

Contractor is cookin'

Boring eatery almost done

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BORING — Ray Linkous isn't just building a restaurant, he's creating a shopping center.

Linkous is the Damascus contractor breathing commercial life into the corner near the intersection of Southeast 282nd Avenue and Highway 212. The shopping area has been going up piece by piece during the last few years.

In 1985, Linkous built the gas station connected with what now is known as the Jackpot Food Mart. He remodeled and opened the store at the site as Boring Foods and operated the two entities together until selling the business in 1986 to Time Oil Co.

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These days, Linkous is putting the finishing touches on the restaurant, a structure passers-by have been watching in earnest for more than five months now.

Linkous, 38, broke ground for the eatery in November 1986. The restaurant, like Jackpot, is part of a central shopping area he is constructing.

Linkous plans to erect several other structures, including a car wash, at the site. He would like to see an auto parts store or a hardware store, a drug store, a laundromat and a full-service grocery store established in the remaining buildings.

"I'll build them all . . . God willing," Linkous said.

The shopping center is a multiphased project, he said. He declined to commit himself to a specific time line for development.

He did say that his next project probably will be a 4,800-square-foot building he would like to see developed into an auto parts store or a hardware store. In all, the



Staff photo by Terry Farris

Developer Ray Linkous expects to complete new eating establishment soon.

structures will provide 43,000 square feet of building space, Linkous said.

The shopping center, but not the restaurant, is Linkous' largest construction project to date. In the past 15 years, he has built three convenience stores, a gas station and four apartment buildings in the Portland area, he said.

Knight Building Design of Portland designed the shopping center project. Linkous estimates the cost of development and construction of the 3,150-square-foot restaurant at \$335,000.

The restaurant has been the most complicated structure to build at the site, Linkous said, adding that the building was far from being finished even though the shell was completed weeks ago.

"It's quite involved when you get back into the kitchen," he said. "My mechanical work in this has been horrendous."

Although construction is about two months behind schedule, Linkous hopes to complete the restaurant in about three weeks.

"We've used pretty much all local companies to build it," Linkous said. "Number one,

they're going to be our customers. Number two, I know them all."

Subcontractors for the restaurant building came from the Boring-Gresham area, including Sandy, Troutdale, Orient and Damascus.

"We wanted to try to keep the money in the area if we could," Linkous said.

The building also provides the subcontractors with an example of their work, something they can point out to prospective clients, he noted.

Seating capacity is 118 people inside the restaurant and from 20 to 22 people in an outdoor patio area. Potentially, the establishment could employ about 30 workers.

"I thought the town and the area needed it," he said, explaining why he decided to build a restaurant here. Boring does not have a comparable eating establishment.

But don't ask Linkous what the daily special will be just yet. He doesn't know and may never have a hand in planning it.

"We're still up in the air about the menu," he said. "We'd like to sell (the restaurant)."

Linkous plans to contact a couple

of "very good" Gresham restaurant operators he would like to see move into the facility. He said he is waiting until the restaurant is about 95 percent done before he approaches them with the idea.

Linkous declined to divulge the names of the prospective buyers or tenants, saying only that they run family restaurants in the area.

"It's important to me to see somebody that's in here that has a good reputation that can do well," Linkous said.

If Linkous can't find a buyer, he promises to open and operate the restaurant himself. He envisions the restaurant as a family establishment serving "slow fast-food."

"It's not entirely fast foods," Linkous said, explaining the description.

Linkous said he believes the restaurant could successfully attract customers driving through the area as well as local patrons. Access is easy and parking is adequate for large trucks in particular, he said.

"It's a good truck stop situation."

Family Services adds group

A support group for women who were molested as children has been added to the schedule at Sandy Family Services.

AMAC, Adults Molested as Children, will begin meeting May 5. The women's support group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the offices of Sandy Family Services, 39332 Proctor Blvd.

A similar group for teen-age sex

abuse victims, to be known as TSAV, also is planned.

Counselor Linda Smith will lead the groups. An individual appointment is suggested for people interested in attending. For more information, call 668-8101.

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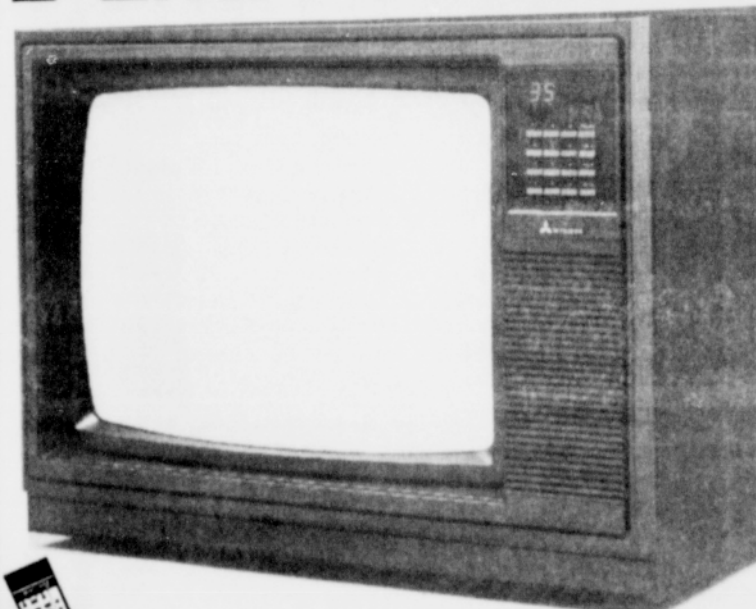
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Sheriff

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on the ballot.

Even if the sheriff's levy is voted down, some limited functions would be carried out. The Board of County Commissioners would be expected to pick up an additional \$3 million per year, which is the cost of operating the jail and serving as "officer of the court" — delivering summonses and subpoenas.

The sheriff's office is charged with those responsibilities under state

law, Brooks said.

Brooks said he made \$1.6 million in cuts before submitting the March serial levy. The cuts in the new, proposed levy include two positions.

One of those positions would have allowed the deputy who is currently serving as the vehicle fleet manager to go back on patrol. A civilian would have been hired to manage fleet maintenance.

Brooks said efficient fleet manage-

ment is saving taxpayers money. Some cars have more than 200,000 miles on them and are still in good condition and serviceable.

The other position was for a corrections officer at the jail. The sheriff's office is responsible for transporting inmates from jail to district and circuit court, and makes about 7,000 transfers each year.

Brooks said he has a vacancy in the patrol division, and he will fill that

position with a corrections officer because it is a change that must be made for security reasons. He said that would be the only change in the patrol division under the proposed budget.

Another \$20,000 was eliminated by cutting the fund for emergency services. In an attempt to let the public know what it is doing, the sheriff's office has put together a list of 1986 activities.

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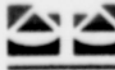
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