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So budget will pass

County officials salaries cut

Morrow county may have to call an "emergency election" its budget has been defeated twice and the next scheduled time for an election in the state is Sept. 16.

"We can't spend money without a budget," County Commissioner Dorothy Krebs said. "We will have to look at the carryover to see if we can make it until September. If not, we will have to have an emergency election."

The earliest an emergency election could be called is August 26.

Krebs said the county budget committee cut the proposed county budget June 30.

The salary committee adopted the following recommendations and presented them to

Kinzua votes

No strike

Union employees at Kinzua Corp. in Heppner have voted not to strike.

At a meeting Sunday night, International Woodworkers of America Local 3-312 accepted the contract that was tentatively agreed to by union and Kinzua contract negotiators June 17.

Imitation 'speed' letter mailed to Heppner

by Steven A. Powell

Imitation illegal drug trafficking may be as widespread as the selling of illegal drugs, said Morrow County District Attorney Dennis Doherty.

Doherty had his first exposure with the problem of imitation drugs when a mill worker at Kinzua brought to him the following letter. It was addressed to a man with the same name but the wrong address.

"In conjunction with a nationally known pharmaceutical company, we are pleased to introduce to you a new line of body stimulants that are designed to look exactly like prescription speed.

"Each one of our new products look exactly like prescription but they are safe and legal while producing a speed-like effect. They contain pseudoephedrine and caffeine.

"We are offering distributorships to people who want to make money. Distributors will receive wholesale prices on quantities of one thousand or more. As a distributor we suggest that you recruit people to sell these for you at marked up prices.

"For instance, if you order 3,000 at \$85 per thousand you can retail them for \$150 a thousand. They in turn can sell them at \$30-\$35 per hundred. Everybody can and will make money at this. We encourage you to order quantity so you can receive the lowest price and therefore make more money.

"They are shipped to you factory sealed one thousand per bottle for freshness. Orders less than 1,000 are sealed in a plastic bag. All orders are shipped in plain packages.

"A one time introductory sampler of 25 mixed is just \$5. For faster service, for our Distributors who order 10,000 or more you may call toll free to place your order by phone, and then wire the money by Western Union. This way we can get your order to you in four to eight days, depending on availability of stock.

50-\$10	5,000-\$75	per thousand
100-\$18	7,000-\$65	per thousand
500-\$65	10,000-\$55	per thousand
1,000-\$100	50,000-\$45	per thousand
3,000-\$85 per thousand	100,000-\$40	per thousand

"Sorry no mixes except by the thousand.

"Don't delay order today as the number of distributorships are limited."

The ad intrigued Doherty so he talked a local housewife into ordering a supply of the introductory offer of 25 pills for \$5.

It took about a month to get the samples and when they arrived, Sergeant Jon Spilker of the Oregon State Police crime lab in Pendleton tested the pills.

Spilker said people can become addicted to the imitation "speed" drug because one of its components is caffeine. "They are really good look-alikes," Spilker said about the imitation speed that was mailed from Michigan. "They are stimulants like 'No Doze' that try to fake kids out."

Spilker said a person could overdose on the fake speed if they take 20 to 40 pills. Each pill has about 50 to 100 milligrams and different persons need 1,000 to 2,000 milligrams to over

the county court Monday.

The county Judge salary will be dropped from \$25,000 to \$22,920. The other four elected officials salaries will drop from \$19,618 to \$18,964. The commissioners salaries will be \$10,200 each down \$18 each.

The salary committee figured the increases by multiplying their present salaries by a recent C.P.I. of about 17 percent.

"It's hard to talk about the judge's salary with the school superintendent making \$36,000 a year and his assistant making \$30,000 and it is hard to figure that the county's head official is not worth as much but the people would not accept the 25,000 salary for the judge so we had to come up with something that they can accept," Krebs said.

The estimated tax rate for next year, based on a \$530 million valuation for the entire county, will be \$2.94 per \$1,000, down from \$3.22 per \$1,000 this past year. On a \$50,000 piece of property, taxpayers will pay \$147 in county taxes while paying \$161 last year. Assessor Greg Sweek said the county's valuation could be as high as \$560 million so the tax

rate may even be lower.

The main reason for the lower tax rate is the county has \$170,000 to carryover into the fiscal year that begins Tuesday while \$70,000 had been projected.

Another \$98,100 has been cut from the budget that was defeated last month by the voters.

Some personnel were cut. The County Planner's secretary position was cut from full time to half time (although she will work in the county museum for another 20 hours a week). An assessor's position was cut from full time to half time (Sweek said the position has not been filled yet and it will be harder to find someone now since it is only half time). Also being consid-

ered for a cut is the Deputy District Attorney position to four-fifths time.

Courthouse hours for all staff will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. so they all will be on the pay scale. Some employees have worked a half an hour less per day.

The Planning Department was cut the most, \$9,786, with the cut in the secretary position and \$4,800 in materials and supplies.

The Road Fund was cut \$63,057. It was for more than \$1 million but now it is \$938,632. The crew will still increase from nine to 18 but they will have fewer supplies to work with. Gas and oil were cut \$10,000 and freight and asphalt \$20,000.

"The five-year plan for the

county roads will suffer with the cuts," Commissioner Krebs said. "The crew will patch and maintain the roads as best they can."

"We can't afford to have it go down again," she continued. "We have to operate now on our tax base (\$367,990) plus six percent so that won't last long because the salaries just for one-quarter (of a year) are \$128,000."

"I hope the voters will come to us and tell us what they want cut," Krebs said. "people are not telling us what to do but they are voting our budgets down and elections are costly."

One arca the county will not cut is the new Public Works

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News Editor Steve Powell writes the second story of a series on his trip to Wyoming. (See Page 4 for details.)

Heppner kidney patient says she is 'pretty fortunate'

by Steven A. Powell

Not too many people with a kidney problem can say they are "pretty fortunate."

But Ramona Marshall of Heppner feels that way because she is one of the lucky few who has a kidney dialysis machine in her home.

She developed a kidney infection in 1950 but did not develop serious problems until late in 1979. Dr. Joseph Gifford of Heppner sent her to a gastrointestinal specialist. She learned that her kidney stones were not functioning properly so her blood was not being completely purified. Her health got worse.

"You can't realize how sick I got," she said. "I went nuts because I needed sleep but could not sleep at night. My blood chemistry was out of balance and I could not control my nerves. I am much better now."

Mrs. Marshall is "on the run" as she calls it two days a week now. When she first started at home on the machine in January, she was on the run three days a week. She is connected to the machine for three hours each time.

"Some others have to wait four or five hours each time," she said. "Sometimes it really takes the zap out of me."

She was first on the machine in mid-November of 1979 after she learned that she had lost 30 percent use of her kidneys.

Like most people when trying something new, Mrs. Marshall said, "At first I was frightened but I was so sick I had to do it. Ten years ago I would not have gotten a machine. There weren't enough so they were only given to younger people."

Mrs. Marshall and her husband, Bud, had to participate in a six-week-long free class on how to use the kidney machine before they could take one home. They went to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland in December of 1979 to January of 1980.

"I was the 49th patient trained," she said. "The Home Dialysis Training Program is designed to train the patient to be independent and confident in leading as normal a life as possible." Mrs. Marshall then explain-

ed the artificial kidney process.

In a normal kidney, body fluids transport nourishment to the cells and remove waste that is taken to the kidneys and then removed entirely from the body through the urine.

When the kidneys do not function properly, the waste is not removed from the blood.

In the artificial kidney, blood is removed from the patient and flown through the kidney machine system. A concentrated saline solution flows around the blood to clean it. Minute holes in the artificial kidney allow waste to pass out of the blood. It is a semi-permeable membrane.

No air can get into the artificial kidney system. A pump maintains a constant pressure while she is on the run so no air gets into the lines. Air is taken out of the water.

Tap water is used and mixed with the saline solution as all of the impurities have to be taken out. The kidney machine heats the water and saline concentrate to keep it at the same temperature as her blood. The artificial kidney has fine hairs that remove the

impurities in the blood and release them through the minute holes. The fusing action draws out the waste and sends it down the drain along with the saline solution and some nutrients that are taken out of the blood.

Proper water balance must be maintained so the wastes will flow out of the fake kidney. The minute cellophane pores do not allow blood cells to pass out of it. If the blood that returns to her body after completing the dialysis system is not clean enough, a higher concentrate saline solution needs to be used.

Red blood cells often stick to the sides of the blood lines and so the hoses have to be tapped once in awhile to make sure the blood cells continue to circulate, Bud Marshall said.

As one might imagine, the cost of running the artificial kidney machine is very expensive especially since the kidney and the blood lines have to be changed everytime it is used and then thrown away. The saline also cannot be reused.

Mrs. Marshall said 10 blood lines cost \$93.15, saline is \$8.29 for enough for 12 sessions and the artificial kidneys are 12 for

\$316.71. She said she did not know exactly how much the machine itself cost but she knew it was plenty.

The Marshalls do not have to worry too much about the cost. Bud Marshall has group insurance from Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative in Heppner after working there for 20 years.

"We have good catastrophic insurance but the Kidney Association of Oregon is taking care of most everything," Mrs. Marshall said.

Because of her kidney condition, Mrs. Marshall is on a very strict low-sodium diet

and she has to take many precautions.

Proper levels must be maintained for her glucose, magnesium, calcium, potassium, chloride and sodium.

If she is low in potassium, she will have muscle cramps. If her calcium level is too high, she could go into a coma and if it is too low, she could have convulsions.

Bud Marshall has to shoot a syringe full of sodium bicarbonate into the blood lines when his wife is on the run to balance her phosphorus level. They have to keep records of

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Ione has fireworks

Ione is going to have a fourth of July celebration of fireworks on the third of July (tonight) at 9 p.m. at the Memorial Football Field adjacent to the high school.

The American Legion is sponsoring the event. Bob Rietmann has ordered the fireworks and he will shoot them off.

Boardman plans an active July 4th

A fourth of July celebration is being planned for tomorrow night in Boardman which will be highlighted by a \$1,500 fireworks show over the Columbia River starting at 9:30 p.m.

To help to pay for the fireworks, a committee has been formed to sell raffle tickets at \$1 each or six for \$5. Items that will be raffled at the drawing include one-quarter of a beef, \$100 in groceries from the Thrifty Food Center, \$25 in gas from Donovan's Chevron and gift certificates from other businesses.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Inland Empire Bank in Boardman or from Steve Powell at the Heppner Gazette-Times office in Heppner.

"The fireworks show promises to be better than ever this year," said Mary Michael, who has helped to organize the celebration. "They shoot the fireworks off over the river for safety reasons and it makes the show even more beautiful."

But the fireworks show just ends a long day of activities that will be taking place at the Boardman Marina Park.

The Boardman Sparkle Sprint Fun Run will start at 10

a.m. It is a four-mile race with the top five men and women receiving tee-shirts and the other competitors receiving athletic socks. Cost to enter is \$3 per person and proceeds will go to the Riverside High School Athletic Booster Club.

At 11 a.m., there will be a "Kids Parade for kids of all ages where they can do whatever they want," Michael said. The parade will start at Riverside High School and continues through Boardman to the Marina.

In the afternoon, at 1 p.m., the Boardman Lions Club will have games like three-legged races and water balloon tosses going on at the marina. The Eagles will have a bingo booth set up and the Lions will have a beer wagon out selling that beverage to adults. The Boardman Emergency Medical Technician organization will have a concessions stand with hot dogs and other food.

Parents of students at Sam Boardman Elementary School will be selling snow cones with money raised to be spent on playground equipment for the new school.

At 3 p.m., the Boardman Volunteer Fire Dept. has challenged the Boardman Merchants to a softball game.



Ramona Marshall looks at her kidney dialysis machine that takes over when her own kidneys have failed.

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