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Andersons honored as the 1997 State Conservation Farm winners

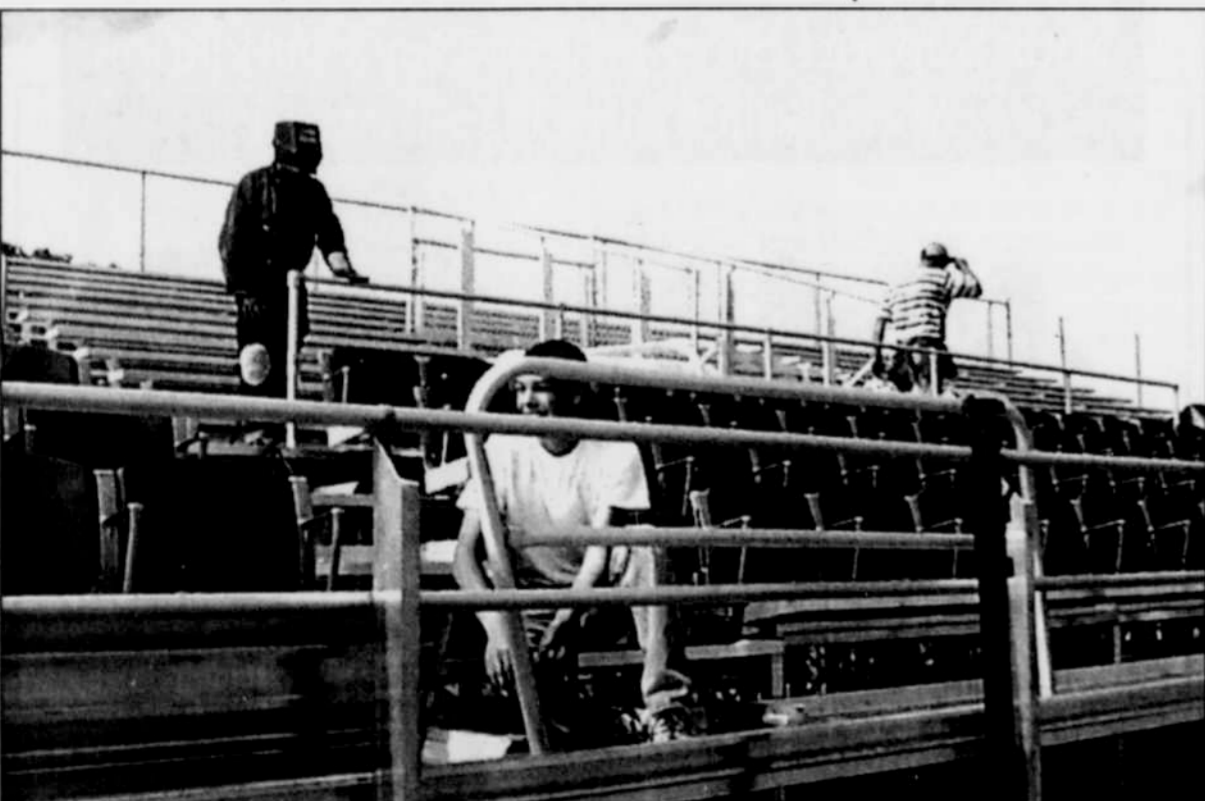


1997 State Conservation Farm winners Eric and Marnie Anderson of Lone display the plaque they received at the State Conservation Farm Tour held Friday, June 6, at the Anderson farm.

Over 300 people, including many members of the Andersons' families, attended the barbecue, which was followed by a program, tour of the farm and a dance.

Speakers at the program included master of ceremonies Craig Miles, president of the Morrow County Wheat Growers, Bruce Andrews, director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture since 1989 and former rancher, Mike Thorne, executive director of the Port of Portland, former Oregon State senator and Pendleton rancher, and Mike Kortge, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League and owner of Kortge Wheat and Cattle Co.

Rodeo grandstands near completion



Frank Lorton (left) and Joe Lorton, of Lorton Building of Goldendale, put the finishing touches on the new grandstands at the Morrow County Fairgrounds rodeo arena. Construction of the stands was expected to be finished by Wednesday, June 11.

VIP seating is for sale for \$360 for groups of 10. VIP seating includes admission for 10 to the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo in Heppner on Aug. 15 and 16 and the Morrow County Rodeo Aug. 17. The purchase also guarantees the buyer to have the opportunity for the same seats next year. Contact Nicole Mahoney to purchase VIP seating, 676-5157. Regular ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 7-12 and children six and under will be admitted free.

This year the rodeo has planned to feature several specialty acts, such as The Olsons and Flint Rasmussen rodeo clown and barrelman. Stock sponsor is "Thunder Country" radio station and new stock contractor this year is the Big Bend Rodeo Company. Announcer will be Steve Kenyon.

BEO donates \$3,500 for pool fountain



The Bank of Eastern Oregon has donated \$3,500 for the purchase of a "mushroom fountain" for the outdoor pool at the Willow Creek Park District water park. Pictured are bank president George Koffler (right) and Joe Scribner, project general superintendent.

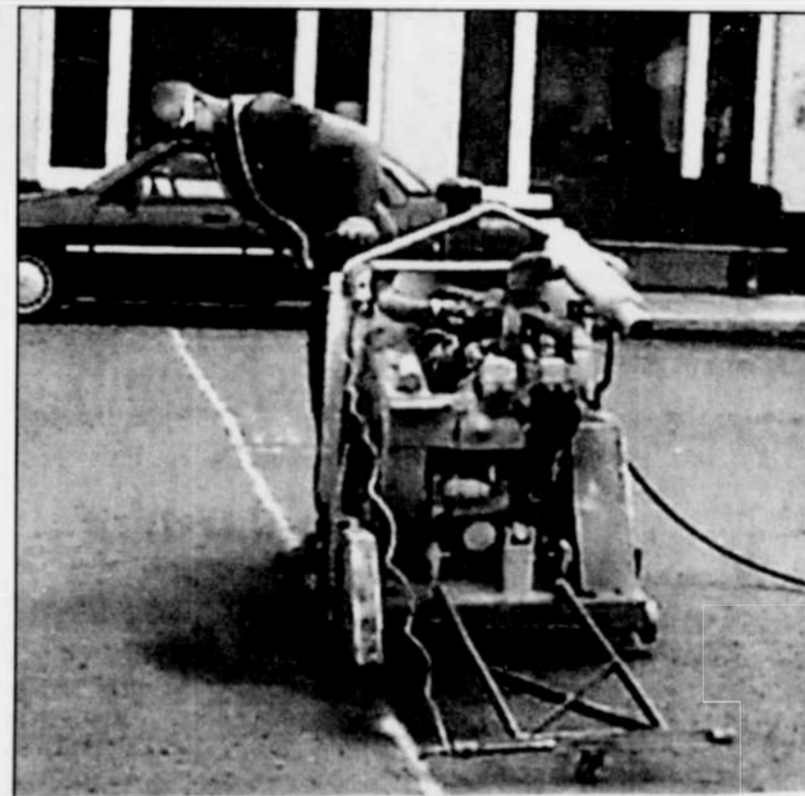
USFS personnel donate time to pool project



Heppner Ranger District personnel, Andrew Lacey, Gary Clark, Deb Roy, Keith Satterfield and Craig Gutierrez with the road dept., work on the roof of the bath house of the Willow Creek Park District water park under construction in Heppner.

The Forest Service employees donated their own time for the roofing project.

Main Street project underway Meeting set on transportation



The Heppner Main Street Project was underway in earnest Tuesday as Christopher Albert of the Pro-Cut Concrete Cutting of Yakima and Kennewick cuts through the street at the intersection of Main and Willow streets. He had earlier cut a line down the center of Main Street.

Lone 4th to feature blues festival

The Morrow County Arts Council will present the first annual "Red, White and Blues Festival" July 4 at the Lone City Park.

The festival will feature three of the top Northwest blues bands "of national renown", The Paul deLay Band, Jimmy Lloyd Rea and the Switchmasters and Li'l

Lynne and the Smokin Soles.

In addition to the blues performance, the day's activities will include an arts and crafts fair, an 11 a.m. parade, children's games, microbrews and a homestyle barbecue and an evening fireworks display.

The event is funded in part by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Meeting set on transportation

An open house to present the draft Morrow County Transportation Plan has been scheduled by Morrow County and the Oregon Department of Transportation for Monday, June 16, from 4-7 p.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon.

The plan will help guide decision making regarding transportation planning in the county over the next 20 years (through 2002). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the analysis of existing and future conditions, transportation alternatives, funding options and implementing ordinances for the Morrow County Transportation System Plan.

Kinzua to add second shift

Kinzua Resources has announced that it will be adding a second shift to its sawmill operation in Heppner, probably starting around July 7.

Mill spokesman Doug Dubuque said that around 25 new employees will be added on a swing shift with the initial start up of one side. He said later after a couple of months of operation a planner crew will be added that will bring total new hiring to 60 people.

The mill currently employees 106 salaried and 14 management personnel.

Dubuque said a "friendly market" and the availability of logs has made the expansion possible.

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