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From the 1936 archives of the  
**Heppner**  
**Gazette-Times**

**52 year old Arbor Day program  
uncovered at lone school grounds**

A lot of history came to light last week when during the process of removing some old trees on the lone school grounds, a bottle was found entwined in the roots of one of the trees. The bottle and its contents were placed under the tree at the time of its planting, Arbor Day April 8, 1904.

Though they have been on the grounds almost 52 years to the day, the papers were in excellent condition and they gave a list of all the students of the Lone School as well as the recitation given at the time of planting of the tree and bottle.

Since the bottle has been uncovered, old timers in lone have remembered that there were other bottles planted with each tree. So far continued search has failed to reveal them, however.

The recovered papers will be put under glass at the school.

**Secure Residential Treatment  
Facility on schedule**



The Secure Residential Treatment Facility in Heppner is on schedule to be completed. According to Larry Baarstad of Baarstad's General Contracting, work has been going "really good" and the facility is on schedule to be open towards the end of January 2010. Just under 50% of the construction has been currently completed. The eight-bed mental health facility that will employ 15-20 people. -Photo by Andrew Sykes

**Senior Center Menu**

Hope/Valby/All Saints church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, September 30. The menu will include pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies, applesauce, and chocolate pudding.

**Check Out Our Lunch Specials!**

**Espresso Specials**  
Cherry Wellness Drink  
Peanut Butter Cup Mocha

**WE HAVE PUMPKIN FRAPPES!**

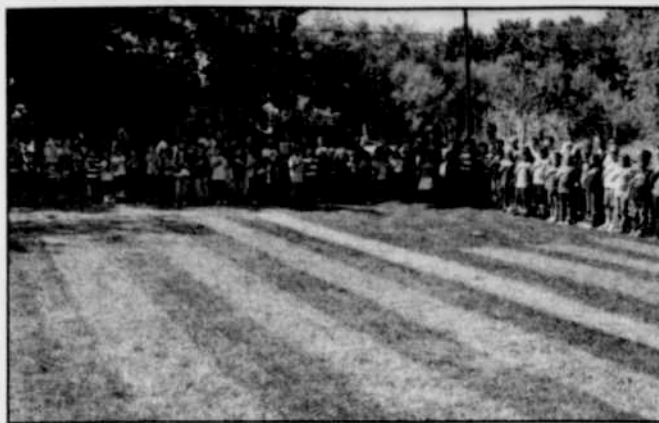
**HOURS:** Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
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**Wedding Tables**  
**Lacey Matteson & Sam Mackenzie**  
Saturday, October 24th

**Adam Neiffer & Lauren Stender**  
Saturday, November 21st

**Murray's Drug INC.**  
217 North Main • Heppner • Phone 676-9158 • Floral 676-9426  
Serving Heppner, Lexington & lone

**HES participate in Star Spangled Banner Project**



On September 14, students at HES gathered around a student-created flag to pay tribute. The day marked the time when Francis Scott Key wrote the poem that later became the words to our National Anthem. The Smithsonian Institute developed the Star Spangled Banner Project for school age children to learn about their history.

3rd-6th grade students measured and painted the original dimensions of the flag that was still waving on the early morning of September 14, 1814. They learned the history of the War of 1812, and all K-6 grade students practiced and learned the Star Spangled Banner. The Elks Lodge donated money to help with the cost of the paint. During the ceremony, students gave a brief history of the Star Spangled Banner, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, sang You're a Grand Old Flag and the Star Spangled Banner, and ended with a moment of silence in remembrance of all that have served for our country. -Contributed Photo

**Boardman approves an interchange area management plan**

Tuesday night the City of Boardman conducted a hearing and approved an Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP) for the Main Street interchange with Interstate 84. The IAMP was initiated to develop a shared plan between the city and the State of Oregon to make sure that all travelers can use the interchange safely and efficiently as the city continues to grow.

It was in 2007, that the city first attempted to pass an IAMP. After much public opposition to the draft IAMP, the City Council scrapped the plan and a steering committee made up of councilors and citizens-at-large was appointed. The steering committee, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), had the difficult task of redrafting the plan. Much of the opposition had to do with the right turns only along the city's front streets for 1320 feet. Although language in the plan still calls for right turns only at some point, the committee defined "triggers" that would need to be reached before that would happen. One of those triggers is if traffic becomes so heavy, a left turn would be impractical. Alternate streets would be developed, giving freeway traffic access to businesses in those areas, prior to initiating the right turn only traffic change.

While no one in opposition to the plan was

present at the hearing Tuesday night, there was much talk of the need to replace the existing freeway overpass. Steering committee member Ray Michael said he doesn't want to people to get hurt. He feels there could be a lot of accidents and said many of the traffic problems could be resolved with a new overpass. The IAMP does provide for a new overpass in the long-term plan.

The city will need to submit their plan to ODOT, for adoption by the Oregon Transportation Commission. Once in place, the city will be eligible for state and federal Transportation Improvement grants. The plan also aids prospective developers with their projects. Because a good portion of a transportation impact analysis is already in the city's IAMP, a developer may only be required to submit a traffic generation report, thus saving the developer time and money.

The plan would give a prospective developer certainty in knowing what the city expects of them.

In other city news, councilors approved spending \$64,500 in reserve funds for surveying and preliminary engineering of six projects they plan to do in the coming years.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boardman City Council will be Tuesday, October 6, at 7 p.m.

**M.C. Unified Recreation District to meet**

Morrow County Unified Recreation District will meet on Thursday, September 24, at 7 p.m. at the Irrigon Annex.

**7th Annual Fund Raising Dinner**

To Benefit  
**Ione Education Foundation**  
501(c)3 non-profit corporation.

**AUCTION and RAFFLE ITEMS**  
**Saturday, September 26th**  
**Ione American Legion Hall**  
**Social hour at 6 p.m. / Dinner at 7 p.m.**

Menu: Prime Rib, Salmon, Salad, Baked Potato, Bread, Dessert.  
Two drinks included with meal (choose from beer, wine and soft drinks).

**Ticket Prices:**  
Adults - \$25.00  
Children 7 - 12 - \$10.00  
6 and under - Free

**Come enjoy a fun evening and help support the lone School.**

**Obituaries**

**Gus L. Hekkala**

Gus L. Hekkala, 99, of Fossil died Thursday, September 17, 2009 at his home.

He was born January 14, 1910 in Minneapolis, MN the son of Gus and Elsie Salo Hekkala. The family moved to Oregon where he was raised and attended school in the Portland area.

Mr. Hekkala worked in the shipyards in Portland before moving to Wheeler County. He worked on ranches as a horse wrangler, cowhand and packer before starting in the logging industry. He did timber falling, forest construction work and also had his own logging truck.

On December 28, 1936 he married Helen L. Wilhelm in Walla Walla, WA. The couple lived at Fossil and Kinzua where he worked for a time. He spent

much of his time driving log truck to Heppner where he became very fond of the community. Mr. Hekkala enjoyed hunting, horses, and spending time in the mountains.

Survivors include: son, Larry Hekkala of Fossil; brothers, Steve Hekkala of Salem and Willy Hekkala of Phoenix, AZ; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. His wife preceded him in death in 1989.

A graveside service for Mr. Hekkala will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in charge of arrangements.

**Tiller's Folly to perform community concert**



Tiller's Folly will perform at HHS on October 8 beginning at 7 p.m. -Contributed Photo

Tiller's Folly will be performing at a community concert in Heppner on Thursday evening, October 8, from 7-9 p.m. The concert is being sponsored by John and Ann Murray/Murray Drugs and will be held in the gymnasium at Heppner High School.

There is no charge for the concert, but donations will be taken at the door as a fundraiser for Heppner's St. Patrick's "Wee Bit O' Ireland" event. Plan on coming and enjoy a great concert and help support a local Heppner event at the same time.

**Birth Announcement**

**Kort Raymond Schmitt** - Amy and Ray Schmitt of Medical Lake, WA announce the birth of a son, Kort Raymond Schmitt on August 30, 2009 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, WA.

At birth he weighed eight pounds, two ounces, and was 21.5 inches in length.

He joins a 21 month old sister, Gretchen.

Grandparents are Vicki and Steve Wagenblast of Lexington, Joan Schmitt of Spague, WA, and Ray Schmitt of Spague, WA.

Great-grandmothers are Fran Bardenhagen of The Dalles, Lee Wagenblast of Hermiston, and Dorothy Stromberger of Ritzville, WA.

**Heppner City Hall announces new business hours**

Heppner City Hall has new business hours. They will now be open through the lunch hour. Business hours are now 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Search ends for missing fishermen**

On Thursday, September 17, search team members found the remains of two fishermen that were in a boat that capsized earlier in the week. The bodies of Thane Colwash, 46, and Pete Goodlance, 22, were found approximately 50 feet apart in 25-30 feet of water and about 150 feet upstream from where the boat capsized.

On Monday, September 14, a boat with five members of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation were fishing on the Columbia River when the boat capsized and two of the fishermen were not able

to make it to shore. The remaining three fishermen made it shore and called the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

Approximately 50 people are involved in the search for the missing men on water as well as the shoreline. Divers involved in the search and rescue were three members of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office dive team and two members of the Clackamas dive team.

The area where the sunken boat was believed to be was searched and it was not found.



**Happy 30th Birthday Adam!**

**September 23rd**