

Water Storage Improvement Coming Soon to Rimrock Community

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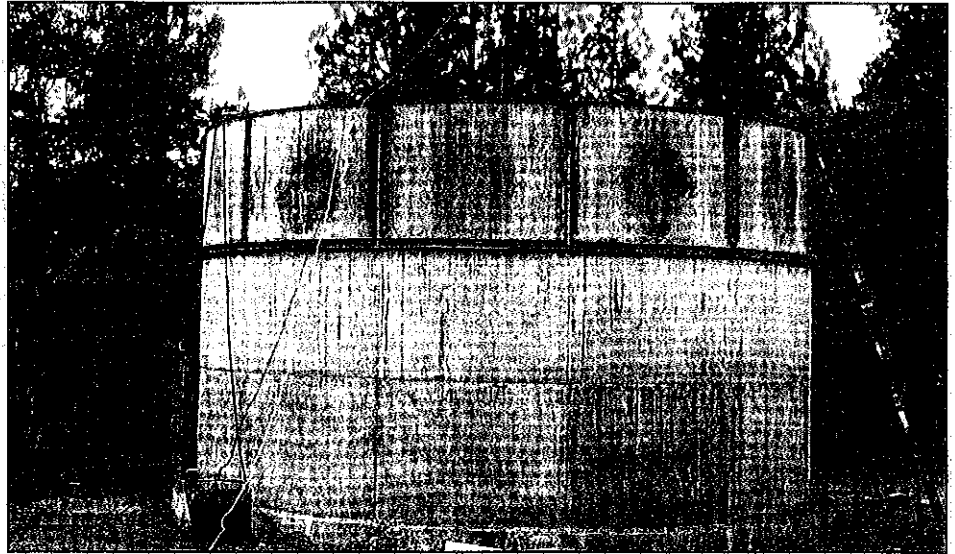
The Rimrock community east of Goldendale is looking forward to having a new water storage tank in service by early this month.

The new storage tank replaces the wooden tank that was built in the 1970s. The wooden staved tank was made of redwood slats with asphalt shingles. The new tank is built with concrete.

The wooden tank had adjustable iron bands around it to hold the wood staves in place. The bands could be tightened, should the slats develop a leak. Problems developed when water consumption increased during the summer. The reduction in storage allowed the staves to dry out. When that occurred, the wood shrank and leaks developed.

The last time the bands were tightened, the leaks equaled the amount of water one of the well pumps produced.

In previous years, the community was placed on water restrictions—an alternating day use plan—for irrigation and other out-



The new concrete storage tank is replacing a wooden tank to ensure adequate water supply and accommodate future growth.

door uses during the summer. This, along with the limited storage capacity, restricted the Rimrock community's ability to add new customers to its system.

To eliminate the need for the restriction, members of the Rimrock Homeowners' Association submitted a request to the KPUD Board of Commissioners to form a Rimrock Local Utility District (LUD) to finance needed improve-

ments.

The LUD specifies the lots and area to be served by the new water system.

Each member of the LUD pays an equal share for the system improvements.

The Rimrock community is looking forward to completion of the project, and the opportunity it will provide for an adequate water supply and future growth.

Facts to Know About Appliance Efficiency

Did you know water heating typically accounts for 15 to 20 percent of your bill? Although most water heaters last 10 to 15 years, it is best to start shopping for a new one if yours is more than seven years old. An old water heater can operate for years at a very low efficiency before it finally fails.

This holiday season make sure

you are prepared for company by having an energy-efficient water heater and save on your electric bill.

Did you know that Energy Star® labeled clothes washers use up to 70 percent less energy than conventional washers? This equates to a savings of about 600 kilowatt-hours

per year. That is the same as leaving a 60-watt light on for 14 months or running a new refrigerator for a year. This holiday season, Klickitat PUD has clothes washer rebates if they are Energy Star labeled, so check with Miquette Ihrig at KPUD for the details.

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