

Brosnans Currins and Nelsons— part of County's early days

(Editor's note: Descendants of Morrow County pioneers—the Brosnan, Currin and Nelson families—are sponsors of the annual Pioneer Picnic, held this year on Sunday, May 24, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner. Following is a history of the families of those early Morrow County emigrants.)

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Jeremiah Brosnan was born in County Cork, Ireland, and arrived in Morrow County after a journey around the horn in the 1870's. He soon met Mary Gafney to whom he was married in 1881. She had come to this country with her cousin, Micheal Kenny, and was a sister to Kate Johnson, the wife of Felix.

Jeremiah and Mary had three children, Kate (who married Hugh Currin), John (whose widow Zetta Hager Brosnan is the family matriarch) and Mary (who married Sam Nelson). Mary Brosnan Nelson's son, Jim Nelson, and his wife Marie have one son, Paul, who lives with his wife and two daughters near Pilot Rock. Jim has two sisters, Esther of Everett, Wash. and Marge of Tracy, Calif.

John Brosnan and Zetta were the parents of three, Jerry, Joe and Margaret. Jerry and his wife Marian Good Brosnan have four children, John, Eddie, Joann and Dan. The parents and Eddie and his wife and their four boys and one girl live on the Brosnan Ranch on Little Butter Creek at Lena.

Joann and her family, two sons and a daughter live in Portland; John and his family of three girls and one boy live at Hubbard, and Dan and his family of one son and one daughter live in Ontario.

Zetta's son, Joe, and her daughter, Margaret, live in Arkansas. Joe has three children, Gerard, Joe and Kathleen. Gerard has three children and Joe has four.

Katie Brosnan Currin and Hugh had four sons, Hughie, George, Ralph and Bob. Hughie has a daughter, Mary Lou; Bob has two daughters, Ann Marie and Celia, and a son, John, who is the father of a girl and two boys.

George and Helen Knotts Currin have two sons, Ron and Tom. Ron has four sons and one daughter. Judge Ralph Currin will be master of ceremonies for the 1981 Memorial Day Pioneer Picnic.

Marian Brosnan and Helen Currin, both ex-schooteachers, have done most of the planning for this year's reunion at the Fairground's Pavilion Building. They invite folks to come a little before noon to enjoy visiting. Their committee is arranging for meat, rolls, potatoes, coffee and punch. Those who come are asked to please bring along potluck salads and/or desserts. Registration is at 11:30 and dinner at 1 p.m. with programs to follow.



Parents Hugh Currin and Katie Brosnan Currin with Hughie and George, their older sons who live on the Currin Ranch on Little Butter Creek



Ralph (left) and Bob Currin, third and fourth sons of Hugh and Katie Currin. Judge Ralph will be the master of ceremonies at this year's Pioneer Picnic

Road work reported

The Morrow County Public Works Dept. released the following report for work completed for the week ending May 9.

Crushed rock is being stock piled on the shoulders of several county roads for use when weather permits to start rolling.

Roads bladed last week were Weland, Hardman, Ruder, Upper Rhen, Creek Valley, Lunerock and Reinstrom-Carlson.

Crushed rock was spread on Perlbere Road, Dave Birtmann Road and Stock Drive Road.

Potholes were patched with cold mix on Halvorsen, Rig Butler Creek and M. Baker Roads.

Rotten deck planks were replaced on Clarks Canyon Bridge.

The shop is in the process of rebuilding the motor in an International dump truck, painting a roller and doing numerous preventive maintenance tasks. Recently they installed 5 new 2-way radios in various pieces of road repair equipment.

The county crusher up Clarks Canyon operated each day.

Eight-and-Forty Umatilla Salon meet for potluck

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Eleven members of the Eight-and-Forty Umatilla Salon, a fun branch of the American Legion, met for a potluck dinner at the home of Rita Hedman on Friday night, May 8. The Heppner members along with guests from Pendleton and Athena heard Arlene Downing from Lebanon, Oregon, the Oregon Department Chapeau tell of the organization's major charity, Cystic Fibrosis research, which all Oregon Salons support by their contributions of time and money.

A new member of the order, Martha King, Heppner, was initiated in an impressive candlelight ceremony conducted by Rita Hedman, La Pelit Chapeau, and her other officers.

Births

Julie Christina Watkins - A girl, Julie Christina, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Watkins, Heppner, on May 4. She weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sherman, Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Watkins, Heppner. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Haskett, Hermiston, and Ester Kirk, Hermiston. Viola Hemmenway, Pilot Rock and Retha Watkins, Glide, Ore.

Julie joins a brother, Jeffrey, 2, at home.

Carissa Marie Weber - A girl, Carissa Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Douglas Weber, Hermiston, on May 4. She weighed 6 lbs. 8 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Cathy Hansen, Heppner and Elmer Hansen, Pilot Rock. Great grandparents are Lulu Rowan, Heppner, Roscoe and Anna Hunter, Lenore, Ida, Eva Daniels, Julietta, Ida. Carissa joins a brother, Marty, 28 mos. at home.

Two area men charged in road sign vandalism

Two area men were charged with Criminal Mischief in the First Degree after allegedly vandalizing road signs in the Franklin Hill area about April 12, reports the Morrow County District Attorney's Office in Heppner.

Charged were Brian Kerr, 19, of Pendleton and Ron Schwarz, also 19, of Heppner.

Both cases have been presented and set for trial. Kerr will appear on June 4 and Schwarz, June 15, said Ann Spicer, District Attorney.



Jerry (left) and Joe Brosnan and their cousin, Hughie Currin, on "Peanuts" in front of the Birch Creek home where Helen Knotts (Mrs. George Currin) was born.

Zetta Hager Brosnan— long time Morrow native

Zetta Hager was born in Heppner in 1888, just three years after the birth of Morrow County. Her mother told her that she was the first child baptized in St. Patrick's Church then up on the south hill where the Legion Hall is now.

Zetta's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hager (he was from Missouri and she, Belle Wilkins, was from Vermont) gave their daughters interesting names - Zetta and Zilpha.

One of Zetta's early memories is of a train-trip to Vermont where she celebrated her 6th birthday. Zetta went through grade school in Heppner, went to convent high school in Walla Walla, graduating in 1906, and going on to Washington State College at Pullman the next year. She worked at several places in Heppner-at Jim Hart's Confectionary Store and at the post office while W.W. Smead was postmaster. After she left Pullman, she worked as a telephone operator in Weiser, Idaho, for a while.

In 1908 she and John Brosnan were married in St. Patrick's Church and went to live on the Brosnan Ranch at Lena where Zetta still lives today. The Brosnans lived rather near the Franklin family who kept a stage station where passengers stayed overnight and horses were exchanged for a fresh team. The hill east of Lena is named after that family.

For a time, Zetta kept the Lena Post Office on her front porch. The first store at Lena was north of where the Eddie Brosnans live now. Around 1910, a later store was built north of there where the Ebb and Allen Hughes' barn stands now. It had the post office with the store downstairs and a hall upstairs that was used for dances and community gatherings. Some of the lumber from this store was used to build a shed now standing on the Merlin Hughes' place.

Zetta recalls that young people liked to come to Heppner and join the town youths dancing in the hall above where



Young mother Zetta Brosnan with sons, Jerry and Joe, and daughter, Margaret, who is held by WWI Army nurse Lula Johnson who helped Zetta at the John Brosnan's old home on Butter Creek

Murray's Drug Store is now. The ranch folks rode their horses to town. The young men usually took up a collection to pay the piano player who was often Vi Hart.

Zetta's husband, John, died in 1952. She lives alone in a cozy trailer up creek from her son, Jerry, and daughter-in-law, Marian, who operate the family ranch help from their son, Eddie, his wife, Lorraine, and their five splendid fifth generation Brosnans. Zetta has done acres of fancy work, making afghans as gifts for most family members and her many friends.

FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A meeting of the City Council, governing body, will be held on 6-2, 1981 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, Ione, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981 as approved by the City of Ione Municipal Corporation.

Budget Committee: A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained free of charge at City Hall, Ione, Oregon between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

The budget was prepared on a basis of accounting consistent not consistent with the basis of accounting used during the preceding year. Major changes, if any, and their effect on the budget, are explained below.

MORROW (County) Ione (City) 5-5-81 (Date) James H. Johnson (Chairperson of Governing Body)

	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 80-81	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 81-82
ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS		
Total Personal Services	18,043.00	20,038.00
Total Materials and Services	44,310.00	45,227.00
Total Capital Outlay	8,900.00	20,600.00
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	27,050.64	16,835.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS	98,303.64	108,700.00
ANTICIPATED REVENUES		
Total Revenues Except Property Taxes	80,866.64	89,110.00
Total Property Taxes Required to Balance Budget	17,437.00	19,590.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	98,303.64	108,700.00
ANTICIPATED TAX LEVY		
Total Property Taxes Required to Balance Budget	17,437.00	19,590.00
Plus Estimated Property Taxes Not to Be Received	1,743.45	1,497.00
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY	19,180.45	21,087.00
TAX LEVIES PARTIALLY FUNDED BY STATE OF OREGON		
Levy Within Tax Base	19,180.45	21,087.00
One-Year Special Levy Outside Tax Base		
Serial Levies		
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX TO BE PARTIALLY FUNDED BY STATE OF OREGON	19,180.45	21,087.00
TAX LEVIES TOTALLY FUNDED BY LOCAL TAXPAYERS		
One-Year Special Levy Outside Tax Base		
Serial Levies		
Levy for Payment of Bonded Debt		
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX TO BE TOTALLY FUNDED BY LOCAL TAXPAYERS	NONE	NONE

DEBT OUTSTANDING:	DEBT AUTHORIZED, NOT INCURRED:
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE
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TYPE OF DEBT	DEBT OUTSTANDING		DEBT AUTHORIZED, NOT INCURRED	
	This Year as of July 1	Next Year as of July 1	This Year as of July 1	Next Year as of July 1
Bonds	80,000.00	70,000.00		
Interest-bearing Warrants				
Short-Term Note				
(Other)				
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS	80,000.00	70,000.00	NONE	NONE

	GENERAL FUND		
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 79-80	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 80-81	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 81-82
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	7,045.10	5,690.00	6,848.00
Total Materials and Services	11,074.12	11,350.00	11,867.00
Total Capital Outlay		3,931.00	400.00
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	18,119.28	20,921.00	19,115.00
Total Expenditures and Requirements		19,484.00	8,750.00
Total Resources Except Property Taxes			
Property Taxes Received		7,437.00	10,365.00
Property Taxes Required to Balance		743.45	792.00
Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received		8,180.45	11,157.00
Total Property Tax Levy		8,180.45	11,157.00
Levy Within Tax Base		8,180.45	11,157.00
One-Year Special Levies Outside Tax Base			
Serial and Continuing Levies (Operating)			
Serial Levies (Capital Construction)			
Levy for Payment of Bonded Debt			

	FUND		
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 79-80	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 80-81	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 81-82
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)		4,035.00	3,985.00
Total Materials and Services	4,247.50		
Total Capital Outlay			
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	5,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Expenditures and Requirements	9,247.50	14,035.00	13,985.00
Total Resources Except Property Taxes	4,247.50	4,035.00	4,300.00
Property Taxes Received	5,000.00		
Property Taxes Required to Balance		10,000.00	9,225.00
Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received		1,000.00	705.00
Total Property Tax Levy		11,000.00	9,930.00
Levy Within Tax Base		11,000.00	
One-Year Special Levies Outside Tax Base			
Serial and Continuing Levies (Operating)			
Serial Levies (Capital Construction)			
Levy for Payment of Bonded Debt		11,000.00	9,930.00

	Serial Levy FUND		
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 80-81	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 81-82	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 81-82
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)		6,200.00	6,200.00
Total Materials and Services	5,600.00		
Total Capital Outlay			
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	5,600.00	6,200.00	6,200.00
Total Expenditures and Requirements	5,600.00	6,200.00	6,200.00
Total Resources			

	FUND		
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 80-81	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 81-82	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 81-82
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)		1,200.00	1,200.00
Total Materials and Services	3,250.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
Total Capital Outlay		15,800.00	15,800.00
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	3,900.00	850.00	850.00
Total Expenditures and Requirements	7,150.00	19,600.00	19,600.00
Total Resources	7,150.00	19,600.00	19,600.00

	FUND		
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 80-81	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 81-82	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 81-82
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)		14,700.00	14,700.00
Total Materials and Services	15,500.00		
Total Capital Outlay			
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	15,500.00	14,700.00	14,700.00
Total Expenditures and Requirements	15,500.00	14,700.00	14,700.00
Total Resources			

	FUND		
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 80-81	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 81-82	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 81-82
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Total Materials and Services	2,000.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Total Capital Outlay	1,300.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Total Expenditures and Requirements	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Total Resources	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00