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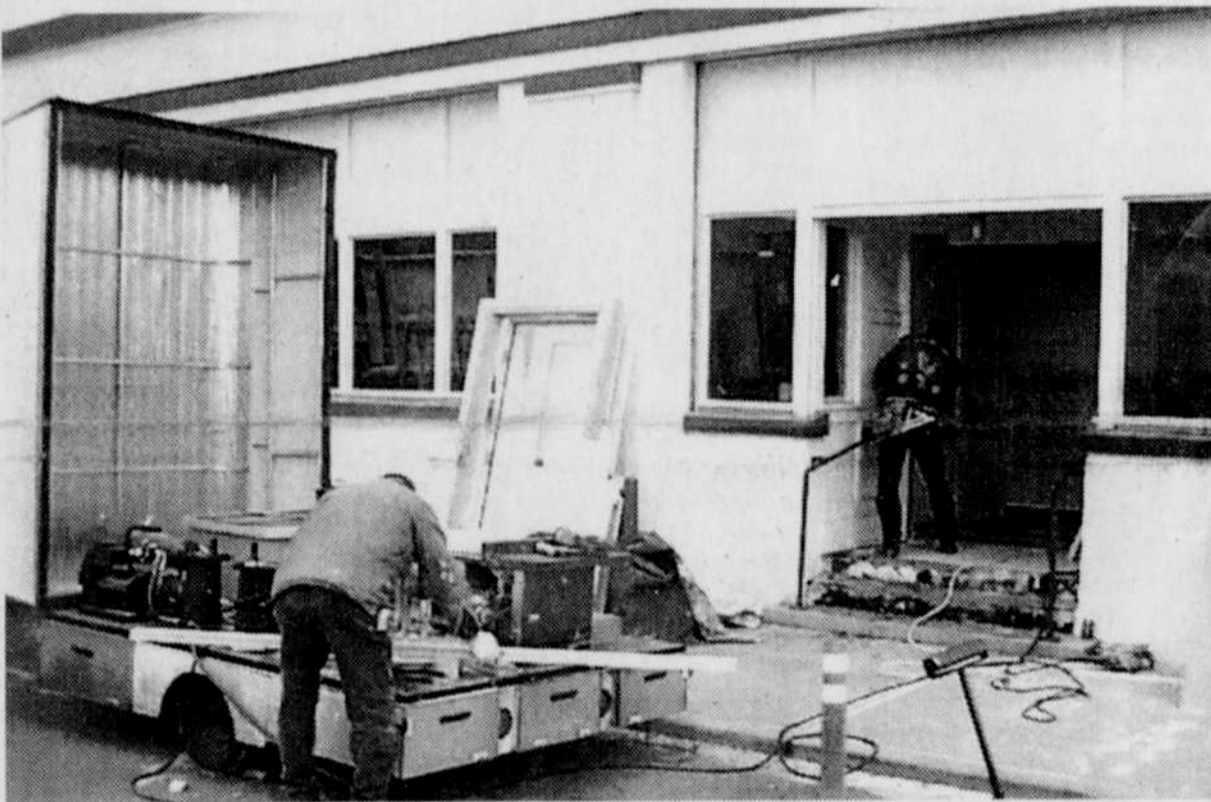
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## St. Patrick's Senior apartments to sport new windows



Workmen improve the St. Parick's Senior Center

By Doris Brosnan

The ground floor of the St. Patrick's Senior Apartment building will soon sport new windows that will complement the building's exterior which was spruced up with new paint a few years ago.

New windows are one more step in the makeover of the building's interior, enjoying its first updating since the retirement apartments were started over 11 years ago.

Already, several apartments have new carpeting and linoleum, as well as newly painted walls. As apartments become available, they will be renovated in this manner. Though similar to the original selections, the new colors tend to lighten and brighten the apartments. The apartment doors will be updated with new door openers.

The sitting room and the entry area of the building were newly painted and carpeted last fall. Now

## Fair & Rodeo Court okayed

The Morrow County Fair Board has announced that there will be a Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court this year. Fair and rodeo officials thought that due to necessary budget cuts it would be impossible to have a court this year but changes have made it possible, said LaRae Kindle, fair secretary.

Tryouts will be held on Sunday, Feb. 25, starting at 1 p.m. All girls interested in representing the fair and rodeo should contact the fair office at 676-9474, Monday through Thursday from 8-11 a.m. and Friday from 8-10 a.m.

All applications must be returned to the fair office by Thursday, Feb. 22, at 11 a.m.

the dining room, halls and stairways are being painted as well. They will be lighter, with the trim color coordinating more closely with the new carpet, which will extend up the stairs and through the halls. The dining room floor will be repaired and newly covered with linoleum.

Passersby can see that the front door of the St. Pat's building has been replaced. This door and the inner door will have power door openers, to enable easier access.

New tile will soon greet visitors to the entry area, which is now lighted with new light fixtures.

The Housing Authority invites "sidewalk supervising" as the work on the building progresses. In fact, some of the sidewalk, at the back of the building, and the parking area, is included in the eventual new look at St. Patrick's Apartments. Landscaping will create an inviting space for residents and visitors.

## Local girl heads up Neighborhood Center donation



Lindsay Ward with donated items

A drive to raise funds to buy toiletries and other necessities for distribution by the Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County has raised \$290.

Heppner High School senior Lindsey Ward, in her second year of heading up the drive, made the initial \$100 donation and then challenged students and faculty at HHS to contribute.

Items purchased with the donations included laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper,

toothbrushes, toothpaste, deoderant, razors, shaving cream, paper towels, diapers, baby wipes, cotton swabs, feminine products and baby powder.

## Sinspiration scheduled

An ecumenical Sinspiration will be held Sunday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Heppner. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Ione UCC celebrates Souper Sunday

The Ione United Church of Christ celebrated "Souper Sunday" at the 11 a.m. church hour on Jan. 28, with a number of various activities.

Ann Rietmann, daughter of Jerry and Lisa Rietmann, was baptized during the worship service.

Following a potluck dinner, the annual meeting of the church was held with committee reports and the election of 2001 officers held with Betty Gray, moderator, as the leader.

Debbie Coppenger from the Salvation Army Greenhouse visited the church and the Ione Ecumenical Youth Group collected donations of money for Greenhouse and soup for the Neighborhood Center.

Coppenger told the congregation (including over a dozen Youth Group members) about the work done in the Portland area by Greenhouse with homeless youth. Her message was very powerful with a mix of statistics and personal stories. She explained the first goal of Greenhouse is to be sure kids live to see the next day and the second goal is to give them the skills to get off the streets. Those skills come through all the services provided by Greenhouse - food four times a day, clothing, laundry, showers, medical attention, drug and alcohol support, adult education, counselors and spiritual guidance. A volunteer chaplain has about 75 homeless youth in the congregation on any given Sunday.

Greenhouse is open 365 days a year and sees 150-175 young people in a day. This isn't surprising as there are over 2000 homeless youth in downtown Portland. Sixty percent of Greenhouse's funding is by donations with the other 40 percent from Multnomah County. The Ione Church helped by donating \$537.50 to Greenhouse.

## OTPR earns 'best footing'

Best Grounds Award  
By Sue Gibbs

Each year the Justin Boot Company and the Women's Professional Rodeo Association sponsor the "Justin Best Footing Program." This program is designed to recognize committees that put forth an extra effort to ensure that their professional rodeo has safe, consistent ground conditions.

The Oregon Trail Rodeo (OTPR) program has placed in this incentive program for the third year in a row.

Each circuit has three possible placings. If chosen for this award, the tractor driver is given a cash award. Barry Munkers of the OTPR was again commended and honored for this award. He received a \$200 check for placing third in the program during the 2000 National Finals Rodeo.

"The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo committee has worked hard to improve the rodeo grounds and is proud to know that Heppner has one of the best horse facilities and quality around in the Columbia Circuit," said a committee member.

## Ten Seven Ranch in angus program

Paul and Carolyn Wright of Ten Seven Ranch, Ione, have recently been enrolled in the Angus Herd Improvement Records program of the American Angus Association, reports Richard L. "Dick" Spader, executive vice-president of the national breed registry organization in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) is a comprehensive evaluation program used by registered Angus breeders to help them keep records of reproduction, and growth rate on individual animals. "Each year hundreds of Angus breeders use AHIR records to produce more profitable, efficient Angus seedstock," said an association news release.

## Heppner kids help Kosovo kids



Phil Arnold (center) presented a program on Kosovo at Heppner Elementary School Tuesday. Pictured along with Arnold are Mary West (right) originator of the "Kids for Kosovo" project, Sherry Matteson (left), HES first grade teacher and project coordinator, and first grade students. West and several students are displaying art work by Kosovo students thanking Heppner students for their donation of school supplies.

Heppner Elementary School students have not only learned the three "Rs", they have also learned a lesson in giving.

The students donated their labor to local businesses and individuals to raise money for their project, "Kids for Kosovo." They then used the money to buy supplies for school children in Kosovo.

Tuesday the Heppner children were able to see the joy that they were able to give to the students half way around the world.

The program started when local resident and mom, Mary West, heard about a family friend who traveled to Kosovo and sent home photos about the conditions there. West's daughter Katie, a first grader at HES, saw the photos of Kosovar children and wished out loud that she could send them her school supplies. West made contact with her friend in Kosovo, Phil Arnold, and with that, the "Kids for Kosovo" project got underway.

The children used their elbow grease and ended up raising about \$800. They had enough money to send five boxes of school supplies to Kosovo.

In Kosovo, Arnold was the guest of a classroom that had received the supplies and he also made a video for the kids back home in Heppner.

Tuesday, Arnold, who had earlier traveled 22 hours from Kosovo, came to Heppner to show the kids exactly what good they had done. Arnold showed

the Heppner children the video, spoke about conditions in Kosovo and answered a great many questions from a curious crowd of Heppner youngsters.

Phil Arnold, who spent 25 years in Umatilla County as a State Trooper, said he decided he wanted some adventure in his life after his retirement in 1998. He accepted a job in Kosovo overseeing traffic enforcement for the region, somewhat similar to the highway patrol. As traffic commander in Kosovo, Arnold has 95 officers working for him-35 international police and 60 Kosovar police trainees.

Arnold, who has lived in Kosovo the last year and a half, told of the extreme poverty of the area. Many of the Kosovar citizens are homeless and outages of electricity and water are common-almost a daily occurrence.

Schools have extreme shortages of supplies and something as disposable as a piece of chalk in the U.S. is rationed and each tiny piece locked up after use. Arnold remarked that maps in the classrooms are scarce and terribly outdated and computers virtually unheard of. He also commented that schools in Kosovo are so overcrowded, the children attend in shifts. But, he stressed, kids in Kosovo are just like kids in the U.S.

"It kind of makes me feel good that we can put people together from across the ocean," Arnold told the Heppner kids. "I want all of you to be very proud of what you have done."

## MCGG Customer Appreciation Day Saturday

The Morrow County Grain Growers will hold their annual Customer Appreciation Day this Saturday, Feb. 10 at the co-op's headquarters in Lexington.

The day kicks off with the popular free pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Everyone is invited to attend.

There will be many door prizes, free coffee and cookies at the convenience store, free knife sharpening, free carnations to the first 300 ladies and as usual lots and lots of factory representatives on hand with product displays and to answer questions.

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