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Tues. April 16	66	40	
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County budget levy reduced \$98,223 from March

The Morrow County Budget Committee met with the Hospital Board and the Director of Public Works Tuesday, April 9. As a result of the meeting, the total county budget has been reduced by \$107,663 in the area of capital outlay from the Hospital and Road Dept. funds. This does not mean that the items cut from the budget are not needed; "we still need these items, but are postponing asking voters to provide money to buy them until next year," explains County Budget Officer LoRayne Bowman.

It's a gamble that the items cut from the budget will hold together until a replacement can be included in next year's budget, but it is the only way to reduce the budget without cutting services.

The total budget amount, then, is reduced to \$8,176,616. The one-year special levy which will go to the voters in the May 21 election will be \$2,882,247 which is reduced by \$98,223 from the \$2,980,470 levy which voters rejected March 26. The

tax rate now stands at \$4.07 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

Hospital
The hospital board learned that the employee retirement fund had been overpaid by the employer, so \$4,800 was eliminated from the budget in that area. Also, Lab director fees had been anticipated to increase to \$6,000, but the board learned that fees would remain at \$4,500.

The line item for physician assistance and recruitment was reduced to \$60,000 with a balance of \$20,000 moved to the contingency fund to be used if needed in this area of replacing equipment which might wear out.

Moved over to next year's budget were a washer extractor for the hospital laundry, electric beds for the nursing home, and an autoclave. Hospital Board Chairman Marcia Anderson explains that the items are still needed and should the present extractor or autoclave break down the Board would have no alternative than to purchase new ones to

maintain the hospital within required standards.

The other area of reduction in the hospital budget resulted from an accurate estimate of the cost of the computer tie in.

The total hospital budget, approved by the county Budget Committee is \$1,331,714. The amount of the tax levy which voters will be asked to approve is \$395,947 down from \$459,357 which voters rejected March 26.

Road Department
Capital outlay in the Morrow County Road Department was cut by \$28,000 eliminating the purchase of a pup trailer, a portable striper, and paint for striping. One reason for cutting the striping, explains County Judge Don McElligott, is that the portion of Oregon state funds available for the striping project have been delayed, so the county also can postpone its share of the cost. Money budgeted for striping this year will be reserved for striping rebuilt pavement.

The total approved road department budget is now \$2,563,430. The

tax levy required to balance the budget is \$1,315,767 down from \$1,345,448 which was rejected by voters in the March 26 election.

City Road Fund
Because the total road levy was reduced, the amount of tax money which cities receive from the county for street repair is reduced by \$1,253. This amount is figured on a percentage of the road fund levy and increases or decreases in direct proportion to the total road fund.

Other Cuts
No other areas of the budget have been reduced explains Budget Officer Bowman, because there is no where that the budget can be reduced without cutting service provided by the county. Elected officials will not receive salary increases and materials and capital outlay are cut to absolute minimums. Should the budget fail at this election, explains Judge McElligott, the County Court would have to begin cutting county services not mandated by statute.

Moonlight sale is Friday

Friday, April 26, participating downtown Heppner merchants will close their doors at the regular time and re-open again from 7-9 p.m. with special marked-down specials for the spring Moonlight Sale.

During the sale hours, the T.O.P.S. club will be selling low-calorie desserts, nutritious snacks, and homemade 100 percent whole wheat bread at a booth on Main Street.

To set the mood for the sale, promote a proposed serial budget levy, and answer questions, LifeGuard helicopter will arrive at the

parking lot behind Les Schwab Tire Center at 3:30 p.m. Heppner High School Seniors will wash cars for \$3 which includes a bumper sticker, proclaiming, "It's Your Life, Guard It". Proceeds will be divided by the senior class and LifeGuard.

An emergency call would, of course, prevent the helicopter's arrival, but students will still be available to wash cars. For those unable to attend the car wash or who need additional bumper stickers, they will be on sale for \$1 each at First Interstate, the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Murray's Drug Store, and Peterson's Jewelers.

Enter to win free lottery tickets

Friday night April 26 during the moonlight sale, from 7-9 p.m., shoppers may sign up at participating merchants in Heppner for a chance to win a free lottery ticket.

Following the moonlight sale, 10 winners of free lottery tickets will be drawn from the entries at each of the participating businesses. Winners names will be posted at the business where they won and printed in next

week's Gazette-Times.

The following businesses will each offer 10 chances for free lottery tickets: Coast to Coast, Murray's Drugs, The Shoe Box, Gardner's Men's Wear, The Country Rose, Peterson's Jewelers, Case Furniture, Bucknum's Tavern, Heppner Bowl, Elks Club, and Buds Pub.

You must be 18 years or older to enter the drawing.

Garden Club announces poster winners



Students pictured above are the winners of the lone Garden Club sponsored conservation poster contest.

Prizes were awarded for Conservation Posters recently featuring Woody Owl. Lone Garden Club sponsored a local contest in conjunction with U.S. Department of Agriculture to promote Environmental Conservation. The following students were awarded prizes for their posters:

Kindergarten
Woody Owl: first - Suzie Heideman, second - Brenda Holtz, third - Jacob Taylor; Smokey the Bear: First - Luke Swanson, second - Dawn Boor, third - Jonathon Humphreys; Smokey and Woody: First - Nicho-

las Nelson, second - Charlie Nolan, third - McKenzie Spivey.

First Grade
Woody Owl: First - Lynde Minster, second - Heather McNabb, third - Melissa McElligott.

Second Grade
Woody Owl: First - Bridget McElligott, second - Rodney Ehrmantraut, third - Kim Bedortha

Second Grade
Smokey the Bear: First - Tammy Nolan, second - Virginia Morford, third - Bryan Broderick.

Third Grade
Smokey the Bear: First - April Taylor, second - Aaron Heideman, third - Truitt Greenup.

Fourth Grade
Smokey the Bear: First - Erica Bergstrom, second - Cherie Papineau, third - Crystal Minster; Woody Owl: First - Justin Miller, second - Derek Osmin, third - David Wagenblast.

Fifth Grade
Smokey the Bear: First - Ryon Tullis, second - Deacon Heideman, third - Heather Kandle; Woody Owl: First - Nancy Morter, second - Brent Sheirbon, third - Brandi Ball; Environmental Posters: First - Quinn Tullis, second - Kari Morgan, third - Michelle Kandle.

Help clean up Heppner

It's everyone's job to make and help keep Heppner beautiful. One group cannot do it alone. Join your kids, your Chamber of Commerce, your Lions Club, your Garden Club, your city officials, and other groups to make the Cleanup-Fix up campaign a success, says Heppner Mayor Cara Costa.

Beginning Saturday, April 27 at 8 a.m., everyone working is to meet at the intersection of Main and Willow Streets for a rousing start.

April 27-28 - Groups will work on their respective projects.

April 29 - May 5 - Heppner residents are encouraged to work at getting their yards cleaned up - bushes pruned, weeds pulled, etc.

May 4-5 - The county Landfill will

be open, free to all Morrow County residents.

May 5 - 5 p.m. - The Heppner - Morrow Chamber of Commerce will furnish refreshments for an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social at the downtown City Park for all people helping with the Clean Up. "Beautification is a 'Neat' idea," concludes the Heppner mayor.

"Bring shovels, rakes, hoes, brooms, and your enthusiasm," says Costa. Anyone, city or farm resident who has a pickup and is willing to haul debris to the landfill for handicapped and senior citizens may call City Hall, 676-9618, between April 24 and May 3, to volunteer. Those who need debris hauled also may make arrangements by calling city hall.

Police continue investigation

The Heppner Police Dept. is still investigating last Thursday's burglary at the Morrow County Museum.

The burglar apparently "beat his way" through an 18" concrete tile wall to gain access to the museum, Heppner Police report.

All of the doors were locked and everything else seemed to be in order said Rachel Harnett, curator, who discovered the break-in Thursday morning.

Missing from the museum is the collection of antique coins valued by collectors at about \$1,000 she said. Among the coins were a mint collector from the late 1800s, several foreign coins, and two Susan B. Anthony dollars.

Nothing else at the museum appeared to be missing or disturbed although there was other money in the building," said Harnett.

Open House slated at Port

The Port of Morrow and Inland Container Service have announced that they will co-host an Open House for the public Friday, May 3 from 2-6 p.m. at the General Cargo Terminal in Boardman.

The Open House will feature container handling demonstrations by the 33-ton capacity gantry crane and other equipment. A towboat and barge ensemble will be on display, as well as trucking and other handling gear. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided by the hosts.

Following the Open House, a no-host reception and buffet supper will be held at Dodge City Inn from 6-8:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending the reception and dinner may make reservations, no later than May 1, by calling Mrs. Thompson at (503) 481-7678.

The Port and Inland Container Service, Inc. are proud of the initial success of the container handling operation. Nearly five hundred containers moved in and out of the terminal during its first two months of operation. A combined marketing effort is expected to raise that figure even higher as the competitiveness of the facility becomes known throughout the region said a spokesperson for the Port.

Lottery tickets available locally

Oregon State lottery tickets will go on sale at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25. Look for the "crossed fingers" logo at ticket sales outlets.

Although a limited number of outlets are available, tickets may be purchased locally at the following locations:

Heppner-Court Street Market and Central Market.
Lexington-Del's Market.
Ione-Bristow's Market and Beecher's Cafe and Lounge.

Science Fair set at Heppner Elementary

Grades five through eight at Heppner Elementary School have been working on individual projects to exhibit at a local science fair Thursday, May 2. Parents and friends are invited to attend an Open

No Chamber Tues.

Chamber of Commerce will not meet next Tuesday, April 30. The organization voted earlier not to meet on the fifth Tuesday of the Month.

CF Bike-A-Thon to raise funds

The Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-Thon will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The Bike-A-Thon will start at the fairgrounds, loop up the Heppner-Pilot Rock Highway for two miles and then back to the fairgrounds for a four mile circuit. Participants will be encouraged to repeat the cycle for as many times as possible. Volunteers will be available throughout the day to register and supervise participants said a spokesperson for the event. The Bike-A-Thon will conclude at 2 p.m., so participants are asked to bring a sack lunch. Kool-aid and cookies will be provided.

Friday is the last day that sponsor sheets will be available at Heppner



Craig Manley, executive director of LifeGuard Medical Transport Service has been speaking to service groups, county commissioners, and anyone else who will listen about a regional funding proposal for the LifeGuard helicopter ambulance service based at the Pendleton Fire Department.

LifeGuard has been in existence for approximately three years and has proven the need for a helicopter ambulance in this region, he says.

LifeGuard is currently funded through a Umatilla County three year serial tax levy with a \$250,000 yearly amount. Supporting figures indicate, says Manley, that without tax subsidies, the amount from patient revenues could not meet the operational expenses. The helicopter averages 18 emergency calls per month.

The current charge rate for patients is a \$200 lift off charge with an additional \$5 per mile. The helicopter will pick up emergency patients within a 150 mile radius of Pendleton, so transport charges could be as high as \$1,500. Most medical insurances don't cover all of that cost, says Manley, and patients are satisfied with our service "until they get the bill."

Manley has asked 11 counties within the helicopter's service area to participate in funding the service. Grant, Morrow, and Wallowa coun-

ties have already agreed to put the funding proposal before voters. The Umatilla serial tax levy runs out in June, 1986 at which time voters will again be asked to approve a levy, Manley says.

Counties have been asked to share in funding on a percentage based on their population. Morrow County's share, 5.9 percent of the total would be \$26,550 which is a tax rate of four cents per \$1,000 valuation. Participating counties, says Manley, will receive a 20 percent discount on mileage charges and a 25 percent discount on patient medical charges. If a county should vote against the tax levy, the service would still be available to county residents, but not at the reduced rate.

In case of an emergency, a farm or automobile accident, the regular ground ambulance service or the attending physician may contact LifeGuard. In some cases, explains Manley, it may be just as easy for the person calling a physician also to contact LifeGuard at 276-1234, to be on standby. There is no charge at the current time for the helicopter to be placed on standby, and it can save valuable time in transporting a patient to the hospital.

The helicopter is staffed by EMTs which is a contracted service from the Pendleton Fire Dept. Manley says that he is the only employee of LifeGuard. Billing is done by St. Anthony Hospital for a percentage of the patient revenue.

Once the helicopter flies into a county, the local hospital is notified, says Manley, so that they can prepare for the emergency. The helicopter does not leave the local area ("fly over the hospital") until a doctor says that the patient needs care which is not available locally, he continues. The EMTs are in radio contact with a doctor at all times. However, if a patient is lucid and specifies which hospital he wants to be taken to, that is where the helicopter will take him.

The helicopter is the right piece of equipment if a patient is to be transported from this area to Walla Walla or Portland for treatment, he explains. Patients needing specialists not available there are transported by a fixed wing airplane which is based at St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla. This service was volunteered to work in co-operation with LifeGuard and is charged at a rate of \$200 for lift off and \$3.50 per mile.

LifeGuard is different from most other air ambulance services because it does not operate from just one hospital, says Manley.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is the inherent beauty and harmony of the human spirit which enables men and women to enrich their lives by recognizing and appreciating the natural beauty in their surroundings and to create loveliness where none existed; and

WHEREAS, with today's knowledge and technology, the opportunities for community betterment are without limit and it is now within our power to bring true dignity, equality and decency to all of America's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City of Heppner has issued a challenge to all citizens to participate in a clean up and beautification campaign for all business and residential areas of our city;

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim the week of April 27 through May 5, 1985 as CLEAN UP-FIX UP WEEK, and urge all citizens to extend full cooperation in this community improvement campaign and to assist in making our city a more beautiful, healthful and inviting place in which to live.

Dated April 22, 1985 Signed Cara Costa
Cara L. Costa, Mayor
City of Heppner, Oregon