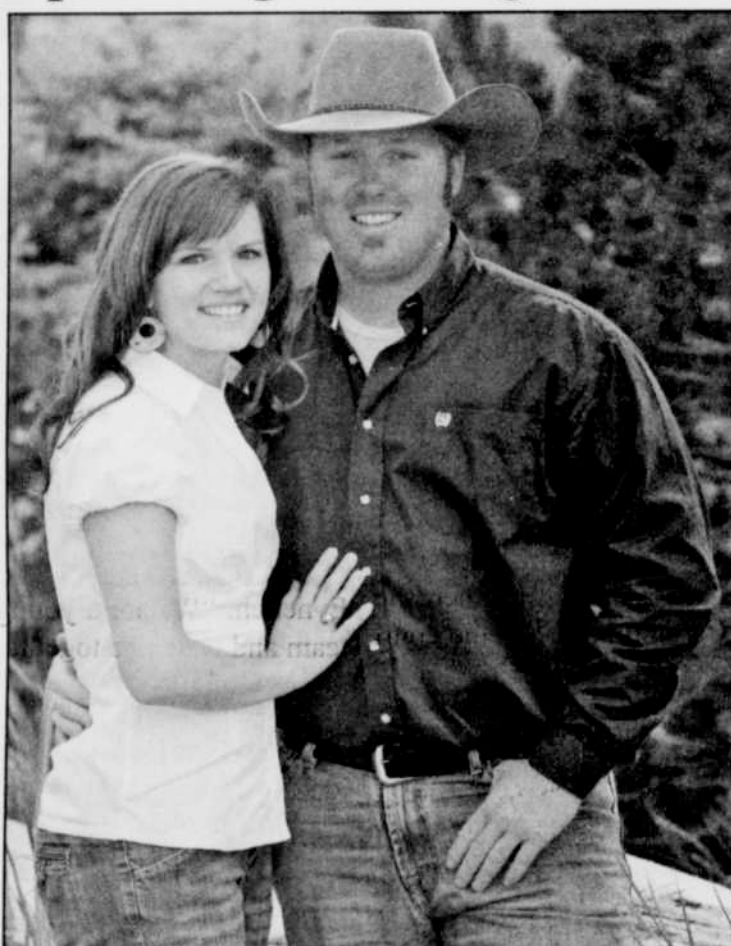
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Grant, Watkins announce upcoming wedding



Genia Grant and Bobbie Watkins
Genia Grant and Bobbie Watkins announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Genia is the daughter of Bonnie Shover of Echo and the late Michael Grant of Heppner. She graduated in 2003 from Heppner High School. She is currently employed as a legal assistant in Pendleton.

Bobbie is the son of Bob and Pamela Watkins of Wilder, ID. He graduated in 2003 from Jordan Valley High School. He is currently employed with King Excavation in Caldwell, ID.

A September 20, 2008 wedding is planned at Bennett Botanical Gardens in Hermiston with a reception to follow at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds.

Birth Announcement

Georgia Blaine Moore – Erin and Blaine Moore of Stuttgart, Germany announce the birth of their daughter, Georgia Blaine Moore on Tuesday, July 1, 2008.

At birth she weighed seven pounds, seven ounces, and was 19 inches in length. She joins two brothers, Duke, 3, and Nash, 21 months.

Grandparents are Gene and Kristy Crowell of Ione and Harold and Jo Moore of Phoenix, AZ.

Great-grandparents are Al Rosenbush of Naches, WA, Joyce Parker of Phoenix, AZ, and June Crowell of Ione.

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Obituaries

Zeb Dee Johnson

Zeb Dee Johnson, 29, died Aug. 23, 2008, in Tillamook County.

Johnson was born Dec. 14, 1978, in Ontario to Lanna Dawson and Dick Johnson.

He attended Elgin High School, where he was president of the Elgin FFA Chapter and high school mascot as well as class president, graduating in 1998. After high school he followed the foreign exchange students back to Europe and spent the summer exploring the Alps. Upon his return to the states he attended Western Culinary Institute, graduating in 2000. He stayed in Portland and worked at the University Club in downtown.

For three summers he worked at the Minam Lodge in the Wallowa Mountains, where he served as wrangler, tour guide, animal tender, maintenance manager and campfire chef. He spent several winters in the Florida Keys working for the Boy Scouts of America, where he learned to scuba dive, sail boats and received his 6-pack license to pilot boats. His talent as a chef brought him other opportunities including implementing updated food programs for colleges throughout Oregon while working for Aramark Corp at Eastern Oregon University. He was employed as



Zeb Dee Johnson

the food service manager of the Tillamook Cheese Visitor Center in Tillamook. He also worked as the executive chef at Mallard Creek Golf Course in Lebanon.

He enjoyed the outdoors, riding horses, fishing, camping, boating, fast cars, traveling and cooking for all his family and friends.

Survivors include: his father Dick Johnson of Hermiston; parents Lanna and Gary Dawson of Clatskanie; sister Tara Dawson of Eugene; brother Jonathan Dawson of La Grande; grandmother Arleta Turner of Lebanon; great-grandmother Effie Turner of Baker City; aunts Mary Ella Johnson of Heppner, Bev McCloud and Elaine Urban, both of Pendleton, aunt and uncle Kellie and Rock Harrold of Albany, and uncle and aunt Bret and Sheila Turner of Ontario; cousins Randy Tachella of Pendleton, Casey and Cindy Anderson of Council, ID, Malissia and Erv Markham of Eagle, ID, Zack and Cassidy Harrold of Albany, and Amelia and Hailee Turner of Ontario.

A celebration of his life will be held from 3-7 p.m. Friday, September 5, at the Community Center in Elgin. A second service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, September 27, at the Tillamook Cheese Visitor Center in Tillamook.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Oregon. Cash donations can also be made to Community Bank in Northeast Oregon, to help offset funeral costs.

Local resident graduates from Pacific University

William "Billy" Gates of Ione graduated from Pacific University of Oregon on May 17 with a bachelor's degree in medial arts-journalism.

More than 250 bachelor's and nearly 300 graduate degrees were awarded at this year's commencement ceremonies, which were held in the Pacific Athletic Center.

Awana Bible Club starts Sept. 11

Awana Bible Club starts up again on Thursday night, September 11, at Willow Creek Baptist Church in Heppner. Awana will run from 6:30-8 p.m. most Thursday nights from September until early April. All area children in kindergarten through the sixth grade are invited to attend.

There will also be an Awana Family BBQ on Thursday night, Sept 18 at the Heppner City Park.

Awana is one of the largest non-denominational children's ministries in the world. Currently Awana clubs are active in more than 110 countries, reaching more than one million young people each week. The Willow Creek Baptist Awana Club is a joint community effort with leaders from at least four other area churches involved. Last year

the club averaged about 35 kids in attendance each week. Clubbers in kindergarten through second grade are in the "Sparks" group. Third through sixth graders are in the "T & T" Club - which stands for Truth and Training. Each Awana Club meeting includes three half hour sections: Game Time, Awana Handbook Time, and Large Group Time - which features singing, a short Bible lesson, and awards for the evening.

Willow Creek Baptist Church is located in the Seventh Day Adventist Building at 560 N. Minor Street, just off Water Street in Heppner. For more information, or if you are interested in being a leader or helper this year, contact Awana Commander Dale Bates at 676-5773 or Pastor Keith Price at 676-5552.

Wayland R. Hyatt

Wayland R. Hyatt passed away on Saturday, August 30, 2008 in an ATV accident, doing what he loved to do...helping people.

Wayland was born December 13, 1935 in Bryson City, NC to Winifred and Walter Hyatt. He moved to Kinzua, in 1950 where he finished high school, met the love of his life, Pat Worlein, and married her in 1955.

They continued their life in Kinzua. Wayland worked in the store until he went to work on the railroad where he worked until they moved to Heppner in 1975. They had three children, Theresa, Travis, and Troy while living in Kinzua.

After retirement in 1997 the couple moved to the Sheridan area where he enjoyed working on the farm, helping his brother, Harold. In 2004 they decided to move back "home" and returned to Fossil and became active in the community. Wayland has been a volunteer for the cemetery, the museum, the golf course, and for anybody that needed his help. He was a life member of the Fossil Masonic Lodge and life member of the Order of the Eastern Stars and a member of the Condon Elks.

He leaves behind: his wife, Pat; children, Theresa and Kip Morris, Travis Hyatt, and Troy and Leah Hyatt; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Harold Hyatt; a sister Evelyn Peralto; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Friday, September 5, 2008, at 11 a.m. at the Fossil Baptist Church with Pastor Michael McDowell officiating. A luncheon will follow.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Fossil Baptist Church,

Haven House, or the charity of your choice.

Whispering Pines Funeral Home is in charge of these arrangements.

Kenneth D. Cutsforth

Kenneth D. Cutsforth, 73, of Heppner died Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, WA.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 5, at the Heppner Mason Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Oregon Trail Library, P.O. Box 325 Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of the arrangements.

Mildred Jane Allen Baker

Longtime Boardman resident Mildred Jane Allen Baker, 93, of Kennewick, WA, died Monday, Aug. 25, 2008, at the Life Care Center of Kennewick.

A graveside funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, September 2, at the Riverside Cemetery in Boardman.

Mrs. Baker was born Aug. 28, 1914, in Portland to Jesse and Laura Kelley Allen. She married Willard Baker in 1937 in Walla Walla. She lived in Boardman from 1921 to 1997.

She is survived by daughters Connie Boice and Carolyn King; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard Baker, and brother Arthur Allen.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.



Mildred Jane Allen Baker

New vanpooling program ready to roll in Morrow County



The vehicle that will be used for the new vanpooling program in south Morrow County was delivered to Heppner City Hall at noon on Friday, August 29. Vanpooling begins this month. Presently, school district employees that work in the north end of the county will be using the transportation. -Photo by Andrew Sykes

Islas graduates from Basic Training

Air Force Airman Robert S. Islas has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.



Robert S. Islas

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

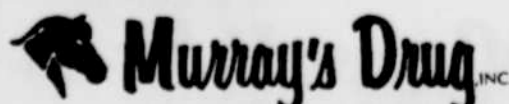
Islas is the son of Dawn Bennit of Boardman.

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Gretchen Berretta & Stefan Viglione



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