

# Council tells well driller 'go deeper'



Water gushes from city well site. However, Yield is not enough says council

Well drillers for the city of Heppner were told to "go deeper" at a city council meeting Monday night. Buckner Pump Service of Redmond is drilling a water well for the city, and so far has reached a depth of 893 feet. The drillers have not, however, produced sufficient water for city use and the council asked Monday that they keep drilling. Council members have said they need a well that will produce 250 gallons per minute, the well so far is only producing 135 to 150 gallons per minute. "That little dribble is not what we were looking for," said council member Warren

Plocharsky, and "I don't think we should develop it." A representative of the drilling company was on hand, asking the city for some sort of guarantee that he would be paid additional money if the well is drilled to 1,000 feet, even if the required gallonage is not produced. Earlier when the drillers reached 700 feet, the depth of the original contract, and had not produced sufficient water they told the city they would drill to 1,000 feet for an extra \$4,000, to be paid only if the well produced 250 gpm. "If I go to 1,000 feet and it doesn't pan out, I don't see it in the cards for me," said the driller. "If I have to go up there and drill to 1,000 feet

## Heppner girl elected ASB officer

Sherry Clement, accounting major from Heppner, has been elected treasurer of the student body at Blue Mountain Community College for 1984-85. Serving with Clement will be: Bill Markgraf, president, production agriculture major from Baker; Carrie Allen, vice president, production ag major from Moscow, Idaho; Delores Gerberding, corresponding secretary, majoring in medical-secretarial from Pendleton; Cindy Insko,

recording secretary, education major from Pilot Rock and Sue Shultz, publicity director, production ag major from Pendleton. Next fall, 15 representatives to the Student Council will be elected for the school year. The Associated Student Body at the college organizes dances, entertainment and educational programs each year for the students. They also host the annual B.M.C.C. Christmas Eve Dinner for persons who would otherwise be alone at that time of year.

without a commitment that's crazy," he said. "you said if you went down to 1,000 feet and hit 250 gallons per minute we would pay you \$20,000 (\$4,000 more than the original contract of \$16,000 to 700 feet)," Mayor Green said. "You took the gamble, but you haven't played it out yet." "The drillers proposed the \$20,000 and that's a premium (for drilling)," the city engineer told the council. "And if you pay a premium you expect to get results." The drillers and the city agreed to uphold the original agreement, the extra \$4,000 will be paid only if the well produces 250 g.p.m. or more. The city has until the end of May to pick up an option to purchase the land the well is being drilled on. The well is to be used as a backup in case of emergencies, and is being financed from funds left over from the city water system

renovation project, completed earlier in connection with the Willow Creek Dam project. In other business, the council: - denied a request for annexation of property owned by Bobbie Angell, who had made the request in order to move a trailer house to the cemetery hill property and be able to hook up to city water. In turning down the annexation the council upheld an earlier planning commission decision. The planning commission said there is no access to the property, and that there is adequate housing in the city. - discussed the possible purchase of a used street sweeper. - agreed to recommend that the city budget committee raise sewer rates by 50 cents per year. The increase would raise approximately \$4,200 in additional revenue for the city.

# Wranglers to hold summer series

The Wrangler Club wishes to announce the beginning of the summer series. This will be four to six Friday fun days. The games will start at 6:30 p.m. sharp and sign up must be completed before then. A 50 cent charge per game will go toward ribbons and awards at the end of the series. The first playday games will be Friday May 11 and the games will include barrels, poles, and figure eight. All wrangler members are invited to come. The age groups will be the same as for the regular playdays: 7 and under, 8-10, 11-13, 14-18, and 19 and over. There will be a snack shack set up during the games. Wranglers are seeking the donation of a servicable old refrigerator for the Wranglers clubhouse.

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