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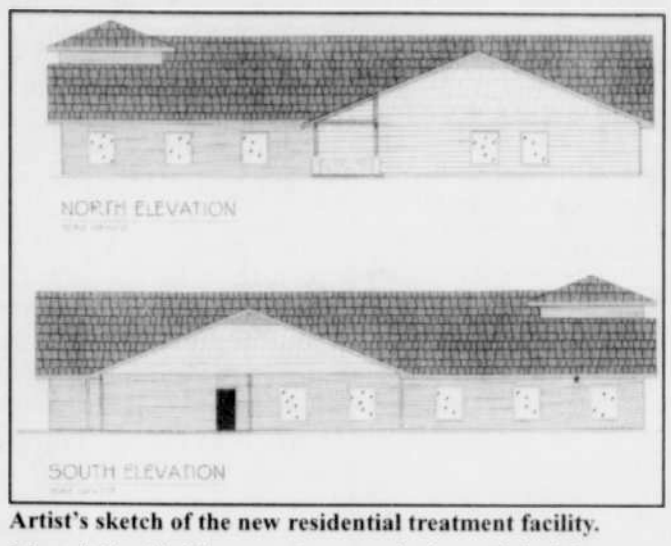
# Treatment facility to be operational by 2010

**By David Sykes**

The Secure Residential Treatment Facility which recently broke ground in Heppner should be in operation by January or February of 2010, the Heppner Chamber of Commerce was told last week.

Developer Rod Estes of Eastern Oregon Human Services Consortium, and Kimberly Lindsay, Mental Health Director for Community Counseling Solutions, were guests of the chamber and gave an update on the eight-bed mental health facility going in near Lakeview Heights in Heppner.



**Artist's sketch of the new residential treatment facility.**

Estes said he is in the process of getting the contractor in and set up and also installing the sewer and water facilities. Estes also said he was pleased with the site overlooking Willow Creek Lake as it offered a good view of the lake.

He said the facility would include 136 sq. ft. bedrooms with a 70 sq. ft. closet for all the residents and also common area, kitchen, dining area and fenced recreation yard. There will be video cameras throughout and the outside of the building will be enhanced with dormers, sky-lights and appropriate siding and roofing to "minimize the institutional appearance."

Estes also said that ages of the residents could be anywhere from 18 to 65 years old, and this will be a transition residence with people staying 18-24 moths before moving on to a less secure facility.

Lindsay said they will also be offering equine therapy and that horses will be on the property for the residents. She said this will be the first facility in the state to try horse therapy, and she feels it will be effective in that the residents not only bond with the horses, but are given responsibility for caring for them which helps build self esteem and responsibility.

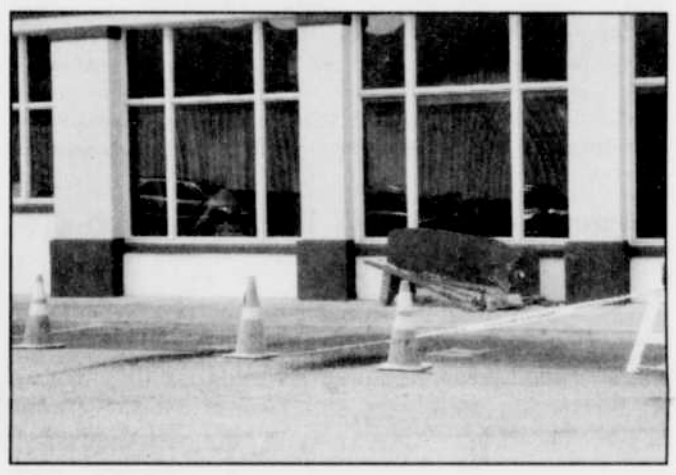
She said the general number of employees will be 15-20 with 9-11 being residential associates requiring a high school degree along with a criminal background check. Lindsay said she plans to start hiring four to six weeks before the facility opens.

## Tennis team members participate in state tournament

**Left Photo: Members of the Heppner/Ione joint tennis team participated in state tournament action this past weekend. Pictured left to right are Susan Kendrick (assistant coach), RJ Ramos, Vanesa Godolleova, Arthur Lima, Brenna Rietmann, and Maureen McElligott (head coach). Godolleova placed fourth in districts, and Rietmann, Ramos and Lima all placed third in districts to advance to the state tournament. Right Photo: Arthur Lima serves the ball during a district tournament match.** *–Contributed Photo*

## Pickup crashes into side of Senior Center

**On Sunday, May 24, a 1994 Sierra pickup driven by George Duflour, 66, of Umatilla crashed into the side of the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. Heppner EMS responded to the scene where the driver was found unconscious in the vehicle. The pickup continued to run in gear after hitting the building, leaving two large mounds of burned off tire tread in the street before a local youth reportedly ran up and shut off the vehicle. Duflour was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital and was later flown to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. Damages were minor and included a smashed concrete window sill outside, a buckled window sill inside, and destroyed a wood and concrete bench outside of the newly remodeled building. No other injuries were reported besides Duflour's were reported.** *–Photos by David Sykes and Autumn Morgan*



## Bank of Eastern Oregon employees participate in national Teach Children to Save Day

Tricia Rollins, branch manager; Danielle Looslie, new accounts representative; and Becky Kindle, branch administrator from Bank of Eastern Oregon's Heppner Branch, gave a savings lesson to K-3rd grade students at Heppner Elementary School as part of the American Bankers Association Education Foundation's Teach Children to Save Program.

Sharon Rietmann, branch manager, and Lena McElligott, teller, from the Ione Branch, gave the savings lesson to K-3rd graders at the Ione Elementary School.

Bank of Eastern Oregon employees joined thousands of bankers across the country who traded in their balance sheets for blackboards to help fill the need for financial education.

"Studies show that kids aren't learning the skills they need to make smart financial decisions as adults," said Jeff Bailey, president and CEO. "Communities and schools teach other life skills, such as driving a car, but we don't spend enough time teaching financial skills. Bankers are in the schools this week to help fill that gap and prepare future customers for financial success."

The presentation included activities about the concept of saving, how interest makes money grow, how to budget and determining needs and wants. Bank of Eastern Oregon employees also handed out calculators to approximately 1,530 kindergarten through fourth grade students in its local banking communities.

Since the American Bankers Association Education Foundation's National Teach Children to save Day began in 1997, thousands of bankers have taught money skills to more than one million students.

Bank of Eastern Oregon offers the following tips to help parents make every day "Savings Day":

-Help kids open up their own bank savings account and make deposits regularly. Many banks have children's accounts that have no fee or minimum-balance requirements.

-Make going to the bank fun. Some banks have kids' clubs where members get newsletters or receive balloons when they make a deposit. Kids love to get mail, so encourage them to keep an eye out for their quarterly statement.

-Talk to your child about the family budget. Include a discussion on wants and needs. Reinforce this by budgeting for a family outing or purchase.

-While children know that money doesn't grow on trees, they may think it comes out of a wall. Show them how an ATM machine works and explain that to take money out of the bank you must first put it in.

-Give your kids positive feedback. As they get older, give them responsibility over how they spend their money.

The ABA Education Foundation, a nonprofit subsidiary of the American Bankers Association, is committed to developing and providing education programs that lead to financial literacy. The ABA Education Foundation's National Teach Children to Save Day is held every April when thousands of bankers make presentations to students on the importance of saving for their future.

## Celebrate Heppner – something for everyone

The Heppner Chamber is working to make sure there is something for everyone at this year's Celebrate Heppner event on Friday, June 12.

Some of the events include: a giant strawberry shortcake will be available courtesy of Sweet Productions Ice Cream Parlour and Diner; Murray Drugs will have shaved ice; The Stable of Youth will be sponsoring a "Mystery Sundae" competition where customers purchase a sundae for $1 and if they can guess blindfolded what flavors are in the sundae, it's free; Howe's About Pizza will be providing free cookies; a Children's Carnival will be held for children 18 years of age at The Stable of Youth beginning at 11:30 a.m.; a dunk tank; and a hot dog eating contest.

Special guest Joann Byrd, author of "Calamity: The Heppner Flood of 1903," will talk about her book from 1-2 p.m. at the library. Local artists' handiwork and crafts will be on display at City Hall to just look at, or purchase.

Local museums will be open throughout the day. Bingo will be held at the Senior Center dining room from 2-5 p.m. for 25 cents per card.

A small dog race will be held beginning at 2 p.m. at the City Park. Any dog weighing less than 25 pounds is eligible.

Entries for the Dessert Auction need to be taken to the Senior Center dining room from 1-2 p.m. for judging. Prizes will be awarded to the top three in adult and junior categories. The auction will benefit the Chamber and will be held during the youth talent show on Friday evening.

The Bank of Eastern Oregon will once again be hosting a customer appreciation barbeque. This year the meal will include hotdogs with all the fixings, chips and choice of water or pop and will begin at 5 p.m.

On Saturday, plan on attending the dinner play, "Rails, Riches and Rejection" with many community members involved, starting at 7 p.m.

## Sunset Magazine ranks Bull Prairie Campground

Sunset Magazine recently named Bull Prairie Campground as one of the top 50 campgrounds in North America.

In their May edition of the magazine, Sunset ranked Bull Prairie Campground as #43. The article read: "The ultimate fishing lake abuts this campground in the Blue Mountains. Hang a hammock under ponderosas, cast a line from a dock, or ramble along the 1-mile lake trail. Insider tip: Check out the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo, 36 miles north in Heppner (Aug. 5-9; fair $3, rodeo $8; morrowcountyoregon.com). Best for: Fishing (no motorboats). Info: $14; no reservations; www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma or 541/676/9187."

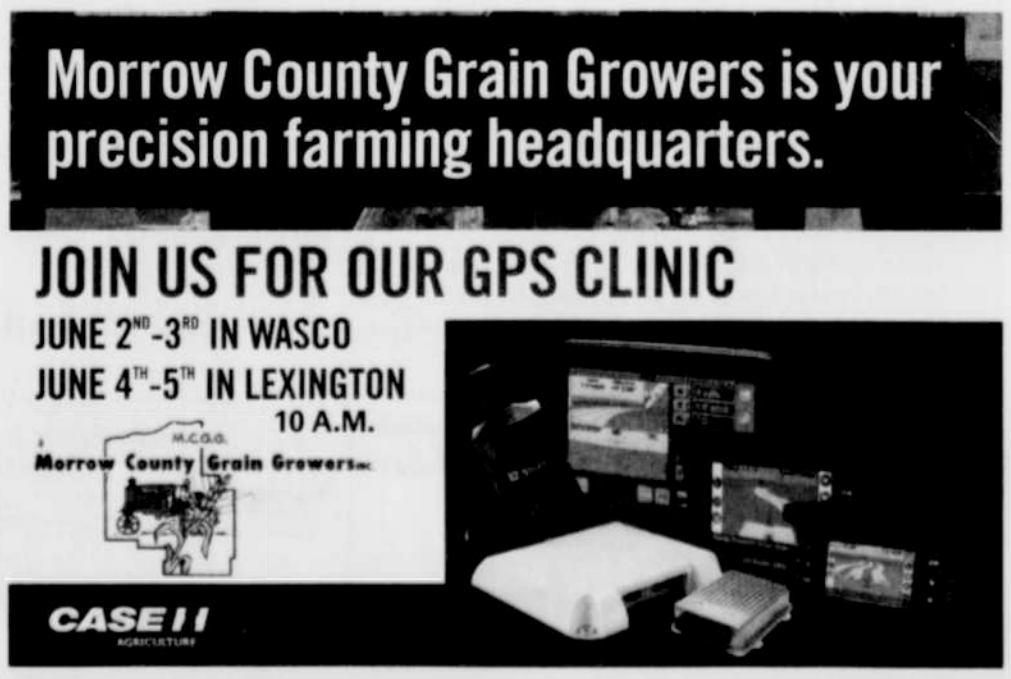
## Heppner/Ione graduations fast approaching

Ione Community School will hold its graduation ceremony on Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m. Heppner High School will hold its graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 6, at 2 p.m.

Baccalaureate services for Heppner High School seniors will be held on Wednesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Services for Ione Community School seniors will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday June 1, at Valby Lutheran.

### Farewell barbecue to be held for Ione exchange students

A community barbecue will be held at Ione City Park on Saturday, June 13, beginning at 1 p.m. This barbecue will be a farewell for the Ione Community School foreign exchange students.

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided but those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

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