

Billings couple to manage motel



Brenda (l), Scott, Shirley and Rich Swecker

Richard and Shirley Swecker from Billings, Montana, have taken over management of the Northwest Motel.

The Sweckers learned of Heppner through Richard's mother, who is the sister to John Skow, owner of the motel. Richard's mother and father have managed the motel off and on for the past five years. John and Ann Skow are traveling while John is doing construction work.

The Sweckers say that their two children, Brenda, 15 and Scott, 12, are "excited about going to school here." Shirley and Rich say that there are over 1,000 kids in the junior high school that Scott would have attended in Billings.

In addition to Brenda and Scott, the Sweckers have two other "children," Winston and Rose, two English bulldogs.

Heppner is quite a change of pace for the Sweckers, both as far as the size of the town and their careers--Rich was a diesel mechanic body man and Shirley was secretary for the chairperson of the English department of Eastern Montana College at Billings.

Rich and Shirley say that John and Ann Skow did a lot of major work on the motel, but they plan on doing some work on the motel as soon as they finish painting and remodeling their house.

Hardman takes parade award



award winning float

The Hardman Community Center took first place and the sweepstakes ribbon for their entry in the community float division in the Morrow County parade Saturday, Aug. 18.

The Mike Olson family was second in that division; Morrow County Search and Rescue was third; and the American Legion Heppner Post was fourth.

Heppner Day Care was first in the commercial floats division; second went to First Interstate Bank; third-Guy Van Arsdale and fourth-Morrow County Grain Growers.

My Lambs Favorite Outfit took first prize in the children's groups; second-Whitney Hickey and Kyle Huddleston; third-Julie Watkins.

First in the non-school bands division-All Saints Episcopal Church; and South Morrow Community Band was second.

The class of 2000 earned first place in the non-band marching groups; second-American Legion Post 87; third-East Oregonian carriers.

Miscellaneous: first-Heppner Soroptimist Pooper Scoopers; second-Harold Peck 1917 model T Ford; third-Samey Harley.

Individual comic first place went to Minjam Myren; second-Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Teams and Wagons: first-Ruth Taylor; second-Joe Yocom; third-Royce Fulleton.

Mounted groups: first-Jubby Roach; second-H M Ranch; third-Kenny Eckman; fourth-Jay Papineau.

Organizations: first-Umatilla Sage Riders; second-Two Trackers 4-H

club; third-Desert Pegasus; fourth-Martingales 4-H club.

Board of Directos: first-Pendleton Round-Up directors; second-Happy Canyon directors; third-Morrow County Fair Board.

Queens and Courts: first-Happy Canyon Princesses; second-Marge Parker Day; third-Arlington Saddle Club Court; fourth-Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse.

Individual rider first place winner was Robin Bothum and top male individual rider went to Cornett Green.

Antique autos: first-Mike Bunch; second-Gene Orwick; third-Steve Peck; fourth-Royce Fulleton.

Ducks Unlimited banquet Sept. 7

The third annual Ducks Unlimited banquet and auction has been scheduled for Friday, Sept. 7, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds annex.

Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m., with the auction to follow dinner.

Organizer Steve Rhea says there are already many raffle items and special events have been planned in addition to last year's activities. Women's only raffles and games have been added to this year's agenda. Rhea says that kids are welcome to attend and raffles for younger kids "greenwings," have been planned.

This year the dinner will be buffet style with a menu of prime rib, baked potatoes, baked beans, salad,

roll and beer or wine included with dinner. Rhea says that seconds will be offered with "all the prime rib you want," for a cost of \$12.

Some of the auction items are on display at Gardner's, Peterson's, the Bank of Eastern Oregon and First Interstate Bank. Rhea says that around 30 different art prints and guns will be included on the auction block.

Dinner tickets will be available at the door except for Ducks Unlimited members who will receive their invitations in the mail to return. Otherwise there will be no early bird sales.

Anyone wanting information or wishing to donate items may contact Rhea, 676-9992, or Allen Burkenbine.

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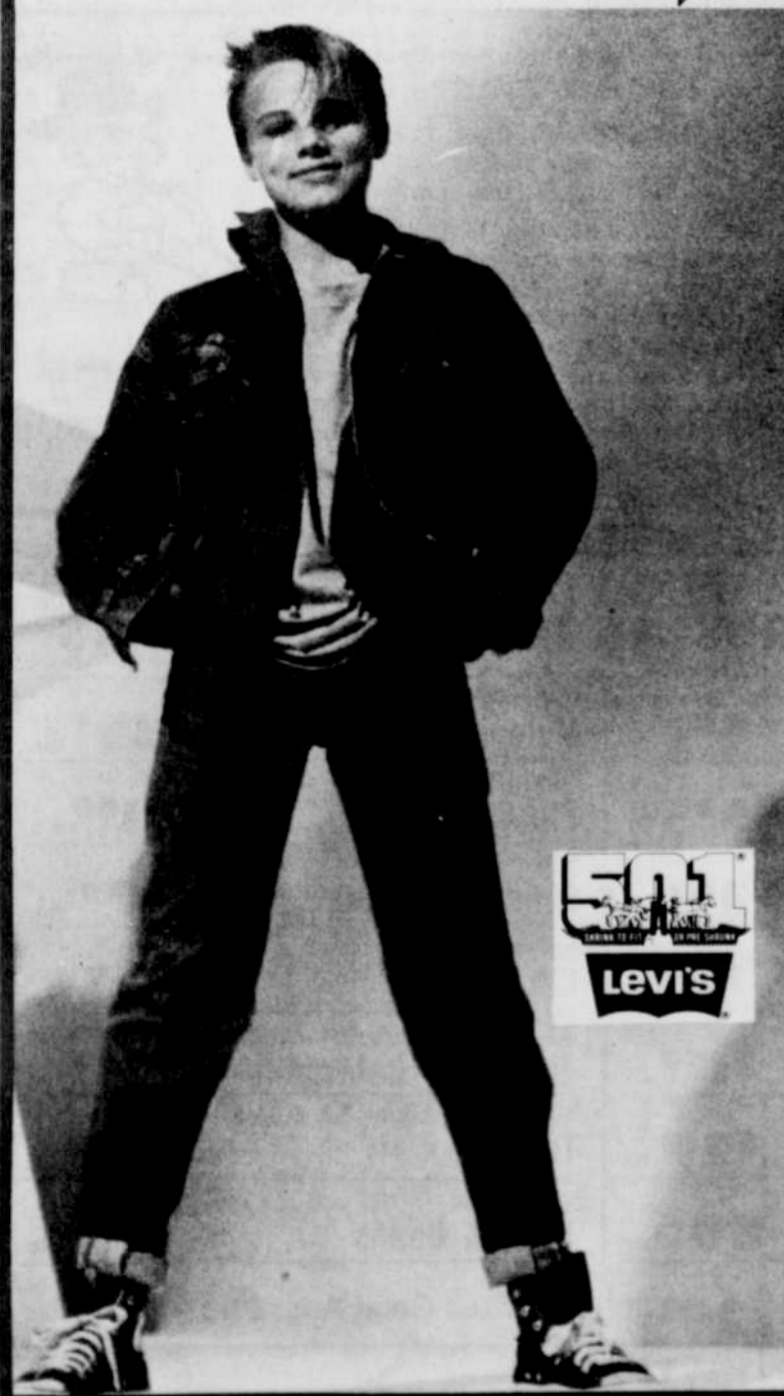
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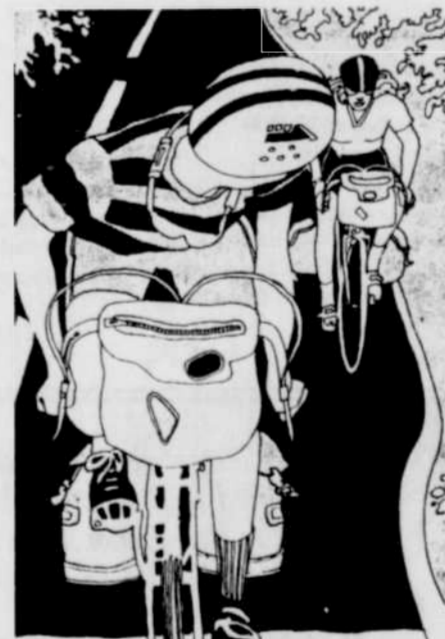
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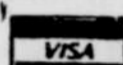
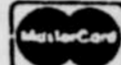
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