

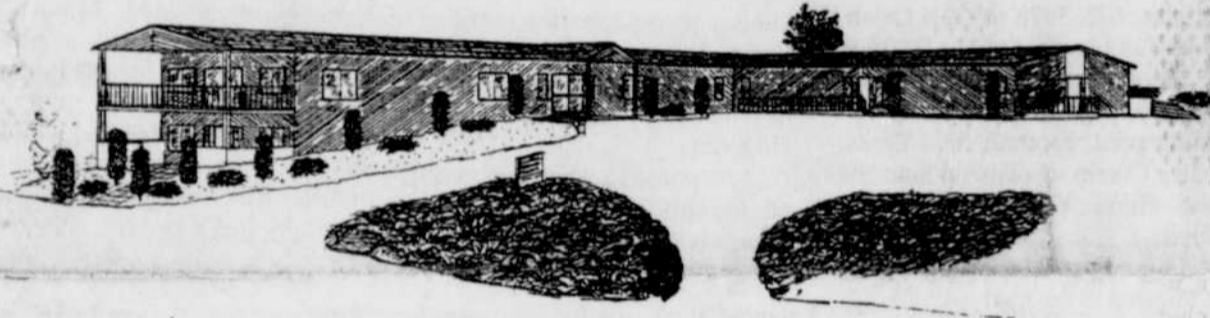
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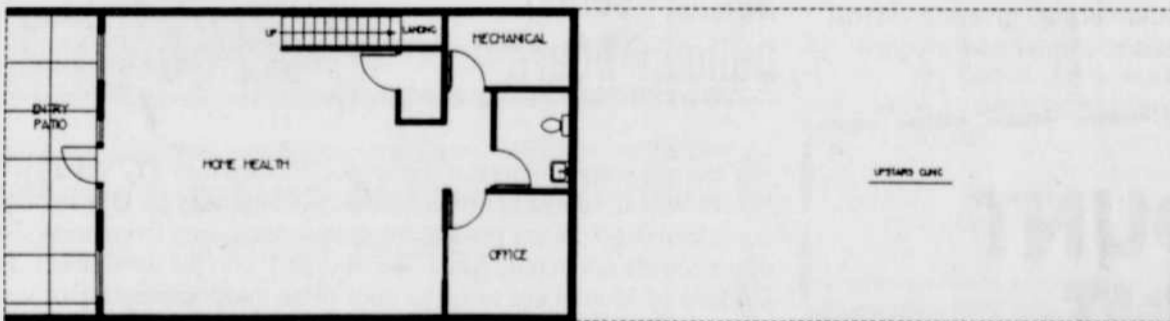
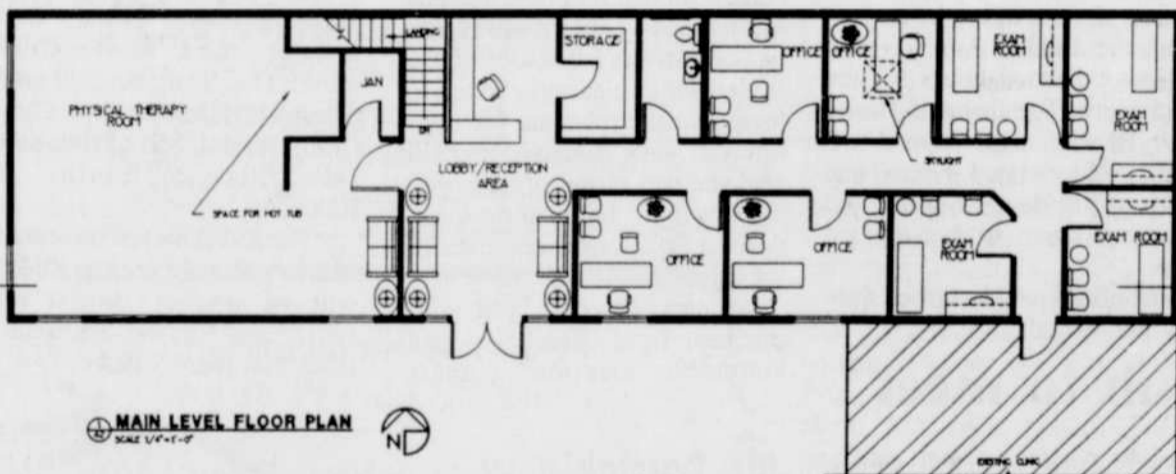
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Excavation to begin in preparation for clinic



Artists conception of new clinic building



Floor plan of new clinic

Excavation is expected to begin this week in preparation for construction of an addition to the Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner.

Pioneer Memorial environmental services manager Gary Nolan stresses that construction on the

clinic will not begin until the Heppner Planning Commission approves of the plan. The commission will meet on Nov. 24 at 8:30 a.m.

Construction on the clinic addition was postponed because of changes in the length of the ad-

dition, from 64 to 98 feet, which required approval by the commission. The project, originally expected to be completed by the end of February or the first part of March, now has an expected completion date of the end of March.

Lauritsen hired as new coordinator

EMT III Carl Lauritsen has been hired as the Morrow County Emergency services coordinator, Pioneer Memorial Hospital administrator Kevin Erich has announced. Lauritsen, who was formerly in the maintenance department of the hospital, started his new position on Nov. 1.

As emergency services coordinator Lauritsen will be responsible for coordinating the EMT organizations in the county, training EMTs, ensuring that the ambulances and emergency vehicles are maintained properly and supplies are not out of date and ensuring that the EMTs' forms are properly documented. Erich said that Lauritsen will

spend Monday and Tuesday in Heppner and Wednesday through Friday in Boardman. He will also be available to go on ambulance runs. Erich said that the newly created position will "help improve county-wide emergency services" and help the EMTs keep abreast of ever-changing regulations.

Morrow County School Supt. resigns

Morrow County Superintendent Ralph Reed tendered his resignation at the regularly scheduled school board meeting Monday, Nov. 16.

"I have not met my goals or that of the school board," said Reed, who was hired by the district in July of 1991. His contract will expire June 30, 1993. The board accepted his resignation.

It was reported that the teachers' union and the school board did not reach a contract settlement at the Nov. 10 negotiation meeting.

"People on both sides are frustrated," said Reed. "It wasn't that they didn't try during an all-night session that lasted until 6 a.m. the next day." Since the teachers' contract was not approved, the negotiations will probably proceed into the fact-finding stage, which is expected to be sometime in January.

District business manager Shirley Landauer told the board of preliminary figures which indicate that the district may lose \$2.7 million in the 1993-94 year, primarily due to the effects of Ballot Measure 5.

Landauer stressed that the figures are very preliminary and the district won't know exact figures and the formula the state will use to calculate state reimbursements to the district until the legislature meets. Ballot Measure 5 mandates that property tax limits for schools drop from \$12.5 per thousand to \$10 per thousand. Landauer said that

other factors involved in the loss include devaluation of property in the county and a suit pending which would remove railroad property from the tax rolls.

In other business, the board named Pat McNamee to the budget committee;

accepted resignations from Cathy McCabe, Ione High School tennis coach; Thelma Perches, A.C. Houghton special education assistant; Judy Pettigrew, head cook at Riverside High School; and Tim VanCleave, groundskeeper at Heppner and Ione schools;

approved employment of Judy Daniels, Columbia Junior High head girls' basketball coach; Kim Linn CJH assistant girls' basketball coach; John Larson, CJH assistant girls' basketball coach;

Benn Houk, CJH assistant boys' basketball coach; Tom Long, CJH assistant boys' basketball coach; Marvin House, CJH head wrestling coach; Bingo Ganvoa, CJH assistant baseball coach; Sharon Leinweber, CJH Talented and Gifted coordinator; Kelley Swarat, Ione High school assistant girls' basketball coach; Jim Raible, IHS head tennis coach; and Dana Reid, Heppner High School assistant girls' basketball coach;

heard an inspection report on the Riverside Pirate activity bus;

approved a transfer of an Echo student to Heppner High School;

heard a report from the district growth committee. The board will have a session concerning additional classrooms to accommodate a growing north end student population.

Grant for Main Street project falls through

The Heppner Main Street renovation project is on hold following notification that the Urban and Community Forest Assistance Grant Program of the U.S. Forest Service turned down a grant request for funds for an engineering study for the entire project.

"The project was hinging on the grant," said Fred Toombs, coordinator of the project. Toombs said they are now researching alternative grant possibilities.

The project included installing planter boxes with trees and benches on Main St., water and sewer line improvements, resurfacing or reconstruction of Main Street and improvements on Main St. storefronts and several other projects. The cost of the entire plan is estimated to be around \$1.2 million.

The Oregon Department of Transportation has indicated that they will either tear out Main Street and redo the entire street or simply resurface the street. ODT has not committed funds and has not yet specified the extent of work, but has committed engineering for the project. Toombs said earlier that resurfacing would only make the street's

ing would only make the street's crown higher and storm drains are not adequate now. City officials earlier persuaded ODT to wait to begin their project to coincide with the other aspects of the master plan.

A \$4,830 grant has been approved by the Urban and Community Forest Assistance Grant Program for the planter boxes, trees and benches. This grant must be matched by donations and in-kind services. The city's in-kind contribution is estimated to be around \$2,060 and the community's portion of in-kind services and donations is around \$3,975. The total planter project is estimated at \$10,865. A buy-a-tree program is also underway with a tree accompanied by a plaque with the donor's name available for \$80.

Several Main Street businesses have taken advantage of a zero interest loan program through the Bank of Eastern Oregon to renovate storefronts. The Oregon Development Department subsidizes the interest on the loan.

Columbia Basin Electric has plans to remove their power poles from Main Street to improve service and decrease liability.

Police Dept. plans reserve classes

The city of Heppner Police Department will be giving classes for reserve police officers starting November 29.

Individuals interested should pick up an application at city hall located at 188 West Willow Street or contact assistant chief of police

Merle Cowett.

There will be eight weeks of training. The training will consist of Oregon state statutes, Oregon Motor Vehicle code, firearms training, self defense classes and community relations.

Artifactory coming soon



Pam Worden, Heppner, displays some of the items she and her sister will be selling at the upcoming Artifactory, Dec. 5 at the fairgrounds in Heppner. The artifactory is sponsored by the Soroptimist International Club of Heppner and is an annual money maker for the club. There are still a few tables left. Anyone wishing to reserve one should call Carol Michael-Bennett, 676-9642, project chairperson.

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