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## Finley Buttes Landfill

# "A 25-year construction"

*Editor's note: will a large-scale landfill, accepting up to 2,500 tons of residential and commercial waste, per day be part of Morrow County's future?*

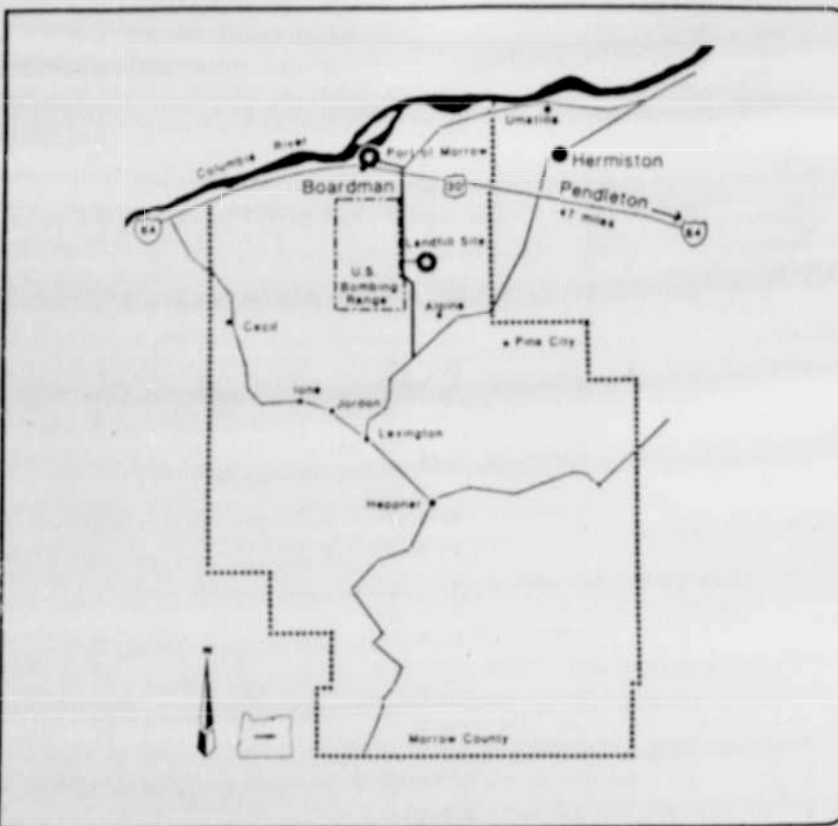
The Morrow County Court has approved a permit application for the dump, and business and other groups have endorsed it. On the other hand a county-wide vote on the project, and a possible appeal of the court action is possible. The Department of Environmental Quality still must approve the landfill plan, and contracts with customers to use the landfill still have not been obtained.

The following is a description of the landfill, and how it will be built and operated. Facts for the article were provided by Tidewater Barge Lines, the company backing the project, and Tidewater's consultants.

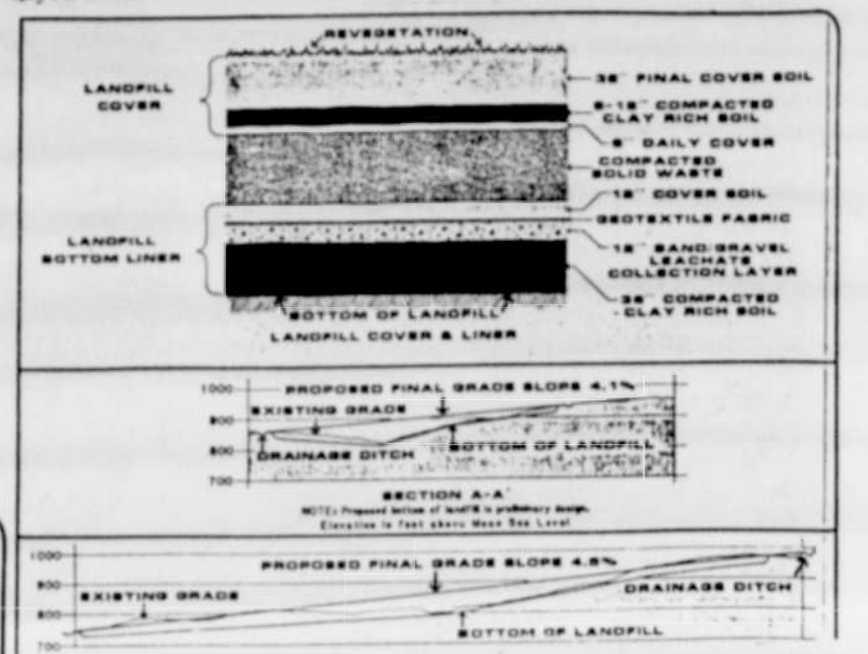
"Think of it as a 25-year construction project," says Tidewater Barge Lines consultant Gordon Davis, when describing how the landfill will operate. "This is not the same as when you were a kid, and used to drive out to the dump with your dad."

### Where will the dump be located?

Tidewater Barge Lines will locate the dump on an 800-acre parcel located approximately 16 miles south of Boardman, and east of Bombing Range Road on land now owned by Morrow County farmer Larry Lindsay.

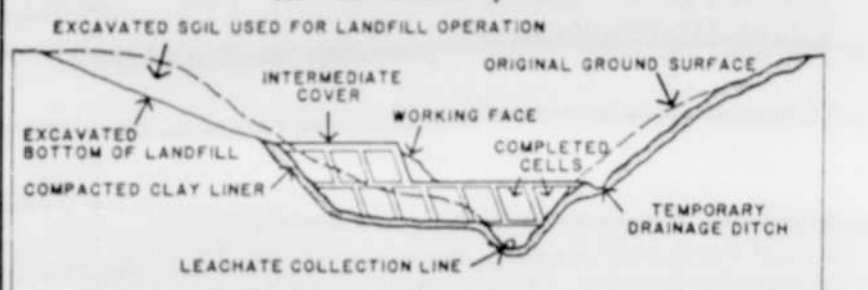


**How will the landfill be built?**  
The bottom of the landfill will be excavated, and a 36-inch layer of clay laid down.

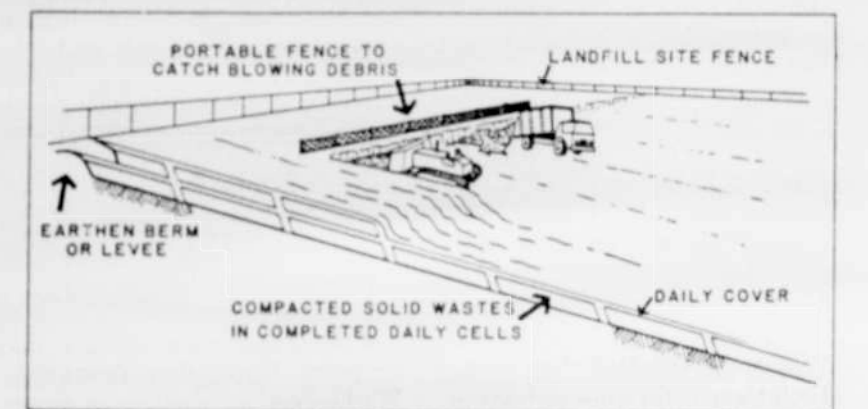


The bottom clay liner, along with 12-inches of sand and gravel, is used to prevent water from leaching through the waste and into the ground below. A piping system will be placed at the bottom of the landfill to collect any water that may find its way through the clay and sand protection.

### How the landfill operates



The waste will arrive at the landfill on trucks in sealed containers. Upon entering the dump, (the entire area will be fenced off), the trucks will be weighed, and then will proceed to the "active" area of the landfill. The containers will be dumped by "trailer tipper", which lift the entire truck in to the air. The waste will immediately be spread and compacted by landfill equipment. Cover soil will be applied during the day to control blowing litter.



Landfilling occurs in a relatively small portion of the site, five to 10 acres, at any one time. Waste is buried in individual "cells" with each cell representing one day's worth of garbage. At the end of each day the waste will be covered with six inches of soil, making a cell on which the next day's garbage will be deposited.

Covering the waste at the end of each day will prevent insect and rodent problems, minimize odors and control blowing paper.

When portions of the landfill are ready for closure, a six to 12-inch layer of compacted clay rich soil is placed over the daily six-inch covering. The clay soil is compacted and finally a 36-inch layer of soil is placed over the clay cap and re-planted with vegetation. Dumping will then move to another area of the landfill and the process will start all over again, until the entire 510 acres is used and the landfill closed.



The closure portion of the landfill operation will last at least 10 years, after the last load is dumped, and will include erosion control, weed control, regrading and drainage system maintenance, operation of any leachate and gas collection systems, and continuation of all monitoring systems.

## Letters to the Editor

### Renter advocacy group forms

To the Editor:  
We want to announce the Oregon Renters Equality is now registered in your county.  
What is Oregon Renters Equality?  
We are a Union formed to serve the renters of Oregon.  
How are we funded?  
We are non-profit; we are funded entirely by membership fees and dedicated monies.  
At the present we are not acting as an ombudsman. We are not a loophole for a "bad tenant" to use. Our purpose is to strengthen the renters rights.  
We will be working with others.

a person or groups to bring some equality to the Landlord/Tenant laws for the renters.  
A renter who has been an Oregon-resident for one year and is registered to vote in Oregon is eligible to join. Those joining before January 1, 1988 will be charter members with a lifetime membership.  
For more information inquire by writing to: Oregon Renters Equality, 3302 SE 122 #21, Portland, OR 97236 or call 760-8773.

Sincerely  
(s) Rosa Goodman  
Portland

### Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes  
Summertime—a time of travel for some and enjoying their own backyard for others. Did you know your Chamber of Commerce office is also a tourist information center? All you need to do is walk through the door to pick up one or all of the following: Official Oregon State Travel Guide (the next printing will have more about Heppner); Oregon Highway Map; Recreation Guide to Northeast Oregon; Pendleton Round-Up; Follow the Oregon Trail to Echo; Grant County; The Great State of Eastern Oregon; South Central and North Central Washington; Oregon Events; events and activities around Oregon and Washington, just to name a few.

You don't like to leave home or pack a suitcase. Then "Heppner: Oregon's Gateway To The Blue Mountains" or "Boardman on the Beautiful Columbia River" are the brochures for your family and visitors. Want to stay inside and keep cool? The Heppner Museum or a tour of Kinzua is the answer. Chamber members will testify that a Kinzua tour is well worth an hour or two of your time. Doug Dubuque is the man to see.

August will find Chamber focusing on support of County Fair and Rodeo with a visit from the court; lunch at the fairgrounds August 20; taking gate tickets, and parade responsibilities. Next Chamber meeting at the Elks, Tuesday, August 4. Enjoy the warm weather and keep smiling.

### Chief Rathbun's Tips

- Here are some ways to say No to drugs
1. Say you have something better to do, then do it.
  2. Point out that drugs interfere with your mental and physical skills, and you want to be at your best.
  3. Skip parties where you know drugs and alcohol will be available. Ban them from your own. Help your friends
  1. Learn all you can about how drugs affect your mind, body and actions.
  2. Get the names and phone numbers of local hot lines and abuse counseling services.
  3. Remind your friend that buying or possessing pot, cocaine, LSD, PCP and most other drugs is against the law.
  4. Remember, it takes courage to help a friend who has a drug problem. But a real friend will try.

### Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police Dept. reports handling the following business during the past week:  
July 21: 2:59 a.m.—request officer for Security Check; 12:26 p.m.—Peace officers; Mental Hold; 8:05 p.m.—report of Dog Bite.  
July 22: 2:56 a.m.—request officer for Security Check.  
July 23: 1:48 a.m.—report of Assault and Robbery; 9:15—report of Injury at City Park.  
July 24: 2:18 p.m.—citation issued for No Operator License, citation issued for Driving Uninsured.  
July 25: Report of Fight.

### Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:

- Jeffrey Carr, lone-admitted July 20, discharged July 21;  
Clarence Baker, Heppner-admitted July 20, discharged July 21.  
The following patients were still receiving care at the hospital Tuesday:  
Tim Corwin, Heppner-admitted July 27;  
Virginia Groshens, Heppner-admitted July 28; and  
Tom Wickland, Heppner-admitted July 28.

### Obituary

**Fidelis John Wilson**  
Fidelis John Wilson, a lifelong resident of The Dalles, died Saturday July 18. He was 75.

Mr. Wilson was born April 5, 1912 in The Dalles to Clifford and Caroline (Mesplic) Wilson. He attended The Dalles High School. He worked for many years for Hudson House and Associated Grocers as a sales manager making many trips to Heppner.

He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church. He was a life member of The Dalles Elks Lodge 303, and was a U.S. Navy World War II veteran.

He is survived by two sons: Fidelis J. Wilson Jr., Portland; and Michael E. Wilson, The Dalles; one grandson, Geoffrey Shepard, Wilsonville. His wife Marie Wilson died in 1960.

Recitation of the Rosary, followed by a Mass of Christian burial was at St. Peter Catholic Church Tuesday, July 21.

Burial was at St. Peter Catholic Cemetery. Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice Court at the Courthouse Annex in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:  
Dennis Raymond Warren, Heppner-Excessive Tire Noise, \$24 fine.  
Thomas William McElligott, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed (65 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$13 fine.  
Julie Marie Sturza, Lexington-Exceeding the Maximum Speed (69 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$30 fine.  
Stephen Scott Dougherty, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed (72 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$36 fine.  
Nancy Spivey, lone-Maintaining a Dog as a Nuisance, \$75 fine.  
Kenneth D. Holehouse, address unknown-Assault IV, \$337 fine and 10 days in jail with \$200 of the fine and the jail sentence suspended on conditions set by the judge.



The first labor organization in the United States was formed by the Boston shoemakers and barrelmakers in 1648.

Actual size of the dump area will be about 510 acres. The area is known as Finley Buttes, and is presently not being farmed.

### What type of waste will be dumped there?

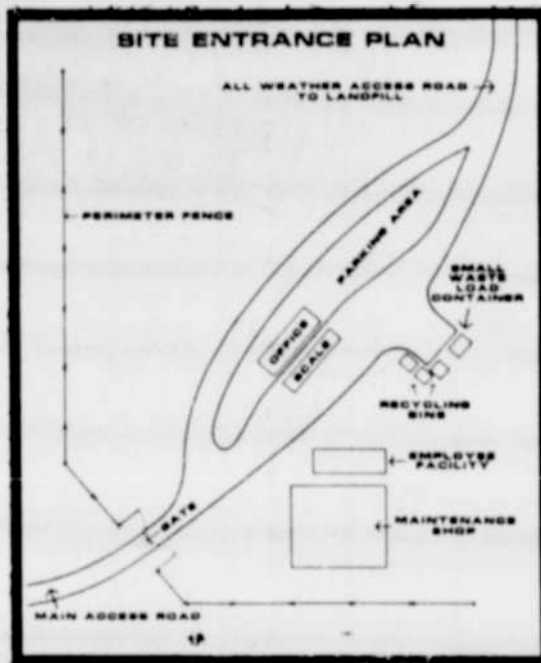
The landfill will accept non-toxic residential and commercial waste such as garbage, rubbish, refuse, ashes, waste paper, cardboard and similar material. According to Tidewater, hazardous wastes will be kept out of the fill by trained personnel inspecting the waste as it moves throughout the shipping and dumping process.

Morrow county residents will be allowed to dump at the site, and recycle bins will be available at the site.

### How will the garbage get here?

Garbage will be collected at cities and metropolitan areas along the Columbia River. The waste is collected in large concrete dumping areas in those cities, where it will be separated for recycling, and then compressed and compacted and placed into 40 foot sealed metal containers. The containers will be trucked to docks on the river, and loaded on barges for the trip up river.

Upon arrival in Boardman, the containers will be unloaded at the Port of Morrow in Boardman, which has special handling equipment to take the containers off barges and onto trucks. The trucks will travel from the port area, over Ullman Boulevard and onto the Interstate 84 freeway. They will leave the freeway at the Boardman interchange, and then onto Bombing Range road for the trip to the landfill.



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