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# Heppner common council seeks budget increase from voters

The Heppner Common City Council Monday night approved a budget which is \$46,445 in excess of the six per cent limitation. The council will ask voters to increase the levy about 75 cents per \$1,000 over last year, a cash increase of \$14,307.

For weeks the budget committee, under chairman Gene Pierce, has been working to slash the initial projected budget. That budget was more than \$100,000 over the six per cent limitation.

The first budget included,

among other items, a 10 per cent salary increase for city employees, nearly \$3,000 for dog control and other increases for materials and services.

Most people working on the initial budget proposal expressed the opinion that the public would not vote such an increase. Several said they would not vote for such an increase themselves.

In later meetings, the budget was brought closer to the

\$50,000 mark by offering a six per cent increase to city employees, along with other major cuts.

Pressured by increased costs in fixed expenses, the city reduced its proposed \$5,000 payment to the Morrow County Sheriff's Department, for police dispatch and teletype services, and moved still other line items to dependency on revenue sharing and other income not guaranteed by local taxes.

The budget, which will go to voters on Tuesday, Apr. 5, will

include \$71,136 for personal services and \$84,878 for materials and services. Total capital outlay is \$1,200 for a street sander with a total of \$5,000 for all other requirements.

Total budget requirements including transfers is \$162,214.

Total resources from excise tax to be levied is \$85,082. Ad valorem tax levy is pegged at \$77,132 with estimated tax not to be received (slow, late or discounts for early payment) at \$10,798 for a total ad valorem tax to be levied of \$87,930.

The result is a levy of \$41.485

within the limitation and \$46,445 outside the six per cent limitation. This compares with \$32,138 outside the limitation last year or an increase in levy over last year of \$14,307.

The increase would figure about 75 cents per \$1,000 more than last year. Last year the levy over the limitation was \$2.77 per \$1,000. The levy this year would amount to \$3.52 per \$1,000.

The vote on the budget will be held from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the old city library next door to City Hall on Tuesday, Apr. 5.

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## Irrigon Council reviews police, water programs

The main topic at the Irrigon March Council meeting centered on police activities and needs. Morrow County Sheriff Larry Fetsch was present with City Marshall Eugene Cain, to explain cooperative options available to the city in both police coverage and handling of court cases. The council delayed action on the matter until the city administrator arrives. This is expected to be within a month.

The multitude of dogs roaming city streets was discussed and acknowledged to be a major problem. It was also pointed out that garbage has accumulated on some properties and that contractors and others are again dumping refuse on O.P.I. land in the south part of town. The marshal was instructed to issue citations to violators.

The council was informed that a new police car had been assigned to Marshal Cain under the State program, through which he is employed by the city.

It was noted that a contract with John L. Brown of Hermiston had been signed for drilling the new well under the works progress grant. Work

on the well is expected to start this week.

Four additional street lights were authorized at the following locations: 3rd and N. Main at the new county building, at the city pumps and two east of present lights on Highway 730.

An ordinance was read outlining the duties of the city administrator, but no action

was taken. The administrator will be shared with the city of Echo under a C.E.T.A. program through East Central Oregon Association of Counties. A second meeting is scheduled between the two city councils to clarify policy. Each city will contribute \$2,700 to supplement the program.

## Krebs buy \$2,175 sired Florian bull

The Beef Improvement Program of C & B Livestock, Hermiston, attracted a crowd of 800 cattlemen to their Second Annual Beef Performance Sale on Tuesday, Mar. 5. A Morrow County cattleman took the second highest selling two-year-old bull and ranked with volume bull buyers.

Dick Krebs of Krebs Brothers, Inc., Cecil, Ore., was a repeat buyer, taking the

second highest selling two-year-old home. Krebs bid \$2,175 for the Florian sired Angus-Simmental.

Krebs Brothers and Tom Kosmos of Hermiston were among the volume bull buyers in the sale, which had representatives from seven states and two Canadian provinces.

A total of 93 bulls averaged \$1,216.45 with 50 mostly open heifers averaging \$732.70. Average overall individual sale price in the 143 lots was \$1,069.13.

### WEATHER

	High	Low	Precip.
Wed.,			
Mar. 2	49	33	.14
Thurs.,			
Mar. 3	48	32	
Fri.,			
Mar. 4	59	29	
Sat.,			
Mar. 5	52	31	.14
Sun.,			
Mar. 6	44	28	
Mon.,			
Mar. 7	48	27	
Tues.,			
Mar. 8	53	31	

Measurable precipitation thus far in March measures 1.35 hundredths of an inch. The total to date is .07 hundredths of an inch above the March normal of 1.28 hundredths. The March record for Heppner, set in 1957, is 4.08 hundredths.



## Sons of Ireland abound in Morrow County

Even if we filled this entire paper with tales about the Irish families of this area—we would undoubtedly still leave stories untold. So we only offer you a wee peek at a few of the families who have given St. Patrick's Parish a lovely green look with the assistance of some friends.

It is written that William Hughes was the first son of Ireland to settle here in 1870; by 1875 Charlie Cunningham, founder of a great sheep company, had arrived; in the 1880's came Felix Johnson, Jeremiah Brosnan, Michael Kenny, and the Dohertys, Patrick, Bernard P. and Jan. G. G.

Within about ten years the first Kilkenny and Carty had arrived. After some of these earliest Irish lads had become established and some of them had married girls from home, they encouraged goodly numbers of their countrymen to join them in their prospering enterprises. Almost all the counties of Ireland became represented in the county.

This county's outstanding Irish historian, John F. Kilkenny, in his fine book SHAMROCKS AND SHEPHERDS, says, "Many of the young Irishmen who spent their lonely nights and busy days on the ranches and in the mountains, made sufficient money to purchase a small plot in Ireland and to return to their

native land to find girls of their choice. The Irish influx to this part of the West was approximately 85 per cent boys and 15 per cent girls. As a result, most of the men lived very monastic lives and a tragically large percentage of those who remained in America, lived and died bachelors."

Judge Kilkenny writes that the controlling Irish influence in this area in years past was "emphasized by the now forgotten fact that the Heppner High School athletic teams, for over a quarter of a century, were known as the 'Irish.'"

For years, the Ancient Order of Hibernians was a very important group of men here; a large picture of the men of this order who held a state meeting in Heppner in February, 1914, lists about 80 whose pictures are identified, many of whom have descendants living here today. The Heppner lodge was the second

largest Hibernian Lodge in the state.

Kilkenny writes with firsthand knowledge, skill and a great deal of pride about his own and other Irish families. "Under their ownership, management and control were literally hundreds of thousands of sheep, thousands of cattle and horses, and later, thousands upon thousands of acres of farm land. The Oregon Trail, dramatically carved by countless thousands of hoofs and wheels, actually severed the ranch lands of the Cartys, the Dohertys, the Parleys, the Flanagan's, the Kilkennys, the McDaid's, the McEntires and the Sheridans.

"All men of energy, dedication and resolution, they handled their assignments with a consummate skill which led to results that were both dramatic and convincing. The profound influence of music, song, laughter and, at times, downright hilarity, left

a lifelong mark which reflected itself in the grand emphasis placed by their offspring on these priceless arts of living."

Although most of the Irish were Catholic in religion, a substantial number were not. Kilkenny declares, "Religious intolerance was nonexistent. At least three Irish Protestants, Henry Dennis, Pat Hart and Harry Mullican, worked on the Kilkenny Ranches at the same time.

"The first Catholic church was constructed in the area at Vinson, some 30 miles east of Heppner. This was a small, rough slab wood building, built entirely by the Irish families of the neighborhood. "Both Catholics and non-Catholics alike contributed the labor, materials and money for the construction, in 1887, of the first Catholic church in Heppner. The building com-

mittee included William Hughes, James Hager and William MacAtee, all non-Catholics. Naturally, the church was dedicated to and named for St. Patrick. Substantial contributors included Henry Heppner, the Jewish merchant after whom the city was named, and Phil Cohn, a pioneer Jewish businessman, Heppner's nephew.

The first recorded marriage in the church was that of Judge Kilkenny's parents, John S. Kilkenny and Rose Ann Curran Farley Kilkenny. The first child baptized in that church was Zetta Hager Brosnan (Mrs. John Brosnan, who now lives on upper Little Butter Creek).

The early St. Patrick's on the hill was enlarged and remodeled and is now the Legion Hall. Rancher Larry Lindsay has written a history of the growth and development of St. Patrick's Church, which brings the church up to the time of the dedication of its fine new building on Gale Street in 1971.

The church parish hall faces North Jones Street and the two buildings are surrounded with paved parking area. The mortgage on the new church was burned during the 1976 parish Christmas Potluck dinner and program.

## Grieb, Robinson win first in FFA contest

Julie Grieb and Krynn Robinson scored wins last week in the district FFA record book contest at Weston-McEwen in Athena. Both girls will advance to state competition.

Grieb took a first with her chapter treasurer's book and a second place with her project record book. Robinson garnered a first with her project record book and a second with her chapter scrap book.

First place winners advance to state competition, this year to be held in Pendleton. The two girls, part of a contingent of Heppner chapter members who will represent this high school during the state contest, will travel to the competition Mar. 20 to 24.

Another highlight of the state contest will be the presentation of State Farmer's Degrees to Krynn Robinson and Ken Grieb. The Heppner High School students will be honored on Wednesday night.