

## Culverts remain at Road Dept.

# Fairgrounds 'bridge' on hold

Construction of a bridge across Hinton Creek at the Morrow County Fairgrounds will have to wait until after next month's Fair and Rodeo, the Morrow County Court said last Wednesday.

The Court had decided the previous week, during County Judge Don McElligott's absence, to halt work on a proposed bridge across the creek, and, instead to install two six-foot culverts in the creek. The culverts, Commissioners Irv Rauch and Jerry Peck said, would save the county more than \$1000, and the work would have been completed before the fair.

Judge McElligott pointed out that the eight-year flood plain goes to the crossmembers of the Matheny

bridge, built by the state highway department with 202 sq. ft. clearance farther up Hinton Creek. The two six-foot culverts only have a 58 sq. ft. cross section, the Judge said, "I don't think we dare go below the state highway bridge because the creek has flooded before."

The Court decided to cover the four-foot temporary culvert which was placed in the creek prior to the beginning of construction and make further decisions on the bridge after the fair and rodeo.

Forms for the bridge footings are already in place and will be covered with fill dirt and uncovered again before bridge construction resumes. No unnecessary culverts were purchased, the judge said. The six-foot culverts the commissioners had intended to use at the fairgrounds are owned by the county's road department.

In other business, the Court heard that the Judge had presided at 16 juvenile hearings this month.

approved payment of the \$138 balance to Earl Ming for a survey, approved the Sheriff's Association contract.

approved payment of claims and the July 17 county payroll.

instructed Bob Smith, county architect, to put the old venetian blinds back up to the windows at the Courthouse. The Court had instructed Smith to get bids for repairing the old blinds, and for buying new ones.

Smith reported several bids to the Court and recommended that this was probably not an item for him to bid. Repair of the blinds might bet-

ter be handled on an individual maintenance basis, he said.

voted to extend for six months a letter of credit to First Interstate Bank for work on the Cecil and Huber bridges.

heard that Ralph Bonham who lives on property adjacent to a county-owned parcel wanted the Court's permission to continue trimming and cutting down hazardous trees on the parcel so that he can build a fence and raise calves.

The land is outside the Boardman city limits, but inside its urban growth boundaries. The county is caring for the land until the city needs it for use as a park, Commissioner Peck explained.

The Court told Bonham it would look at the property and make a decision at the next Court session.

held an executive session concerning financial and personnel matters.

requested that the county auditors update bookkeeping procedures at the North Morrow Medical Clinic.

held an executive session to discuss employee contracts.

voted to retain Dr. Steve Zielinski as an employee under the terms of his expired contract with the county while the North Morrow Medical Clinic Board negotiates a new contract with him. When signed, the new contract will be retroactive to July 15.

(Following a recess until Thursday) reviewed the proposed contracts between Drs. Koznek and Thiessen with the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board to insure that all parties agreed on the exact meanings of some of the contract's terms.

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## Boardman doctor's contract extended

Morrow County Court last Wednesday voted to retain Dr. Steve Zielinski under his old contract until a new contract be negotiated and signed. The new contract will be retroactive to July 15 and run through June 30, 1987.

Dr. Zielinski has been the staff physician at the North Morrow

Medical Clinic in Boardman for the last year.

The Medical Clinic Board Chairman Bob Miller is on vacation this week and not available for comment.

Don Eppenbach, vice-chairman of the clinic board said he really couldn't say why a new contract was not offered to Zielinski before the

old one expired.

Contract negotiations go through the Morrow County Court, Eppenbach said. Last year the medical clinic board negotiated a contract and then the court rewrote it. "This year we left it in the county's hands," he said. "And they did not have one prepared."

Mike Oths, County Counsel, wrote the contract last year, Eppenbach went on to explain. Since he is no longer with the county, the court did not tell its new legal representative to have a contract written for Dr. Zielinski.

The County Court has not hired a County Counsel to fill Oths position. The attorney's duties are currently filled on a per job contract basis by Heppner attorney Val Doherty.

Because his contract had expired July 15 and because the clinic board did not offer a new one following its July 17 board meeting, Dr. Zielinski did not see patients from July 18-23. He returned to work, he said, Thursday morning after the Court approved extending his contract. "That covers my liability to work here," he said.

"This will be my final year in Boardman," Zielinski continued. "The main reason is an unresolved

conflict with a clinic board member."

I was supposed to meet with the board last Thursday and Friday to begin working on a contract, Zielinski said. "There was no meeting Thursday and the Board Chairman was unavailable Friday. Monday he did not return my messages."

"According to my contract," Zielinski continued, "the lead person in negotiations is the chairman of the clinic board. The board was responsible to offer me a contract and I'm not getting enough cooperation to even sit down and talk. It has gotten bitter," he said.

"If a physician is not getting money and doesn't have the cultural advantages of a large city, the very least he should get is respect from his patients and co-operation from his board," Zielinski said. "If the chairman is out of town and I bypass the board, it's bad form, but I have only myself to blame if I don't have a contract."

The clinic's gross income exceeded \$25-30,000 more than the budget estimate, Eppenbach said. Zielinski's patients seem satisfied with his care and return. "The board had recommended him (his contract) for renewal," he concluded.

## Sidewalk Sale



Colleen Springer (left) and Judy Barber found bargains at Friday's Sidewalk Sale.



Molly Rhea (left) of Tri-County Home Health checks Grace Buschke's blood pressure.



Allen Burkenbine weighs watermelon during last Friday's Sidewalk Sale.

## Collectors coins on sale

Silver coins with the State of Eastern Oregon seal are now available locally. The collectors items contain one-ounce of silver, are numbered, and encased in plastic.

Coins went on sale April 1 but were not available until recently. Those who buy coins this year will have the first option on the coin with the same serial number to be minted in mid 1987.

The Country Rose, Peterson's Jewelers, Coast to Coast, and the Heppner Bowl have the plastic coated one-ounce silver coins for sale. The State of Eastern Oregon will also have a booth at the Morrow County Fair where the coins

will be for sale.

A package containing the numbered coin, a permanent citizenship card, a \$3 bill, a brochure highlighting the mythical state's eight counties, and a newsletter explaining the state's tourism activities costs \$17.95. That represents a savings of \$7 from the purchase price for the individual items, Don Cole, senator for the "mythical state of mind" reports.

The State of Eastern Oregon was organized to promote tourism to the eight counties west of the Cascade mountains. The state has raised funds to promote tourism by the sale of citizenship cards and "illegal tender."

## Wheat loans available

Judy Buschke, Executive Director of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said that price support loans are available on 1986 wheat. All wheat producers participating in the 1986 acreage reduction and land diversion program are eligible, she said.

Morrow County's 1986 loan rate is \$2.56 per bushel. The rate is based on the national average loan on wheat stored in an approved warehouse, or on the farm.

"By placing the grain under loan, farmers increase their marketing options and help strengthen crop prices. The loans give producers an opportunity to plan their manage-

ment strategy and sell when the price is right," said Buschke. Interest rate for loans made in July is 6.75%.

Under the price support loan program the Commodity Credit Corporation makes loans to eligible producers, using the commodities as collateral for the loan. The program does not guarantee participating farmers a profit; however, it does guarantee a minimum price.

The ASCS official said wheat loans are available to farmers through March 31, 1987. Loans mature on demand but no later than the last day of the ninth month following the month the loan is disbursed.

## Two lone youth injured in collision

Two lone youths were taken to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston following a Friday evening accident.

Paul Zinter was driving a 1984 Ford pickup eastbound on Punkin Center Road near Tenth St. when a westbound 1976 Toyota driven by Ethel Bauer of Umatilla pulled into the oncoming lane to pass another

vehicle. Bauer was in a no passing zone according to the Oregon State Police office in Hermiston which investigated. She was killed in the accident.

Zinter received minor injuries. His passenger, Bryan Basford, suffered a broken ankle and minor scrapes.

## New program supports fair

The Morrow County Grain Growers in Lexington has started a program this year to help with promotion of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, and save fairgoers money.

Starting immediately anyone who purchases \$100 dollars worth of merchandise at the Grain Growers will receive a coupon good for \$5 off the price of fair buttons, family fun night or rodeo admission.

The coupons are not redeemable for cash and are not given for pur-

chase of fertilizer, chemicals, petroleum products or sale items.

For more information, contact the Morrow County Grain Growers in Lexington

## Subscription rates increase

Because a recent increase in postal rates has nearly doubled the cost of mailing papers to some areas, the Gazette-Times must raise subscription prices.

Subscribers living in Morrow, Grant, Gilliam and Wheeler counties



## First Signs

"Big Tom" Simonton is in Heppner this week, one of the first signs of the coming Fair and Rodeo, August 14-17.

## Columbia Basin weatherizes 235 homes

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative reached a milestone recently by weatherizing its 235th home under the "Buy Back" conservation program sponsored by the Bonneville Power Administration.

The Cooperative estimates that more than 1,053,480 kilowatt hours have been saved and more than \$435,000 has been spent in the Cooperative service area since the program began in October of 1982.

The residential weatherization program pays up to 85 percent of the cost of installing cost-effective energy saving measures. If you would like information about the weatherization program please call Jerry Healy, 676-9146, at C.B.E.C.

## Weather Report

By City of Heppner

	July 22 - 28		
	High	Low	Precip
Tues.	88	48	.0
Wed.	81	46	0
Thurs.	86	50	0
Fri.	83	47	0
Sat.	75	41	0
Sun.	77	44	0
Mon.	84	45	0

## Market Report

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Tues., July 29		
Soft White		
July		\$2.77
Aug		\$2.73
Sept.		\$2.75/\$2.77
Oct.		\$2.79/\$2.81
Nov		\$2.83/\$2.85
Dec.		\$2.87/\$2.89
Barley		
July/Sept.		\$1.70
Oct.		\$1.71
Nov.		\$1.72
Dec.		\$1.73
Hard Red Winter		
Ordinaries		\$2.69
115% on PIK certificates		