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Assisted living facility moves into phase one

Construction of Sheffield Manor, a continuum care retirement community developed by PMB, Inc., will begin in late February. The site for this multi-phased facility is 3.9 acres near the corner of O.I.E. and Wamba Road in Prosser. It is expected residents will be able to occupy the facility by September 1999.

Developer Paul Bondo was previously owner/operator of a similar facility in Wenatchee and has been in the health care/real estate business for several years. O'Brien Construction from Hermiston, Oregon has been selected as the contractor. Bondo will oversee site development, construction, and marketing as well as operations. Staff selection will begin in July for the full- and part-time positions available.

The design is a single-story facility void of stairs or elevators. Current plans call for 20 studio apartments and eight one-bedroom units. All include a private bath and kitchenette. A private park is being jointly developed with Village Park to enhance the area's quiet residential neighborhood. Sheffield Manor offers a main dining area, activities center, a private dining area for special family gatherings and 24-hour security. Rate options include single or double occupancy.

"Our research also shows a large need for Alzheimer's care, so we will add this service to our first building phase," said Bondo.

Assisted living facilities are filling the gap between independent living and nursing care. They are suited for those needing some assistance with daily activities, but not round-the-clock care. Alzheimer's services will provide for those needing 24-hour care, but not nursing home placement.

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