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Obituaries

Helen M. Black

A memorial service for Helen M. Black will be held 11 a.m. Friday, June 6, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Medford.

Mrs. Black, 78, formerly of Medford died Thursday, May 22, 2008 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

She was born January 19, 1930 in Scotts Bluff, NE to Rudy and Lola Clure Adler where she was raised and graduated from high school.

On March 7, 1953 she married Roy Black in Spokane, WA. She spent the majority of her life in southern Oregon. During her last two months of life, she was living with her daughter and son-in-law in Heppner.

Mrs. Black worked in the Registrar's Office at Southern Oregon University for over 22 years and officially retired on April 30, 1992, but continued to work part time for about eight years. She was a woman

of great integrity, a strong woman of faith in Jesus Christ and loved to "serve" others. Her family was most important to her.

She is survived by: sisters, Evonne Holloway of Newark, OH, and Shirley Forsyth of Medford; daughters, Sheryll Bates of Heppner and Sandra Black Schmalz of Medford; sons, Warren Black of Eugene, Daniel Black of Phoenix, and Donny May of New Mexico; and son-in-law Chris McClure of Medford. She had eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both her parents, her husband, Roy Black in March, 1998 and youngest daughter Cynthia McClure in March, 2000.

Contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

HHS grad releases new book

Steve Warren, a 1966 graduate of Heppner High School, recently has written a book entitled "Beyond the Finish Line". Warren is an Oregon native who was raised in Heppner.

Although the book is not available in stores, paperback copies and can be obtained for \$12.75 by emailing the publisher at beyondfinish@comcast.net. The book can also be downloaded for \$6 as an e-book at lulu.com/content/2224265.

Warren is the author of "Drat! Mythed Again" which was published in 1986. He also wrote and produced an audiotape titled "The Last Seminar" in 1987.

Health district awards renovation project bid

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-learned that the Hospital Foundation donated \$20,000 to update the furnishings at Pioneer Memorial Clinic. Vander Does said that soundproofing the rooms and adding more office space are still priorities.

-learned that the district became the agent of record to facilitate a grant which will be used to put digital x-ray equipment at the Irrigon Clinic.

-learned that the district is still in negotiations with the union.

-learned that the district received a grant to fund the purchase of a new all-terrain-vehicle for the OHV park.

-approved purchase of a small two-wheel drive pickup for district use and expending less than \$15,000.

-approved authorizing the Morrow County Treasurer to invest district funds.

-learned from Mahoney that the estimated valuation of the county previously stated in the MCHD budget was correct. There had been some earlier confusion about a possible change in the valuation, but that information was in error.

-learned from Mahoney that the district is

"back in the black" with a \$10,000 gain for the month of April and a \$662.98 average monthly year-to-date loss. The district had \$475,582 in gross patient revenue for the month.

-learned that: Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 477 patient visits for the month of April with 22 new patients, 54 seen by a nurse and 17 no-shows; Irrigon had 161 patient visits with 23 new patients, 35 seen by a nurse and eight no shows; Heppner Ambulance had 14 page-outs and 14 transports for \$14,395 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 37 page-outs and 18 transports for \$18,338 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 17 page-outs and 11 transports for \$10,035 in revenue; there was one life flight; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had eight admissions, one swing-bed admission; 17 admitted for observation, 469 emergency room outpatients, 69 emergency room encounters, 1723 lab tests, 105 x-ray procedures, 42 CT scans, 23 EKG tests, one treadmill procedure, seven respiratory therapy procedures, 200 Home Health visits, one Hospice admission and 1250 drug doses for \$49,905 in pharmacy revenue

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Piano students complete adjudications

Sixteen local piano students recently completed piano syllabus adjudications sponsored by the Oregon Music Teachers Association.

Completed levels are as follows: Level I - Patrick Burch, Joyce Chen, Sophie Grant, Alex Lindsay, and Kaid Peck; Level II - Diana Healy, Kaelyn Lindsay, and RJ Skaggs; Level III - Stacey Halvorsen; Level IV - Jonathan Chen, Jessica Hamilton, and Bethany Van Cleave; Level V - Stephanie Schuler, and Daniel Van Cleave; Level VI - Sarah Stillman; Level IX - Kristen Van Cleave.

The students were required to play three memorized pieces in addition to scales, chords, arpeggios, sight reading, and ear training. Teachers of the students are Kristen Van Cleave and Myrna Van Cleave of Heppner.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Reminding you of your responsibilities

Your city elected officials and city employees hope that your Memorial Day and graduation activities were memorable and enjoyable. This is the traditional start to summer here in eastern Oregon as well as around the state. It seems a good time to remind residents of the community of some responsibilities that are important all of the time but are more noticeable in the summer.

During spring and summer everyone seems to be outside more so animals at large, dogs in particular are much more noticeable and complaints to the city increase significantly. I would like to remind dog owners that the city requires dogs to be on a leash when not on owner's property. It's also important to have your dogs licensed. A license makes it far more likely that your pet will be returned to you and the cost and inconvenience will be less.

Another point of attention for many in the community is the rapid growth of weeds and tall grasses. The city ordinance does require residents to maintain their lawns and gardens. The unsightliness can certainly be enough to get people's attention but the best reason to maintain your property is the fire danger that un-kept and dry vegetation poses. Cutting the tall weeds and grasses is an ongoing chore that not only makes your property more attractive but far safer.

Steve Bogart
Interim Heppner City Manager

Senior Center Menu

Christian Life Center members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, June 11. The menu will include barbecue brisket on a bun, oven baked steak fries, coleslaw with pineapple, and chocolate pudding.

Jones family receives May Yard of the Month recognition

Mike and Robin Jones received the Heppner Garden Club's Yard of the Month May's recognition.

Robin, who is originally from Baker City, met Mike in college and they have two daughters, Brianne Jones Wood and Kellee. Mike is the fourth generation working on his family's farm. Robin is employed as an aide at Heppner Elementary School.

Their charming home at 360 Gale, which was built in 1894, has been in their family since Great Grandpa, Jeff Jones, bought it prior to the 1940s, adding on to the house for his family. Before that, it served as a parsonage for a Baptist church located next door where the two-story brick apartment house currently stands.

Mike and Robin have remodeled and filled their home with family mementos and sentiments. They even made a separate room with it's own outside entrance for the two cats they adopted and the additional three felines who adopted the Jones.

Their welcoming front porch looks upon a cyclone fenced yard and sidewalk flanked by a red maple and a flowering pear tree. Besides barberry and potentilla shrubs, Robin plants annuals in pots scattered throughout. Hard to detect is a slightly low area in the front lawn where Jones unexpectedly dis-



covered and dug out a long abandoned brick lined septic tank.

Underground sprinklers automatically water at 2 a.m. when needed and the soil is decent. The lawn rarely needs to be fertilized and Mike only occasionally has to spot kill dandy lions. Mike usually is the lawn mower and they both pull weeds.

The south side flowerbed has a long, full row of candytuft perennials and hardy, pink geraniums. The northeast side yard bed has multiple colored, old fashioned roses, several started by Great Grandma Jones and aphid control is done with a systemic fertilizer and occasional doses of soapy water.

A new privacy fence was built this spring to surround their backyard after removing some overgrown lilacs. A jog in the property

line contains an extra hardy yellow rose bush that grows in the middle of a previous vegetable garden.

A snowball shrub with aged, twisted bark is loaded heavily with new blooms with a forsythia close by. Future plans in this general area are for a horse-shoe shaped water feature.

A double swing in the backyard is a favorite place for both Mike and Robin. Summer barbecues are held by the fire pit and the wood pergola. A special area is the memory garden made of landscape blocks and filled with soil from the farm. Included in the memory garden are Oregon grapes from Mike's mother, Sue Jones, white lilies from Grandmother, and nearby wind chimes from Robin's Dad.

Other plantings in the yard are dianthus, ivy, purple tulips, clematis, trumpet vine, pink bee balm, campanula, Shasta daisies, white lilac and a climbing rose.

Mike enjoys yard work as he enjoys farming. Robin recommends to plant what you like; lots of texture and color. Good advice from a family who makes their living from God's good earth.

Yard of the Month recognition is co-sponsored by Heppner TV, MCGG Green Feed, the City of Heppner and the Heppner Garden Club.

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- Thursday, June 12th -

LADIES NIGHT AND FLAG DAY

Menu: New York Steak, Salad, Potato Dish, Roll and Ice Cream

Chefs: Coiners, Mitchells and Brosnans