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## Landfill gets planning commission nod on road to approval

Establishment of a 600-acre garbage dump in Morrow County came closer to reality last week, when the county planning commission gave its approval for the project.

If built, the landfill would be located eleven miles south of Boardman off Bombing Range road in an area known as Finley Buttes.

Spearheaded by Tidewater Barge Lines of Vancouver, the project would see large amounts of commercial and residential garbage from communities along the Columbia River barged to Morrow County for disposal.

Although approved by the planning commission, the dump site still has to be approved by the county court and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

Opposition is not expected from the Morrow County Court; however, Tidewater executives say DEQ scrutiny of the project will be intense.

If the project goes as planned, Tidewater says it hopes to dispose of garbage from the Portland Metropolitan area in Morrow County at a rate that could reach 2,500 tons a day. The dump is expected to have a useful life of 25 years.

Local people will be able to use the dump, says Tidewater, and it will also provide 30 to 50 new jobs in the county, amounting to \$600,000 to \$1 million in annual payroll.

The Port of Morrow, where the garbage will be unloaded in sealed containers, will also benefit from the project says Tidewater. Depending on quantity of garbage the port could receive almost \$1.9 million per year.

To pay for road upkeep and other expenses of the landfill, county government will be paid a fee of 50 cents per ton for garbage coming in. The planning commission stipulated that the fee would be reviewed on a "bi-yearly" basis.

Opposition to the dump so far has been minimal, with only two persons speaking against the project at last Wednesday's public hearing. Two

men from Boardman spoke against the landfill, and vowed to begin gathering signatures on a petition

that would force the landfill to be approved by votes before construction may begin.

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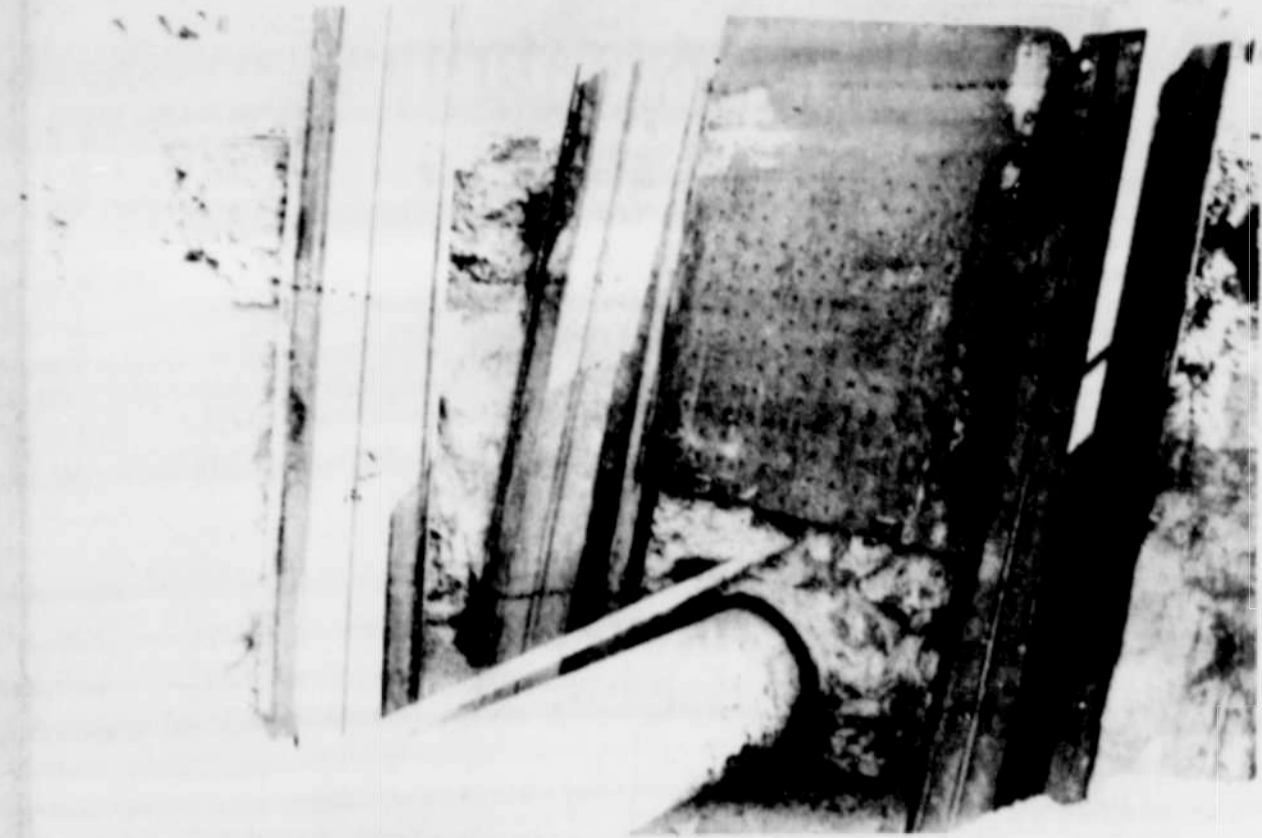
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## Pipeline uncovered

Mike Ransier, area engineer for Pacific Gas Transmission, and his crew been digging up a section of the natural gas pipeline just west of Lone this week. Tests the crew performs regularly indicated the pipe was no longer centered in its casing, he said, so we

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## Area harvest gets underway

Morrow County Grain Growers received the first load of barley for this year's harvest at its lone elevator last week, Ken Nelson of Lexington harvested the grain June 22.

With only four or five cutting, it's too soon to predict yields, Morrow County Grain Growers Manager Larry Mills said Thursday. Most farmers are getting ready yet, but will probably start harvesting wheat right after the Fourth of July weekend, he said.

## Many area businesses will close Friday and Saturday

With the Fourth of July falling on a Saturday this year, many local businesses will close Friday to observe the holiday.

Government offices, Heppner City Hall and Morrow County offices will be closed all day Friday.

The Heppner Post Office, however will remain open for window service Friday until 1 p.m. Mail will be received as usual and dispatched at 1 p.m.

The school district office in Lexington, the Health Department office and the Morrow County Extension office will all be closed Friday. Local banks will also be closed Friday.

Both Central Market in Heppner and Del's Market in Lexington will be open all day Friday and Saturday. Court Street Market in Heppner will be open Friday and Sunday, but will close on Saturday. Bristow's Market

in Lone will be open all day Friday and from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. The following area merchants told the Gazette-Times they would be closed Saturday: Murray's, Country Rose, Petersons, Les Schwab, Sears, Charlie's, Case Furniture, Heppner Auto Parts, Ployhar Insurance, Coast to Coast, the Shoe Box, Green Feed, and Pettyjohn's Builders Supply. TJ's Camera shop will be closed both Friday and Saturday.

## Weather Report

June 23 - 29		
High Low Prec.		
Tues.	75	46 0
Wed.	86	52 0
Thurs.	94	58 0
Fri.	98	60 0
Sat.	93	58 0
Sun.	94	64 0
Mon.	96	62 0

## Market Report

Tuesday, June 30	
Soft White	
July	\$2.93/\$2.88
Aug.	\$2.88
Sept.	\$2.89
Barley	
July	\$81/\$82
Aug.	\$84/\$85
Sept.	\$86/\$87
Hard Red Winter	
Ordinaries	\$2.84
PIK	
Generic Certificates	105 1/2% cash

## Zielinski moves practice to Hermiston

After being unable to reach agreement with the representatives of the Morrow County Court on the lease of the North Morrow Medical Clinic, Dr. Steven Zielinski has moved his practice to Hermiston.

Zielinski went on vacation on June 9. He at that time gave a lease offer to Steve Rowe, former medical board member. Rowe then turned the offer over to medical board member Cliff Peck on June 12—prior to the June 15 deadline. The offer was then submitted at the June 18 meeting.

Zielinski claims the board ignored his offer to lease the clinic. "I submitted an offer that was in compliance with all the ground rules...all the hoops...and all the garbage that the board requested," he said. "They chose to ignore it."

Zielinski returned from his vacation this past week and found his office at the clinic emptied. "I returned from my vacation and found all my papers and personal effects packed and removed from my office," he said. "I took that as a sign that I was no longer wanted."

In his offer, Zielinski "proposed to provide physician coverage of the clinic for at least 25 hours per week on at least three days per week for 45 weeks per year."

Zielinski's offer also included initial assistance from Dr. Richard Carpenter, an orthopedic surgeon, and Dr. Richard Johnson, an obstetrician and gynecologist.

Don Eppnbach, North Morrow County Medical Board Chairman, and a member of the new board, stated that "the board's advertisement had asked for an offer of full-time coverage."

One of Zielinski's biggest questions was why the board extended the deadline date for offers.

Eppnbach explained that the board received a request for an extension from St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton, due to an illness of a staff member who was working on the proposal.

A spokesperson for St. Anthony's said Tuesday that "we are still in the talking stages and we are not ready to make a proposal."

"At this point we are still waiting for other offers," Eppnbach said. "The clinic will however remain open through the month of July." Dr. Edward Crippen, of Hood River, is currently practicing at the clinic.

The new medical board is scheduled to meet at the Morrow County School District office in Lexington tonight at 7 p.m.

Zielinski had one other area of concern—that being the North Morrow County ambulance situation.

According to Mel Lappen, a member of the ambulance board, the ambulance was transporting a 35-year-old cardiac patient to Hermiston Saturday when the vehicle had a "maintenance problem" near the pig farm on Interstate 84. "It had a stuck thermostat," Lappen said. "We had an assist from Hermiston (to transport the patient). We have good cooperation between departments including Arlington and Umatilla."

According to Steve Frazier, an operations officer with the Her-

miston Fire Department, his department responded to the scene at 4:49 p.m. and rushed the patient to Good Shepherd Hospital at 5:03 p.m. "This was the first time we've ever had to assist Boardman," Frazier said.

The patient was placed in the intensive care unit and was listed in critical condition. He was taken out of the intensive care unit Tuesday and was listed in stable condition, said Sandy Larsen, Good Shepherd Hospital nursing supervisor.

North Morrow County is scheduled to receive a new ambulance in November this year.

According to Rowe, the county could "legally borrow against the approved levy" in order to purchase an ambulance before the funds arrive

## Two doctors visit Heppner, meet with hospital board

By Avon Melby  
Two doctors have been in Heppner to meet with the board of Pioneer Memorial Hospital recently, and another one is to be interviewed early in July.

Dr. Jeanne Bretta, a native of Condon now practicing in North Carolina, and Dr. Robert Veile, a former Heppner doctor now in practice in Hermiston, were both interested, said hospital administrator Ernest Wick.

Financial condition of the hospital is also better than earlier anticipated. There is a \$238,000 carryover at the end of the fiscal year, June 30. Two weeks ago, in a special budget meeting, the board transferred

\$150,000 to doctor recruitment and pay for the 1987-88 budget from various accounts within the present budget. Better collections and more usage of the hospital facilities accounts for the increased carryover.

St. Anthony Hospital which has a contract to administer Pioneer, had proposed that it hire future doctors with salary guarantee of \$72,000 per year and equipment be supplied by the Pendleton hospital. The board agreed to "go along" with the suggestion. However, it noted this was the last meeting of the board, with a new Morrow County Health Board taking over all medical and health agencies and facilities in the county as of July 1.

The hospital has been negotiating with Dr. Clare Koznek to purchase his uncollected bills for service rendered, and overtime he spent before he closed his practice in May. The board authorized payment of \$34,000 to Dr. Koznek, if the amount is approved by St. Anthony, which will be collecting the unpaid bills.

Pioneer hospital will receive additional state funds under a newly passed state law, Administrator Wick said. Rural hospitals will receive state funding for about 15 percent of the amount not covered on bills paid by medicare.

Freezers at the hospital are old and need to be replaced, said Wick. Ray Ayers, of Ray's Refrigeration, Hermiston, had to work on one last week and warned another one was ready to quit any time. A three-door commercial refrigerator for \$3350 was authorized for purchase under emergency action as a replacement.

## Heppner FFA represented at leadership conference

Theresa Lindsay of the Heppner FFA Chapter attended an Agri-Business Leadership Conference at the University of Idaho June 22-26. The conference, sponsored by the Executive Institute for Northwest Co-operatives was attended by students and agricultural educators from Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana. This was the first regional conference of its kind to be held in the Pacific Northwest.

Participants had the opportunity to listen and participate in workshops presented by co-operative and agricultural leaders from the region.

Agri-Business Leadership development and career awareness were the main theme of the conference. A test was given to all the participants at the end of the conference to see how much they had learned about co-operatives. Lindsay placed second overall.



Whale of a Sturgeon!

Jim Lankford of Heppner holds a 5' 10" sturgeon he caught on the Columbia River. He caught three other, smaller, sturgeon and his brother caught two on a recent fishing trip. Legal are between four and six feet long. The pair would not reveal the location of their lucrative fishing spot.