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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 and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit.

**Let's not blow it again**

To the Editor:  
I hope everyone read Patricia Maben's letter in the March 18 Gazette.  
Let it be known that I really, really hate having to get used to a new doctor.  
The Hospital Board and Health District members do not seem to realize how many patients are seen by the doctors here. The ones who have appointments are only part of the load, and probably the least difficult part because the doctor has a history on most of them and they are scheduled. What about all the walk-in patients during regular hours? And worse yet, what about all the emergency patients at all hours of the day and night? Would you

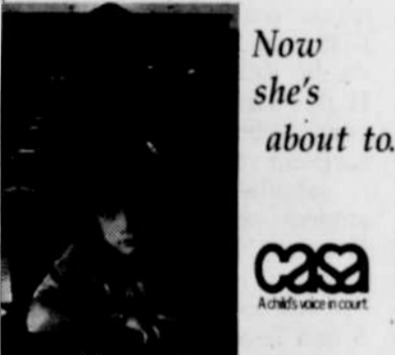
want to put in a full day, and then be called out for several hours in the middle of the night for an auto accident or heart attack?  
I've been in the hospital here as an emergency patient twice in the last few years. When my late husband had a heart attack Jan. 4, 1994, both Drs. Berretta and Marc Goodboy and seven or eight staff members were there from shortly after 6 p.m. to near 10 p.m. Believe me, if you ever have an emergency, you will be more that glad to have our little hospital and staff available.  
We've blown it concerning keeping doctors enough times already. Let's not do it again.  
(s) Lois M. Allyn  
Lexington

**Seeding equipment demo scheduled**

A direct seeding equipment demonstration and field day will be held Wednesday, April 1, beginning at 10 a.m. at Starvation Farms at the junction of Bombing Range Road and the North Lex Elevator. The focus of the day is "Farming in the 21st

Century."  
Area equipment dealers will demonstrate various direct seed and spoke wheel applicator equipment. The day will also include viewing Extension test plots, information on the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP), weed policy in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres, soil quality information and infrared monitoring.  
Lunch will be provided by Farm Credit Services and Morrow County Wheat Growers. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP with Morrow-SWCD at 676-5452.  
The schedule for the day is as follows:  
10-11 a.m. shop topics: EQIP, CRP and A list weeds, infrared mapping, soil tilth/quality;  
11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. air drill presentations (subject to availability): Coombs, JD, Concord, Flexi Coil, Conserva Pak;  
12:15-1 pm. lunch provided by Farm Credit Services;  
1-5 p.m. field topics: spoke wheel fertilizer demo, OSU wheat plots, air drill demo-Starvation Farms, Concord, Conserva Pak, JD, Flexi Coil, Coombs (subject to availability).

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**Obituaries**

**Marion Carlson**

Marion Carlson, 75, of Portland, died of a heart attack Monday, March 16, 1998 at Portland. Funeral services were held at First Immanuel Lutheran Church in Portland on Wednesday, March 25, 1998. Memorial service will be held at Valby Lutheran Church in Ione on March 25, at 4 p.m. Interment will be at Valby Lutheran Church.  
Mrs. Carlson was born August 11, 1922 in McCall, Idaho. She married Clifford Carlson of Ione in 1946. Mr. Carlson died in 1984. She married Alex Mann of Portland in 1996. Mr. Mann died in 1997.

Mrs. Carlson returned to university classes and received a bachelor of arts degree in 1977. She worked for the ESL program at Mt. Hood Community College, where she taught English as a second language to adults. She found working with immigrants very rewarding, and after retirement, continued to volunteer with the tutoring program at Portland Community College.  
Survivors include daughters, Leslie Carlson of Tucson, Arizona and Janis Williams of Portland; son, Eric Carlson of Seattle, Washington; and three grandchildren.

The family suggest a memorial in her name to First Immanuel Lutheran Church or to the Portland Community College Foundation Volunteer Literacy Tutoring Program.

**R.A. "Dick" Artman**

R.A. "Dick" Artman, 67, died March 18, 1998, at the Veteran's Hospital in Portland.

Mr. Artman was born June 30, 1930, at Garden City, Kansas, to Lott and Helena (Turpin) Artman. He married his wife, Peggy Cantrel, on March 15, 1969, at Meridian, Idaho.

He was a flight engineer in the Navy. He retired from the Navy in 1967, having served as a Navy recruiter in Pendleton.

Mr. Artman was a member of the Fleet Reserve Association and the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy, Heppner; sisters Anna Mary Miller, Sharon Springs, Kansas, and Yvonne Solberg, Roseburg; adopted brother, Bruce A. Carver; three stepchildren, Mycal Osmin, Heppner, Bill Cantrel, Lake Oswego and Liz Tate, Walla Walla, WA; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.  
He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Al, and a sister, Betty.

**Ruby D. Becket**

Ruby D. Becket, 91, of Wilkesboro, North Carolina, a former Heppner resident, died Tuesday, March 3, 1998, at the Wilkes Senior Village at Wilkesboro.

Graveside memorial service will be held Friday, March 27, 1998 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Ruby D. Becket was born January 6, 1907, at Lexington, to Coy and Grace Perkins Thornburg. She grew up in Morrow County and attended local schools.

On April 16, 1935, she married Harold L. Becket, at Walla Walla. They operated a machine shop in Heppner, where she was bookkeeper. Mr. Becket died in 1985 and Mrs. Becket moved to Wilkesboro to be near her daughter.

She was a lifetime member of Eastern Star, past worthy matron of Ruth Chapter, mother adviser of Rainbow Girls and district deputy for the Order of Rainbow Girls. She was a member of the Degree of Honor for over 50 years, belonged to the Book-

worms Club and the Morrow County Historical Society.

Mrs. Becket was interested in genealogy, and was able to trace her own family history; she enjoyed knitting and sewing and was described as an excellent cook. Mrs. Becket also enjoyed growing and caring for both her vegetable and flower gardens.

Survivors include her daughter, Sharon Burkenbine, of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Western North Carolina Chapter, P.O. Box 1066, Asheville, NC 28802.

Sweeney Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

**Justice Court Report**

The Morrow County District Attorney has reported handling the following cases during the last several weeks:

Norma Jean Walker, 33, formerly of Boardman and now living in Portland, was convicted of Criminal Trespass I and ordered to pay a \$250 fine and restitution of \$10.67 to the victim.

Michelle Lee Melish, 18, Walla Walla, WA, was convicted of Burglary II, stemming from an incident in Ruggs, where she entered an unoccupied residence. Melish was previously sentenced to 19 months in the Oregon State Penitentiary for another burglary and given a concurrent sentence of 18 months.

Jeremy Michael Burns, Walla Walla, 20, was also convicted of Burglary II and also given 18 months in the OSP.

Martin Fuentes-Campos, 19, Boardman was sentenced Feb. 6 to 90 months in the OSP for attempted murder, 90 months for Assault I to run concurrently. Fuentes-Campos was convicted of shooting a 17-year old boy in the stomach following an alleged gang altercation in Irrigon.

Jill Latimer, 19, formerly of Irrigon and now of Hermiston, was convicted of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine and marijuana) and was given 18 months probation and a suspended sentence on the condition that she be evaluated and undergo out-patient treatment for drug abuse.

Penny Marshall, 19, Irrigon, was convicted of the same charges as Latimer and received the same sentence.

Benny Dean, 21, Boardman, was convicted of furnishing alcohol to a minor and sentenced to a \$350 fine with assessments and attorney's fees.

**BMCC lists spring classes**

Spring term for Blue Mountain Community College will get underway Monday, March 30, in the south Morrow County area.

Classes will include a selection of computer classes, Aerobics with a Kick, Lifeguard Training, Water Safety Instructor, Line Dance, Country Couples Dance and Handgun Proficiency.

The initial meetings of the Water Safety Instructor class and the Instructor Candidate Training will both be held on Monday, April 13, at the Heppner Elementary School library at 6 p.m. This is a change from the spring term bulletin.

For more information about classes or registration, call Anne Morter, Morrow County coordinator, 422-7040.

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**Lexington Grange holds meeting**

By Delpha Jones

Lexington Grange held their regular meeting on Monday, March 16, with Master Clarence Buchanan in the chair. Absent officers were: ex-committee member Lyle Peck, Willard Horton and steward Wilbur Jackson. Pro-term officer was Eldon Gilbert as steward.

Dot Halvorsen was present to obligate William Morris. Sarah Clark from Union County was elected a member.

Preceding the meeting, several candidates running for county offices were introduced and gave a short resume of their activities, past and present. Patty Wehrli lives on Bombing Range Road with her husband and two children and is interested in Morrow County activities. Dan Brosnan, for commissioner, is from Heppner. He has lived most of his life in the Buttercreek area, was a state police officer and game warden, and was employed by the Oregon state game commission.

Leann Rea, for county commissioner, has been a Morrow County resident most of her life. She and husband, Gerald, live on Bombing Range Road. She has worked on several committees in eastern Oregon. Alice Tatone from Boardman is running for judge. She and her husband, Joe, own Dodge City Inn. An interesting item was that her father,

Charles Wicklander, organized the Lexington Grange and several others throughout the state. John Wenholz, county commissioner from Irrigon, spoke a few words concerning the work of the judge and commissioners.

Another visitor for the evening was Richard Hardwick, past master of the Garfield Grange.

There was some discussion on renting the hall and a committee of Clarence Buchanan, Delpha Jones and Ned Clark was appointed to set up rules and fees concerning the community affairs and other groups.

Letters to senators and representatives concerning the draw-downs of the Snake and Columbia rivers was discussed. Jean Nelson had prepared copies for members to use as guidelines in preparing these letters.

The legislative committee chairman spoke a bit on the next road closure and how it will affect cattle grazing, fishing and hunting. Ned Clark was appointed legislative chairman.

AS report was heard from the G.W.A. chairman concerning the activities and a report on a booth for the 4th of July celebration in Ione. There was a discussion on "See's Candies" as a money maker. This was turned to the G.W.A. club.

The new member was introduced and welcomed at this time. There were 20 regular members present and two visitors.

**MCHD hires new human resource director**



Scot Jacobson

When the Morrow County Health District hired a new human resources director, it got a friendly face in the bargain.

New director, Scot Jacobson, says he wants to emphasize the district's motto, "Serving the people of Morrow County", and welcomes people to give him a call at his office at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, 676-2932.

Jacobson says that he plans to work on getting the unemployment down in the community and wants to be a community resource. He has already started a Morrow

County Health District jobs line which is a pre-recorded listing of jobs available throughout the district. Those interested may call 676-2931 to access the line. The line is also now linked to the employment office.

Jacobson said that he hopes to use local goods and services whenever possible. "I like to keep local dollars local," he said.

Jacobson was born in Kodiak, Alaska. His dad was in the military so the family moved all over, but he enjoyed spending summers visiting his grandparents who had a dairy farm in Astoria. Eventually his parents took over the farm and he graduated from Astoria High School. He says he has fond memories of coming to the Hermiston area as a child to visit cousins. "I love Eastern Oregon, he said. "I love our weather. I love our open spaces." He liked the area so much that in 1987 he moved to Pilot Rock and two years later moved to Pendleton.

Jacobson, 42, is a certified rehabilitation counselor, working with people in vocation retraining through Worker's Comp. Prior to coming to MCHD, Jacobson was the branch manager for Cooley/Associations which provides counseling and consulting services. Before that he was employed with ECOAC. Previously he had also worked with a wood products company as a human resources manager.

Jacobson and his wife, Clarene, who is also a human resources manager at K-Mart in Pendleton, have four children, Christopher, 18, who is a senior at Pendleton High School; Kim, 16, a junior at PHS; Tim, 13, a seventh-grader at Sunridge Middle School; and Sarah, 11, a fifth grader at McKay Elementary School.

Jacobson says that they are "definitely not a sit-at-home family." The kids have nubian goats, chickens, cows and, of course, dogs and cats. His says that his younger son wants to raise sheep for 4-H. The family is also active in Grange. Scot has been the state Gatekeeper and his wife is a district deputy in charge of the Grange's deaf activity. He is also presently the secretary of the Pendleton Lions Club and his wife is also very active in the Lions. The Jacobsons are members of the Pendleton Baptist Church. They also enjoy bowling.

Jacobson says that they hope to locate in the area.

On the job only since the March 6, Jacobson already plans to have the health district participate in the Blue Mountain Community College Job Fair in May and in the Job Training Partnership Act this summer. JTPA is a summer youth work program, which is federally funded and provides youths with on-the-job work experience.

"I see lots of positive opportunities coming for the district, including some really exciting things for the north end," said Jacobson, citing the upcoming opening of the Irrigon Clinic. He says he is also excited about telecommunications in medicine which can link doctors in Heppner and Boardman with specialists outside the area.

Jacobson said that he has been welcomed to the hospital very warmly and has especially enjoyed the nursing home residents who have stopped by his office to say hello.

**Wranglers set April 19 for first playday**

The Wranglers Riding Club has set Sunday, April 19, as the first of four consecutive spring play days.

"The fun begins at noon with a potluck lunch followed by gaming at 1 p.m.," said a club spokesperson. "There's something for every age with a stick horse race for non riders, five and under; lunge line for five and under riders, and timed events for all other age groups."

The final play day will be held on Mothers Day, May 10, beginning with a barbecue lunch courtesy of the men and ending with awards.

For more information, call Janet Greenup, 676-5822, or Judy Barber, 676-5037.