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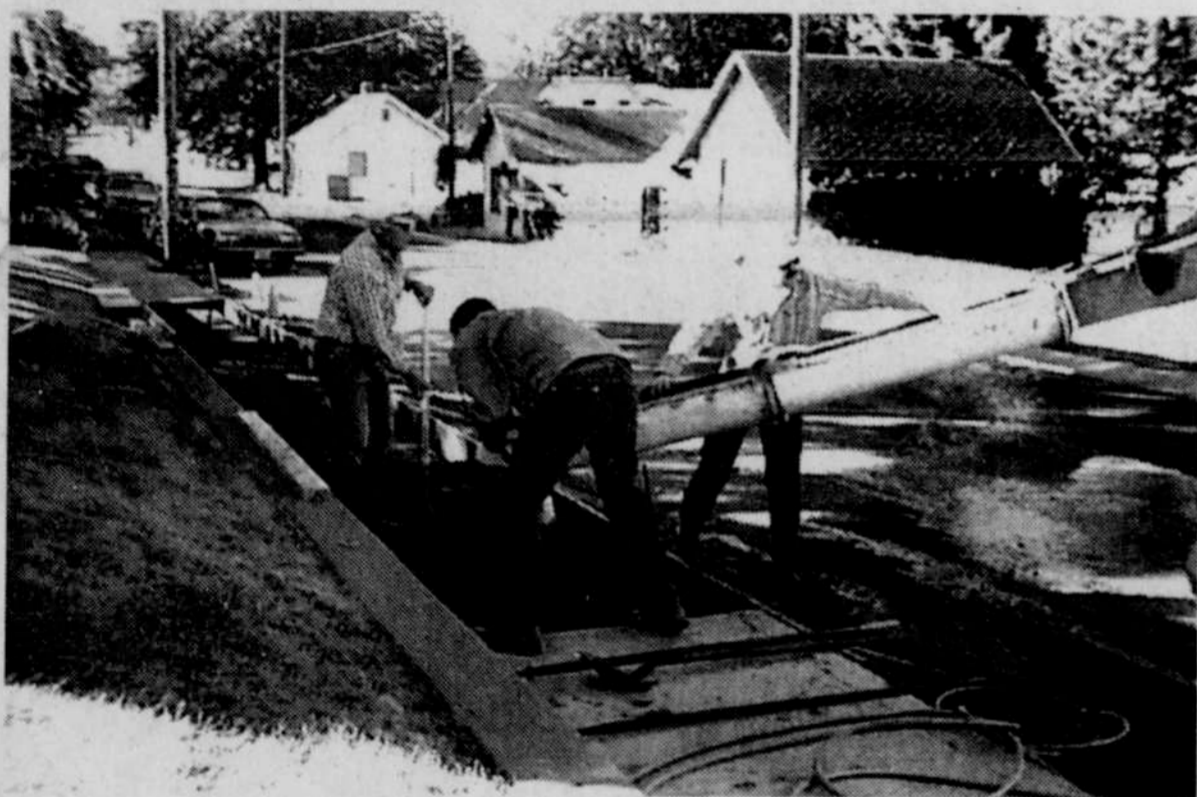
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Neighborhood Enhancement Team spruces up sidewalks



Left to right: Marvin Donohoe, Mike Jones and David Fowler install a new sidewalk near Donohoe's home as part of the Heppner volunteer Neighborhood Enhancement Team, their last project of the year.

Site Council seeks candidates

The Heppner High School Site Council is seeking two candidates to fill a two-year term.

Any parent of a student in grades 7-12 at Heppner High School is eligible. The parents, as required by state law, will vote on the two candidates. The main

function of the Heppner High School Site Council is school improvement and meets once per month.

Anyone interested in being a candidate for the Heppner High School Site Council, should contact Principal Dick Allen before Friday, Oct. 13.

Christmas play tryouts slated

Play tryouts for the cast of the community play, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," are set for Saturday, Oct. 7, at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday, Oct. 8, at 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

The play will include parts for 17 child actors ranging in age from five to 14 years, approximately; six women from 35 to 60; and four men from 35 to 60, as well as several extras.

Volunteers are also welcome for costumes, publicity, lighting, box office, props and set.

Director Craig Strobel (676-9224) plans to present this production in both Ione and Heppner.

According to a spokesman, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" promises to be a lot of fun for everyone: cast, crew and audiences."

Ballots mailed to voters Oct. 20

Ballots will be mailed to Morrow County voters beginning Friday, October 20. Ballots are due back at the Morrow County Clerks office by election day, Tuesday, November 7, by 8 p.m. The office will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day.

Drop boxes are as follows:
Heppner-Morrow County

Courthouse, 100 Court Street.
Lexington-Morrow County Road Department office, 565 Highway 74.

Ione-Bank of Eastern Oregon, Main and Green streets.

Boardman-Morrow County Health Department office, 101 Boardman Avenue.

Irrigon-Morrow County Annex Building, 205 N.E. Third.

Ione homecoming activities planned

The Ione High School homecoming dance will be held Thursday, October 12, beginning at 10:30 at the Ione Legion Hall.

The homecoming court includes Cyd Tullis, freshman princess; Dejah Haskett, sophomore princess; Rhonda Wilhelm, junior princess; and Molly Barrow, Katie Bacon and Jeanette Brantley, senior princesses.

Escorts are Corey Morgan, Jeremy Rietmann, Clayton Grubaugh, Dustin Haguewood and Cody Erickson.

A volleyball game vs. Arlington will be held at 5 p.m. that day and the football game vs. Arlington at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, October 11, activities include a presentation of the OSAA Award Cup at 5 p.m., a powder puff football game at 5:30 p.m.; a "Macho Man" volleyball game at 6:15 p.m.; and a bonfire at 7 p.m.

Co-op manager resigns

Morrow County Grain Growers Manager Chris Meyer has resigned his position with the co-op. No reason was given for the resignation when the co-op was contacted Monday.

Congregation holds first service at Ione United Church of Christ



The congregation of the Ione United Church of Christ jubilantly marches down the streets of Ione from the St. William's Catholic Church, where they had been worshipping since their previous church was destroyed in a fire, to their newly constructed church. The first service was held in the church on Sunday, October 1.

WCVAL facility plan outlined

Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Corporation will begin construction on a new assisted living facility in Heppner with the help of a direct loan and loan guarantees from the Rural Housing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

A Rural Housing Service loan of \$680,000 is scheduled to be repaid in 39 years at an interest rate of 5.125 percent. In addition, the RHS issued two \$85,000 conditional commitments for loan guarantee on behalf of the corporation, one to the Bank of Eastern Oregon and the other to Klamath First Federal Savings and Loan Association in Heppner. The community has donated the building site and \$90,000 in cash for the project.

The RHS loan guarantees and direct loan will be used to build an assisted living facility located in the south end of Heppner. The facility will consist of 16 private 370 square ft. units. Each unit is a complete apartment with bathroom and kitchenette. The apartments will be ADA accessible, with a communication device installed for calling for assistance or emergency help. All apartments will be wired for telephone, cable TV service and computer Internet access.

The kitchenettes in each unit will be equipped to permit limited meal preparation. Meals will also be available from the central kitchen so that residents may choose to prepare their own meals in the privacy of their apartment or dine in the area near the central kitchen.

"The proposed facility will provide a variety of spaces available for resident use, both individual and group activities. And will provide a safe, attractive, comfortable, home-like environment that fosters privacy, choice, independence and dignity," said a USDA news release.

The funds are provided as part of the President's Pacific Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative designed to assist timber-impacted communities in the Pacific Northwest, said the release.

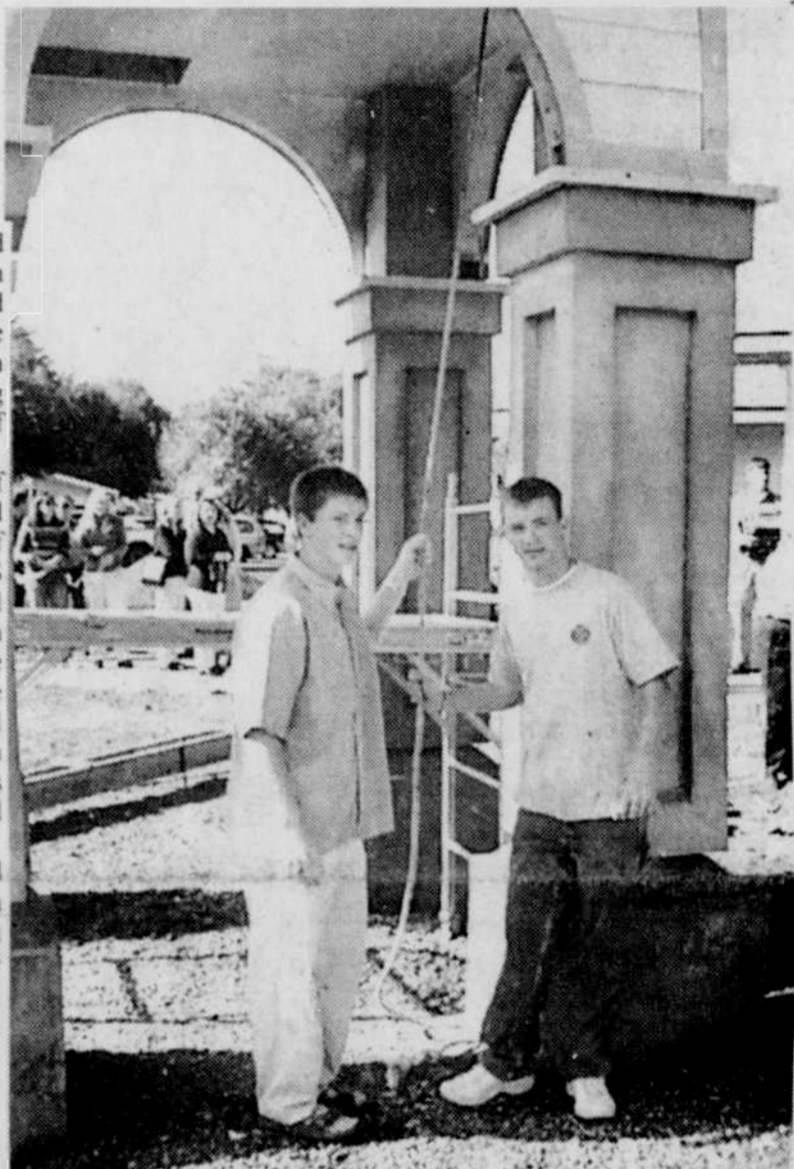
Litter pick-up is Oct. 11

The next Chamber of Commerce litter pick up date will be Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 5-6 p.m.

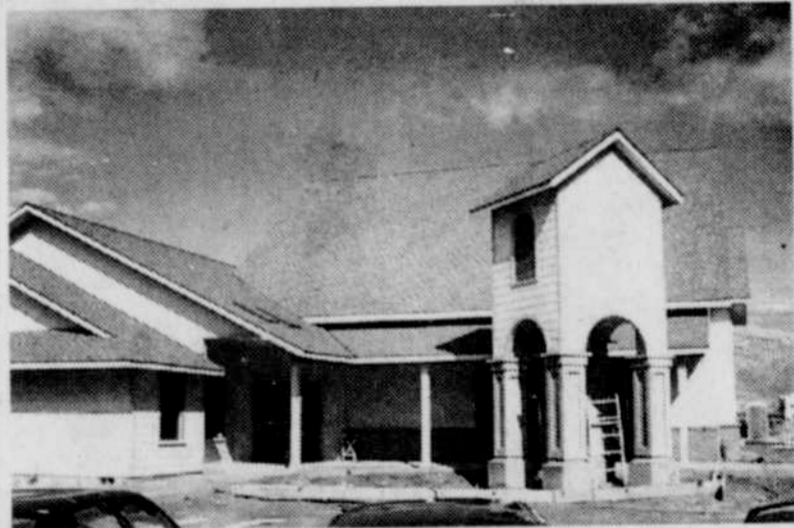
For pickup, use the SOLV litter bag and deposit it next to the nearest highway sign for collection by Chamber of Commerce volunteers.

Hazardous items should be marked with an orange flag.

Contact the pick up coordinator, John Edmundson, 676-5177 for an orange flag or for more information.



Andrew Rietmann (left) and Corey Morgan ring the bell for the first time at the new Ione UCC.



Newly constructed United Church of Christ in Ione.

Wheat growers to hold meeting

The Morrow County Wheat Growers fall meeting will be held Monday, October 9, at the Heppner Elks Lodge.


The evening will get underway with a social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. The New York steak dinner, with OWGL members hosted by the Morrow County Wheat Growers, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Non-members are also welcome with a \$10 dinner charge per person.

Those wearing their best "cruise" attire have a chance to win a prize.

The meeting will feature OWGL President Sherman Reese speaking on "The New Farm Bill" and the proposed dues increase for OWGL members. Pioneer Implement will present a plaque to Miller Wheat, Inc., the County Conservation Farm winner.

The evening will also include door prizes and raffle items and the grand prize of a weekend at the Oregon Coast, donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

To RSVP, call Ken Grieb, Morrow County president, 989-8353.



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