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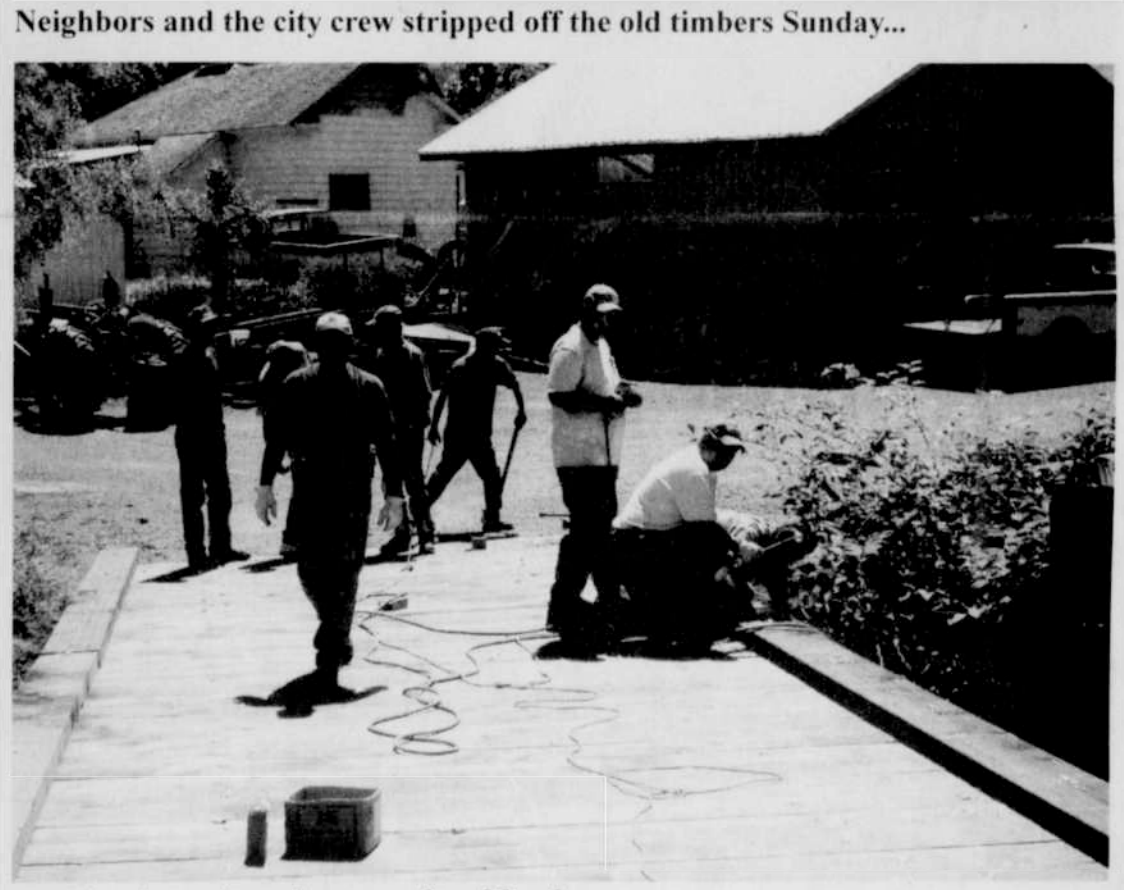
A young pie thrower lets loose in the park at the Ione 4th of July celebration Wednesday. More pictures page five.

A good old fashion bridge raising

Kirk Street Bridge was in bad need of repairs.

Neighbors and the city crew stripped off the old timbers Sunday...



... and put on a brand new surface Monday.

At one time or another we've all heard of the good old fashion barn raising, but what about a bridge raising?

The Kirk Street Bridge over Willow Creek in Heppner was falling apart, so much so that people began to question its safety.

It was determined that the bridge was on a city street, however, because of city budget constraints no one was sure if the bridge could be rehabilitated. That is until neighbors in the area, and even the city mayor, stepped up to help the city crew get the job done.

Heppner citizens Butch Laughlin, Doug Holland, Bill Riney and Mayor Les Paustain tore off the old timbers covering the steel beams of the bridge on Sunday, and then with the help of the city crew on Monday replaced the old rotten timbers with brand new ones.

"It was a great job," said city crew boss Brian Harmon Tuesday while looking over the finished bridge. "That should last awhile."

Youngsters donate lemonade stand proceeds to senior center

Left to right: Naleah Stone, six, Judy Buschke, St. Patrick Senior Center Board member, Nalani Stone, seven, and Sierra Robie, eight. Not pictured is Morgan Orem.

Four local girls made a very special donation to the Heppner St. Patrick's Senior Center. The girls, Sierra Robie, Nalani Stone, Naleah Stone and Morgan Orem earned $28.76 from selling brownies, cookies and lemonade at a lemonade stand they had set up during a yard sale at the Robie home. The girls then presented the money to the senior center.

Health District receives request from Boardman clinic for $70,000 each year for three years

Ed Glenn, member of the Columbia River Community Health Services Board and a former member of the Morrow County Health District Board, appeared before the MCHD Board at their regular meeting June 25 at Irrigon seeking a monetary pledge for CRCHS from the health district.

Glenn asked for $70,000 from MCHD each year for the next three years. MCHD had just completed a previous pledge to CRCHS this May, contributing the final $70,000 of $210,000 donated over the past three years to the newly-established migrant health clinic located in Boardman. The federally-funded clinic serves the general public as well as migrant workers and their families.

Glenn did not release the CRCHS budget, but did say that CRCHS had $320,000 in cash reserves for operations, $100,000 in cash reserves for its building fund and $100,000 in cash reserves for equipment.

He said that the city of Boardman had approved a

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