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## Can-do attitude results in 32-unit subdivision



Jim Swanson (left) and John Bristow look over new subdivision above lone

What can a town accomplish when it rises up in determination to accomplish a task? How about a 32 unit subdivision to bring in new residents.

That's what lone set out to do 12 years ago, and through difficulties and hard times quality building lots are now available in lone.

John Bristow and Jim Swanson, both members of ICABO, the community development group in lone, can stand on the hill overlooking lone and with sense of accomplishment point to an 80-acre development ready for tenants.

With power, water, sewer and a road system already installed, not to mention a spectacular view east up Willow Creek Valley, the lots are ready for homes. Already five lots have been sold and many more in the one, two and three acre size are available.

"They're ready to go," says Bristow, owner of Bristows market in lone, as he surveys the results of a can do attitude in lone. "This is the result of a lot of people around here who wanted to do something to help our situation."

The situation was a declining population of the town and consequently the local school, which threatened the very existence of the school.

"The bottom line is we did this to help out our school," says Swanson, owner of Wheatland Insurance in lone. "We saw the population declining and we wanted to stop it."

The development, along with

the recent approval of a road across the Bombing range to Boardman now help the situation.

"If someone works at the Coal Fired plant and wants to live in lone, the road will make it that much easier," says Bristow, who also worked diligently for the road opening over the years. Opening the road will change over a 50 mile commute from Boardman to lone to about 14 miles says Bristow.

The development project has

been named the Slim Emert addition because it was local rancher Slim Emert who donated the 80 acres before his death for the project. Lots in the addition are selling for around \$3,500 each, and Bristow thinks once homes begin to go up on the hill, it will make it that much more attractive and more people will want to live there.

"This project isn't here to make money, it's here to attract families," says Bristow.

## ASCS nominations due Oct. 31

The Morrow County ASC Committee election will be held this year on Dec. 5. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidates of their choice by petition. Blank petitions (ASCS-669-3) may be obtained at the county ASCS office. Each petition submitted must be: limited to one nominee; signed by at least three eligible voters in the community; signed by the nominee; and postmarked or delivered to the county ASCS office no later than Oct. 31.

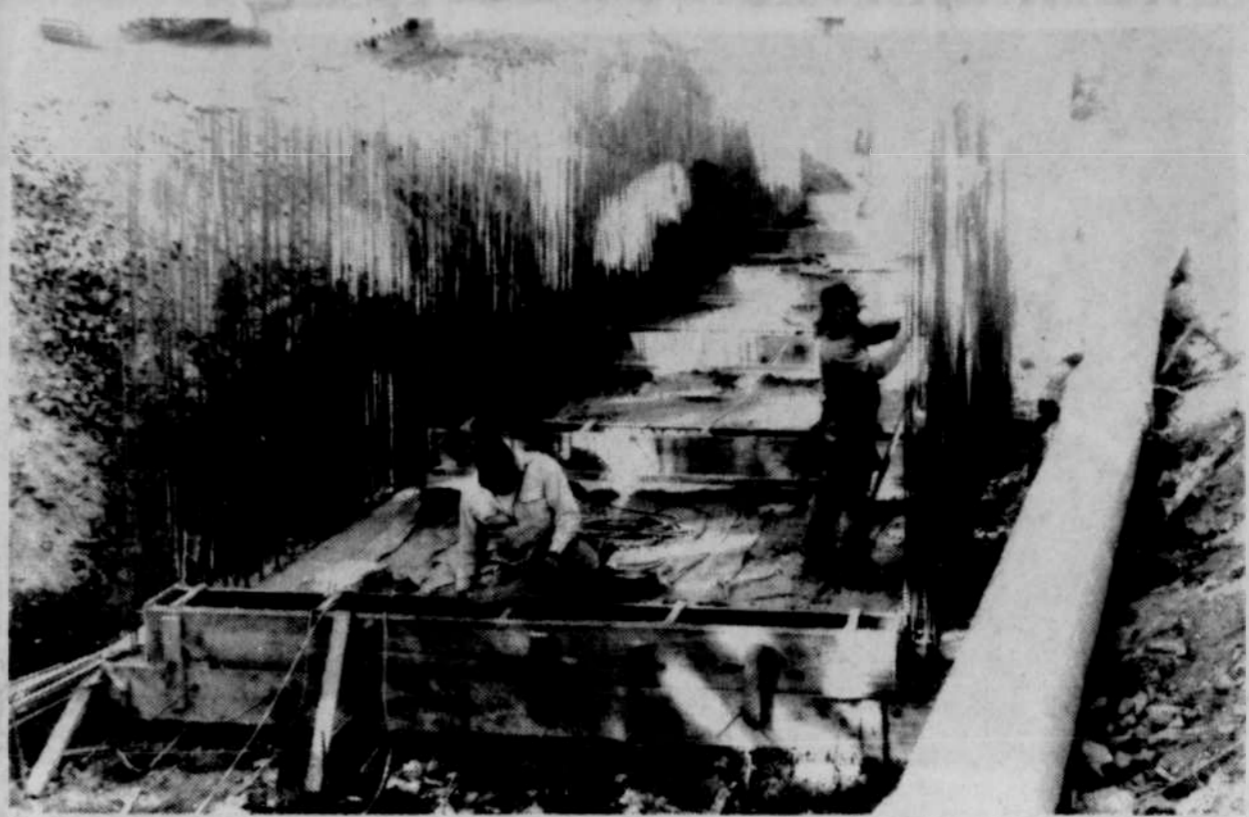
Persons nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A farmer is eligible to be a county ASC committee member if the farmer lives in the county and is eligible to vote in the ASC elections. County ASC committee members may not hold positions in certain farm and com-

modity organizations, if these positions pose a conflict of interest with ASCS duties. These positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary or treasurer, and positions on boards or executive committees.

The duties of County ASC Committee member include: informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the ASCS programs; keeping the state ASC committee informed of local conditions; recommending needed changes in farm programs; participating in county meetings as necessary; and performing other duties as assigned by the state ASC committee.

This program or activity will be conducted on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, or disability.

## New bridge going up on Court St.



Workmen put in re-bar for new bridge

What has become a familiar rat-a-tat-tat to those living in the south Court Street area, will become a new bridge by the end of October.

The wooden bridge on south Court Street has been demolished and a new concrete bridge is under construction by the state of Oregon.

According to Heppner City Manager Gary Marks, plans for construction were underway before he became city administrator. The state has a program for repair of bridges and the program also has access to federal monies. The bridge,

called a concrete boxed culvert, will be funded 80 percent by federal monies, 10 percent by the state and 10 percent by the city.

A grant, called the small cities allotment program for cities under 5,000, will fund the city's portion of the costs. The project is budgeted at \$249,900, with the city of Heppner's portion at \$25,000.

Marks said that the state put and let the bid. "The city has very little to do with it," he said. "In the process, we'll get a concrete bridge that will probably last forever."

Once the bridge is com-

pleted, the turn onto Hager Street, which was very sharp, will be much more gradual and the bridge will actually be moved. Although there will be 12-foot travel lanes, the actual roadway is much wider and there will be sidewalks on both sides.

The original bridge was built in 1948. A state bridge inspection determined that the original bridge was not in very good condition and thus qualified for the state program.

The project completion date was set back around a month following problems with city water lines.

## Regulations drive hunter out of state

Vern Wilson says he's had enough. Had enough of the Oregon hunting regulations he says don't make sense; had enough of the fish and wildlife department. And had enough of the so-called citizen input in the formulation of Oregon hunting laws.

So Vern and his wife Lilly are leaving town. Leaving the county. Leaving the state. The Wilsons are moving to Idaho.

Upset especially with the bull elk regulations, Wilson says the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has so messed up the tag application process that many people have become frustrated and just quit hunting. He says Idaho has more sensible game regulations. So he's moving there, to Medvale, 25 miles north of Weiser, for the hunting.

Wilson moved to Heppner from California in 1970 mainly for the hunting, and says now it's why he's leaving.

"I'm against the total draw system on the Eastside mule deer. It's not necessary, and has forced us all to hunt in one unit. I think we need to protect our right to hunt just as much as we protect our right to bear arms."

And Wilson hasn't just sat around quietly the past several years as the hunting rules have changed. "I've been to their public meetings, lots of them," he says almost with contempt for the system of public hearings the state holds on proposed new game regulations. "They will not use hunter's input from public meetings. They end up doing what they planned on doing in the first place. These meetings are just for show."

Wilson says the state should have an elected board of directors for the fish and game department similar to Idaho. In Oregon the governor appoints the governing board, which makes the agency unresponsive to the public, Wilson says. He also wonders why an out of state person was brought in to



Vern Wilson

administer Oregon's draw system, and an out-of-stater appointed the new director of ODFW.

"When the department started this whole mess by splitting the bull elk season and forcing us to enter the lottery to hunt first, I hadn't heard any of my friends or fellow hunters who thought it was a good idea. We were told they wanted the ones who were drawn to have a quality hunt

like in the old days when there were fewer hunters." Wilson says they can't turn back the clock, and instead need to deal with the reality of today.

For instance Wilson says he recently, after 25 years got an antelope tag, and when he and his wife got to the antelope country, "there was almost a buck for every doe I saw, and I saw hundreds of them and only a few other hunters in the area." He says the ODFW is overprotecting the antelope.

Wilson moved to Oregon for the hunting, now the former Columbia Basin Electric Co-op lineman and Heppner gas station owner is leaving, because of what has happened to hunting in this state. "It is so complicated, aggravating, frustrating, and confusing that many hunters have quit hunting altogether. Young hunters have a hard time getting tags and some don't get to go when they are first eligible. This is very disappointing to a young person," Wilson says with a shake of his head.

## Boosters to hold steak dinner

The Booster Club steak feed and auction will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club.

Prizes for the auction, which will get underway around 8 p.m., will include one night at the Pendleton Red Lion; one set of tires from Morrow County Grain Growers; one day of bass fishing for two in a drift boat from Doug Lowe; a salmon, steelhead or walleye fishing trip for four from Laverne VanMarter; a salmon dinner for four; one night's lodging for two at the Cliff House at Clarkston, WA.; and tickets to OSU, WSU, Seahawk or Trail Blazer games.

Advance tickets for \$7 each are available at Murray Drug, Ployhar Insurance, Bank of Eastern Oregon and Morrow County Grain Growers. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

The dinner menu will feature barbecued steak, baked potato, salad, homemade bread and dessert.

Over the years, the Heppner Booster Club has contributed to many school and community projects. Through fund raisers like Reno Night, dinners, bake sales and raffles, the Boosters have donated money to the baseball field project and football lighting project. The Boosters have purchased a video camera, trophy cases, volleyball nets, dance team uniforms, cheerleader pom poms and flags for the high school. In past years, the Booster Club has provided food baskets for many high school activities such as Drama Club and FFA. Each spring, Heppner High School students receive scholarships from the Booster Club.

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