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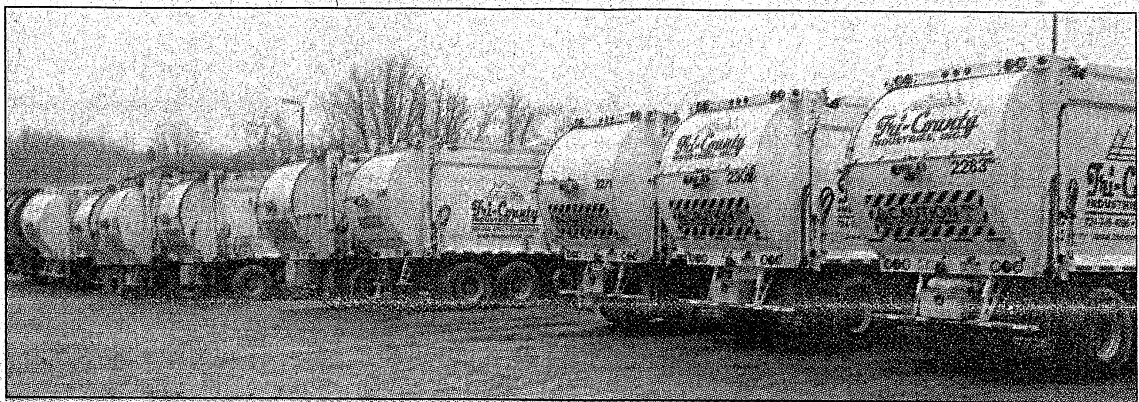
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M. WELKER, 53, of Grove City, formerly of Franklin.



The Tri-County Industries Inc. property sits on about 500 acres in Pine and Liberty townships. **MONICA PRYTS | Allied News**

# Vogel: Landfill would cut costs, create new jobs

By **MONICA PRYTS**  
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When the Vogel family took over Tri-County Industries Inc. in the mid-1970s, they had just a few trucks.

“Now we have about 100 trucks,” said Edward R. Vogel, vice president of Vogel Holding Inc.

The Mars-based company owns multiple properties and garbage companies including Tri-County, which covers about 500 acres in Pine and Liberty townships.

TCI has continued to grow over the years, and more residential, commercial and industrial customers means that expanded operations are needed.

In late 2018, TCI filed a permit application with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The company wants to re-open its landfill and increase the maximum daily volume of waste that may be received at its transfer station.

DEP considers the application to be “complete,” and it’s now going through the review process, Vogel said Friday afternoon before leading a tour of the TCI property.

The landfill would run six days a week, 24 hours a day, covering about 70.37 acres for up to 10 years, according to DEP.

The landfill would be 40



**Jim Lipo, an employee of Tri-County Industries Inc., sands paint off a garbage truck.** **MONICA PRYTS | Allied News**

feet high, and take in municipal waste and some residual waste at the landfill, but no hazardous waste.

The other part of the application calls for the transfer station to increase its capacity to 1,200 from 800 tons per day.

Vogel expects to get an update from DEP within the next two months, and he’s certain that the agency will schedule a public meeting.

This is the fourth time that TCI has asked DEP for permission to re-open its landfill. DEP denied TCI’s previous landfill application in 2013

because of Vogel’s compliance history, and a conflict between the design and local zoning limitations, according to permit application documents.

Vogel’s compliance history shows violations including odors, lack of dust control, and leaking loads, the paperwork notes.

The TCI landfill closed in 1990 after the company was unable to meet new regulations by the agency’s deadline.

“We just ran out of time,” Vogel said.

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# Recruiter center of DUI probe

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**COOLSPRING TOWNSHIP** – An active Army recruiter is being investigated on suspicion of driving under the influence while operating a government vehicle.

Brittany Graeves, 30, of Grove City was the driver in a crash Wednesday at Franklin Street and South Cottage Road in Coolspring Township, state police said.

Police said Graeves, who was in uniform, was under the influence and also had an open container of alcohol in the vehicle.

Separately, Graeves was charged March 15 by Grove City police with endangering the welfare of children, driving under the influence, reckless driving and public drunkenness for an incident reported the evening of March 12, according to court records.

Grove City police said Graeves was arrested at Highland Primary Center in Grove City, where an event was being held for incoming kindergarten students and their families.

Graeves was there with her two children, ages 4 and 3, and police allege she had driven to the school with the children while under the influence of alcohol.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled in that case for April 17 in District Judge D. Neil McEwen's court.

**Edward R. Vogel, vice president of Vogel Holding Inc., led a tour of Tri-County Industries Inc. to discuss the company's plans to re-open the TCI landfill.**

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## Landfill

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The new regulations included a double synthetic liner, which Vogel Holding uses at its Seneca landfill and would use at TCI.

Not having a landfill at the TCI site has increased costs – the company has to truck waste off the property, which is off of state Route 208.

TCI would like the landfill to be higher than 40 feet – the maximum height allowed by the two townships without a zoning variance request, Vogel said.

Re-opening the landfill would help lower the company's costs and create new jobs. About 150 people are currently employed at TCI.

Vogel addressed some concerns that have been raised by local elected officials and members of the Citizens' Environmental Association of the Slippery Rock Area Inc., or CEASRA.

Vogel Holding has done

studies that show property values would not be impacted by a landfill, and that groundwater would not be contaminated.

"Pennsylvania exceeds the federal guidelines," he said of DEP's landfill regulations.

Springfield Township officials have asked for a new traffic study to be done. PennDOT doesn't see the need for another study at this time, Vogel said.

For those who have more questions and concerns, he is willing to give tours of the facilities. Most people are not familiar with the industry, leading Vogel to believe that some folks have a "fear of the unknown."

"You don't want to be a nuisance to your neighbors," he said of wanting TCI to be a good neighbor.

He pointed out a nearby field where the previous landfill sat, noting how the property is far from Route 208 and neighboring residents.

His parents Ed and Margaret, both 83, are still involved with the company. They never thought that operations

would expand to the current point.

"It keeps them going," Vogel said.

Vogel's son Randy has been helping out in the garage, and several other relatives have joined the company over the years, making it a "true family business."

Vogel has been part of the business since he graduated from high school, and he's always learning something new.

"There's nothing really that I haven't done," he said of working various positions.

If the application is approved, TCI would have two years to re-open the landfill and make changes to the transfer station.

