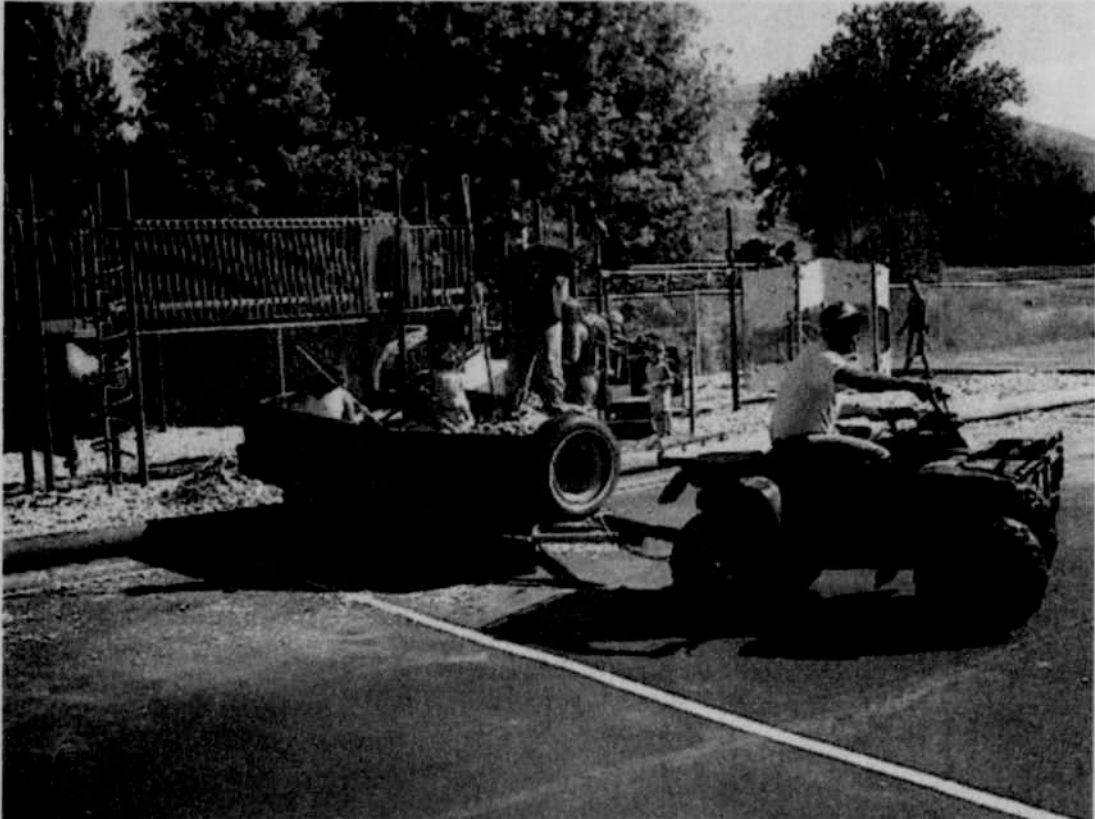


## Volunteers spruce up HES playground



James and Patti Pappas and family helped paint the lines of the US map at the HES playground.



Cara Osmin, a teacher at Heppner Elementary School, helped paint new lines at the HES playground during a work party held Friday, Aug. 27.

## Hunters take bear at Bartlett Bench



Farron Reynolds, of Milton-Freewater and his father-in-law, Dick Paris of Heppner, took a 180-plus pound male black bear at Bartlett Bench near Troy this last weekend.

## Informational meeting with Matlack to be held

An informational meeting for Ken Matlack for Morrow County Sheriff will be held at the A.C. Houghton Elementary cafeteria in Irrigon on Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

## Track in progress at Heppner High School



Earlier this summer the Heppner High School track was torn up for improvements

After many years of being passed by for improvements, the Heppner High School track has finally received its turn. For years the track has been crushed gravel. Then the Lions Club installed a curb around it, but other than general upkeep no improvements had been made.

Now, after much grant writing and a mass mailing soliciting in-kind donations, the new track is underway. As of yet, no grants have been received, but almost \$80,000 of in-

kind donations (i.e. labor, materials, monies) have been received, said Heppner Principal Wade Smith. Also, the Morrow County School District has supplied \$75,000 towards building the track facility.

Most of the basic ground work for completing the track has been accomplished. Thousands of yards of old material have been removed, the area has been leveled and track measurements have been made. Asphalt now needs to be laid and covered with a top coating to finish the project. According to Smith, the asphalt should be laid in

the next couple of months and the top coating should be completed in the spring, if the grants are successful this year. If the grants are unsuccessful, the project would be completed within the next year.

Once the track is complete, Heppner will have a certified six-lane track. The track will also be usable for field events, such as javelin, shot put, high jump, etc.

Currently, HHS has been renting a track from Umatilla for their track meets. It is hoped that by the next school year, Heppner will be able to have true home meets.

## Punt, Pass and Kick contest to be held

The Heppner Elks and the Heppner Football Program are hosting an NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competition in Heppner on Sunday, Sept. 12. The competition is free and open to boys and girls ages 8-15. It will be held at 1 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Age classification is as of Dec. 31 of the current year. Entry forms are available at Heppner and Ione schools and Heppner TV. Bring entry forms and a copy of the child's birth certificate to the competition on Sept. 12. For competition information, call Josh Coiner at 676-8189.

The NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick football competition allows youngsters to showcase their talents in punting, passing and kicking with scores based on distance and accuracy.

All participants receive a certificate from the NFL, signed by Commissioner Paul Tagliabue. Prizes for age-group winners include ribbons, medals, plaques, trophies and a trip for the competitor and two adults to the National Finals.

The top finishers from each of eight age groups at the local competition will advance to a sectional competition. The winners at the sectional competition will have their scores compared with other sectional champions; the top five scorers from the pool of sectional champions advance to the team championship and team championship winners will determine who will travel to the national finals.

Teachers, administrators and parents all came out on Friday, Aug. 27 for a work party at Heppner Elementary School in preparation for the beginning of school. Lines were repainted, swings were fixed and added, wood chips were laid down and everything was "spruced up" for the kids.

The Heppner Parent-Teacher Club organized the work party.

## Heppner Chamber to meet on new day

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will now be meeting on Thursdays at noon at John's Place, due to new restaurant hours.

For more information about the Heppner Chamber or to become a member, call 676-5536.

## AWANA clubs to start

With the startup of the school year, we also have the resuming of T&T (3-6) and Sparks (K-2) clubs. These clubs are for students in kindergarten through the sixth grade. AWANA meets at Lexington Baptist Church on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8 p.m.

AWANA is an acronym standing for approved workmen are not ashamed. The goal of AWANA is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him.

Each club night is divided into three segments: game time, handbook time and council time. Most club nights revolve around a central theme where clubbers are rewarded for bringing or wearing a particular item reflecting that theme. Each night a clubber's accumulative point total is added to his designated team to arrive at the winning team for that night.

A spokesman for AWANA said, "Our attendance usually is in the high 40s, with a leader to student ratio of one leader to three or four clubbers. We have been privileged over the years to have leaders representing three to five different churches of the area helping with AWANA clubs. It has been successful because of the dedicated leaders we have who are committed to helping each

clubber be their and do their best."

Parents are encouraged to bring their children, stay and watch the club in action if they would like to. Transportation to and from AWANA club is the parents' responsibility. Limited transportation space may be available with another parent or club leader. Call Pastor Glenn at 989-8555 if you have further questions.

The door is usually open at the church on Wednesdays just after 6 p.m.

## St. Patrick Senior Center news

Willow Creek Baptist Church volunteers will host the Senior Center noon meal on Wednesday, Sept. 8. The menu is chicken ala king with noodles, peas and carrots, broccoli with cheese sauce, rolls, mixed fruit and cobbler.

Two bus trips to keep in mind are trips to the Round-Up Westward Ho Parade and a to be announced trip to the new center in Ukiah.

The board of directors regular meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15 at 12:30 p.m., in the Center office.

Lil Boyce has returned to her Monday morning spot in the office. She has had two months leave for knee surgery.

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