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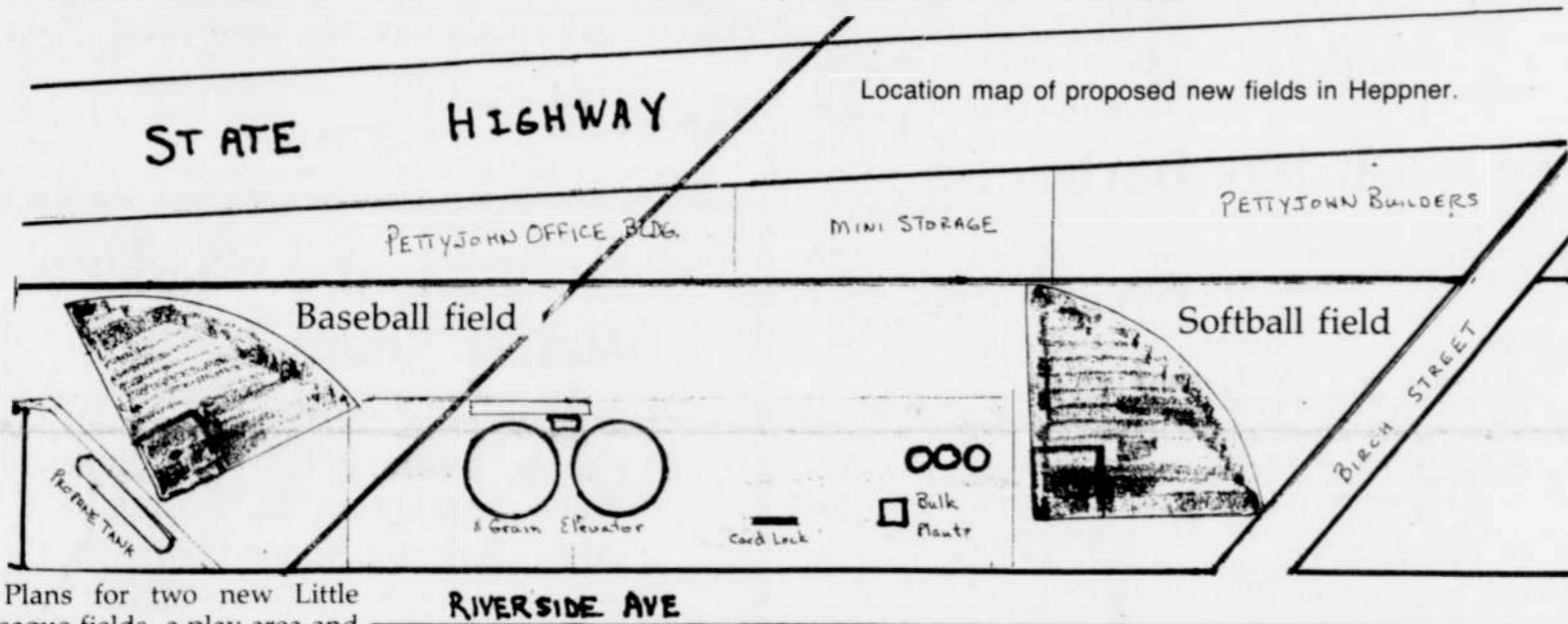
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## Plans underway for baseball, softball fields



Plans for two new Little League fields, a play area and park are underway in Heppner.

Little League President Ron Bowman said that "everything's a go" for the fields which are to be located near Pettyjohn Builder's, the Mini Storage and the Pettyjohn Office Building near Riverside Street.

Bowman said that they hope to build one of the fields American Softball Association approved.

A meeting has been scheduled to discuss plans for the fields on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the Heppner High School library. Bowman said the group is seeking volunteers and donations to fund the construction.

## Health District receives grant

The Morrow County Health District (MCHD) recently received a grant of \$1,000 for emergency medical technician (EMT) continuing education from Northeastern Oregon Area Health Education Center (NOAHEC).

According to MCHD Emergency Medical Services coordinator, Carl Lauritsen, the money will be used to pay attendance fees for various training programs broadcast via Oregon's ED-NET. Lauritsen said "These broadcasts are a convenient way to access trainings because we'll receive live interactive programming at two locations in Morrow County. In addition to convenience, local training means less out-of-pocket travel expenses for EMTs."

Lauritsen said he expects more EMTs will be able to take advantage of upcoming trainings than would otherwise be possible. "This funding will help us maintain and improve our emergency medical response skills and we appreciate NEOAHEC's efforts," he added.



Little League president Ron Bowman (l) with new ball field committee members Kim Gutierrez, Gail Gutierrez, Rollie Marshall and Steve Rhea.

## School board approves tech. expenditure

The Morrow County School Board, at its regular meeting Sept. 9 in Lexington, approved a request for a contingency expenditure of up to \$32,000 for new technology TI line costs.

The board also approved administrative and confidential employees' salary schedule structure.

In other business, the board:  
-approved resignations from: Evelene Finley, Title I ed assistant at Sam Boardman Elementary (SBE); Liz Phipps, assistant custodian at Riverside High School; Thad Killingbeck, assistant football coach at Columbia Middle School (CMS); and Doug Howell, assistant CMS volleyball coach;  
-approved maternity leave for Vicky Broden, Heppner High School (HHS) Spanish teacher for second semester;

-approved employment for: Ron Anthony, HHS principal; Bill DeBoard, CMS dean of students; Judith Yoder, CMS Title I ed assistant; Sally McCready, CMS assistant custodian; Angie Hanson, Heppner

Elementary School (HES) ed assistant; Rita Britt, HES ed assistant; Susan Hisler, HHS assistant volleyball coach; Dawn Bradley, CMS assistant volleyball coach; Tom French, CMS assistant football coach;  
-approved an attendance variance for Megan Proudfoot to attend Hermiston High School;  
-reappointed Jerry Healy and John Edwards for an additional term on the school district budget committee.

## Lexington Baptist to hold "Round-Up"

Lexington Baptist Church, 160 "B" Street, will hold its annual Round-Up Sunday event this Sunday, Sept. 22. Local musicians will be featured for the morning worship service beginning at 11 a.m.

Everyone who attends is encouraged to dress in western style.

## Gordon Smith makes Heppner stop



Candidate for U.S. Senate Gordon Smith made a stop in Heppner on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Smith enjoyed lunch with seniors at the St. Patrick Senior Center, visited with area residents following the luncheon and toured Heppner downtown businesses. Smith (r) is shown with Heppner Mayor Bob Jepsen during a stop at the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Smith confirmed he is against ballot measure 38, the "Clean Stream Initiative."

## Reception planned for Judge Robert Abrams

A retirement reception for Umatilla-Morrow Circuit Court Judge Robert "Bob" Abrams will be held Thursday, Sept. 26, from 4-6 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner. Judge Abrams has submitted his resignation as Umatilla-Morrow county circuit court judge to Governor John Kit-

zaber, effective Aug. 31.

Judge Abrams was born in Bellingham, WA, January 18, 1925. He graduated from Bellingham High School in 1943; received a bachelor's degree from Stanford University in 1948; and his law degree from the University of Oregon in 1952. He was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in Sept. 1952. He and his wife Marion have been married for over 40 years and have five grown children, Mary, Elizabeth, Alice, Robert and Francis, and four grandchildren.

Judge Abrams served eight years as a district attorney in Wheeler and Morrow counties and around 20 years as a criminal defense attorney. He has been a city attorney and attorney for the Morrow County School District. He also practiced civil law throughout his career as an attorney. He had a private practice in Heppner for many years, first as a partner with Phil Mahoney and then with Bill Kuhn and Ann Spicer. He sold the practice to Kuhn and Spicer when he was elected to the circuit court in 1984.

Judge Abrams has served on numerous State Bar committees, including judicial administration, minor courts and traffic courts, public attorneys, local government and environmental law and the administrative law committee. He also served on the local Professional

Responsibility Committee for Umatilla and Morrow counties, a committee that reviews complaints against attorneys.

He was one of the original board members of the Blue Mountain Community College, served 12 years on the board and was chairman of the board for two terms. He assisted with the development of eastern Oregon community mental health programs and for seven years was on the Morrow County Mental Health Clinic Board. He was a member of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and the Heppner Economic Development Corporation.

Bob and Marion Abrams hosted AFS, Partners of the Americas and LABO exchange students over the years, and international relations were a family interest. Two of their daughters were in the Peace Corps and another was an exchange student. He had also been active in the Boy Scouts. The Abrams were members of All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner for many years before they moved to Pendleton. He served as chancellor (legal advisor) for All Saints and was also a licensed lay reader.

He and his family enjoyed backpacking and jogging and he also mountain climbed with the Mazamas, climbing all 16 major Northwest peaks.

## Veterans' marker inscription changed

The wording of a veteran's memorial marker to be placed at the city of Heppner's 1903 Memorial Mini-Park has been changed to include citizens of all of Morrow County.

The memorial will now read, "This memorial is dedicated as a tribute to those Morrow County citizens who lost their lives in military service to the United States of America. We shall remember your sacrifice."

A fund raising drive for the construction of a veteran's memorial flagpole and marker at the mini-park is now underway.

The memorial will include a lighted flagpole that will fly the stars and stripes in memory of

the 24 Morrow County citizens who lost their lives in World War I, World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. A granite marker will be installed at the base of the flag, listing the names of Morrow County's war dead.

Nearly \$1,300 has already been raised, but another \$1,200 is needed by the end of September. Memorial organizers are planning a dedication ceremony on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 1996.

For more information, contact Heppner city manager Gary Marks, 676-9618. Those wishing to donate may send checks to: City of Heppner/Vet's Memorial, P.O. Box 756, Heppner, OR 97836.

## BMCC bond goes down in Morrow Co.

A bond measure which would have funded construction at Blue Mountain Community College went down in Morrow County, 1,416 no to 741 yes in a vote-by-mail election Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Morrow County results are as follows: Heppner-251 yes to 435 no; Lexington-67 yes to 114 no; Ione-95 yes to 129 no; Hardman-10 yes to 8 no; Irrigon-163 yes to 422 no; and Boardman-155 yes to 308 no.

## Reception set for local doctors

A reception, welcoming Dr. Bill Bitsas to the community and honoring Heppner physician Dr. Ernie Atkins will be held this Thursday, Sept. 19, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Home Health office and Pioneer Memorial Clinic. The public is invited to attend.

A stew and biscuit feed will immediately follow the service.

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