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by Don Gilliam

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Voters face many issues on Nov. 4

Voters across Morrow County, Oregon State and the US will go to the polls next Tuesday, Nov. 4, to cast their votes on a large number of issues and candidates.

In addition to the well known national candidates and state issues, local voters will also be choosing candidates and voting on tax questions.

If you live in Heppner you will be voting on 39 separate candidates and issues. Many candidates are unopposed on the ballot.

Locally, Heppner residents will vote on a city request for a new tax base of \$125,000, a mayor, and three councilmembers (all unopposed).

If you live in Lone you will cast your ballot for a mayor

and three councilmembers (also unopposed).

If you live in Lexington, however, you will have a choice to make. Two candidates are running for the mayor's spot, and four are running for two spots on the council. Lexington voters will also vote for a city recorder (unopposed).

In Boardman voters will pick a mayor (unopposed), and three councilmembers from a slate of five candidates.

In Irrigon voters will choose three councilmembers and one municipal judge, (all running unopposed).

County-wide voters will be making quite a few choices. Two candidates are running

for one position as county clerk, three are running for one sheriff's position; and two are running for one county treasurer position. The rest, the county judge, two commissioners, an assessor and a county surveyor are all unopposed.

Also county-wide will be a request from the Morrow County School District to raise the tax base.

On the judiciary slate, voters will be asked to pick one of two candidates for the recently formed position of judge of the district court for Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Also running are two candidates for the supreme court, position three.

On the county level two

justices of the peace are running, both unopposed, for districts five and six.

Voters will also choose four directors for the soil and water conservation district, all running unopposed.

Polls for the election will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and polling places are as follows:

- Boardman - Greenfield Grange
- Hardman - IOOF Hall
- Ione - Ione City Hall
- Irrigon - N. Morrow Office
- Lexington - Lexington City Hall
- NE Heppner - Old City Library
- NW Heppner - Library
- SE Heppner - Courthouse
- SW Heppner - Courthouse

Morrow County School Superintendent urges yes vote on school tax base

Superintendent of Morrow County Schools Matt Doherty, recently urged voters to vote yes Nov. 4 on the school district's request for a new tax base.

Doherty told the Heppner Chamber of Commerce last week that the district's present tax base (the amount which can be levied without a vote) of \$588,510 is inadequate and he urged passage of a new base of \$4,694,615.

Doherty said the district used \$4,041,817 in local tax money to support the school system this year.

From this amount, \$588,510 came from the tax base, \$3,006,935 from outside the six percent limitation, and \$456,372 from taxes collected from previous years.

Doherty said the district arrived at the proposed tax base by adding these amounts together and including 15.5 percent for inflation and increased cost for federal requirements on handicapped education expected next year. "We definitely will not go outside the tax base next year, if the new base is approved," said Doherty. He said it would depend on inflation whether or not the district increased the levy by the allowed six percent the following year.

Speaking to the chamber on Ballot Measure 6, which would, among other things, roll back property taxes and limit them to 1 percent, Doherty said he didn't think schools in Morrow county or the state would close down if it is approved.



Matt Doherty

"I don't believe schools can operate if ballot Measure 6 passes," he said. But he said he believes schools will get "redirected" money cut from other areas of the state budget. "A lot of agencies will go down the tube," he speculated.

Basin slates 36th annual meeting

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op will be holding its 36th annual meeting next Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the fairgrounds pavilion in Heppner.

Registration for the meeting will begin at 11 a.m., with lunch at noon and the business meeting at 1:30 p.m.

As part of the agenda, five members will be elected to serve three-year terms on the board of directors.

Also on tap is a speech by Stanley Nash of Great Falls, Montana, who is a specialist in the area of solar energy and will speak on the technology of solar panels for home heating.

In addition there will be a manager's report by Fred Toombs, a president's report by Van Rietmann and a secretary's report by Paul Tews, among other business.

An announcement will also be made concerning several recent proposals to build a wood waste generating plant in Heppner, however, no details on the announcement have been released by Columbia Basin.

72 percent turnout anticipated for Nov. 4 election

A voter turnout of 72 percent of Oregon's registered voters is being predicted for the Nov. 4 general election, Secretary of State Norma Paulus announced last week.

"The forecast demonstrates our confidence that Oregon will continue to run counter to a national downward trend in voting interest," Paulus said. In 1972 Oregon ranked 18th in the nation. In 1976 it moved up to 12th. If the prediction of 72 percent holds true, Oregon could move ahead of Minnesota, the 1976 front-runner.

"Even though we consider our turnouts dismal," Paulus stated, "Oregon has been more successful than other states in bucking voter apathy because Oregon has done a

MCGG to celebrate 50 anniversary

The Morrow County Grain Growers will be celebrating its 50th anniversary when it holds its annual meeting Monday, Nov. 10, at the fairgrounds in Heppner. The co-op was incorporated in 1930.

The meeting starts off with a dinner at 6:30 followed by guest speaker, Rich Pennell, assistant general manager of the North Pacific Grain Growers Association. He will give a slide show and will speak about the history and the future of grain co-ops in the Pacific Northwest.

Business to be conducted will include reports from officers and election of directors, says MCGG president Larry Mills.

He says Robert Stevens, Kenneth Nelson, Allen Hughes and Paul Hisler, Jr., have been nominated by committee for three-year director terms. Monte Evans, Chuck Nelson, Leonard Munkers, Jim Swanson and Steve Wagenblast have all been nominated as associate directors, one-year terms.

The meeting and dinner will be held at the county fair pavilion.

Wheat deal should help

"I think it will be beneficial to the wheat growers of the Northwest," Larry Mills of the Morrow County Grain Growers said of the recent agreement to sell wheat to the Chinese.

He said the deal has already given some support to the wheat market, and that it should help the Northwest because of the proximity of the market to the Northwest, and the fact the Chinese will most likely be purchasing some white wheat.

The agreement calls for selling six million tons of wheat, feed grains and corn to the Chinese each year for the next five years.

Moonlight Madness in the air



Jerry Hollomon, chairman of the Heppner Merchant's Association, readying merchandise for this year's Moonlight Madness sale.

The town-wide sale is this Thursday night, October 30. Merchants will be offering reduced prices on many items, beginning at 7 p.m. The Methodist Church senior high youth group will be selling Halloween "insurance," donuts and cider next to the Posey Patch during the Moonlight Sale. The Methodist junior high youth will be offering baby sitting at the church during the sale.

Carter wins in G-T straw poll

Twenty-five area voters participating in the Gazette-Times straw poll declared Jimmy Carter, Ralph Curran, Barbara Bloodworth, Doug Rathbun, Margo Sherer and Gary Munkers victors in the upcoming election. Candidates Papineau and Ripple received an equal number of votes. With regard to ballot measures: Ballot Measures 5, 6, and 9 failed; Ballot Measure 7 passed; and the Heppner City tax measure received equal yes and no votes.

Tabulated results follow:

- PRESIDENT:**
John Anderson - 5
Jimmy Carter - 13
Ed Clark - 1
Barry Commoner - 0
Ronald Reagan - 5
- One voter could not choose between Anderson, Carter and Reagan; and one indicated he wasn't voting for Reagan, but against Carter.
- JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT, MORROW AND UMATILLA COUNTIES:**
Curran - 15
Smallmon - 8 (two abstained)
- MORROW COUNTY CLERK**
Barbara Bloodworth - 15
Pauline Winter - 10

- MORROW COUNTY SHERIFF**
Bud Engert - 7
Larry Fetsch - 8
Douglas Rathbun - 10
- MORROW COUNTY TREASURER**
Margo Sherer - 21
Alice Vance - 3 (one abstained)
- MAYOR - CITY OF**

- MAYOR - CITY OF LEXINGTON**
Ed Baker - 9
Sheirbon - 0
- COUNCIL MEMBER - CITY OF LEXINGTON**
Floyd Borman - 0
Gary D. Munkers - 6
Charlene Papineau - 5
John Ripple - 5 (two voted for one candidate only)

- OREGON STATE MEASURES**
Ballot Measure 5 - "Shall the sale, use of snare, leghold traps be forbidden, except for predator control until 1985 or to protect human health?"
YES - 7
NO - 18
Ballot Measure 6 - "Shall real property taxes be limited, certain taxes be prohibited, and tax increases require two-thirds legislative or pop-

- ular vote?"
YES - 9
NO - 16
Ballot Measure 7 - "Shall existence of federally licensed permanent nuclear waste disposal facility, and voter approval be required for nuclear plant site certificate?"
YES - 18
NO - 7
- COUNTY MEASURE**
Ballot Measure 9 - "Shall Morrow County School District change its tax base from \$588,510 to \$4,694,615 for the fiscal year 1981-1982?"
YES - 10
NO - 15

HEPPNER CITY MEASURE
"Shall a new tax base of \$125,000 be established for Heppner, Oregon, to become effective in the 1981-1982 fiscal year?"
YES - 7
NO - 7

One vote was written in for Al Ullman, Representative in congress, Second Congressional District, which was not included in the G-T Straw Poll.

No votes were cast in the Boardman race for city council member between Jerry Donovan, Mary C. Michael, Vernon Russel, W. P. Sharkey and Dewey W. West, Jr.

Planning Commission says 'no' to rezoning asked by Boeing Co.

The Morrow County Planning Commission said "no" Monday to a request from Boeing Company for rezoning of 1,700 acres of land in northern Morrow County from agriculture to industrial use. The vote was four to three against rezoning.

The planning commission indicated that it was reluctant to rezone such a large piece of land all at one time.

Until June of 1980, the land was zoned for industrial use, however, the planning commission then changed the zoning to agricultural, partly to satisfy LCDC requirements

on the county's comprehensive plan.

Boeing did not object to the zone change then, and Monday night said it was not notified the zone change was being considered.

Boeing spokesman Richard Kennedy, an attorney from Portland, said that the company wanted the zoning changed back to industrial partly because it is negotiating possible leases with two wood products firms who will use the land for industrial purposes.

Planning commission member Cornett Green apparently expressed the consensus of the

commission when he stated that Boeing should ask only that the portion of land to be used for industrial use be rezoned, and that if more industrial use is contemplated in the future, Boeing should come back at that time with other zone change requests.

The 1,700 acres is located west of the Tower Road interchange and between the Columbia River and State Highway 1-84.

Boeing reportedly planned to lease part of the property to Longview Fiber and to Weyerhaeuser Co. for shipping facilities.

G-T features Candidates' Forum

In this issue of the Gazette-Times, prior to the Nov. 4 election, we are featuring a Candidates' Forum, in which candidates get a chance to present their views to the readers.

Look on pages 8 and 9 for the Gazette-Times Candidates' Forum.

Irrigon Council approves zone changes

by Frances Rose Wilson

Irrigon's October council session was combined with a public hearing of the planning commission. The hearing had been advertised to consider zone changes for approximately 27 acres east of the Riverview Trailer court and south of the highway.

Application for the change was made by C. Smith and K. Kamerrer who plan to develop the area for a mobile home court and housing.

The changes were granted as requested with some 14

acres adjacent to Highway 730 being changed to commercial and the remaining 13 acres on the south side of the property being changed to R1.

Other business included reports of actions taken previously: - the city received some much needed office equipment from PGE offices at the coal-fired plant. Financial assistance has been received by the city from Portland General Electric the past several years because of population growth impact on the area as a result of their plant at Carty reservoir. The equipment received was in

lieu of cash for its purchase elsewhere.

- a certificate of appreciation was presented to the city by Recorder Barbara Draxton from the Land Conservation and Development Commission. The framable document was given for the city's efforts in bringing its ordinances into "Compliance with standards of Statewide goals" set by the commission.

The November council meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 10 rather than Tuesday since the second Tuesday falls on Veteran's Day.

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