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particularly in light of the fact that the council has already turned down Flanagan's idea twice. The mayor said he's talked to a number of citizens on both sides of the issue.

"Most of the people I've talked to say they will vote against it, but I talk to people who say they will vote for it," Sands said. "I've talked to a number of people who may not approve of marijuana, but they approve of the revenue it may generate."

He agreed the revenue could be counted as "extra money," but problems that may come with retail marijuana could make the measure's approval more trouble than it's worth.

"There's increased law enforcement, and we're already struggling with our sheriff's contract," he said.

The mayor said he's talked with the mayor of Huntington, which legalized marijuana sales nearly as quickly as it was able to do so once state law changed. The town has two retail stores, a grow facility and a processing plant.

The town budgeted \$400,000 for city coffers for expected revenue, but not

everyone is pleased.

"They're not at all happy with the traffic it brings to town," Sands said. He noted that the town had to make a number of adjustments, including assuring the product wasn't used in public restrooms.

Much of Huntington's marijuana traffic comes from Idaho and Ontario. Should either approve sales, Sands said it would greatly inhibit Huntington's revenue.

Sands also said that kids picking up the habit are another concern for him.

"I guess it's just the general permissiveness of it," he said. "They can get it on the black market or have an adult buy it for them."

He added that the costs of alcohol abuse are well-known, and he believes legalizing marijuana would add fuel to the fire.

Because of language in a city ordinance, a dispensary could only be located on the north end of Joseph, where visitors would see it upon entering town.

"I think it affects the city of Joseph," he said. "Not in a good way."

The mayor predicted the vote would be close.

"My estimate is 55 percent 'no' and 45 percent 'yes,'" he said. "It could be closer."



Three in the running for Wallowa County treasurer position

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Three local women with extensive histories in accounting, bookkeeping and office management are running for Wallowa County Treasurer.

The County Treasurer is the custodian of cash and the investment manager of the county and its affiliated agencies, such as cemeteries, schools and fire districts.

The treasurer maintains bank accounts and accounts with the State Treasury Investment Pool. The Treasurer distributes all property tax collected by the County Tax Department to taxing districts.

The Treasurer's Office is responsible for billing and collecting the water and sewer fees for the Wallowa Lake County Service District. The treasurer is the tax administrator for the Wallowa County Transient Lodging Tax. This includes the collecting and distributing quarterly.

Velda Bales

Velda Bales of Enterprise is a lifelong Wallowa County resident and currently office manager at Main Street Motors in Enterprise and the co-owner of Bales Mobile Mix Concrete.

She has more than 30 years experience in account-



Bales



Doherty



Goebel-Burns

ing, bookkeeping and office management and describes herself as self-motivated and with an eye toward detail. As a business owner, she has broad experience in working with minimal oversight and as an office manager she has experience in working with customers.

She volunteers with the Wallowa County 4-H program, Catholic Church St Katherine and on the Wallowa County Fair Board and said she had gained a great deal of experience responding to issues and problems professionally through her volunteer work as well.

Carolyn Doherty

Carolyn Doherty of Joseph resigned from her position as assistant treasurer for personal reasons earlier this year. She believes her experience in the courthouse working in the Wallowa County Tax Department for seven years and for three years in the assessors office before that have given her the experience she needs to succeed in the treasurer job. She also worked as real estate

agent in Wallowa County before beginning her career at the county courthouse.

She believes it is necessary for a county employee to really know the community both inside and outside the courthouse.

"I believe it is knowing the county, the area we live in, the people that are here," she said. "I believe it is being able to (call) the person by name."

In addition to providing that personal touch, she believes that the job at the county level requires a knowledge of what is happening in the county, particularly with regard to building or other issues that affect the county departments.

She is prepared to keep budgets, books and accounts balanced to the penny, she said.

"It's about making sure all the billing goes out correctly. It's about going through 360 Wallowa County Service District bills bi-monthly and

knowing it has been sent out correctly," she said.

Ginger Goebel-Burns

Ginger Goebel-Burns of Wallowa is a fifth-generation county resident and is the current appointed county treasurer. She has worked for the Wallowa County Road Department for the past 15 years and was asked to fill-in as treasurer until the elections.

The first day of work, she said, she realized she loved the job.

"I decided that first day (as interim treasurer), I wanted this job," she said.

Goebel-Burns is familiar with the software used by Wallowa County, which she says will pose quite a challenge for newcomers.

Prior work experience included Wallowa County accountant for Silver Creek Financial in Lostine, interim Wallowa County accountant and co-owner of Goebel's Service Station in Wallowa.

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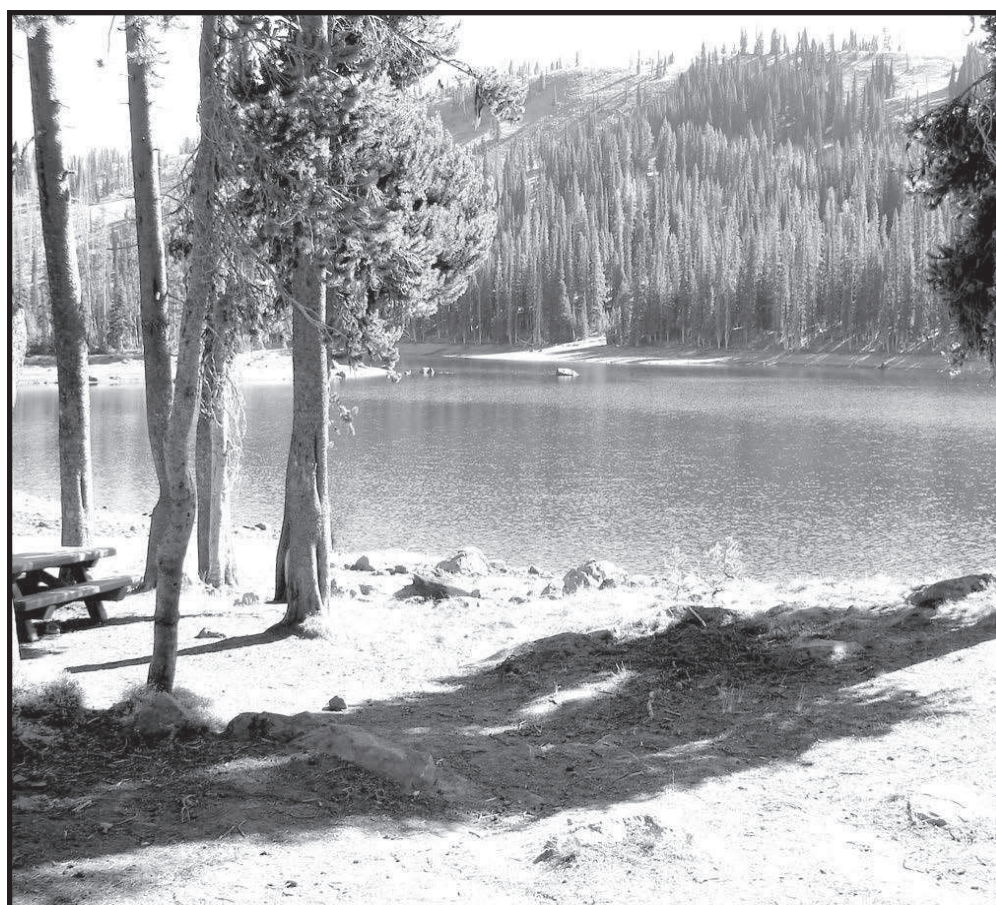
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