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They're off!

Saturday was a perfect day for the Rolling Hills Run — overcast with a slight breeze. More than 50 runners and walkers rushed the starting line in the Rolling Hills Run. Most run participants and nearly 100 other members of the community ate breakfast at Heppner City Park following the walk/run. Both events were sponsored by South Morrow County Emergency Medical Technicians. Funds raised will go toward purchase of a portable defibrillator for the ambulance. Winners in each age division will be named in next week's paper.

Vote may decide landfill issue

Voters may have a chance to say if they want a Landfill in Morrow County.

If a petition filed at the County Clerk's office meets all requirements, it will appear on the November ballot. Voter approval would then be necessary before a landfill in Morrow County could accept garbage from outside the county.

Petitioners Dean Mason and Jerry Simpson, both of Boardman, may begin gathering signatures on the petitions anytime, but have been advised by County Clerk Barbara Bloodworth to wait until after June 29. Anyone objecting to the ballot language can ask the Circuit Court to review it. Should they win, Bloodworth said, the ballot language would change. Signatures would have to be collected again on a new ballot.

The petition was not designed to stop a landfill at Finley Buttes in Morrow County proposed by Tidewater Barge Lines of Vancouver, Mason said. If the landfill at Finley Buttes is not operating by November, he said, voters will say if they want it here.

Should the measure meet all requirements and appear on the November ballot, it could delay the landfill at Finley Buttes, said Wes

Hickey executive vice president of Tidewater Barge Lines. "We are still checking into the matter, he said. Although other prospective sites were considered, Hickey said the company now "prefers to pursue locating at the Morrow County site because we have already done some on-site investigation. We think the person bringing the measure up had some questions about our proposal, which we expect to answer at the public hearing."

A public hearing on Tidewater's application for conditional use permit to allow a landfill in the Finley Butte area is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24 at the school district office in Lexington.

Hickey said the company must provide information to the Department of Environmental Quality that will address, in detail, all items the petitioners are concerned about.

Under the Tidewater proposal, a 600-acre landfill would be established in the Finley Butte area 16 miles south of Boardman.

Residential and commercial garbage collected from communities along the Columbia River would be barged to Boardman, unloaded at the Port of Morrow, and trucked to the disposal site.

The garbage would all be transported in sealed containers, and

when dumped at the landfill, covered daily. The site could take up to 2,500 tons of waste per day, and last for 25 years.

The site would not take toxic waste, Tidewater emphasized.

Our major concern is that people maintain the right to preserve the image of the county, Mason said. We are encouraged that much effort the last few years has gone to upgrade the image of the county in order to attract industry here. We're assuming that the image St. Johns has as a "garbage dump" could be taken a step further, and Morrow County could gain a reputation as a tri-state dump. "We think that image runs counter to the image we've been trying to build and that people should have the right to say if they want that image changed," he said.

Another concern, Mason said, is that the landfill operate the way they say it is supposed to. "We were promised a clean operation when a feedlot located near Boardman. Anyone who lives here knows that it does smell. We were promised quality assurances, but the feedlot has never operated the way it was supposed to.

If the measure is on the ballot and voters say they want a landfill in the county, Wastech can come in and develop the site and will probably do

a much better job planning and selling the idea than they have so far, he said.

Two things Mason said Wastech failed to consider are the additional traffic on the site's access road and the amount of water required to keep the landfill from blowing.

Certain times of the year, roads become soft, Mason pointed out. Heavy trucks could increase damage to the roads. "I don't see where that problem is solved in their proposal."

If the roads become soft, there needs to be a provision in the permit which states that when garbage can't be transported to the landfill, it would be stored at the point of origin rather than stacked up at the Port of Morrow where it would be off loaded from Tidewater's barges.

He said Wastech's groundwater study did not sufficiently demonstrate that no contamination would result from the amount of water required at the site. Part of the reason goes back to the feedlot, he said. After they got their permit, they never operated the way they said they would. One condition of granting a permit could be that violation of any criteria would be grounds to close the landfill, he said.

Finally, Mason said, asking voter approval of a landfill is asking their goodwill. If the general populace, not just the Chamber of Commerce or the County government, puts pressure on to ensure a good deal, they are more likely to get good neighbors, he said.

3 Channels may return to Heppner TV customers soon

By Avon Melby

Equipment to repair Heppner TV service will hopefully arrive next week, Judie Laughlin said Monday. If it does the service should be fully restored the following week.

An electrical storm caused a power outage May 27. When the electricity was turned back on, a power surge knocked out an \$8,000 piece of equipment, which had to be ordered. Since then there has been no reception on channels 9, 11 and 19.

At the annual meeting of Heppner TV Inc., Greg Sweek was elected president. Dean Gilman was named vice president. Laughlin was retained as secretary-treasurer.

Riley Munkers, whose five-year term on the board was expiring, was re-elected to another five-year term. Other members of the board are Ed Gonty and Dan Oglesbee, who was out-going president.

A change in the by laws adopted making the city limits of Heppner the boundary for TV service. Laughlin said this was a bookkeeping change only as the system has always worked that way, but it was not spelled

out in the by laws. There will be no change in service.

Another by law change set dates for future annual meetings to be the second Tuesday in June.

The TV board meets once a month. All subscribers to the system are members and are eligible to attend meetings.

Trivia contest winner named

Winner of last week's Heppner Gazette Times and Charlie's Pizza Trivia contest is Ashley Conklin, who correctly stated that Heppner's 1973 football record was six wins and two losses.

Conklin wins a large pizza and pitcher of pop for his efforts.

This week's trivia question is: Name the planet located between the planets Earth and Mercury.

If you know the answer, or think you know the answer, enter at Charlie's Pizza or the Heppner Gazette Times.

The first correct entry drawn wins a pizza and pitcher of pop.

Search for doctor continues

Several physicians who may be interested in starting a practice in Heppner are scheduled to visit here during the next two weeks, Wick said. Other physicians are scheduled to be on duty at the hospital on weekends. Clinic files have been moved to the hospital, he said, so the on-duty physician will have access to patients' medical records.

Dr. Wallace Wolff has extended

his office hours and will provide hospital coverage four days each week at least until the end of July, Wick said. Other physicians are scheduled to be on duty at the hospital on weekends. Clinic files have been moved to the hospital, he said, so the on-duty physician will have access to patients' medical records.

County hires public works director

Philip Aikman, 39, most recently of Ferndale, Washington, has been on the job as Morrow County Public Works Director since last Wednesday. His aim, he said, is to build a modern, efficient operation of the department which had such a good start under the direction of Don Briggs. The department has been without a director since Otto Burden's resignation, May 1985.

Aikman and his wife, Audrey, son Trever, 14, and daughter, Alisha, 12, will make their home at Boardman.

At Ferndale, Aikman was public works director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Lummi Reservation for two years. His duties involved putting together a new department complete with administrative planning and organization, with Reaganomics, a federal grant for the project was withdrawn and his job ended early, he said.

He taught engineering for two and a half years at a tech school in Tacoma. Prior to that, for five years,

he was office engineer at Friday Harbor, Washington. His responsibilities included engineering for the county and some administrative duties.

He has an Associate of Science degree in Engineering. He attended the University of Washington and North Idaho College, and served in the Marine Corps.

Morrow County looks better the longer I'm here, he said. He was raised in the Spokane area but never spent much time in country like Morrow County before. It's such a remarkable change, he said; it's interesting because it is so different. The Public Works director's job involves so much, he said. He expects to be busy organizing and developing management policies and setting procedures for equipment use to improve efficiency. That doesn't mean spending a lot of money, he said; by keeping up-to-date on the latest technology the department can save time and money. He will work under the direction of the County Court on county roads, facility

maintenance, and county parks.

He will be involved with administration, planning and project management of anything that will affect county roads, he said, such as

additional traffic on the roads affecting the proposed landfill at Finley Butte.

He plans, under the direction of the Court, to create a department manual to describe the facilities, list the inventory, and duties of personnel, and outline responsibilities and performance standards on some projects. Once the manual is complete, it will provide consistency for the department, he said. Good plans will increase the department's efficiency and effectiveness and, ultimately maintain better roads, for less money.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

June 16 - 22
High Low Prec.

Tues.	67	39	.0
Wed.	72	48	.0
Thurs.	78	48	.0
Fri.	87	53	.0
Sat.	76	51	.13
Sun.	68	42	.0
Mon.	72	41	.0

Market Report

Companions of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, June 23

Soft White	
June	\$2.95
Please call for new crop quotes	
Barley	
June	\$81
July	\$82/\$83
Aug	\$85
Sept	\$86
Hard Red Winter	
Ordinaries	\$2.96
PIK	
Generic Certificates 106 % cash	

Fourth of July celebration planned

The third annual Fourth of July celebration in Ione begins Friday, July 3 with a two-on-two basketball tournament in the Ione School Gym, and a tennis tournament. Deadline for tennis entries is Friday, June 26th; those interested should call Clint Krebs at 422-7548.

A parade down Ione's Main Street begins at 10 a.m. Saturday with Grand Marshal Mike Mathews-Ione Cardinals No. 1 fan. He will be chauffeured by Bryan Basford in his 1957 red Chevrolet pick-up.

Activities are planned throughout the day Saturday in the city park and on the football field. There are games for the children, a chalk drawing contest, balloon release and a straw money pile for preschoolers. The pool at the school will be open for free swimming in the afternoon. Other planned games and contests are a cow chip throwing contest, bingo, a bed race, softball, tug-of-war, horseshoes and a water balloon toss.



Mike Mathews

A radio-controlled airplane demonstration is to be performed in the field below the Willows Grange Hall. An historical tour featuring a visit to an old Victorian home will be conducted in the afternoon also.

Foods for all appetites will be available throughout the day in the park from snow cones to hamburgers. Homemade pie will be sold at St. William's Catholic Church.

The Cardinal Club will serve a barbecued chicken dinner beginning at 6 p.m. at the school.

At 6:30 p.m. square dancers will entertain on the tennis courts, followed by a hootenanny. Anyone who would like to perform in the hootenanny should call Jannie Allen at 422-7563.

The grand finale of the day will be the fireworks on the football field and a street dance in downtown Ione, with music provided by Chuck Nelson, Rich Harper and Kathy Hoskins.

Power outage planned Sunday

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op has planned a seven to eight hour power outage beginning at 12 noon Sunday, June 28. Letters were sent by the co-op to its customers earlier this week explaining that the outage is necessary because of work on the new line which cannot be completed with the old line energized. The outage will affect customers in the Sandhollow, Ione, Olex, Kinzua, Ruggs and Heppner areas.



Public Works Director Phil Aiken

Ione 4th of July Celebration

"In the Good Old Summertime"

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 3

7 p.m. 2 on 2 Basketball Tournament
Ione School Gym-for info call Dick Snider 422-7151

Saturday, July 4

- Tennis Tournament at Ione School-times to be announced. Contact Clint Krebs 422-7548.
- 10 a.m. Big parade down Main Street
Mike Mathews, Grand Marshal
- 11 a.m. Kids' chalk drawing contest at St. William's Catholic Church; Horseshoe tourney sign-up in park.
- 11:30 Food booths open, Flea market begins; Dunk tank opens
Military fly-by sometime during day; Model T rides; Bingo.
- 12:30 Horseshoe Tourney begins; Frog jumping contest (frogs will be available).
- 1:30 pm Sack races, 3-legged races, bean-bag races, straw-money pile (for pre-school only) in park.
- 1:45 Balloon release
- 2 p.m. Ione pool opens for free swimming until 5 p.m.
- 2:30 Cow-chip toss-football field. Historical tour of Ione, meet at park.
- 3:00 Check on the tennis tournament at the school
- 4:00 Radio-controlled airplane demonstration-below Willows Grange Hall (west).
- 4:30 Historical tour of Ione-meet at park
- 5:00 Water balloon toss in park
- 5:15 Fire department Tug-of-War, across street from park
- 5:45 Bed Race on football field
- 6:00 Barbecued chicken dinner by Cardinal Club at the high school: Adults \$5, Ages 6-12 \$2.50, 5 and under \$1, Family \$18, hot dogs available-¼ chicken, coleslaw, French bread, baked beans, and ice cream bars
- 6:30 Square dancers performing on tennis courts, followed by Hootenanny. (Call Jannie Allen 422-7563 if you'd like to perform).
- 7:30 Softball game at school-bring your mitt
- 9:15 Big Fireworks followed by Street Dance downtown Ione or dusk