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Proposed landfill would provide jobs/revenue

Backers of a proposed solid waste landfill in Morrow County say the project could turn into a regional garbage disposal site, and provide revenue and jobs for Morrow County.

Tidewater Barge Lines of Vancouver is looking at a site near Finley Buttes in central Morrow County on which to dump commercial and residential garbage collected from communities along the Columbia River.

The landfill would be located on 600 acres presently owned by Lexington farmer Larry Lindsay. Wesley Hickey, an executive vice president with Tidewater, was in Morrow County last week to explain the project, and pass out a 12-page booklet explaining the operation.

Hickey said Tidewater was approached about locating the landfill here, and that feasibility studies of the Finley Buttes site showed it was acceptable for a large scale landfill.

Under the plan, garbage from communities on the river whose present landfills are filling up, would pack waste into sealed containers. The containers would then be loaded on barges, shipped to the Port of Morrow unloading dock at Boardman, unloaded and trucked to the Finley Buttes landfill.

Hickey emphasized that the site would be operated under strict environmental guidelines, and said that it could be an economic boon to Morrow County.

The Tidewater report said that "If, for example, Clark County, Washington, was the only river-system community to utilize the Finley Buttes Landfill for its disposal needs, 12 to 15 new jobs will still be created for unloading and loading trucking, and landfill operations. Royalties to Morrow County could amount to as much as \$90,000 per year based upon 50 cents per ton of solid waste."

The report further stated that the Port of Morrow would receive ap-

proximately \$480,000 revenue annually for unloading the garbage containers.

The report speculated that if the landfill is expanded to service other river communities such as Portland, revenues for the county could reach \$450,000 per year, and for the Port \$1.5 million per year, with an additional 30 to 50 new jobs created.

Hickey said it is possible Morrow County could be the regional garbage center for the entire Columbia-Snake River system, and that a cogeneration plant to burn the garbage and make electricity, might be constructed.

Hickey emphasized that although no "firm numbers" on the amount of garbage to be dumped each year has been established, Clark County is very interested in the project with 180,000 tons of waste to ship annually.

To establish the landfill in Morrow County, Tidewater must first have the approval of the Department of Environmental Quality, and the county planning commission.

Hickey said the DEQ has already given "preliminary okay" to the site, however, according to County Planner Deane Seeger although he has known about the project, "so far we haven't seen anything."

Seeger said Tidewater would have to submit an application for a conditional use permit, and that public hearings would have to be held before the permit could be issued.

Seeger said the permit could be discussed at the May planning meeting and he thought two public hearings, one at Boardman and one in Heppner would probably be held.

Hickey said Gilliam and Columbia were both interested in having the landfill located in their counties, and that, "Gilliam County has hopped on the band wagon and is actively supporting it," he said.

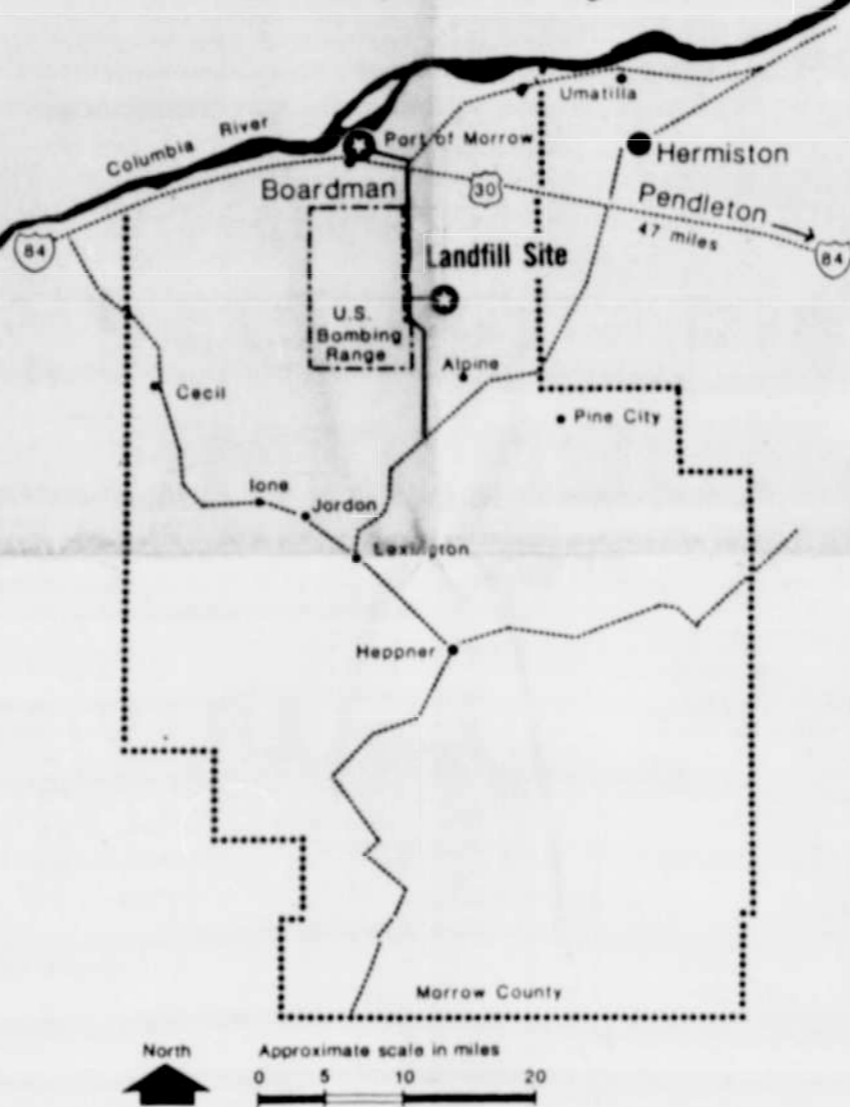
Hickey explained that the Finley Buttes site is located 16 miles south of Boardman and one mile off Bombing Range Road. He said the site is obscured from view from the highway.

Tidewater has hired the Portland advertising and public relations firm of Pihas, Schmidt, and Westerdahl

to handle public relations on siting the dump.

According to the report the landfill is intended only for the disposal of residential and commercial garbage. No hazardous wastes would be dumped there, and garbage would be covered each day with a six-inch layer of soil.

Site of proposed landfill in Morrow County



Extension names woman of year

Verna Brinda was named Extension Homemaker for 1987 at Extension Homemakers Day last week.

The annual award is presented to honor women involved in community service as well as dedication to Extension educational program.

Members of Rhea Creek Study Group nominated Brinda for the award. She has a long list of caring and sharing community services.

Brinda has worked on and off with Extension for many years.

She was an Extension member when she lived at Ukiah. After moving to Heppner she joined Extension here and was on the Heppner Advisory Council. She was unable to attend Extension for several years while working full time. After retiring from the hospital she is once again active in Extension.

Through the years she has worked at St. Anthony and Pioneer Memorial Hospitals. She worked at the Heppner grade school for several years. During this time she worked at the Neighborhood Center and was the first cook for the Senior Citizen's Meals on Wheels program which has since become Senior Citizens meal site at the fairgrounds.

Not having graduated from high school, she studied for her GED and she has passed her tests with flying colors.

She was an active member of Rhea Creek Grange, doing many hours of sewing for the hospital. She is now a member of Lexington Grange. She is a past-treasurer of the Heppner Garden Club and was chairman of the Scrapbook Committee which won first place for a scrapbook at the 1986 State Garden Club Convention.

She is a member and past-president of the Morrow county Art Society and is a member of the Morrow County Historical Society. She was an active member of the Alpha



Verna Brinda
Theta Sorority when it was in Heppner.

Homemakers Day ends years' programs

Extension study group members and friends gathered at Lexington for a day of honors, fellowship and special programs last week.

The Annual Homemakers Day marks the official end of year for study group programs, as well as a day to recognize achievements.

This year, the 75th year of Oregon State University Extension Educational Programs was noted with a brief history of Extension in Oregon by Agent, Dawn Hawkins.

Special Guest speakers were Sheriff Roy Drago, deputy Sheriff Mark Calbick, and State Police Detective Don Liff. "Drugs in Morrow County" was the topic of their information presentation.

Mistress of ceremonies was Isabelle Jones, Irrigon, chairperson of Homemakers Advisory group. Luncheon was served by Lexington Grange. Study groups from all areas of the county shared responsibility for the day's events.

She volunteers at the Neighborhood Center and is secretary of their board of directors.

Brinda is an avid bowler and is a member of a Thursday morning and a Sunday evening league. She is also a member of the Willow Creek Country Club and spends many afternoons on the golf course.

For the last few years Brinda has been very active in Rhea Creek Extension. She is willing to have a meeting at her home, she takes her turn at the leader-teacher training and presents these programs well. She also attends all of the study group's series as publicity person.

Fun events included a "Spool" style show and a silent auction. One was named "Study Group of the Year," recognizing the group's many civic programs, including monetary donations to youth activities, Christmas goodies for senior citizens, sponsoring a CPR class, Annual Easter Egg hunt, fashion show for community, special educational programs, catering dinner for county weed program meeting, special international program, as well as involving husbands in their special programs.

Big game rule changes presented

Interested persons will have a chance to hear proposed hunting regulation changes at a May 5 meeting in Hermiston. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife representatives will explain proposed changes for big game regulations in the Pendleton and

Priest to serve local churches

Father Dominic Hahn, 51, is the new administrator at St. Patrick's and St. William's Catholic churches. He is most recently from LaGrande where he was associate priest at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. As associate priest, he ministered to the missions at Union and North Powder.

He was ordained to the priesthood June 27, 1980. Prior to that time, he was a Benedictine monk for 23 years at St. Martin's Abbey in Olympia, Washington. He earned his Masters in Theological Studies from Mt. Angel Abbey Seminary in Mt. Angel.

As a monk, he lived at St. Martin's abbey and worked in the library and business office for the college. He entered seminary, he said, after his experience working with Vietnamese immigrants. Ministering to them in their time of upheaval made him want to continue his work by entering the priesthood.

His role as a priest, he said, differs from his former role as a monk, because a priest brings the sacraments to the people of God to build a community so we can all experience God's love in our lives. Since Heppner is a small area with a 100-year tradition, that strong rela-

Proposed landfill topic of meetings

A series of public information meetings regarding the proposed

Finley Butte landfill in Morrow County will be held in local communities this week. The first meeting will be Wednesday, April 29 in the multi-purpose room at Heppner Elementary school. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. The second meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 30 at Riverside High School in Boardman.

Anyone interested in learning more about the proposed landfill project in Morrow County is encouraged to attend these public meetings.

Wildlife management or fee hunting

Legislator and local hunters disagree

A bill introduced in the Oregon House of Representatives by Rep. Ray French (R-Dist 59) could allow the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue wildlife management licenses for private lands. Many local hunters are upset because they feel the bill would reserve private land (previously open to all hunters) for fee hunting. Some are concerned that the bill would make hunting a sport for only the wealthy.

French disagrees saying the bill, introduced on behalf of Grant County residents, is designed to enhance game habitat and game herds, not to decimate them. Although the bill is not a Conservation Reserve Program issue, some CRP lands may qualify as bird refuges, he said. The bill is not designed to take anything from regular hunting, he emphasized; its purpose is to enhance fish and wildlife resources. A hearing and possible work session on the bill were scheduled before the House

Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources committee April 28.

French will be in Heppner May 9 to discuss the proposed bill with constituents from 10 a.m. until noon at Heppner Elementary School.

The bill, French said, would allow Fish and Wildlife to issue licenses to private lands deemed suitable. Landowners applying for a license would need to estimate wildlife populations, density, and habitat. They also would have to state management goals and describe proposed actions to achieve those goals. A management license would be valid for three years but could be reviewed annually.

Landowners managing a wildlife area would be permitted to issue hunting licenses (provided by Fish and Wildlife.) The bill further requires hunters in any wildlife management area (whether within ordinary hunting season or not) to follow Fish and Wildlife rules regarding time, manner, and amount of

wildlife taken. A person violating commission rules may have licenses, tags, and permits revoked.

Clackamas County Representative Larry Sowa points out, "It is likely the allocated number of hunting tags issued to the landowner will 'take-away' from the total number of tags issued by the commission for the hunting unit that surrounds the private management area."

Another bill before the House Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource committee would allow landowners to bring purchased animals (including exotics) onto their property and operate a game ranch. Animals bought from a private source, such as a game ranch in another state, could be raised for profit. A landowner could receive a license to hunt and sell a given number of animals for profit, Sowa said.

Questionnaires asking outdoors enthusiasts their opinions on the proposed game management bills are available at some sporting good stores. Completed questionnaires should be mailed to Rep. Larry Sowa, H-472, State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310. Legislators may be contacted in Salem by calling the Toll-Free Legislative number, 1-800-327-7389.

Chamber plans to welcome motorcyclists

Members of motorcycle clubs all over the Pacific Northwest will be participating in the Oregon 500 Road Rallye, May 9. Over 1,000 of these modern motorcyclists will leave their 9 to 5 weekday pressures at work and their unpaid bills at home to participate in this timed event. Checkoff points along the way will reveal their next stop, halfway destination, Heppner.

They're secretaries, lawyers, firemen, retired couples, a smorgasboard of personalities, all sharing the fascination of fun, freedom, and fresh air as they pursue their hobby. Club members have described motorcycling as a feeling of total exhilaration.

"When you're closed in the cocoon of a car, all you hear is the sound of the wind rushing by the window," one member said. "On a motorcycle, you can feel it's wet, or dry, and feel the wind in your face, you get the feeling you're part of the area you're traveling through."

Chamber encourages merchants, organizations, and local citizens to make them feel part of this area with a friendly Heppner welcome. Those wishing to set up a booth along Main Street are encouraged to contact merchants for permission. Chamber will be handling brochure distribution and a fruit stand. It is hoped the Heppner welcome will encourage bikers to plan tours, camp outs, and family events here in the future.

Fire service appreciation week proclaimed

Oregon Governor Neil Goldschmidt proclaimed May 3-9 fire service appreciation week in Oregon.

"Oregon is proud of its fire service, which is composed of 2,600 paid and 8,800 volunteer personnel in 400 departments, districts, and volunteer companies," he said.

Firefighters also perform many public services such as fire prevention education, home safety inspections, pre-fire planning, fire and life safety code enforcement, and emergency medical services, the governor said.

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

April 21 - 27
High Low Prec.

Tues.	72	43	.0
Wed.	71	44	.Tr
Thurs.	72	40	0
Fri.	68	36	.0
Sat.	71	39	.0
Sun.	77	41	.0
Mon.	84	58	.05

Market Report

Complements of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, April 28

Soft White

April	\$3.04
May	\$3.03/\$2.99
June	\$2.94/\$2.91
July	\$2.87/\$2.84
August	\$2.84
Sept.	\$2.85/\$2.86

Barley

April	\$87
May	\$86/84
June-Sept.	\$83

Hard Red Winter

Ordinaries	\$3.03
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