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School demolition will be completed next month



The old Heppner High School building is being torn down by McCormick construction of Pendleton.

By Sarah Coller

Within just a couple short weeks, what was once a prominent Heppner landmark has been quickly reduced to piles of rubble being hauled off in dump trucks. Within a couple more short weeks, all that will be left is a vacant space where the century-old building once stood.

Demolition of the old Heppner High School building will be complete around the first of August said Nan Hall, a project spokesperson. Workers will begin excavation for the new building after the site is cleared.

McCormick construction of Pendleton is contracted to do the tearing down and rebuilding. The cost of the demolition is \$102,000 and the total contract with McCormick is \$2.2 million. Additional street work and improvements will be done on Elder Street along the west side of the existing Heppner Elementary School.

Fair tab deadline July 24

The deadline for articles to be included in this year's Fair and Rodeo Special Edition is Wednesday, July 24. All news and photos must be at the Gazette-Times office no later than 5 p.m. on that day. The issue will be printed on August 7.

Man & wife to go "pie-to-pie"



Mike and Kim Armato take their pie-baking seriously. They will compete next week in the first-annual pie-baking contest during "Celebrate Heppner's History."

Mike and Kim Armato of Heppner are ready to go "head-to-head" in the first-annual pie-baking contest as part of "Celebrate Heppner's History", on Friday, July 26. The contest, which is sponsored by Sherrell Insurance of Heppner, is open to all bakers and will accept any kind of pie. Pies must be dropped off at Sherrell Insurance between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. the morning of the contest and will be judged and auctioned off beginning at 6 p.m. that evening.

Lone Pool schedules junior high swim

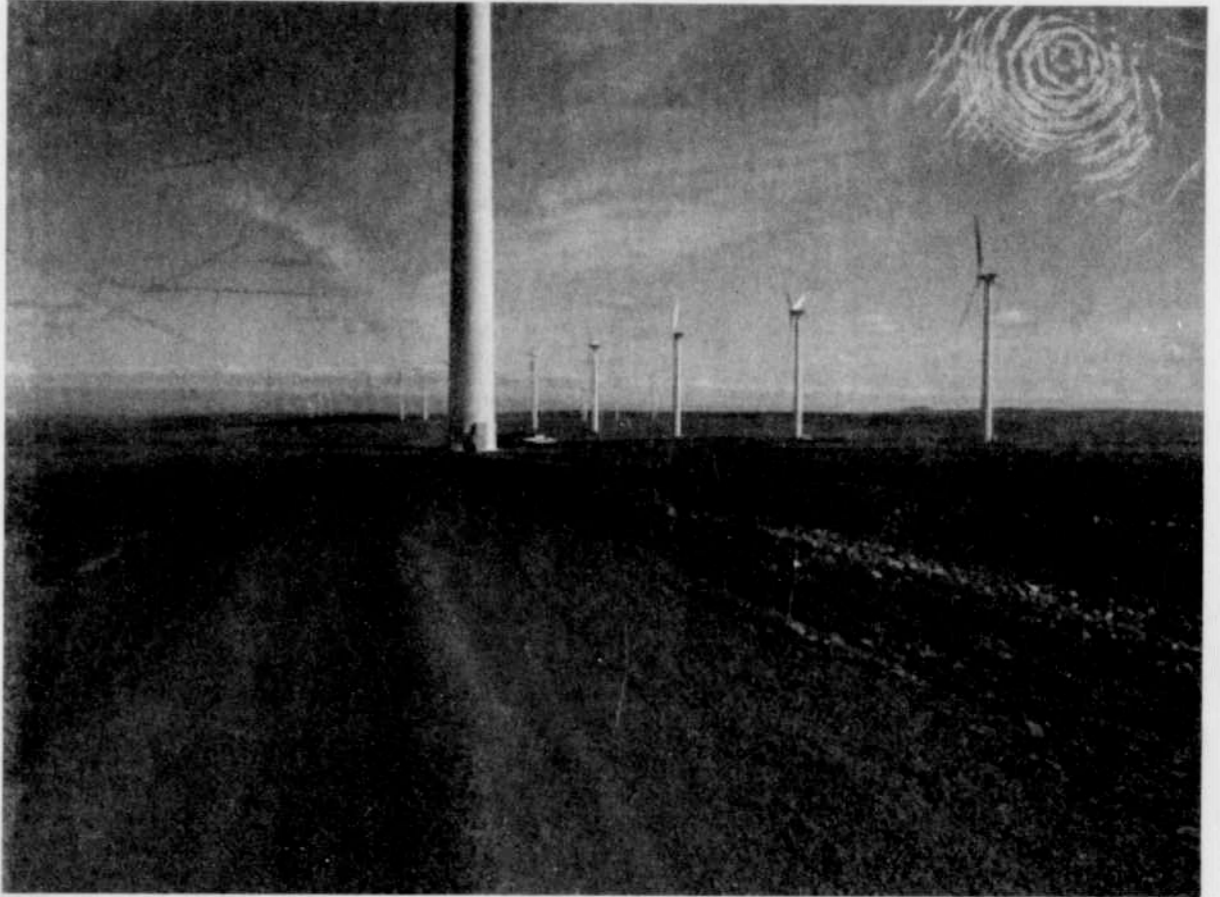
The Lone Pool will hold a junior high swim on Saturday, July 27, from 7-9 p.m. All junior high kids are welcome to attend. The pool is asking for donations of a new pair of socks to be donated to the Outreach Ministries for admission. There will be adult lifeguards supervising. Food, pop, music and prizes should make for a fun evening, said a spokesperson.

For more information, contact Shelly Key at 989-8520.

Columbia Basin to offer wind power



Columbia Basin Board of Directors toured the Condon wind generating facility



The Condon Wind Project

New superintendent ready for coming school year

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op announces the availability of a "green power" option for their consumers. This environmentally friendly electric power comes from the new Condon Wind Project in Gilliam County. "Wind power is the fastest growing generation principle around the world. It's 'green' power because even as it is being used, there aren't fossil fuels being burned. There is no emission from the generation of wind power, making it one of the cleanest generation processes in the world" a spokesman said.

"Wind power has become very popular in the Northwest," said Tom Wolff of Columbia Basin. "Our Board of Directors decided to make 'green' power available to our consumers so they can take advantage of this ecologically friendly energy."

The Condon Wind Project was developed by SeaWest WindPower, Inc. of San Diego, California. The project consists of 83 towers, each with a 600-kilowatt wind turbine on top. The three blades on each tower are 72 feet long for a span of 153 feet. Each tower is 200 feet tall and topped with a very bright strobe light during the day, and a bright red light at night, and can be seen from local ridge tops. The turbines start to turn in just 9 mph winds, and will automatically shut-down in sustained winds at or above 55 mph.

The 'green' power will be available for consumers starting August 1. The power will be marketed in blocks of 200 kwhs. Each 200 kwh block costs a monthly surcharge of \$5, which will be added to the monthly invoice. There is a 12-month commitment for this service. The average residential home consumes 1,100 kwh per month.



New Morrow County School Superintendent Jack Crippen is ready for the coming school year

By Sarah Coller

School District Superintendent Jack Crippen comes to Morrow County with a wealth of knowledge and experience. The new administrator has slowly been making his way to Morrow County over the years from South Dakota. He received his bachelor degree and first teaching job in his home state and taught there a while before moving to Nevada where he taught and sold real estate from 1971-1988. Then he went to the University of Nevada and got an

Education Specialist Certificate, qualifying him as a school administrator. His first administration job was at a boy's reform school in Nevada. He then moved to Idaho where he was principal at a high school, and finally, to Oregon. He spent a total of 17 years in positions in Jordan Valley, Moro and Tillamook, getting his doctorate from the University of Idaho in the meantime. Now he's here in Morrow County and ready to tackle the 2002-2003 school year.

Crippen is married to Judy and is the step dad of four.

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