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# Drake unopposed; five seek elections

Three council positions will be filled from a ballot including the names of five candidates in Ione's city election this next Tuesday. Mayor Robert Drake is unopposed in his last bid for mayor position. While Drake has no opposition, he maintains that it will be his final term as mayor of Ione. Five candidates, including two incumbents, have filed



Robert Drake

for three positions on the council. All three positions are two year terms, as is the mayor's spot. Drake, who has been a councilman six years and

mayor of Ione for two, two year terms, has lived in the Ione area all his life.

Drake would like to see the sewer system proposed by the city, get underway and completed. "That's the only reason I'm running again," he said.

Drake told the Gazette-Times that if it "weren't for the sewer system, my name wouldn't be on it (ballot)." He said he has told citizens of Ione to "start looking for somebody else for next time."

Drake is enthusiastic about the improvements slated by the city for their water and sewer systems. The improvements are still in the study stages. Engineers were supposed to present plans for the improvements to the council this month.

But, studies are not yet completed. Drake said by the first of the year, the city will know "one way or the other." Although he advocates the necessity of the project, he said that if the cost is "too high, I won't accept it." He said the Ione citizens would have to accept it. If they do, he said, they know it "will put themselves in hock."

The council candidates are of a wide array. Three women and two men vie for the three spots. Two of the candidates

are incumbents. Incumbents Cleo Childers and Dorothy Stefani are joined by Nancy Leavitt, Linda LaRue and Gene Lancaster.



Gene Lancaster

Stefani has served a three year term, filling a vacancy after one year of a four year term earlier. She has lived in the Ione area all her life.

"I'm interested in my town and its affairs," Stefani said, "I want to help if possible."

Stefani cited the major concern as the water supply and sewer system. She also said she is concerned with the "problems that all towns

face." Stefani said she wants to "serve" on the council and said that when you live in the town and help as on the council, "you benefit."

She said she enjoyed being "involved in these things" (water and sewer system) and wanted to stay "on it while it's still going on." Stefani said she was right in the middle of its development and "knows what's going on."

Cleo Childers has served one year on the council and has lived in the Ione area 15 years. Childers said he simply wants to "serve" Ione and wants to help ramrod the completion of a sewer and water system.

"As soon as Ione gets those things done," Childers said, "there are a lot of other smaller things to be done." Childers is the incumbent along with Stefani.

Linda LaRue has been a resident of Ione for five years and seeks her first election to a city seat.

LaRue said she was interested in community affairs and felt the city "needed somebody" to run. She had little criticism of the present

council and the way the city has been run.



Linda LaRue

She said she liked the way things had been run since she has lived in Ione. LaRue said she had three children and wanted to have a "good place to raise them."

"I'd like to get more involved," she said. She went along with the other candidates, setting the water and sewer system as the first

priority. Gene Lancaster, who Tuesday didn't realize his name was still on the ballot, was apprehensive about being elected.

"If I get it (elected), I'll try to do the best I can. But," Lancaster said, "if I'm defeated, it's not going to hurt



Cleo Childers

my feelings a bit." Lancaster, who has been a resident of the area for nine years, told the Gazette-Times

Tuesday that he felt the other candidates were qualified and that he thought he had a "chance to get out."

As of Tuesday afternoon, his name was on the official ballot of Ione.

Lancaster still advocates growth in the area. "If the sewer and water system go," Lancaster said, "Ione can grow in population and business."

Lancaster also noted that more law enforcement was needed in Ione.

He said he would keep "trying to go along, build whatever is necessary for anyway to better the town."

Nancy Leavitt is running for her first political office. She has lived in Ione for three years.

Leavitt has no particular cause or concern but would like

Some persons not available for photos

to help the city with the sewer system. She said that she wanted to "learn more about the city government" and would like to "try" and help the council.

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# Re-Elect Paul W. Jones, Judge

## Look at his Record in Morrow County

### JUVENILE

Under his direction and approval, programs leading to a decrease in the number of juvenile violations has been instituted.

A Juvenile Advisory Committee, composed of both adults and young people, has been formed and has attracted state-wide attention.

Under the capable care of the Juvenile Director, together with the assistance of the law enforcement agencies, a program has been developed to go into the schools to talk to kindergarten classes and primary grades.

A juvenile counseling program offers advice and "talk" on their problems, which has resulted in prevention of crime. In 1974 we had a total of 195 referrals. In 1975 a total of 175 referrals representing a 10 per cent decrease and is the first decrease in referrals to the juvenile department since the department was set up on a full time basis. In this 1976 year, we have had up to this time 123 referrals.

Judge Jones was recently appointed to the Local Officials Advisory Committee which advises on local officials' views of land use planning.

Very recently, he was appointed to the "208 Statewide Water Quality Policy Advisory Committee."

He is a past president of the Association of Oregon Counties. Only two county judges, Judge Barratt and Judge Jones, have held this distinguished position.

Under his direction, the County Courthouse, which is one of the finest of its kind in Oregon, has been carpeted and improved.

He is presently chairman of the Tri-County Health Services Committee. This organization has contributed much additional equipment to the hospital in Heppner and to the clinics in the Tri-Counties.

The Morrow County Museum and Library building has been enlarged and improved.

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