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## Maders awarded for conservation

Frank Mader of the Sixty-Six ranch on Butter Creek was named Morrow County's Conservation Man of the Year at a Wheat League meeting Friday night.

Chemical fallow and minimum tillage have kept cheat grass, probably the biggest detriment to high yields, under control and wind erosion at a minimum, he said. Dryland wheat yielded 12 bu./acre during the 70s and now yields 47 bu./acre.

Blowing soil was so bad at the Sixty-Six during the 70s that it would cause wrecks on the highway and sometimes even in the fields. The creek would fill with Russian Thistle. The soil is predominantly very fine sandy loam with a high risk of wind erosion when the ground cover is removed.

In the early 70s, the land was rod weeded as many as seven times a year, Mader said. "We try to get by with as few as two. We're moving toward no-till, although we may not go completely with no-till, but use some chemical fallow also." Each time you work the ground, you lose moisture, he explains, so we save as much moisture as we can by working the ground as little as possible.

Fertilizer placement is also important for maximum yields, he continued. With minimum tillage, fertilizer is placed right under the seed so it is there when the seed is ready for it.

He has put in his own fertilizer facility at the ranch for added convenience and cost savings, he said.

Because the area is so windy during the spraying season, ordinary spray rigs cannot be used. He has added a hood to his sprayer which, he claims, increases its efficiency and allows its use in winds up to 25 mph.

Mader and his wife LaVonne farm the 22,000-acre dryland wheat, ir-



LaVonne and Frank Mader

rigated, and rangeland. Sixty-Six ranch on Butter Creek. Although the ranch is a family partnership with their children who have recently moved to the area, the Maders emphasize that they depend on their two outstanding hired hands in working the ranch.

The Maders raised their children at Jordan Valley where they operated a cattle ranch for 11½ years. They also spent three years on a cattle ranch at Elko, Nevada, before coming to the Sixty-Six in 1979.

Frank's had a lot of experience fixing up ranches, his wife explains. He's not afraid to try new things, either. Last year he planted some dryland hard red spring wheat and will plant more acres this year. Set-aside acres are planted to triticale.

Irrigated lands have been planted with peas and lentils. This year, he placed 750 acres of shallow, highly-erodible land in the Conservation Reserve Program.

Administrative costs are lower.

## County wants hospital on its computer

By Avon Melby  
 As a county-owned hospital Pioneer Memorial has always been a part of the county budget, Cindee Henderson told the hospital board last week.

But the bookkeeping system used by the hospital is different from that of the county, and it causes double bookkeeping, Henderson, county accountant, said. The county has everything on computers, the hospital does not. The court has said its time for a change, Henderson

## Koznek says he will leave Heppner

By Avon Melby  
 Dr. Clare Koznek has submitted his resignation to Pioneer Memorial Hospital board, to be effective in mid-May.

He will start his own practice in Gresham with the help of Portland Adventist Medical Center.

"They offered us the opening several months ago," Mrs. Koznek said Tuesday. "Then they called again recently and still wanted us." She said the offer looked good and is an opportunity to move on. "We were not looking for another location, they asked us," she continued.

The Kozneks have been here four years next month. They have two children, one two years and one five months old.

Mrs. Koznek said the family has enjoyed living in Heppner and will miss the small community. "We appreciate the support that we have had here, and the friends we have made."

The hospital here has a contract with St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton to recruit doctors and hospital managers for the local hospital. Dr. Koznek was under contract with the local hospital board. That contract expires in May.

At the hospital board meeting last week it was announced that St. Anthony's will be looking for a replacement doctor for Pioneer Memorial.

St. Anthony is presently looking for a new hospital administrator for Pioneer, since the unexpected resignation of John Hempel on March 19. No real reason for the resignation has been given except that there were opposing views on hospital management. One board member Pat Wright, said that reasons for the resignation could not

be given at this time but will be revealed later.

The matter was not publicly discussed at the hospital board meeting last week.

Marvin Dearr, director of development at St. Anthony has been acting director at Pioneer Memorial since Hempel's resignation.

Dr. Curtis Thiessen, who is also

under contract with the hospital and has an office with Dr. Koznek, asked the board recently to re-negotiate his contract before July 1.

Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson said Monday doctors connected to the hospital will not become county employees when the newly appointed Health Care Board takes over July 1.

## Conflict continues between Boardman doctor and clinic board

The North Morrow Medical Board heard from clinic staff members March 23 that they had met with the doctor as instructed by the board and were working toward resolving staff conflicts.

One area of disagreement not yet resolved the board heard, was closing the medical clinic during the lunch hour. Dr. Steve Zielinski said he prefers not to take a lunch period and wants to see patients during that time. The board objected to Zielinski working during that time because he would not have staff support available should it be needed. The board expressed concern that not having a designated lunch period would be in violation of labor laws.

The board and Zielinski also disagreed about a clause in the doctor's contract which Zielinski says gives him the authority to set the hours of the clinic. The clause states the doctor "...may make use of the property as he sees fit to conduct his practice", but the board said the doctor should not expect the staff to stagger lunches to be available during the noon hour. Chairman Don Eppenbach said he did not think current cash flow and patient load at the

clinic justified shifting business hours.

The board passed a motion to have the clause reviewed by County counsel and again by an independent counsel if Dr. Zielinski found the county counsel's interpretation unsatisfactory. Zielinski requested an independent review because of "conflicts with the county," he said.

Zielinski told the board he intends to fulfill his present contract which expires July 1 and then will open a private practice here and is in the process of taking over Dr. Dan Schneider's practice in Hermiston. Zielinski said Schneider, an internist, is leaving Hermiston to take a position in Tri Cities. He also said he will begin working in the emergency room.

The board expressed concern that additional work and hours spent in Hermiston may interfere with clinic operations but said they had no problems with how the doctor chose to spend his own time as long as he could continue to meet the needs of the North Morrow Medical Center.

The board plans to continue its review of staff conflicts and clinic operations April 16.

## Home health agency requests hospital takeover

By Avon Melby  
 Request that Pioneer Memorial Hospital take over Tri-County Home Health Agency was made to the hospital board last week.

The home health agency moved into quarters in the hospital last winter when it was low on funding and needed a less expensive location. Sandy Rill, administrator of the agency, said she believed the move has been beneficial to both home health and the hospital. Use of the health care agency has increased since being located in the hospital.

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In requesting the hospital takeover

the agency, Rill stated income for visits by the health agency to clients' homes would be reimbursed by Medicare at a larger rate. This would increase by \$7 per visit. She said the change in ownership "could be a catalyst for greater cooperation between nursing home inpatient care, mental health services, public health and primary care physicians. This effort could enhance our long term viability and ensure that the varied health needs of the citizens are met."

Cost of the move should be projected for a year, the board should then study that, before making a decision, said Bill Alsdorf, Ex-

ecutive director of St. Anthony Hospital, which holds a contract to operate county-owned Pioneer Memorial Hospital. That course of action will be pursued.

A request to interview department heads and to report on activities of the hospital to inform the public more about the hospital operation has been received, said Marcia Anderson, board chairman. "If it's controlled and reviewed by management, it's O.K. If it's just letting the press come in here to talk to people, the answer is 'No,' said Alsdorf.

Need for a replacement ambulance was noted by board member Frank Pearson. "The present ambulance is almost 10 years old and cannot be expected to last much longer, he said. He suggested a sinking fund be started with any year-end funds available when the fiscal year ends June 30. He asked Alsdorf and acting administrator Marvin Dearr to go over balance of expenditures for the year and "prioritize" expenses for the board to review next month.

## Gilliam county judge appointed

Laura M. Pryor of Condon has been appointed Judge for Gilliam County by Gov. Neal Goldschmidt. Pryor, 48, is a Democrat and fills a vacancy created by the resignation of William D. Hardie, who served for 12 years on the Gilliam County Court.

Pryor has extensive volunteer and community relations experience, most recently as Marketing Chairperson for the Oregon Wheat Growers. Previous to this she was Manager of Film and Video Programming at the Oregon Department of Economic Development in Salem, Oregon.

Additionally, she and her husband Earl, own and run a wheat and cattle ranch in Condon.

Salary for the part-time position is \$6,000 per year.

## Weather Report

by City of Heppner

March 24 - 30 High Low Prec.		
Tues.	58	32 0
Wed.	59	34 0.1
Thurs.	49	28 0
Fri.	51	26 0
Sat.	48	22 0
Sun.	53	28 0
Mon.	63	38 0

## Market Report

Companions of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, March 31	
Soft White	
April	\$3.13/\$3.12
May	\$3.07/\$3.02
June	\$2.92/\$2.89
July	\$2.86/\$2.85
August	\$2.83
Sept.	\$2.83
Barley	
April	\$88
June-Sept	\$80
Hard Red Winter	
Ordinaries	\$3.08
PIK	
Generic Certificates	103 3/4

March 31, 1987 Unofficial Results Special Election				Boardman	Irrigon	Ione	Lexington	Heppner/ Hardman	Total
				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
				No	No	No	No	No	No
Morrow County \$2,710,611 Operating Levy Passed				172	162	99	62	383	878
				191	78	187	72	280	808
Morrow County \$428,477 Health Care Levy Passed				183	165	75	77	467	967
				181	77	212	60	194	724
Park District \$29,300 Levy Passed					123		69	446	638
					117		65	218	400
Heppner City Charter Amendment-\$400,000 Passed								400	400
								91	91
Port of Morrow Board of Commissioners	No. 3	Kent Goodyear, incumbent	Won	152	187	117	102	543	1101
		Pete Richards		177	32	150	25	76	460
	No. 4	John Bristow, incumbent	Won	147	241	119	112	577	1196
		Bruce Nicholes		233	2	159	19	59	472
	No. 5	Larry Lindsay, incumbent	Won	218	212	200	124	605	1359
		Richard Cappotto		146	22	60	8	32	268
School Board Zone 4	Randy Hughes, incumbent			145	84	125	65	291	710
	Marcia Kemp		Won	158	144	128	66	330	826

## Newspaper complete computer linkup

The Heppner Gazette Times and the Boardman Enterprise newspapers have completed a computerized link-up system which will enable the two papers to transmit news stories, advertising and other information between the two papers more efficiently, publisher David Sykes has announced.

"The two papers have advertising, stories and other information, that in the past had to be hand delivered," said Sykes. "The information can now be sent by the computer over the phone lines, making us more efficient and timely in our business."

The hookup will also allow the papers to start a county-wide classified advertising program, where ads placed at either office will be printed in the new Morrow County Trader, a Heppner based free distribution shopper, soon to be expanded into the Boardman and Irrigon area.