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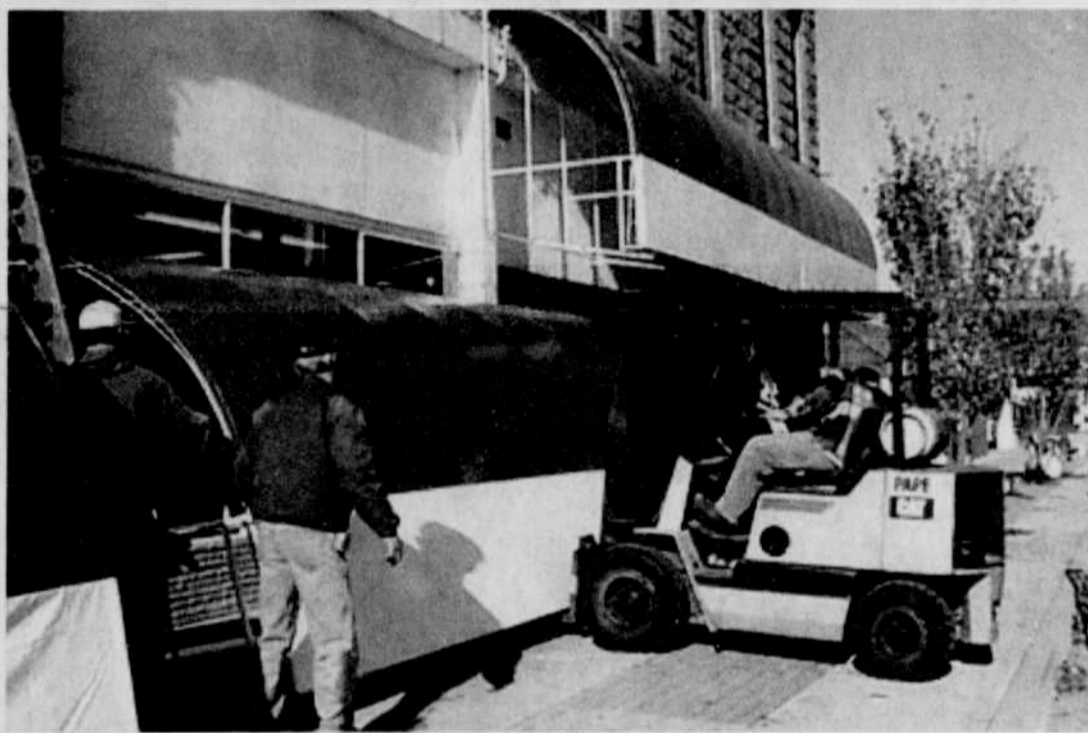
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Main Street upgrades with new awnings



The crew of F.O. Berg out of Spokane work on installing Murray's new awning, Thursday, Oct. 30.



Peterson's has a color change and Wheatland Insurance sports its new name on their awnings.

Three new awnings have gone up on Main Street in Heppner. The awnings were installed by F.O. Berg out of Spokane, WA. The three businesses receiving new

awnings were Peterson's, Wheatland Insurance and Murray's.

F.O. Berg came to Heppner nine years ago when improvements were being

made to Main Street and had installed an awning for Peterson's at that time. Due to fading, both at Peterson's and Murray's the companies decided to upgrade.

Heppner hosts first round playoffs

The Heppner Mustangs will be playing against the Vernonia Loggers, Saturday, Nov. 8, in the first round of the Les Schwab/US Bank/OSAA Class 2A state playoffs. The game will be

held in Heppner, beginning at 1 p.m.

This is the fifth year Heppner, 7 and 0 in the Columbia Basin Conference and 9 and 0 overall, has taken the conference title.

Game photos on Internet

Football pictures from the Sherman County game, on Oct. 24 and Colt football pictures are now available on the Heppner website at www.Heppner.net.

City legislators learn about rural issues



Urban legislators tour the wheat marketing center in Gilliam county last week



Rep. Laurie Monnes-Anderson of Gresham and Rep. Mike Schaufler (right) of Happy Valley listen as Columbia Basin Electric Co-op Manger Jerry healy explains wind farm operation near Condon.

A group of legislators from the Portland Metropolitan area, in an effort to better understand the problems and challenges of rural Oregon, toured Gilliam county Oct. 27. The trip was arranged and hosted by Columbia Basin Electric.

Four representatives from the Willamette Valley, along with several Eastern Oregon representatives and senators visited the new Arlington golf course, the wind farm near Condon and various other sites before having dinner at the Condon Hotel. Some of the representatives stayed over night at the hotel before returning to Portland the next day.

The group traveled from Portland by small bus and the first stop was the Arlington golf course. From there the legislators, along with some Columbia Basin Electric board members and others, were treated to a tour of the waste facility in Arlington by Gilliam County Judge Laura Pryor.

After stopping for lunch at Eric and Marnie Anderson's farm the group was shown the new industrial park site between Condon and Arlington and then moved on to the new wheat marketing facility at the Gilliam County Fair Grounds.

At the facility a food scientist is studying better and new ways for farmers to market their wheat to exploit new markets. Much of the Northwest wheat market has been taken away by Australian farmers who are willing to separate their wheat into various categories for market purposes. The food scientist at the marketing lab showed samples of experimental baked goods she has been testing.

The group next went to Condon where they toured the new Educational Service District building and 911 center. A tour of the mobile telecommunications classroom was also given. The mobile classroom can be taken to various small schools in the

Gilliam/Wheeler county area where different types of classes are taught and then broadcast to other school via telecommunications. The ESD director said the mobile classroom is also a boon for

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Winter snow hits Heppner



As the winter snow hit Heppner the night of Nov. 2 and Nov. 3, Abigail Marick, 17 months, daughter of John and Kathy Marick of Heppner, experiences her first snowy activities.

Contest brings in food

The October food drive for the Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County brought in 1504 pounds of canned and dry goods. This year's drive was in a contest form among the various businesses in Heppner.

"Last year's door-to-door food drive brought in 2345 1/2 pounds of food," said Janice Skaggs, Neighborhood Center Coordinator. This year the Center did not receive quite as much food, but the business participants enjoyed the friendly contest.

First place winner for the contest was Heppner Hardware. This group of four employees brought in 393 pounds of food for total of 167 points. Second place winner was John's Place with 115 points and third place was Peterson's with 72 points.

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