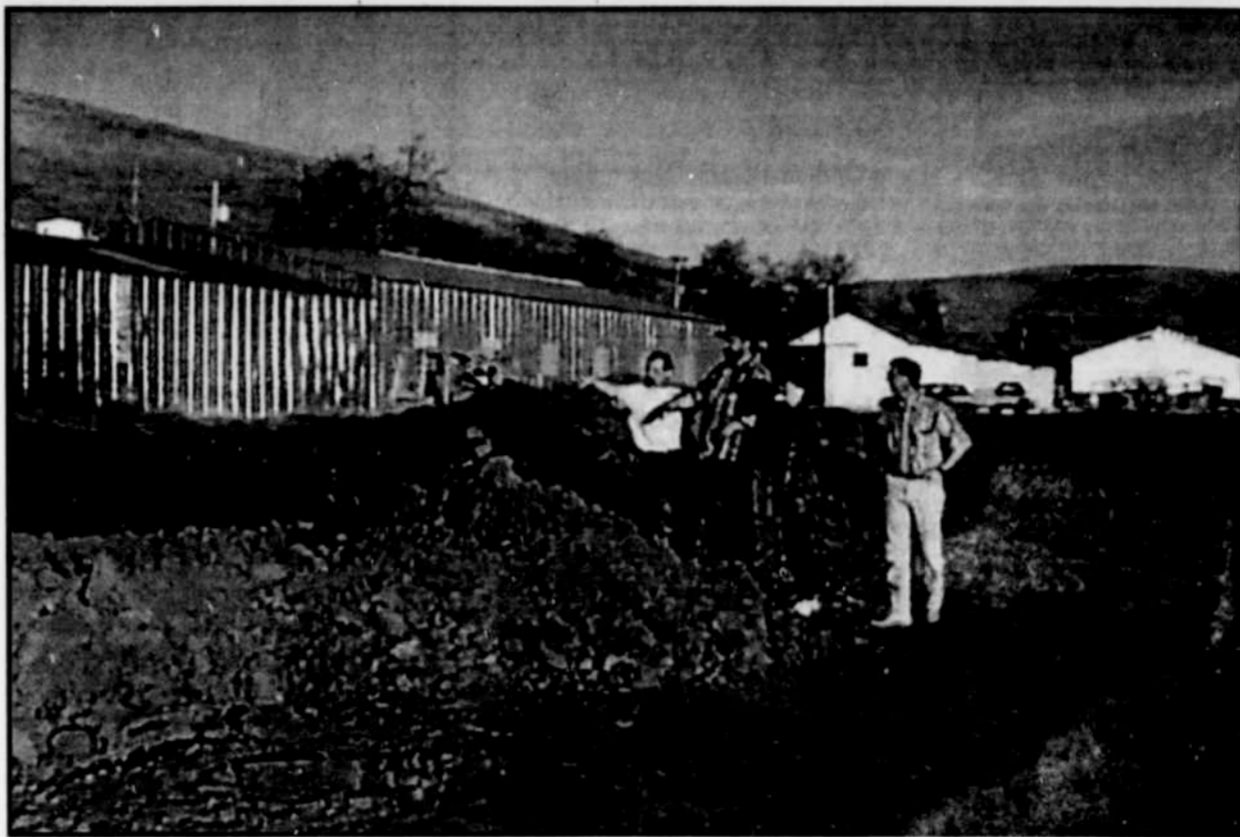


## Bustin' out all over



Ron Bowman, Kim and Gayle Gutierrez and Steve Rhea look over leveling work being done on new softball field in Heppner.



Port of Morrow Commissioner Jerry Healy (left) port engineer Ron McKinnis and Bank of Eastern Oregon President George Koffler look over plans for new housing development with developer E.J. Leason (right).

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### Still time to get your brick



Skip Connor purchases his brick in support of the swimming pool. Bricks will be on sale only until May 31, says People for The Pool Vice President Gail Hughes, shown here accepting Connor's check. Every brick purchaser will have their name placed on the brick and the bricks, which are made of veneer, will be mounted on the wall of the pool lobby for permanent display. The bricks cost either \$30 or \$40 and the donation is tax deductible. Higher donations are also accepted, says Hughes.

### Consultants selected for parks plan

Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson has announced the selection of the Oregon Public Affairs Research Consultants (PARC) as the consulting consortium selected to complete the Morrow County Master Parks Plan.

The Master Parks Plan, a 20-year plan to give direction for the county's parks, will be developed using a grant from Oregon Parks & Recreation Department. The historic operation, current resources, and potential expansion opportunities for each park will be "referenced" in the plan along

with strategic marketing for the county parks as a whole, said a PARC news release.

In developing the overall strategy for new and existing parks, Morrow County intends to use local participants to serve on a technical advisory committee, said PARC. The committee will identify concerns, objectives, and goals for the Morrow County parks system.

Interested persons may contact Tamra Mabbott, 541-922-4624, or Stan Foster, 800-758-6812.

The planning process will be completed by January, 1998.

### Elks Easter egg hunt Saturday

The annual Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the Heppner Elks Club, will get underway this Saturday, March 29, promptly at 10 a.m.

Preschool children will hunt for eggs at the city park next to

the library-museum building. First and second-graders will hunt at Heppner Middle School playground and third and fourth-graders will hunt at Hager Park.

### Foundation expands board

"One of the biggest assets a foundation can have is its board members," says Blue Mountain Community College Foundation Director, Karen Hill.

Fourteen new directors were introduced at a recent Blue Mountain Community College Foundation Board meeting by newly elected chairman, Terry Anderson.

New board members are: Betty Carlson, Heppner; Ken Bjorklund, Athena; Bob Byrd, Irrigon; Connie Caplinger, Echo; Don Cook, Pendleton; Ken Dauble, Milton-Freewater; Russell Dorrn, Hermiston; Wes Grilley, Pendleton; Sky Heatherton, Milton-Freewater; Tim Mabry, Hermiston; Joyce Madsen, Hermiston; Patricia McClintock, Pendleton; Lonnie Read, Pendleton; and Scott Sager, Pilot Rock. They join longtime members Terry Anderson, Pilot Rock; Ted Forth, Pendleton, and Mick Tolar, Boardman.

The board is charged with soliciting, receiving and administering gifts provided to the BMCC Foundation for the benefit of Blue Mountain Community College. Karen Hill was employed as executive director last March. Since then the foundation held a Book Social in August. The event raised \$1,225 which is used to assist students who may not have funds to purchase textbooks. A memorial scholarship in recognition of Leon Severin, former BMCC math instructor, has been established through the foundation. Over \$5,900 has been raised for that scholarship.

The foundation currently administers \$1,275,000. For information on establishing a scholarship, contact Hill at 541-278-577.

### WCCC golf kickoff

It's time to think golf. Willow Creek Country Club (WCCC) women are invited to join a golf game on Tuesday, April 1.

Kickoff breakfast will be at 9 a.m., with play to follow at 10 a.m. The breakfast will be put on by the WCCC ladies' officers.

Beginners are invited to come and join in the fun, said a club spokesperson.

date of September. Mills said that the gas station will offer two diesel pumps and diesel service and two gasoline pumps with the ability to fuel on both sides. Three grades of gasoline will be available. The facility will also offer food service items and will include the town's Post Office.

The property was purchased from the school district. Ground has also been broken for two new ball fields—one designed for softball and one for either major or minor league, near the swimming pool complex.

Willow Creek Little League President Rollie Marshall said that the Morrow County Grain Growers, owners of the land, have given the Little League a five-year lease on the land and Pat Kilkenny, former resident, now of San Diego, has donated \$15,000 for the project with the stipulation that the field be named after Kilkenny's father, Bob, because of his "avid support of Heppner sports."

Marshall said that Roger and John Britt have agreed to donate equipment and manpower and Devin Oil has agreed to supply diesel for the equipment during construction. MCGG has also donated fencing, including a backstop and two sides that had been on the old ball field in Lexington. Additional fencing, irrigation equipment and sod still remain to be funded.

Others who have donated with field work are: Bob Barton, Duck Lusher, Carl Thorpe, Joe Miller, Ryan Miller, Ryan Wilson and Ted Britt. Marshall says that they plan to irrigate a strip between the ball fields to be used as a picnic area with tables. He said that when the pool and the ball fields are completed, "It's

going to be a beautiful place." Construction is expected to be completed by May 1.

Marshall said that the number of kids who signed up to play ball this year was a contributing factor in building new field, compounded by the threat of loss of a minor league field because of proposed construction of a new building at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Over 150 kids have signed up for Little League this year.

Ron Bowman is chairman of the the Little League field committee; members are Steve Rhea, Jay Coil and Kim and Gail Gutierrez. The group is still accepting donations from the community to fund the project, and are presently holding a raffle for a trip to Hawaii to raise money.

PTI has also been visible in Heppner lately, putting in big cement vaults as junction boxes for underground cables at several downtown intersections in preparation for the Oregon Department of Transportation May and Main Street project. The ODOT project, expected to get underway soon, will replace streets and sidewalks on Main Street between the two bridges crossing Willow Creek.

### Report requested if felt earthquake

Morrow County Emergency Management is asking anyone who felt an earthquake that occurred late Friday night near Condon to call them. Their number is (541) 676-5161.

The University of Washington Seismology lab would like to determine how far away the earth quake that occurred at 10:05 p.m. was felt. The quake registered 3.9 on the Richter scale. So far, the Emergency Management department hasn't received any calls about the earthquake.

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