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St. Anthony to administer all county health care for 60 days

By Avon Melby

St. Anthony Hospital was named administrator of all medical care services under the jurisdiction of Morrow County Medical Board last week. The Pendleton hospital holds a contract with the county court to operate Pioneer Memorial Hospital here. This contract was expanded to include all services under the new board, at the board's first official meeting. The extension is for a period of 60 days.

Ernest Wick, administrator of Pioneer Memorial, will be interim administrator of the county services.

St. Anthony was just one of several offering methods of organizing and staffing the new board services. The new board said all suggestions would be considered before a final method of administrating was decided.

A search is underway for new doctors to staff the clinic at Heppner and the one at Boardman after July 20. Bill Alsdorf, St. Anthony's administrative assistant, said an effort would be made to find physicians by St. Anthony. "If we supply them it will save you money," he told the board.

Dr. Edward Crippen of Hood River, who was a temporary physician at North Morrow Medical Clinic at Boardman, said he was interested in making a survey of the needs of the county and offering a package for the board's consideration. Crippen, however, has left Boardman and is no longer working at the clinic.

Dr. Steven Zielinski, who has been the physician at the Boardman Clinic for one year, said he had presented the clinic board a proposal of 25-hour service at the Boardman Clinic before he moved his practice to Hermiston recently, and complained because it was not being considered. The board said 25 hours per week service was not enough, they wanted a full time doctor for Boardman.

As interim administrator Wick was authorized by the board to hire some one to provide janitorial service at the clinic, and to keep up the lawn and yard work. Bids are expected to be called for these positions at the clinic at Boardman next month.

Several members of the Irrigon Emergency Medical Technicians from Irrigon attended the meeting to request immediate attention to their needs. Members of the fire department, they said they were the only

emergency people in their area. They need two portable oxygen bottles with masks. These they said had been promised at an earlier meeting of the board before it had authority to act, but have not yet been sup-

plied. They said the tanks could have been used last week, and might have saved a life.

Irrigon representatives also wanted a rapid response vehicle. It was provided for as part of the

Foot bridge closure planned

By Avon Melby

Why hasn't something been done about the foot bridge over Willow Creek by the bowling alley? the Heppner City Council was asked Monday night.

Councilman Chuck Holt, who was sworn in last month after being off the council since last December said the last he knew the Lions Club was going to install bridge repairs with lumber donated by the mill, but nothing had been done.

Apparently, when the Lions found all that needed to be done, such as installing stringers, and other work not in the original plan, they painted city hall instead. Attorney Bill Kuhn, also a member of the Lions, said they did not have the man-power to take on the job.

Mayor Cara Costa said the city had the material on hand, and would welcome any volunteer labor. She said it might make a good project for some organization, or maybe just several volunteers could come forward.

The bridge was judged so dangerous that it was ordered closed by the council. It will be posted as closed and blocked off to foot traffic. Council members said they knew this would create an inconvenience for those people used to using the short cut, but it was too dangerous and could not be covered by insurance, until repaired.

The mayor encouraged anyone willing to help the city to get in touch with city hall.

A liquor license was requested by Max English for his mini-market at the Chevron Service Station. The council gave its approval, but it will still be necessary to see the planning commission, English was told.

After some discussion the council decided to retain State Accident Insurance Fund Corp. policy now in effect for the coming year.

Complaints on old building on lots owned by absentee owners have been coming to city hall. City Attorney Kuhn said he had written letters to the tax-recorded owners since February on one and March on the other, with no response. Since they have not cleaned up the property he asked for a public hearing next

month at council meeting so the city could either place a lien on the property, or clean it up and bill the owners. He was instructed to notify them of the hearing date August 3.

Some 40 architects have requested information on bidding for obtaining the contract to remodel the hotel into a Senior Citizen apartment complex. Kuhn told the council. He said it would be a long job in deciding which one to choose, and could be as late as December before the bids could be given on construction. He said two who had already responded estimated construction time at six months for the job. The State Historical Preservation office has given notice it is withholding approval of the plans for the remodeling until further information is provided. Kuhn said the needed information was technical about the building which could be supplied only by the architect and the Salem office was not going to place restrictions so the city could not use the funds to hire the architect to provide the information.

Ordinance to change the residential sewer minimum line from four to three inches was adopted. This will make the city requirement the same as the state code.

Mayor Costa reported the county had agreed to give the city \$5,000 of the \$9,200 closing fund for the county-owned landfill so the city can have open trenches and a pit closed and contoured. Van Arsdale Construction bid \$5,000 for the job, she said. Under the agreement made with the county when the city took over the landfill, the county will dig necessary new trenches. Department of Environmental Quality is insisting the trenches be filled and the place cleaned up. Kuhn has told the council.

Wins trivia contest

Linda Dunaway was last week's winner of the Heppner Gazette-Times/Charlie's Pizza Trivia Contest.

Linda won a large pizza and pitcher of pop for correctly answering that Humphrey Bogart won an Oscar for best actor in the 1951 movie "The African Queen". Hers was the first correct entry drawn.

This week's trivia question is: What sportscaster graduated Phi Beta Kappa from law school?

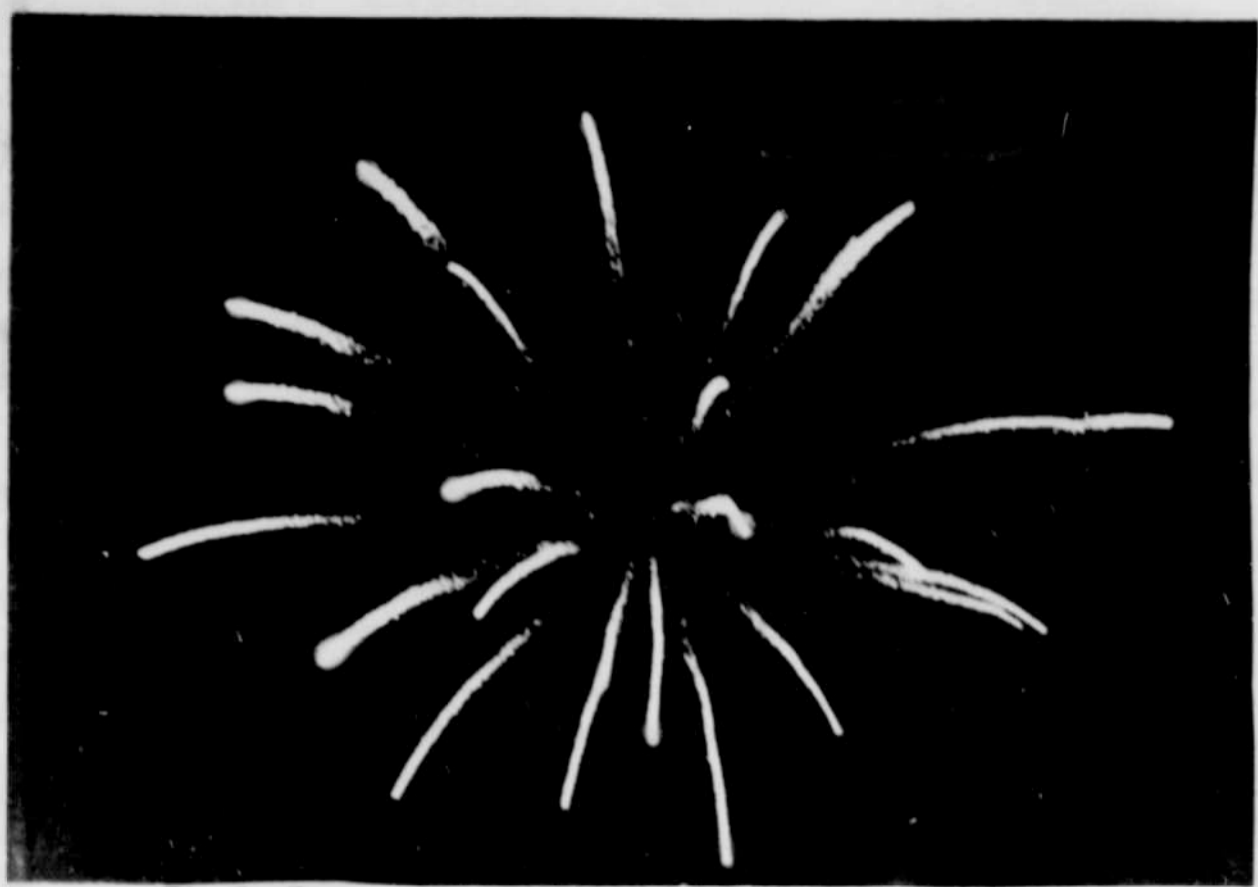
If you know the answer, you may be the winner. Enter at Charlie's Pizza or the Heppner Gazette-Times.

Rep. French sponsored bill favoring irrigation districts

State Representative Ray French (R-Heppner) carried a bill on the floor of the House recently which will allow irrigation districts to collect assessments for payments owed to them as a result of contracts made with the state.

The problem in the past has been that, when a water district is under contract with the federal government for water from a federal project, often times the federal contract has been paid off, but state contracts remain to be paid. This bill will enable districts to continue collecting assessments to pay off those con-

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Celebrating our Independence

Spectacular fireworks filled the sky at lone Saturday night ending the day-long festivities and introducing the night-long street dance. See pages two and three for more photos and stories of the July 4 celebration.

City police get new uniforms

By Avon Melby

City police force will soon have a new look. The council approved a request for new uniforms for the chief and two patrol officers. The sharp new uniforms will be of a very dark-navy blue pants, jacket and shirt.

Assistant chief Merle Cowett told the council the officers had never liked the tannish-brown uniforms and that some pieces were now wearing out. He said the darker color would be more "official appearing" and would, he felt, make the officers stand out better as officers. He related that a driver of a car he recently tried to stop said she "thought I was a fireman" was why she didn't stop.

Cost of the replacement of three outfits will be \$786, he said, and the money is in the police uniform budget for this year.

Officer Gary Bingham asked that the official Heppner patch worn on the sleeve of the uniform be replaced. He wanted a rainbow effect over an outline of the dam, he didn't like the bull depiction and didn't want it in the present white and red with green background. The present one is a picture of a Hereford bull, and

is also the official seal of the city, the mayor said. Permission to change the background color was given, but the new patches will retain the same Hereford-red and white faced bull.

\$9,000 allowed for Irrigon in the recently approved budget for medical needs in the county. The board said it was necessary for the firemen/EMTs to have an intergovernmental agreement with the county in order to receive the funds. This will be taken care of by the court. They were promised loan of portable oxygen bottles and equipment from St. Anthony if necessary.

The budget also allowed funds for a building to house the present ambulance at Boardman. Bids will be called for a building, or a contract lease structure to be presented and acted on by the board at its next meeting, July 20 at the city hall in Irrigon at 7 p.m. Needs for medical emergency response at Lexington and lone were also discussed.

The Thursday meeting was supposed to be an organizational meeting, but neither representative from Heppner was in attendance. Because of this the board decided to wait until the July 20 to name a

chairman and vice chairperson. Mary Michaels of Boardman acted as chairman during this first meeting.

The court, said Judge Louis Carlson, had decided to have a drawing to determine length of term of office for the appointed members so there would always be experienced persons on the eight-member board. Judge Carlson held the hat and Commissioner Jerry peck drew the names. Michaels and Pearson, Heppner, drew four-year terms; Lucille Peck, Lexington and Barbara Wade-Kamper, Irrigon, received three-year terms; Jackie Bergstrom, lone and Don Eppenbach, Irrigon, drew two-year terms; Marcia Anderson, Heppner and Ed Glenn, Irrigon, one-year terms.

The new board will hold a budget review workshop at Irrigon City Hall from three to five on Monday, July 20, preceding the 7 p.m. board meeting.

Still looking for a doctor

Pioneer Memorial Hospital has had no indication from doctors who visited Heppner recently if they may be considering opening a practice here. Hospital Administrator Ernest Wick said Tuesday.

We are still looking for doctors to serve both ends of the county, he said, since Dr. Edwin Crippen who replaced North Morrow Medical Clinic physician Dr. Steven Zielinski on a temporary basis failed to renew his contract.

The unforeseen event in Boardman

(Dr. Crippen's sudden departure from the clinic) and the continuation of the search for a doctor in Heppner are keeping me busy, Wick said.

Dr. Wallace Wolff is continuing to keep office hours and to provide hospital coverage four days each week. Other physicians are scheduled to provide medical care at the hospital on weekends. Files from the Heppner Medical Clinic have been moved to the hospital, so the doctor on duty has access to patient medical files.

Grain Growers announce Harvest hours

The Morrow County Grain Growers has announced that it is now open for special harvest hours.

The Lexington Co-op is now open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through

Friday, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Wasco parts outlet harvest hours are Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Power line worker injured

A climber working on the new Columbia Basin Power line north of Heppner fell 50' from a pole last Wednesday afternoon.

Greg Karlson, one of nine climbers for Bart and Assoc., the contractors for the project, was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner following the accident. The extent of his injuries

was still unknown Thursday afternoon, crew superintendent Mike Wolfe said.

Karlson stepped on a knot and it cut out from under him while he was framing a pole, Wolfe continued. This kind of accident is always a possibility, he said, although he hadn't seen it happen for a long time.

Bart and Assoc. based at Fairview, Oregon, has a 13-member crew working on reconstruction of the main power line between Baseline Road and Heppner. The \$1.5 million replacement became necessary because the old line had deteriorated.

Weather Report

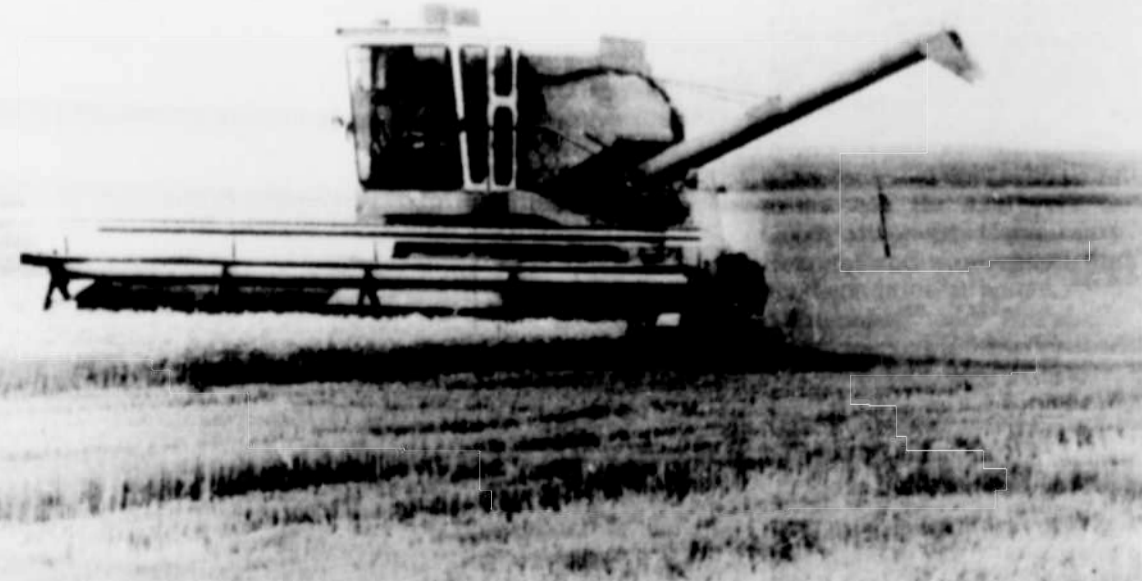
By City of Heppner

June 30 - July 6 High Low Prec.		
Tues.	100	69 0
Wed.	92	64 05
Thurs.	80	51 T
Fri.	88	56 0
Sat.	75	48 0
Sun.	73	52 0
Mon.	79	51 0

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, July 7	
Soft White	
July	\$2.95/\$2.91
Aug.	\$2.91/\$2.92
Sept.	\$2.94/\$2.96
Barley	
July	\$.81
Aug.	\$.81/\$.83
Hard Red Winter	
Ordinaries	\$2.95
PIK	
Generic Certificates	106% cash



Harvest Time

Combines have begun to roll in most of the county-Steve Hill of Starvation Farms reports cutting 62 bu/acre wheat on this double summer fallow. Hill said they have not yet begun cutting barley, but other area ranchers report fall barley yields in excess of 2T/acre.