

## New Planning Committee undertake health survey

Members of the newly-appointed community advisory committee health care needs for Morrow County met for the first time Monday at the Columbia Basin Cooperative with Ron Ellingson, management planning consultant from the Oregon Hospital Association.

Ellingson outlined the role the planning group will take in the overall planning process the next few months. He said although a public law was passed in 1973 to encourage hospitals to do more planning, he insisted, "We're doing planning because it's good business."

In other counties, Ellingson said surveys found that expectations about health care are increasing and people want more sophisticated services. The challenge, he said, is how much patients can afford in medical services and recruitment of physicians and a trained staff.

The community advisory committee will be formulating a community questionnaire to conduct a survey of health care needs for community citizens. How broad a service area the survey is expected to consider will be considered at a future meeting.

Representatives from Gilliam and Wheeler as well as Morrow counties will have given the committee a tri-county outlook on health care. Wheeler County Judge A.F. Lecke says Wheeler County residents in the Spray area have used Pioneer Memorial Hospital for years and when Dr. L.D. Tibbles retired, Spray held a Dr. Tibbles Night.

The committee will be looking at a mission statement recently adopted by the Morrow County Hospital Board to determine whether it fits the health care situation of the tri-county area. Hospital Board member Gladys Hobbs, co-chairman of the committee along with board member Dan Sweeney, said the mission statement or statement of health care goals could be revised.

When the community survey is completed, committee members will analyze and make recommendations from the data received to the Hospital Board which will also be receiving input from two other committees in the same planning process, the management staff planning and medical staff planning committees.

Ellingson said definite objectives for long-range health care will be developed in the planning process.

Specifically, the community advisory group, he said, "should be knowledgeable of the community's health care needs and act as a sounding board." You will serve as a communications link with the community.

Results of a patient-origin study will be made available to the committee during the planning process, showing where people in the tri-county area are going for their medical services. It has already been found that only 19 to 20 percent of the available patients in Morrow County are using the services of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Also available are demographic statistics and computer services showing popu-

lation figures for communities within the three county area.

The members will meet again August 20 at 7:30 p.m. to take a tour of Pioneer Memorial Hospital before the 8 p.m. beginning of the session.

Appointed to the committee by the Hospital Board are David Hanna, Jim Bier, Jewel Hager, Kathy Peck, Evelyn Black, Sammie J. Griffin, Linda LaRue, Larry Mills, Don Peterson, James J. King, Gilliam County Judge Leo Barnett, Wheeler County Judge A.F. Lecke, Father Hopp of Condon and Doug Nelson of the Ministerial Association.

## New dentist begins practice in Heppner

Dr. Michael W. Moore has assumed the dental practice of Dr. Lee Hazen in Heppner as of July 30.

This will be Dr. Moore's first dental practice outside college studies at the University of California Dental School at San Francisco. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in biophysics from California State University at Los Angeles.

He and his wife, Nancy, and their two children, have moved to Heppner and are getting acquainted with the community.

Moore's dental office is located on Thompson Street and will be open five days a week, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special

# Voters head to polls August 9 to cast third medical levy ballot

Morrow County voters head to the polls for the third time this year, Thursday, August 9 to decide on the proposed Hospital tax levy.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In the special election, voters will be asked, "Shall Morrow County be authorized to levy and collect taxes in the sum of \$506,474 outside the six limitation imposed by Article 9, Section 11 of the Oregon Constitution for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1979 to balance the 1979-1980 budget for the county-owned Pioneer

Memorial Hospital and North Morrow County Clinic and Ambulance Service?"

The explanation of the ballot question goes as follows: "The budget of the county-owned hospital had historically been

\$506,474 tax will require a levy of approximately \$1.125 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation and is projected as the minimum necessary to maintain satisfactory in-patient, emergency, physician, nur-

sewage treatment, and other services were \$549,077 or \$1.22 per \$1,000.

The Hospital Board made several changes; hospital patient services were reduced from \$465,451 to \$457,109, physician clinic services were

recruitment was reduced by \$5,000 from \$25,000 to \$20,000, the full time physician's salary was dropped from \$50,000 to \$37,500 and total physician services lowered from \$139,588 to \$88,449.

Also after the second levy vote, Hospital Administrator Bob Byrnes announced his resignation effective October 31, citing "the complex political situation." One of the board members, Dan Sweeney, called for a change in administration of the hospital a week before the announcement.

County Court members and Hospital Board members are concerned that if the third levy vote fails to come up with a simple majority, Pioneer Memorial Hospital, which was first built in the 1950's might close for lack of funds to operate. Board member Ed Dick said the levy is the hospital's tax base and should the vote fail, it could not operate on a deficit.

Cont. on page 8

## 6 percent limit explained

balanced by a combination of patient revenues and tax levies. Tax support is necessitated by the fact that patient-generated revenues will not be sufficient to pay escalating costs for supplies, materials, equipment, personnel and improvements dictated by the desires of the consumers of health care, regulatory agencies and the cost of physician recruitment and services. The

single home care services and North Morrow County Clinic and Ambulance Service. The only funds for the hospital contained in the county's proposed budget are those being voted on in this ballot.

This levy request is marked by several changes instituted after the failure to gain a simple majority by five votes in the second levy vote Tuesday, June 26. The second

dropped from \$94,976 to \$56,232, thereby lowering the bottom line figure of the budget, \$2,700 was budgeted for rental of the administrator's house balanced on the expenditure side of the budget in salary and increasing total administrative salaries to \$58,774 from \$56,074; total lab and x-ray budgeted items were increased to \$72,949 from the previous \$68,949, physician

# EAT RIGHT-SHOP RIGHT-SHOP HERE

USDA CHOICE!



BLADE CUT

Pot Roast

\$1.39 lb.

ARMOUR

Sliced Bacon

\$1.19

12-oz. Pkg.



Arm Cut

Pot Roast

\$1.69 lb.

HUNT'S Ketchup

39¢ 14-oz.



WESTERN FAMILY

Pork n' Beans

2/99¢ Big 30-oz. Can



MALLEY

Tang

\$1.19 Salad Dressing Quart



KRAFT Salad Dressing

8-oz. 69¢

## Thank You !

I would like to use this method of saying thanks to all my customers over the past years while I was in business in Heppner--Service Station, Motel and most recently your Sears Catalog Merchant.

After some 30 plus years in business in Heppner, I have decided it is time to quit.

I have sold my Sears Catalog Store to my son-in-law and daughter, Kit and Shirley George. I encourage all my customers to drop in and say "Hi" to Kit and Shirley. I know you will enjoy doing business with them. I wish them the same success I have had over the years.

Again, thanks to everyone--you have been great customers.

Jack Van Winkle

30¢ OFF Regular Price

Tony's PIZZA

Pacific Friend

Tiny Shrimp

\$1.29 4.5-oz.

NABISCO Bag Snacks

69¢ Assorted

MAYON

Mandarin Oranges

49¢ 11-oz.



Corn Ears

6/79¢

Valencia Oranges

5 lbs. \$1

Seedless Grapes

69¢ lb.

Cants

59¢ Ea.



Prices Effective Aug. 2-3-4 Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
 Groc. 676-9614  
 Meat 676-9288

Cucumbers 5/\$1

