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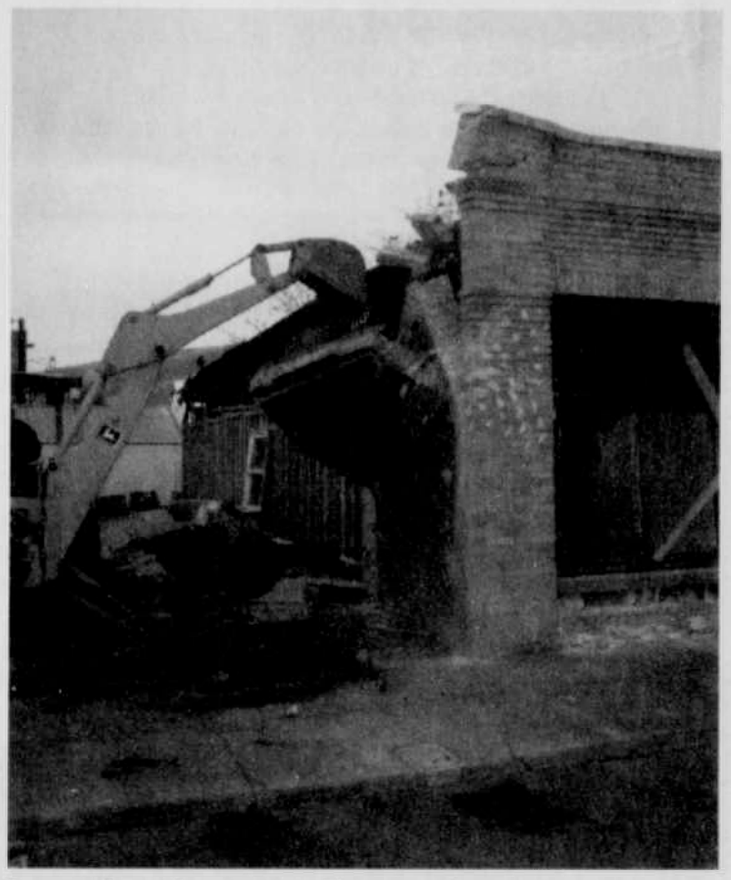
City begins demolition of former Gazette building

Public works director Bruce Nelson uses a backhoe to begin tearing down old Gazette building.

City crews began leveling the former Heppner Gazette-Times office building last week. The property is being cleared to make way for an eventual expansion of the fire department facilities. The crew was using a backhoe to knock down the walls and roof of the wood and brick building. The Gazette purchased the former city hall building and moved its office across the street last year.



Large piece of concrete walls comes down

Mustangs face Blanchet Catholic School this Saturday

The Heppner Mustangs will square off against the Blanchet Cavaliers this Saturday at 1p.m.

Who are the students of Blanchet Catholic School? We know their football team has a record of 9 wins and 3 losses for the season. There must be more. These facts obtained from their website may help to know the competition.

Blanchet Catholic School was founded in 1995 to provide Catholic secondary school education in Salem. We are continuing a tradition of secondary education provided in the past by Sacred Heart Academy (1863 to 1984) and Serra Catholic (1954 to 1969). After a lengthy discussion and polling of the Catholic community in Salem and neighboring communities, the organizing group for the new school presented a plan to Archbishop William J. Levada, who gave permission for its development. The school was named after Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet, the first Archbishop of the Oregon Territory.

Students helped select the school mascot, Cavaliers, and the school colors, royal blue and silver. The school opened on September 5, 1995 with 110 students. In 1997, Blanchet was granted full accreditation by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. The first graduating class received their diplomas in June 1999. Today Blanchet's enrollment has nearly tripled, with a student body of over 300 students. Blanchet Catholic School offers academic and spiritual growth opportunities to both Catholic and non-Catholic youth, grades 7-12. The school operates by permission of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, but is not owned by a religious order.

The school paid off the mortgage on its 22-acre campus and school facility in 2004. Blanchet completed a $1.4 million fundraising campaign, called "Belief in Blanchet," in 2005.

Blanchet has established a positive reputation throughout the Willamette Valley for its academic excellence, competitive athletic programs, quality faculty and supportive community.

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Fri 9/2	at La Salle Falcons	28-21 Won
Fri 9/9	at Vernonia Loggers	26-32 Lost
Fri 9/16	Reedsport Braves	13-36 Won
Fri 9/23	Colton Vikings	8-41 Won
Fri 9/30	at Santiam Wolverines	31-7 Won
Fri 10/7	at Scio Loggers	35-0 Won
Fri 10/14	Regis Rams	35-6 Lost
Fri 10/21	at Salem Academy Crusaders	14-19 Lost
Fri 10/28	at Kennedy Trojans	9-0 Won
Fri 11/4	Gervais Cougars	14-47 Won
Sat 11/12	Warrenton Warriors	0-12 Won
Fri 11/18	at Monroe Dragons	48-7 Won
Sat 11/26	at Heppner Mustangs	1pm

G-T office closes Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving

The Gazette office will be closed on Thanksgiving and Friday, Nov. 25.
There will be no changes in deadlines for the newspaper submissions.

MCGG plans purchase of two Heppner businesses

Green Feed store in Heppner purchased by MCGG

The Morrow County Grain Growers has announced the planned purchase of two Heppner businesses, Green Feed and Seed and Heppner Auto Parts.

MCGG general manager John Ripple said the company plans to expand Green Feed with additional inventory and services including clothing, irrigation equipment, fencing and lawn and garden supplies. MCGG will purchase Green Feed from Jamie and Ronda Helfrecht who have owned the business since 1998. Ripple says Jamie Helfrecht will remain on as an employee of MCGG and manage the store. The sale will be finalized next week.

With Heppner Auto Parts, MCGG plans on purchasing the inventory and fixtures and will close the store and incorporate the parts store into its Lexington facility. The purchase will be finalized after the first of January.

"We plan to offer our customers expanded selection and service," said Ripple when announcing the acquisitions.

Missionary to speak at Christian Life Center

Tamara Henkes candidate missionary to Romania, will speak at Christian Life Center, 535 W. Morgan St., on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Tamara will be working to meet the needs of children across Romania, a nation known worldwide for its pressing social needs. She desires to train, equip, mentor, and encourage children's workers in local churches and nurture their God-given calls to reach the children in their communities.

Since 1998, Tamara has served as the early childhood children's pastor at Portland Christian Center in Portland, Oregon. She has coordinated community outreaches in Portland, and wants to communicate that kind of passion to children's workers in Romania. Tamara has served on short-term missions teams in Ukraine, Serbia, and Romania.

The public is invited to attend.

Forest Service office closed Thanksgiving

The Heppner office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25.
Individuals needing to purchase wood or Christmas tree permits may do so at Heppner Hardware and Heppner Shell.

Ione School Board approves 2006 football schedule

The Ione School Board approved its 2006 football schedule at its regular meeting Monday night.

The 2006 schedule will include the following games: September 2-Dufur Jamboree; Sept. 8 game at Touchet; September 28 Wallowa at Ione; Sept. 29 at Echo; October 6 at South Wasco; Oct. 13 Sherman at Ione; Oct. 20 at Condon; Oct. 27 Dufur at Ione; Nov. 3 Nixyaawii at Ione; and state playoffs Nov. 10-11.

Athletic director Dean Robinson advised the board that the football team will miss most of the school day when it plays Touchet, because Touchet has no lights and the Ione team must leave early enough to play a 3:30 p.m. game. "Football games for 1A schools are very hard to schedule," commented Robinson.

In a related issue, the board approved a cooperative agreement so that Arlington High School players will be allowed to play with Ione for tennis in the spring and football next fall. Arlington may not have enough players to form their own football team next year.

The board also approved a cooperative agreement with Heppner for tennis and softball.

In other business, the board acknowledged Loyal Burns and Del LaRue for their continued work and dedication to the Ione Schools. Each received a season basketball pass.

Also at the meeting, administrator Bryn Browning presented the following report:

-enrollment as of Nov. 14 was 164 students, with 67 in kindergarten through grade five; 41 in grades six through eight and 56 in grades nine-12.

-The first CAMP 5 Friday school was held Nov. 18 for third through sixth graders, with the theme of "healthy snacks," assisted by Betty Gray. The next CAMP 5 will be held December 9, with the greenhouse the theme. Students in grades six through eight will make wreaths and kindergarteners through fifth graders will do a winter project with Janet Holland. Other topics include the school shop, working with wood and rock painting, assisted by Jannie Allen. Coordinator for the program is Vicki Wagenblast.

-The SMART program began Nov. 14 for grades K-three. Janet Holland is recruiting and training numerous volunteers from the

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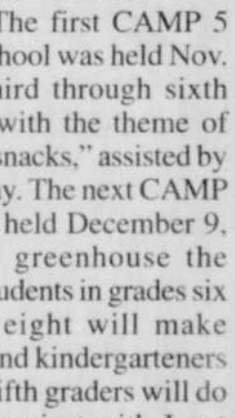
MCGG will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24th through Sunday, Nov. 27th in observance of Thanksgiving. Have a safe & happy holiday!



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