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Construction begins soon on Central Market



Gail and Forrie Burkenbine look over plans for their new grocery store. Excavation has already begun on the site.

Forest and Gail Burkenbine, owners of Central Market in Heppner, which burned to the ground in a Feb. 3 fire, display plans for their new market.

The Burkenbines say that construction on their new 14,860 square foot grocery store will begin "as soon as we get approval from the state." They say that construction with IBC builders out of Spokane may begin as soon as three or four weeks and that Cecil Harmon of IBC will begin leveling the ground as soon as he can get approval.

The new market, a steel building 116 feet deep by 130 feet wide, will be set back 36 feet from the sidewalk on Main Street to allow additional parking. The present parking lot north of the former building, near Benjamin Franklin Savings and

Lóan, will also remain. The Burkenbines say that they chose a steel building both for speed in construction and cost.

The new store will be 1,900 feet larger than the old building and will include the lot previously occupied by the Wagon Wheel Restaurant and Lounge, which also burned in the fire. The Burkenbines bought the lot from Dick Rice, owner of the Wagon Wheel. The fire which burned the market and the restaurant was determined to have started in a compressor above a walk-in cooler at the restaurant.

Construction can't be started soon enough to suit us," said Gail. "We're anxious to get back to work, as are all of our employees." They say that they expect to hire back the same number of employees as they

employed previously.

"It's been a hardship on all of our customers too," said Forrie, adding that they appreciate all of the extra work done by the owners and employees of Court St. Market, Court St. Market and Miller's Mini Mart are the only two remaining stores supplying groceries in the town. Another grocery store, S & J Market on Main Street near the Post Office, burned in 1983.

The Burkenbines' new store will be a "Red Apple" market, also within the Associated Grocers group, but included in a membership of larger stores.

"We're going to need a lot of community support to make this go," concluded Gail.

Bike-a-thon May 6

By Anne Morter
The St. Jude's Bike-a-thon has been scheduled for Sunday, May 6 in Lone. The course and time will be announced next week.

The bike-a-thon is a benefit for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Coordinator Loa McElligott reports that last year's turnout was very impressive. She said the hospital was very pleased and surprised.

Pledge sheets will be available at businesses in Lone, Lexington and Heppner. For more information, please contact Loa McElligott at 422-7228.

Founded by Danny Thomas in 1962, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the largest childhood cancer-research-treatment-education center in America. St. Jude Hospital is non-sectarian, interracial and provides medical care for over 3,200 active patients. Currently, over \$183,000 is needed each day to keep the doors open. These funds come primarily from public contributions.

The bike-a-thon program this year is dedicated to Ellen Marie Haynes. Five-year-old Ellen Marie, from Rossville, Georgia, developed a malignant tumor in her abdomen in June, 1986. After treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which consisted of surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy, Ellen Marie was taken off all therapy in January, 1987. Although she isn't cured of her cancer yet, her prognosis is good.

Chairman for the local event is Loa McElligott.

Pinewood derby Friday



The Weblos from Cub Scout Pack 661 display their Pinewood Derby cars they made themselves during the past month. The annual Pinewood Derby will be held Friday, April 27 at 6:30 at the Heppner Junior High gym. Each scout builds their pinewood derby from a block of wood, according to specifications and then races it down a ramp to see which one is the fastest. Everyone is invited attend.

Kinzua plants 80,000 tree



Ed Tarnasky (l) and Kinzua General Manager Frank Pearson discuss the company's latest tree planting project.

Last week Kinzua Corporation in Heppner planted its 80,000th tree and it just happened to coincide with Earth Week.

Kinzua began replanting in 1971 and plans to double the number of seedlings planted to around 160 thousand, next year.

"We're proud of the fact that we think we're good stewards of the land," said Kinzua Corp. General Manager Frank Pearson. Pearson

says that Kinzua's reforestation plan is due to commitment by the corporation's owners. "If we were here only for the short term, we wouldn't put this much money back into the land," Pearson says that Kinzua spent \$330 thousand this year for land management and expects to spend around \$350 thousand next year. He says Kinzua has put 2.3 million into capital projects during

the last two years.

Kinzua Corp. Forester Ed Tarnasky says that replanting costs about 11 cents per seedling and another 25 cents per planting, which comes to about \$157 an acre.

Tarnasky said Kinzua collects its own cones which are first taken to Rochester, Wash. for cleaning and stratification. The seedlings are grown by Weyerhaeuser. Kinzua then contracts tree planters, who can plant 80 thousand seedlings around three days. A tree planting crew of 20 Mexican workers from Madras used augers to drill holes for the seedlings planted last week. Two-year seedlings are planted around 10 feet apart, around 435 to an acre. In about 40 years Kinzua will make its "first entry" into the seedlings planted last week and will thin the trees, which will be around 10 inches around to around 16 to 18 feet apart. Survival rate for the seedlings is excellent, about 90 to 95 percent.

According to Tarnasky, self regeneration in the area is so good, that Kinzua replants only areas in which trees have been damaged by insect infestations or fire. The area planted last week, on the ridge between Caplinger and Wilson Creek on Kinzua land had been infected by spruce budworm. Trees weakened by the budworm were also vulnerable to infestation by bark beetles, said Pearson. Pearson says that after trees are killed, Kinzua has around two years to take the trees out as saw logs. Kinzua turns out around 55 million board feet of lumber a year.

"Our plans are to be competitive and aggressive in timber sales," says Pearson. "We're also looking to do more with products we produce."

Bloodsworth installed Exhausted Ruler

Jim Bloodsworth was installed 1990 Exhausted Ruler of the Elks Club at installation ceremonies on March 31.

Officiating was Installing Grand Officer Everett Keithley, who had brought Jim into the Elks and installed him in every office he has held. Everett also made and presented Jim with a black walnut gavel. All six of Jim and Barbara Bloodsworth's children, and 13 out of 14 grandchildren were present for the ceremonies.

Other officers installed were: Leading Night-Ed Gunderson; Loyal Knight-Dick Turrell; Lecturing Knight-Dave Hanna; Esquire-Dean Robinson; chaplain-Darrell Padberg; secretary-Glenn Ward; Tyler-John Breidenbach; treasurer-Gene Hall; musician-Ken Turner and trustees-Cecil Rill, Rudy Bergstrom, Don Ball, Roger Williams and Lyle Peck.

Also honored and receiving their 50-year pins were Terrel Benge, Joe Engleman, Floyd Jones, Harlan McCurdy and Lloyd Morgan.

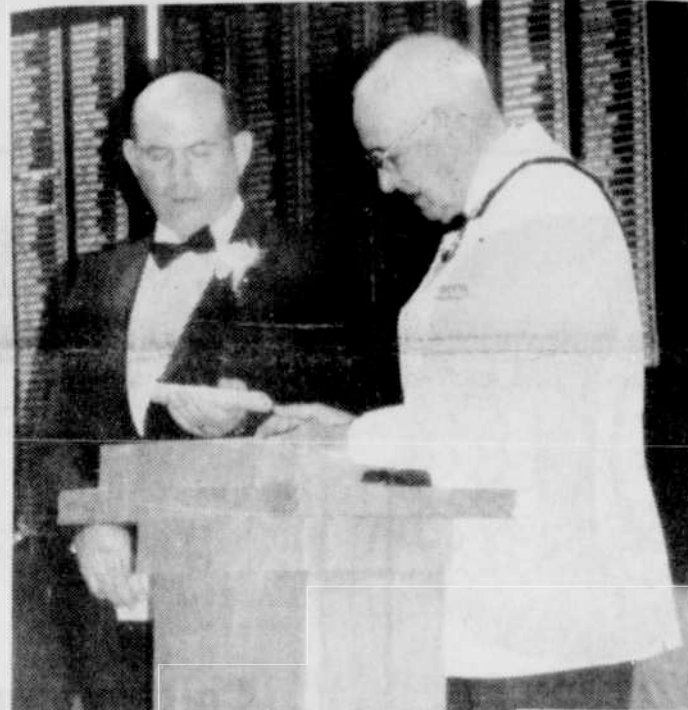


Photo by Joyce Hughes

Everett Keithley, (R) installs Jim Bloodsworth into the Exhausted Ruler position at the Elks annual installation.

Briggs' suit against city settled out of court

A suit filed against the City of Heppner by Bob and Stacie Briggs over the death of their son, Robbie, in 1987 at the Heppner swimming pool has been settled out of court, according to Heppner City attorney Bill Kuhn.

Neither Kuhn nor Heppner City Administrator Marshall Lovgren would divulge the amount of the settlement.

According to Kuhn, both parties agreed not to name the dollar amount.

Great Start funds applications available

The Morrow County Children and Youth Services Commission recently announced the availability of "Great Start" funds for Morrow County. The commission is accepting applications for funding until Monday, May 14 and interested parties are invited to apply.

In order to be considered for funding, a commission-approved application form must be filled out and submitted. To obtain an application form, the prospective applicant should contact Juanita Martin, MCCYSC secretary at P.O. Box 576, Lexington, Oregon 97839 or call Juanita at 989-8117.

The commission will be allocating a total of \$20,000.00 to programs which serve children up to age six and their families. The commission expects to make a decision on allocations at their May 17 meeting to be held in Boardman.

Chairperson Corrine Lindsay indicated that "we want creative pro-

posals that emphasize preventive services, so that our children have every chance to avoid trouble and problems in the future."

Judge Louis Carlson, who serves as the County Juvenile Judge expressed the county's hope, "that the commission consider innovative programs that positively stimulate our children before they get into trouble." Carlson went on to explain that "we can avoid a tremendous cost to our community, if we keep these same kids from entering our juvenile justice system."

The commission members have identified a wide range of problems which they wish to address with the "Great Start" resources and future funds which they plan to seek. The top priority areas can be summarized as: programs which provide parental training; programs which offer child enrichment; and programs which offer a wide range of child-care services.

Halvorsen makes All-Star trip to Las Vegas

By Anne Morter

Ryan Halvorsen, son of Frank and Kathy Halvorsen, recently traveled to Las Vegas with the Oregon Prep Basketball Traveling All-Star team to play in a tournament. Formerly the AAU was the sponsoring organization. The tournament, held from April 9-15, featured boys 12-17 years old from Utah, Arizona, Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area, Las Vegas and Oregon.

Each team played a minimum of three games and a maximum of five, depending on their winning record. Halvorsen's team played four games. The games were played at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, home of the national champion, Running Rebels. Halvorsen reports that unfortunately, none of the team was anywhere to be seen.

Halvorsen practiced for two days at Linfield College in McMinnville before flying to Las Vegas. The week was mostly basketball although the boys were treated to trips to Circus Circus and the water slides.

Halvorsen reports that the tournament was quite an experience, especially watching the teams from Los Angeles play. He says that one of the 15-year-old teams from the LA area had a line-up of boys ranging in height from 6'5" to 6'9".

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