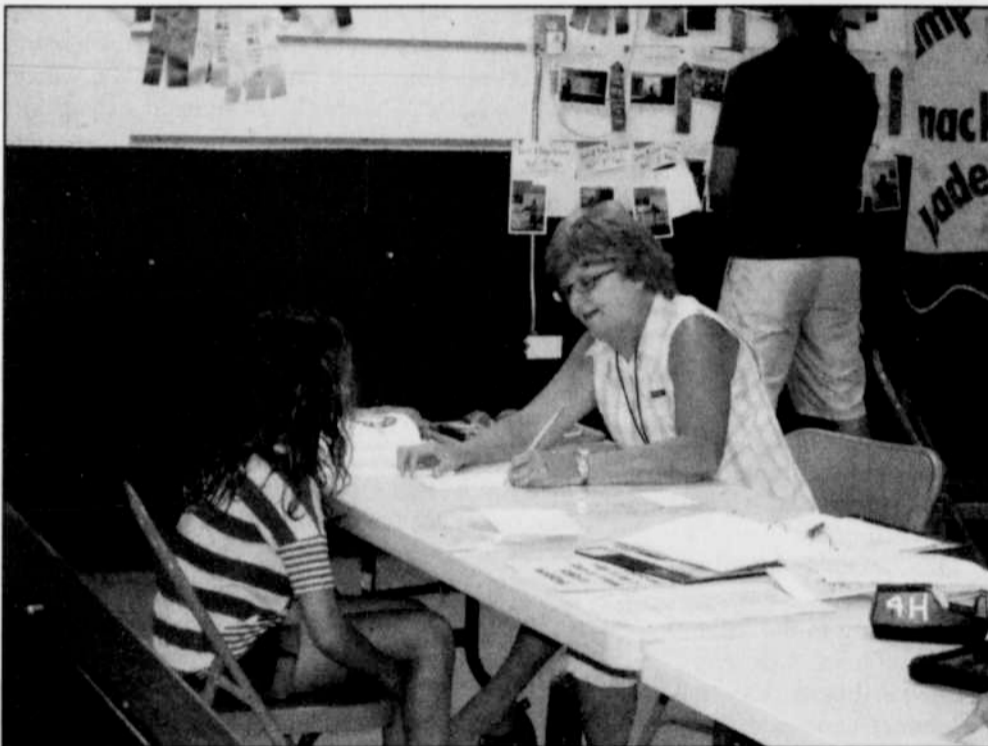




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It's fair time in Morrow County



Julianna Joyce interviews with 4-H Foods & Nutrition judge Seuzi Conlee with her 4-H cooking exhibit at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Tuesday. The 101st Morrow County Fair opened Wednesday, Aug. 13, and will run through Saturday. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

Morrow County schools regulate kitchen use

By April Sykes
The Heppner County School Board learned Monday night that no longer will groups be able to use school kitchens for fundraising activities unless they obtain a temporary restaurant license.

Kim Mabry, nutrition director for Morrow County School District employed by Sodexo, a private company hired by the district, told the board that requiring a temporary restaurant license was not an option and the district will be required to adhere to the new rule.

She said that a Norovirus outbreak in another part of the state prompted the new ruling. Norovirus is an intestinal virus, causing nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

and stomach cramps.

The licenses may be obtained online by going onto the Umatilla County website, clicking on public health, then clicking on environmental health and then clicking on the two-page temporary restaurant license application to download. Those wishing to obtain the license then may email, fax or mail the application back to the Umatilla County Health Department, along with a \$34 fee for the license for school events.

In addition to requiring the temporary restaurant permit, the district will now also require that at least one person at the event have a

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Ten months later Heppner woman 'not so happy' with city's promised curb fix

By David Sykes
A local woman who 10 months ago said she was "enormously happy" when the city promised to fix a construction mistake in front of her house on Water Street, is not so happy now.

Carolyn McDaniel, of 260 Water Street, came to the Heppner City Council Monday night and told of her "dismay and frustration" of dealing with the city trying to get a wrongly-installed curb in front of her house fixed.

"It is with great dismay and frustration that I come before you this evening to inform you of the difficulties that have occurred due to the failure of the City of Heppner to rectify the errors made at my property," she said in



Carolyn McDaniel stands in front of her house last October, where paint was used to mark the spot where she was told a driveway would be added to access her property. McDaniel is upset because ten months later the driveway is still not in.

-File photo by David Sykes

a written statement to the city manager, council and mayor. Ten months after being promised a driveway would be installed, nothing has been done and she still does not have access off

the street to her driveway. (See McDaniel's full letter on PAGE TWO.)

The problem originated last year when Water Street

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Ione Market changes hands, stays local



Pictured from left: Former Ione Market owners Don and Willa Coe stand with new owners Todd and Kate Knop in a changing of the guard Monday in Ione. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

By Andrea Di Salvo
Clients of Ione Market will see new faces to greet them starting this week, but they won't necessarily be the faces of strangers.

Don and Willa Coe, who have owned the Ione Market for five and a half years, and the Woolery House Bed and Breakfast for eight and a half years, have sold the local grocery store and B&B to Todd and Kate Knop. The Knops took over operation of the store on Monday.

Don Coe, 63, was born and raised near San Diego, CA, graduating from Carlsbad High School in 1969. Willa Coe, 64, has more local ties. Though born in Roseburg, OR and raised in the Eugene and Corvallis areas, her family later moved to Ione, where her

father Lloyd "Jim" Johnson was a teacher. She graduated from Ione High School in 1968.

She said she always had fond memories of her time in Ione.

"I always wanted to live in a place like that, where everyone pitched in to help others," she says. "Even though I only lived here for three years before heading to college, this was home."

Willa attended college at what was then the Oregon College of Education in Monmouth. She graduated from there with a Bachelor of Science in elementary education in 1972. After that, she went to work for the Salem-Keizer School District, where she taught at the elementary level for 29 years.

Don's career was a bit more complicated. He said he didn't attend college; after getting married to his first wife and starting a family after high school, he went right to work. He has 35 years of experience working in the grocery store business, working for eight different grocery store chains, mostly in Oregon, while he and his family lived in Estacada, OR. He said he started at the bottom as a box boy and worked his way up the ranks to eventually become a store manager for Thriftway Supermarket. In 1989, after the death of his first wife, Don took their two children and moved back to southern California. There, he worked for the Los An-

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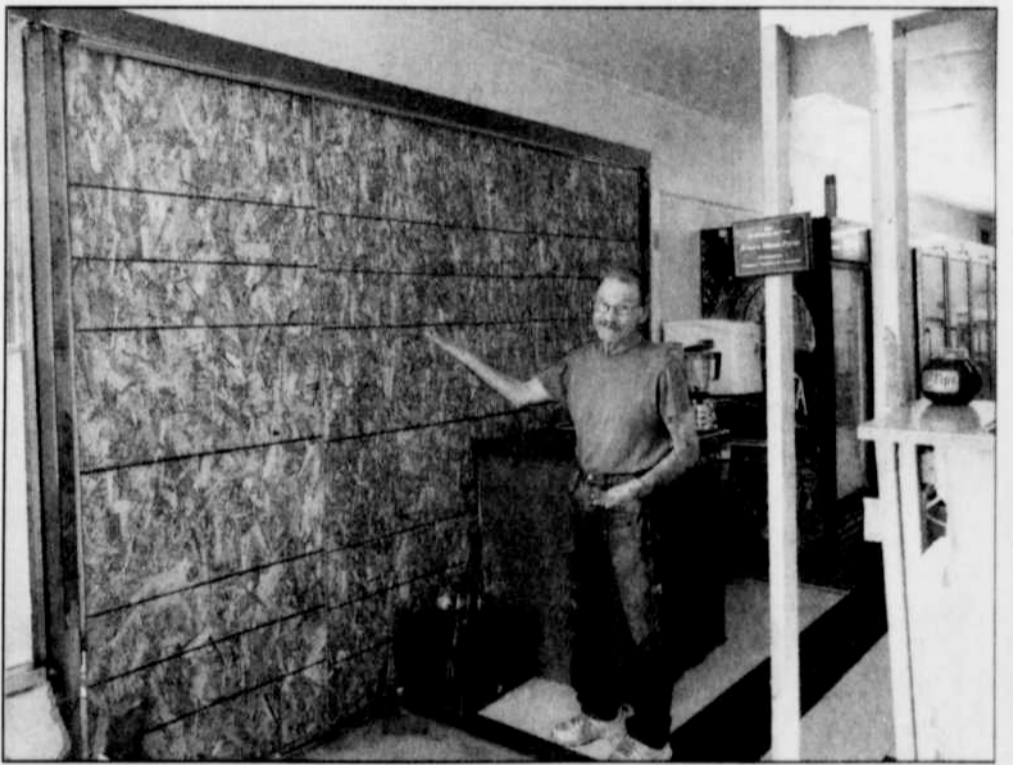
Accident creates instant drive-through at local restaurant

Howe's About Pizza owners Ron and Beverly Howe received a rude awakening early Monday morning when they received a phone call telling them they had some late-night visitors at their restaurant on Court Street in Heppner.

A car containing two 16-year-old males from the Heppner area apparently ran the intersection of Court and May streets, ramming through the wall of the pizza shop around 2 a.m. Ron Howe said he immediately got up and drove down to the restaurant to survey the damage.

"I looked like Christmas Vacation down here," he joked. "Lights everywhere."

Morrow County Sher-



Ron Howe of Howe's About Pizza shows the plywood-covered wall where a car drove through the wall of his restaurant about 2 a.m. Monday morning. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

iff's Office, Heppner fire and Heppner ambulance all responded to the scene. The juveniles seemingly suffered no serious injuries. Morrow County Sheriff Ken Matlack said they apparently walked home after the accident and were taken to the Emergency Department at Pioneer Memorial Hospital to be evaluated later, after their parents were contacted.

However, the damage to Howe's About Pizza was more substantial.

"His front end was sticking on our cash register," said Howe.

He said the car drove through the wall on the May Street side of the building and lodged against a wall stud in the front counter area. In the process, it impacted a reach-in beverage cooler and sent it flying against the far wall. A new cooler hides most of the hole in the wall and the familiar mountain mural that once covered that wall.

A tow truck removed the car from the wall about an hour after the incident. Cleanup took longer, Howe said. For that, he had high praise for the responders on the scene, especially

the Heppner Volunteer Fire Department.

"You've got to commend that volunteer fire department. They stayed here and cleaned up everything to where we could at least open," he said, adding that volunteers Jay Keithley and Jim Kindle stayed until around 5 a.m. "They did a tremendous job."

MCSO says there have been no citations or arrests in connection with the incident so far. Matlack said drugs and alcohol do not seem to be a factor in the incident, but the investigation is still under investigation.

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