

Meet the candidates: Commissioner Position 3 (part one)

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Eight candidates are vying for Position 3 on the Josephine County Board, currently occupied by Cheryl Walker, who has chosen not to seek re-election. Four of these candidates are profiled below, and next week, the *Illinois Valley News* will profile the other four candidates.

Grants Pass resident David Martin is a graphic designer and filmmaker who owns Martin's Design & Print Studio in Downtown Grants Pass. He attended Torrey Pines High School and took numerous classes at Vista Community College, Sacramento Community College and Cuesta College, all in California. Martin, a nonpartisan candidate, served in the U.S. Army in a military police capacity.

Charles "Bill" Ertel is a nonpartisan candidate from Williams. Ertel is a real estate broker who received a bachelor's degree in management from Indiana University and a master's degree in management from Illinois State University. He is a former military officer who served on the Williams Rural Fire Protection Board and was vice president of the Williams Rural Fire District Board. He has also worked as an insurance company manager.

Merlin resident William Hunker became involved in local politics in 2013, after "the nuisance ordinance outrage grabbed my attention. Those ordinances were repeatedly

and deliberately misrepresented, as was their support in the community. Since then, I've been paying closer attention to our county government."

On his website: www.billhunker.com, he states that, "Government exists to serve the people, not the other way around. I'm running for county commissioner because I want to bring transparency, accountability, and trust to our county government. Trust has to be earned, and I learned long ago that the way you earn trust is by telling the truth and keeping your promises."

About the public safety funding crises he said: "Many people in our county can't afford higher taxes. I understand that. And I will not use shame or guilt to try to siphon money out of your pockets. Nine times the people have spoken and, apparently, haven't been heard. I hear you. County government needs to work within the budget we have, even if that means reducing services. And we need to focus on the priorities of the citizens when deciding which services to reduce. We all want to live in safe communities. We can do this by making sheriff's department funding the highest priority in our budget and by working within our communities to establish a partnership for public safety."

Huncker, a nonpartisan candidate, has a bachelor's degree in commercial art from Pacific Union College. He has worked as consultant to Revitalize Wailuku, LLC and as a freelance television producer. He was

the chief operating officer at Wholesome and Hardy Foods, Inc.; and also worked as a media producer for the U.S. Navy's Trident Missile Guidance Program.

Lily Morgan is a Grants Pass native who was twice-elected to the Grants Pass City Council and served as council president for two years. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology, with minors in geography and Russian, and is currently in the process of completing a master's degree in business management. She's also a member of the National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa.

Morgan, also running as a nonpartisan candidate, has worked in private security, conference services and the insurance industry. Then in 2000, she went to work for the City of Grants Pass as a 911 dispatcher and also volunteered with the Josephine County Sheriff's Office as a reserve deputy, rising to the rank of reserve sergeant. In 2005, she became an adult parole and probation officer and also worked in the sheriff's dispatch center. In 2014 Morgan was promoted to Parole and Probation Program supervisor.

She has served as a liaison and member of several committees in Grants Pass, including the Grants Pass City Budget Committee, the Committee on Public Art, the Historic Sites and Buildings Commission, chair of the City Charter Task Force, chair of the Performance Audits, Visioning and Enhancements Committee, and the Local

Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee.

Morgan, who comes from six generations of Oregonians, said, "When families go through hard times they gather together and work on a plan to help each other back on their feet again. As with families, Josephine County has gone through some tough times. We must work together to provide a safe community where businesses thrive and where jobs are available and where local government works in coordination with federal government regarding our natural resources. We have amazing people in JoCo. Together we can make a difference."

Learn more about Morgan's campaign on her website: www.votelilymorgan.com.



Lily Morgan

State announces \$3.48 million in recreational marijuana taxes in first month

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The Oregon Department of Revenue just announced the state took in \$3.48 million in recreational marijuana taxes during the first month it was collected, over three times the amount projected.

This is the first year for the legal recreational marijuana in Oregon and dispensaries that registered with the Department of Revenue were allowed to sell to recreational buyers. Medical marijuana sales are not taxed, but licenses and fees are imposed on growers and sellers.

The Department received 253 tax payments. A total of 309 dispensaries registered to sell recreational marijuana in January,

according to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

Medical marijuana dispensaries have been selling to recreational users since October 2015, but a 25 percent recreational tax was not imposed until Jan. 4. This is a temporary tax program authorized by Senate Bill 460. This temporary program will sunset at the end of the year, when the full retail program is established.

Revenues from this tax will first cover the cost of administration. After that, money will be disbursed as follows: 40 percent to the Common School Fund, 20 percent for mental health, alcoholism and drug services, 15 percent to the State Police, 10 percent to cities and 10 percent to counties for local law enforcement. The OHA will receive 5 percent for drug abuse prevention,

early intervention and treatment.

The formula for disbursement to cities and counties will be determined by population through July 2017. After that date, disbursements will be determined by the number of licenses issued by OLCC in a given area. Those jurisdictions that prohibit recreational marijuana facilities won't receive marijuana tax revenue.

During the whirlwind 32 day session that just ended, Oregon legislators passed four new bills to further regulate medical and recreational marijuana, and provided \$3.9 million for a new drug prevention campaign aimed at youth.

HB 4014 establishes a youth marijuana-use prevention pilot project in the state and alters

regulations on the new industry. It requires OHA to establish a youth marijuana-use prevention pilot project in urban and rural areas in the state.

HB 4014 removes the two-year residency requirement for registered grow sites, processors and retailers, which opens up investment opportunities for those new businesses. Out-of-state ownership is a controversial issue in Oregon. Some argue it is necessary for access to financing, while others believe it would increase competition from nonresidents.

HB 4014 streamlines the process for Oregon Medical Marijuana Program applicants by applying a 30-day deadline for OHA to approve or deny applications. The bill also requires OHA to develop recommendations on

clinical guidelines for physicians who prescribe marijuana and report to specific legislative committees on rules adopted or steps taken on recalling contaminated or unfit cannabis and other products derived from cannabis.

It allows medical growers, processors and retailers to transfer their inventory to their new line of business when they become Oregon Liquor Control Commission licensees.

Finally, HB 4014 amends penalties relating to cannabis-related crimes, recognizing that it is now a legal substance, and it establishes a process for governing boards of cities or counties who wish to repeal ordinances prohibiting establishment of some licensed or registered cannabis establishments.

I.V. Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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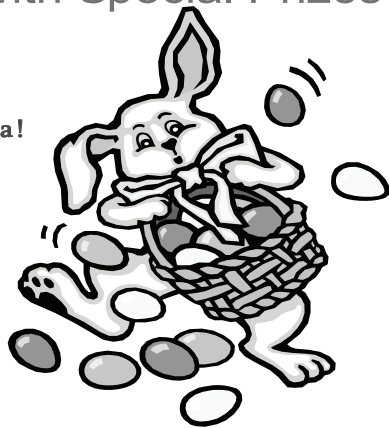
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Cheese	Produce
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<p>Asstd. Field Day Organic Pretzels \$2.39 ea. <small>Reg. \$3.29</small></p>	<p>Red Bell Peppers..... \$3.99 lb. <small>Reg. \$4.59 lb.</small></p>
Deli	Bulk
<p>Grill Menu Pulled Pork Sandwich \$4.99 ea. With a side salad. <small>Reg. \$5.49</small></p>	<p>Sunridge Farms Jelly Beans \$9.19 lb. 3 Flavors Of Jelly Beans, Sunny Bears, Fruit Slices. Fill Up Your Easter Baskets!..... <small>Reg. \$11.49 lb.</small></p>
<p>Salad Case Green Pea Extreme \$6.49 lb. <small>Reg. \$6.99</small></p>	<p>Sunridge Farms Chocolate Peanut Butter Cups..... \$7.79 lb. <small>Reg. \$9.69 lb.</small></p>
<p>Breakfast Menu Breakfast Muffin \$2.09 ea. English muffin, one egg, choice of meat, cheese & condiments. <small>Reg. \$2.69</small></p>	<p>Yummy Earth Lollipops \$6.79 lb. New Item! Perfect For The Kids Easter Basket..... <small>Reg. \$8.49 lb.</small></p>

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