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### Singspiration to begin Sunday, Sept. 8

Hope Lutheran Church, Heppner, will host the first of the 1996-97 series of monthly Singspirations on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. Some popular gospel songs may include "Beautiful Savior," "Amazing Grace," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," or "Rock of Ages."

A group of musicians under the direction of Ralph Warner of Hermiston will provide some special numbers. Hostess and

song leader for the event will be Rachel Hoobing.

A special free will offering will be taken for the ministry of the South Morrow County Ministerial Association (SMCMA). This money is used to help people of the area in crisis situations like burnouts, emergency assistance to hospitals, doctors, etc., said the Reverend Stan Hoobing, pastor of Hope Lutheran.

Singspiration is sponsored by the SMCMA.

### Death Notice

#### Earl J. Blake

Earl J. Blake, 96, Heppner, died Tuesday, September 3, 1996 in Heppner. A memorial service will be held Friday, Sept. 6, 1996 at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge in Heppner.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

A complete obituary will be in next week's Gazette-Times.

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## Letters to the Editor

*Editor's note: Letters to the editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address*

### BMCC bond small price to pay

To the Editor:  
I am writing to encourage your readers to support the Blue Mountain Community College bond issue which will be decided by mail-in vote on Tuesday, Sept. 17. BMCC is a vital educational resource for this entire region. It has improved the quality of life for many residents. It has launched the continued education and careers of many young people. This bond is a small price to pay for all that BMCC has provided.

Everyone has benefited from having this college in our area. BMCC has provided skilled and educated citizens to the betterment of our communities. Our businesses, hospitals and schools are filled with its graduates. Even the farms in our area have benefited from the

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graduates of the BMCC ag programs.

The improvements proposed will only serve to improve our communities by expanding the educational opportunities to our citizens. The child care center (a desperately needed service) will help the students and staff. It will also provide a classroom for training child care providers. Nursing and psychology students will have the opportunity to participate and observe as they study child development.

Our community is fortunate to have a place like BMCC and the great teachers who choose to work there. It has helped us all and now it is time for us to help BMCC. Vote yes on the BMCC bond issue Sept. 17.

Sincerely,  
(s) Lori Straley, RN  
1996 BMCC graduate

### Punished for smoking

To the Editor:  
As a smoker, I feel like I'm being punished for exercising my personal freedom to buy a pack of cigarettes. Every time I turn around, someone is trying to raise cigarette taxes. Tobacco taxes are nothing more than attempts by anti-smoking extremists to dictate my personal behavior.

The current cigarette tax in Oregon is already too high. Now a group of doctors and hospital corporations are proposing a 78 percent increase in

the cigarette tax, totaling \$154 million a biennium, to pay for health care for the poor. Millions of dollars in existing cigarette taxes are already paying for the Oregon Health Plan.

While I am as concerned as the next person about people who cannot afford health care, no one group should have to pay for the Oregon Health Plan. Health care for the poor is everyone's concern. Paying for it ought to be everyone's responsibility. Enough is enough. It just isn't fair.

Sincerely,  
(s) Pat Casey  
Eugene

### WCCC Golf

#### Ladies' Play, 18-hole Scramble

First flight: low gross Pat Edmundson and Norma French; low net tied two teams Alene Rucker and Maggie Marston and Betty Christman and Lorene Montgomery (second flight).

Second flight: low gross Linda Schultz and Jenny Reynolds.

Third flight: low gross Karen Wildman and Lynnea Sargent; low net Jan Paustian and Doll Campbell.

Long drive: second shot team Karen Wildman and Lynnea Sargent.

Door prizes were won by Karen Thompson and Cam Wishart.

### Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage license during the past week:

Aug. 29: Dustin Lee Cossitt, 20, Heppner; and LeAnn Roberts, 19, Pendleton.

### DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's office in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past two weeks:

Aug. 22: Terry Lynn Jones, 34, Boardman, was convicted of Theft I, stemming from an incident where he purportedly tried to sell stolen equipment (stereo and speakers) in the Boardman area. He was ordered to serve 15 days in the county jail, complete 80 hours of community service, write a letter of apology to the victim, pay assessments and fines, and violate no laws during the two-year probation.

Aug. 29: Hilario Duarte, 24, Irrigon, was convicted of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument and Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was ordered to undergo evaluation and treatment for alcohol abuse, serve 10 days in the county jail, three years probation, pay a fine of \$1,000, suspended except for \$250, ordered to pay \$310 in attorney's fees and assessments and commit no crime during a two year probation.

Sept. 3: Wade Merle Padberg, 39, Arlington, was convicted of nine counts of Negotiating a Bad Check, stemming from a check writing spree in 1995 where several local merchants were victimized by the bad checks. He was ordered to pay restitution of \$508.40 by Monday, Sept. 16, a fine of \$690 with \$200 suspended, and six months in the county jail suspended on the condition he pay restitution and fines;

Robert Earl Brandvold, 24, Irrigon, was convicted of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Criminal Mischief II and Attempting to Elude a Police Officer, stemming from an incident which occurred in August 1995 when he attempted to elude an Oregon State Police officer and a Morrow County Sheriff's deputy in Irrigon. Brandvold abandoned his vehicle, which turned out to be stolen, near the Irrigon Watermelon Festival, which was then in progress. He ran from the vehicle and successfully eluded police. He was later picked up on a warrant.

## Garden Club to study peonies

"Growing Peonies" will be the horticulture program topic for the Heppner Garden Club at their Monday, Sept. 9 meeting at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center.

Peony roots from members' gardens, including over eight choice varieties of Japanese and single cultivars, will be available to all present. Colors range from white to pinks and rose to

deep red. "September is the ideal time for dividing and transplanting," said a Garden Club spokesperson.

The club will also make final plans for their flower show given in honor of their 30th year of service in this area, Sept. 21-22 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The public is invited to exhibit their flowers and arrangements.

### Donald J. Carlson, D.D.M. Medicine and Surgery of the Foot

will be at Heppner Clinic on **September 11**  
to treat all foot problems  
**676-5504 Pioneer Memorial Clinic 567-8750**

**Come Share With Us**  
at  
**Willow Creek Baptist Church**  
Bible Study for all ages 2 p.m.  
Worship Service 3 p.m.  
Meeting in the  
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**FORT HENRIETTA DAYS ECHO OREGON**  
Saturday, September 7, 1996

7:00 a.m.-VFW Breakfast/VFW Hall  
7:15 a.m.-Run Registration/Park  
8:00 a.m.-5 & 10 K races  
-Craft Market Opens  
-Street Vendors Open  
8:05 a.m.-Mile Run  
8:30 a.m.-Golf Tournament Tee off  
-Parade Judging  
9:00 a.m.-White Elephant Sale  
Methodist Church  
9:30 a.m.-Pie Sale/Fire Hall  
-Art & Quilt Show Open (Close During Parade)  
-Railroad/Chinese House Museum Opens (closes during parade)  
9:30 a.m.-10:00  
-Roundup City Cloggers (Main St.)  
10:00 a.m.-Parade  
10:30 a.m.-Vintage Clothing Show (in Park)  
Baked Food & Bazaar-VFW Hall, also coffee & rest stop  
Museum, Art & Quilt Show Reopen  
11:00 a.m.-2 p.m.-Luncheon, Echo Church  
Salads, Sandwiches  
11:30 a.m.-Rendezvous Camp Activities Begin  
Noon-Historical Museum Opens

11:45 a.m.-7 p.m.  
-Music & Entertainment in the Park  
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.-Billie Nichols  
Guitar/Songs & Comedy  
David Cratty Entertainment  
12:50-1:50 p.m.-Country/Blues  
1:55-2:55 p.m.-Nelson Band, Folk,  
Country, 50-60s, Rock & MORE  
3:00 p.m.-Daryl & Darrell  
Cow Pie Capers, last call  
4:00 p.m.-Pick 'n' Bows Fiddlers  
4:30 p.m.-Raffle, Echo Boosters, last call  
5:00 p.m.-Nelson Band

Sunday, September 8, 1996

8:30 a.m.-Golf Tournament Tee off  
9:30 a.m.-Craft Market  
-Street Vendors  
-Rendezvous  
1:00 p.m.-Historical Museum Opens  
Historic Tours-\$1 per person

**Rendezvous Activities:** Senecca Run, Tomahawk Throw, Frying Pan Throw, Fire Start, Rolling Pin Toss & more.  
**Corporate Sponsors:** Coast to Coast, Coca Cola Bottling, Graybeal Distributing, Hale Farms, Inland Empire Bank, J.R. Simplot Inc., Pendleton Bottling Co., Pendleton Grain Growers, Simmons Agency, St. Anthony's Hospital, Umatilla Electric & Wildhorse Gaming Resort.

**Will Oregon Be The First State To Outlaw Livestock Watering?**

**Ballot Measure 38**, the so-called "clean stream" initiative would do just that. Initiative 38 would ban Emu, Ostrich, Parrots, Parakeets, Horses, Mules, Ass, Jenny, Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Llamas, and Pigs from watering within the state's boundary of all private, federal & state land.

**IT'S TIME TO CIRCLE THE WAGONS!**

Rally against Measure 38—Come on foot or horseback and join a **PEACEFUL EDUCATIONAL RALLY** from the state fairgrounds to the Capitol on Friday, Oct. 11, 1996, 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Overnight camping accommodations for people and horses are available at the Fairgrounds for \$5-\$10 per night.

**NO ONE ASSOCIATED IN ANY WAY WITH ANIMALS IN OREGON WILL BE SPARED IF THIS INITIATIVE PASSES**

An organization meeting will be held in **La Grande** at the **Intermountain Livestock Auction Building** at 11 a.m. on **Saturday, Sept. 7**  
For more information call "Circle Your Wagons" at **541-934-2075**

Paid for by "Circle your Wagons", Joann Flower, Sec. HC 82 Box 122A, Kimberly, Ore. 97848