

### Dr. Datta speaks at Lexington Grange

The fall meeting of the Lexington Grange was held Sept. 18 with special guests Dr. Sam Datta and his wife, Dr. Deepa Datta and their two children, Arogho and Shibani.

Dr. Sam Datta's parents, who were visiting from Calcutta, India, also attended. Dr. Datta told of his schooling in India at the Calcutta Medical School in 1989. Following this, in 1994, he attended the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. He took some special classes in Los Angeles before coming to the clinic in Heppner.

Dr. Deepa Datta is also a qualified doctor, pathologist and has had training in blood transfusion medicine. At the present time she is taking time off to "be a mother".

When asked how he decided to come to Heppner, Dr. Datta said that he wanted to come to a community that especially needed a doctor. He is enjoying the rural atmosphere and the

slower pace of life. He likes to try new things and says he has already learned to play baseball.

When asked about Calcutta he said that he was raised in the "old city" which has a 9-10 million population. Steel mills are one of the major industries. His father has retired from being a technician in the petri-chemical department there. Dr. Datta says that farming in India is still done by hand labor with most farmers working from daylight to dark for a dollar a day. Farms are about five-10 acres in size. Some of their major crops are rice, wheat and jute.

During the business meeting, Jane Dean, Pomona Master, reminded the group that the first four degrees will be given at the Willows Grange on Sunday, Oct. 15, for anyone who wishes to take them. Pomona will be held at the Lexington Grange Hall on Saturday, Oct. 28.

### Hobo spiders spotted in area

Pam Wunderlich of Heppner, who became seriously ill last year from a Hobo Spider bite, says that she has obtained a positive ID on a Hobo discovered recently at her place near Heppner.

Wunderlich made more than one trip to the emergency room after a Hobo bit her several times on the leg and foot. The Hobo had crawled into her boot. She says it took her almost a year to completely recover from the bites.

Wunderlich says there have been many recent sightings of Hobos and warns that the male of the species is on the move-looking for a mate. She says that the males are more aggressive and may try to get into houses seeking females. "There is no cause for alarm, just awareness," adds Wunderlich.

Wunderlich says that she and her husband found the Hobo underneath the double-wide they were putting up. Her husband, Mark, had been putting skirting on the mobile home when he found the spider in a puddle. It had just rained and the spider had drowned.

The Wunderlichs put the spider

in a jar and took it to the Morrow County Extension Office. Employees there sent the specimen off the Hermiston Ag and Extension Research Center, where it was positively identified.

Wunderlich says the spiders are "just about everywhere," but cautions not to spray for the spiders now because it will harm the good spiders who prey on the Hobo. Instead, she advises spraying in the spring and, in the meantime, caulking around doors and cutting foliage back by steps and entryways. While the spiders are "really on the move" this time of year, they don't climb, she says. The female builds a funnel shaped web and waits for the male.

The Hobo spider is caramel colored with distinctive markings on its back and solid colored legs, compared to its helpful cousin, which has striped legs. The Hobo is blind, while the cousin is not. The male Hobo has sex organs in front which look like two black boxing gloves. A large male has a leg span the size of a silver dollar.

Wunderlich says that traps may be ordered at Green Feed in Heppner.

### Greg Smith receives education endorsements

Greg Smith, a Republican from Heppner, has received endorsements from the Oregon Association of School Boards, the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators and the Oregon Education Association.

"I'm pleased to hear that the Oregon Association of School Boards have endorsed Greg Smith," said Barney Lindsay, Morrow County School Board member. "I know Greg cares about our kids. He has shown me that he will work closely with parents, teachers and administrators to solve those important issues relating to our children's future."

"As the father of three young

boys, it is very important to me that our children receive a quality education. In the upcoming legislative session, I will focus my efforts on ensuring that our schools get the money they need, while at the same time, making sure it is spent in an efficient manner," said Smith.

### Steak Feed and Auction planned Oct. 14

The Heppner Booster Club Steak Feed and Auction will be held Saturday, October 14, at the Heppner Elks Club.

The steak feed will be held from 6-8 p.m., with the auction getting underway at 8 p.m.

The dinner will feature a barbecued New York steak, baked potato, salads, homemade bread and homemade dessert.

Steaks will be cooked by Lee Ansotegui, Mike Proctor and crew.

Cost for the dinner is \$8 each. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Shoe Box and Heppner Hardware.

Auction and raffle listings will appear in a later Gazette-Times.

Proceeds from the dinner and auction will go toward drama, band, Honor Society, athletics, scholarships, weight room and hosting of academic and athletic awards for Heppner Junior High and High School.

### IUCC to sponsor golf fun day

The Ione United Church of Christ is sponsoring a golf "fun day" on Saturday, Oct. 21. This is an event for all UCC family and friends.

Everyone is invited to participate. The cost for this golf scramble is \$25 per person. Participants may register as a team or individually. Four-person teams will be set up. Prizes will be awarded and opportunities to purchase mulligans will be available, in addition to a putting contest and more.

Various items will be auctioned

at the end of the day. Lunch will be provided with the \$25 fee. The cost is \$6 for those who want to have lunch only.

The golf "fun day" will be held at the Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner, with check-in beginning at 9:15 a.m. and the scramble beginning at 10 a.m.

Those wishing to sign up should contact Bill Rietmann at 422-7296, Del LaRue at 422-7468, or Nancy Snider at 422-7410 (days) or 422-7151 (evenings).

All proceeds from the event will go to the Ione UCC building fund.

### Christmas pageant meeting set

Anyone wishing to help put on "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" is invited to attend a meeting at the Heppner United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 1, at 4 p.m.

The meeting is open to everyone in the community who

is interested in helping put on the play. Help is needed with costumes, props, lighting, set construction, publicity and funding, as well as acting.

For more information, contact the Rev. Craig Strobel, 676-9224.

### SWCD, Weed Board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office building in Heppner.

Agenda items include: manager's report; director's attendance at convention, Navy update, Weed Board grant update; partnership reports: NRCS (EQIP, CRP), FSA, ODF&W, Morrow County Court;

Extension: feed-lot abandonment; weed report; citation procedure.

The public is invited to attend.

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**IONE INTERNATIONAL CLUB TO HOST STEAK FEED**

The Ione International Club steak feed will be held on Friday, Sept. 29 from 5-7 p.m. in the Ione High School cafeteria. Cost is \$7 per person. Dinner includes steak, baked potato, salad and dinner roll. Proceeds will go towards the International Club's trip to Madrid, Spain in March. *The Ione volleyball and football teams will host Dufur that night.*

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### Chamber scarecrow happening

By Claudia Hughes, Heppner Chamber executive director

On Friday, Sept. 29, a variety of characters in the form of scarecrows will begin appearing on the streets of Heppner and should all be in place by Tuesday, Oct. 10, to welcome local citizens and visitors during the month of October.

streets around town, reclining, sitting, waving with all sorts of personalities.

Call the Chamber for ideas. Rags, newspaper, straw, recycled material all make great scarecrow filling. A Chamber spokesperson says, "Choose the personality that inspires you: glad, sad, mad, scary and above all have fun."

The Heppner Chamber Merchants Committee encourages one and all to bring their scarecrow to downtown Heppner to join the business scarecrows. These local "characters" may be placed around town with permission from the city or property owner.

Participants should register their entry at the Chamber of Commerce by Oct. 10 for inclusion in the "People's Choice" judging on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

All citizens will be looking after these new members of the Heppner community. It is hoped that none will "run away" but will comfortably join the masses on Main Street Heppner and side

### MCURD to meet

The Morrow County Unified Recreation District will meet on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. at the Morrow County Irrigon Annex.

Business includes: current bills, including \$1,383 in legal fees; a transportation update; election of officers for 2000-2001; funding proposal requests; the chairman's report; correspondence; treasurer's report; and the 2000-2001 meeting schedule.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, at 7 p.m. at the Ione High School Library.

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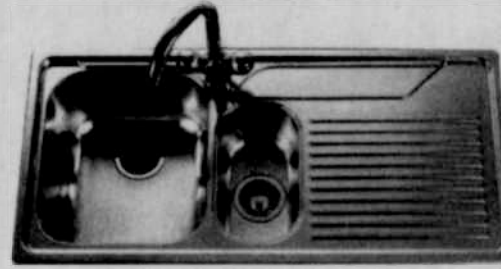
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