

Heppner voters will be asked to approve a substantially lower budget Monday.

The Heppner budget committee met May 26 and lopped over \$60,000 off a proposed levy of \$93,866 outside the six per cent limitation that voters balked at on May 17.

The committee's chopping ended with a new levy of \$28,191 outside the limitation. And, with the addition of taxes not expected to be received (\$3,947) the levy will be \$32,138.

This levy will require a tax rate of \$2.77 per thousand of true cash value from the voters. This amount compares with an \$8.08 per thousand cash value that the older \$93,866 levy would have asked.

The committee recognized that the pared budget proposal is "far below that which would be necessary to maintain any resemblance the present level of city services; that the city is growing in population; that costs of unexpanded services are increasing by more than six per cent each year; and that the pared budget was probably inadequate to maintain city solvency and fiscal responsibility."

Nevertheless, the chopped budget proposal was reported back to the city council with a recommendation that user fees for water be increased. And, it was the belief of the committee that it is "fair, and reasonable" to propose to shift

Voters asked to pass \$32,138 levy

some of the burden for direct consumer services to the users and away from the general property taxpayer.

The council has approved a water rate increase which would raise an estimated additional \$21,600 in resources. (This increase would amount to a \$2 charge.)

An increase in fees for use of the swimming pool is being considered and a study is being conducted of a proposal to, for the first time, impose a library card fee.

The committee's findings to reduce the levy to \$28,191 will

include items that would otherwise be deleted if the city were to stay within the six per cent limitation.

They are: \$9801 to retain the street department employee positions; \$12,400 for street paving; \$900 for the police clerk; and \$5,000 for the city's share towards maintaining a night dispatcher in conjunction with the sheriff's office.

(That final \$5,000 share for a night dispatcher may be eliminated if the county is able to fund the position.)

With these additions, the total budget, by department would be as follows: \$59,010 for general government; \$73,427

for water and utility department; \$29,500 for sewer department; \$8,343 for fire department; \$50,568 for police department; \$55,951 for street department; \$1,666 for garbage collection and disposal; \$9,830 for city swimming pool; \$4,236 for the city library; and \$16,925 for revenue sharing.

The total operational budget would come to \$309,446 and the total budget, with all funds would be \$400,510. (For a comparison between this year's budget and last year's, by department, see table.)

The budget committee is maintaining a low profile on this levy, assuring voters that this special levy is "essential, well-justified, fair, and the smallest amount which the committee can recommend in good faith."

With it, the total operational budget is absent of any, unjustified items. In fact, the total budget will still be short some items which the committee would prefer to be able to budget—for instance, vacation and sick pay for city employees.

The committee welcomes and urges all interested citizens to ask questions and examine the budget document. It also urges voters turn-out, June 14.

See additional stories.

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Heppner girl termed 'serious' following one car accident

A Heppner girl was listed in serious condition Tuesday at Kadlec Hospital in Richland, WA, following a one-car accident, five miles south of Ruggs Sunday morning.

Laurie Lucille McCabe, 17, and two other passengers in a 1971 Chevrolet Nova were hospitalized at Pioneer Mem-

orial Hospital after the 2:15 a.m. accident. Miss McCabe was transported to Kadlec with a broken back.

Robert Emmet Smith, the driver of the car, suffered a broken collar bone, along with cuts and bruises. John David Hoffman, riding in the passenger seat, received cuts and

abrasions. Smith, 22, lives in Wasco. Hoffman, 21, lives in Condon.

According to police reports the car was traveling north toward Heppner on Highway 207. There was a curve to the west at the scene. The car, reportedly, drove off the north side of the highway, traveled 120 feet along a steep embankment, flipped end over end, and came to rest on its top, facing west in a field, 64 feet north of the highway.

The vehicle, destined to be totalled, sustained damage to the front, top, both sides and the rear. All three occupants, riding in the front seat, were thrown out.

According to police reports,

Smith told Oregon State Police that he was driving north at about 55 miles per hour and not being familiar with the highway, entered the curve too fast and could not negotiate the curve. Statements were not taken from the passengers due to the extent of their injuries.

The car, which rounded the steep embankment for 120 feet, traveled another 48 feet after the impact, mostly through the air.

Smith was cited by OSP for failure to maintain reasonable control of a motor vehicle. Primary cause for the wreck was listed as "speed."

Two other accidents were

reported last week, one in conjunction with the accident that left Laurie McCabe at Kadlec Hospital, Richland.

A non-injury, motorcycle-pickup accident occurred about 5:30 a.m. Sunday when Danny McBride, driver of the pickup, was coming out of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital after visiting the accident victims in the McCabe Wreck.

According to police reports, McBride, 27, Heppner was pulling out of the hospital parking lot when the motorcycle came around a corner and hit the vehicle's right front fender. Ken Gorman, 27, Heppner was the operator of the motorcycle.

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BEAUTIFY AMERICA—Bicentennial project for the 7th and 8th art class was the decorating of the trash containers on Main Street. Marge Gardner is shown in picture. Tom Shear, art teacher said the city

classes next year will be able to paint more. If you look closely, the signatures of the artists are on the containers. Some of the Senior high students helped too.

(G-T Photo)



PAM HAUGEN

LISA BURKENBINE

Heppner girls to state meet

Two Heppner girls will represent this community at the Girls State Convention at Willamette University this week.

The two juniors, Lisa Burkenbine and Pam Haugen, will leave for Salem for a week's stay with more than 270 girls from across the state.

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsored event in the 35th annual session will run from June 13-18.

The theme for the week will be "To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation." The girls had to meet a five item standard by the girls state selection committee to achieve the honor.

Along with a written resume on why they wanted to attend, the girls had to meet a list of qualifications that included leadership, character and honesty, scholarship, cooperativeness, and community participation and service.

Miss Burkenbine, 16, daughter of Forrest and Gail Burkenbine, Heppner, said she wanted to "learn about government", meet new people and get to know the atmosphere of college surroundings.

Both girls enjoy hobbies that include sports activities, sewing, painting and other summer activities. Miss Haugen, 17, living with her aunt and uncle, George and Beatrice Luciani, was unavailable for comment this week.

Both girls plan on college educations after their senior years and have the medical field in mind for the future.

Council approves meter revival

Get your nickels and dimes ready again. The Heppner City Council decided to re-install hand cranks on the city's parking meters.

The meters will be working, effective Monday, June 14, throughout the town.

The city held a month's moratorium on the meters in May. Despite the city stopping the parking payment, city



maintenance crews collected \$163.79 from the non-working machines.

At the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday, a show of hands from city business people showed city officials that people want the meters back.

The meters are 15 and 16 years old and some are beyond repair it was told at the council meeting Monday. The meters provide the city with between \$3-4,000 a year. But, according to Police Chief Dean Gilman, a new meter head today could cost as much as \$100.

The council approved the re-installment and also planned a

long term repair, replacement plan for the meters.

In other business, the council:

—heard anxious swim team parents ask when the city swimming pool would open. The council agreed to open the pool June 15. Prices for swimming have doubled. A children's \$25 ticket is now \$50 and the adults admission has doubled to \$1.00. Family tickets are now \$40.

Dan James and Paul Arboast, representing the pool, asked the council if next year, a special levy for the pool and library, wouldn't be feasible. The council said they would entertain the thought.

—read a communication from Umatilla Read-Mix, saying the cement company is planning to move from its present location in town. The council said the company did fall into the nuisance ordinance qualifications.

The company, which produces plenty of noise and dust in a normal working day, is located next to residential zoned property. They plan to move, within 1200 feet of the city, for city services.

—balked at a request to put a \$17,700 Fleetwood mobile home on Schultz Street. The council voted no, 2:1 with one abstention. There was one opposition to the mobile home by a nearby resident who, allegedly said the mobile home would depreciate the value of his house.

Randall Peterson, planning commission member, said the

opposition came in the form of a written paper. He said the opposing people did not follow his aggressions out.

Councilmen Warren Plocharsky voted no because of the single opposition. Larry Mills abstained. The mobile home is owned by Dan Gray of The Dalles. A cement foundation and grass yard were, reportedly planned.

—set June 16 for a special council meeting to canvass the ballots from the special election vote Monday for a \$32,138 levy, outside the six per cent limitation.

Breathmobile slated Wed.

Breathe deeply please. The Oregon Lung Association has slated the Christmas Seal Breathmobile in Boardman and Heppner next week.

The Heppner tests, scheduled for Wednesday, June 16 at Murray's drug will precede the Boardman tests, Thursday at the parking lot in Boardman.

Pulmonary function breathing tests for shortness of breath will be provided with-

out charge to all persons, 18 years of age and older. The breathmobile will be in Heppner from noon to 3 p.m. and then again from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Murray's Drug at 217 N. Main.

It will be in Boardman at the City Hall Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Women are compared only to women of their age and height who were all non-cigarette smokers and men are compared only to men of similar age and height who

were non-smokers. Over 80,000 Oregonians have received the free pulmonary function tests on the breathmobile since its inception in 1972. In the beginning, four tests were given on the unit. Today, a fifth and even more definite test is being given on each person being tested. The newest test is called "FEF-75-85 Percent" and helps to identify extremely early changes in lung function when such changes are most likely to still be reversible.

Saturday, Sunday

Junior rodeo action set

Two big days of rodeo action are slated for this weekend at the Sixth Annual, Morrow County Junior Rodeo. The two day event will run Saturday and Sunday at the Heppner Fair Grounds.

The action will match cowboys and cowgirls from nine-year-old through 18 in 11 events. Two divisions, one for nine through 14 and the other for 15-18-years-old have been established.

The Western States Junior Rodeo Association approved rodeo will begin at 1 p.m. both days. Listed for competitive action will be bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, cow riding, barrel racing, steer dodging, team roping, calf roping, bull dogging, girls calf roping, pole bending and break-a-way.

Buckles will be given in all events and an all-around blanket will be awarded in each age group. After the Saturday show, an open team roping competition gets under way.

Also slated for the weekend's festivities will be a dance, Saturday from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Fairgrounds Pavilion. Music will be by the Continentals and cost will be \$2.50 per person.

A Cowboy breakfast is scheduled for Sunday at 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Fairgrounds. A full breakfast will cost \$2.50 and a half breakfast, \$1.25.

The breakfast will be sponsored by the American Legion, Heppner post.

All in all, it looks like a full weekend of rodeo'ing action and fun and excitement.

Gov. Straub to visit here

Gov. Bob Straub will be in Heppner, June 22 it was announced at the Heppner City Council meeting Monday night.

Straub will visit with city officials June 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Later in the day, he will tour Kinzua Corp. and then meet with a citizens group for questions and answers, at noon.

See this paper for more details next week.