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Morrow County Clerk



PAULINE WINTER

Age: 46.
Address: Rt. 2, Box 2489, Heppner
Office seeking: Morrow County Clerk

Qualifications for office: college education; 12 years of general office and legal secretarial work; five years experience in office management; extensive civic and public service (nine years school board, eight years Heppner Library Board; proven leadership skills (two years chairman of school board, two years on executive board of Oregon School Board Association; four years chairman of Republican Central Committee, currently Sr. Warden of All Saints' Church); record of doing a competent and conscientious job.

Length of time lived in Morrow County: 18 years
Marital status: single
Children: Karen, 22; Rosemary, 20; Herman Jr., 18

Educational background: three years at Willamette University, one year at Lewis & Clark College; majored in political science.

Occupation: Civil deputy and office manager of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office

Statement:
I can give the clerk's office solid, professional leadership committed to increasing efficiency through improved office organization, close budget management, computerized payroll and bookkeeping systems, prompt, dependable filing and recording, non-partisan approach to registering voters, drawing new precinct lines; and microfilm preservation of old public records.

Political affiliation: Republican



BARBARA BLOODSWORTH

Age: 42
Address: Rt. 2, Box 2145, Heppner
Office seeking: Morrow County Clerk

Qualifications for office: 11 years of experience in the clerk's office, three years as a legal secretary and 19 years of working with the general public.

Length of time in Morrow County: Born and raised in Morrow County except for a two year period.

Marital status: married to James E. Bloodsworth
Children: Barbara Beth, 19; Coleman Joseph, 18; Patricia Ann, 16.

Educational background: graduated from high school, 1956; business course.

Occupation: Morrow County Clerk

Statement:
Our county is experiencing a great amount of growth in the North end and we must improve the efficiency of our county offices so that we can expand our services there. I will make arrangements with the Oregon State Archives to come in and examine our old records so that they may be put in better order. I will update and implement a better payroll system for the county. I will strive to make our election processes more readily available to the public. I will strive to speed up recording of instruments, so that they may be returned to persons recording them sooner.

Political affiliation: Democrat

Morrow County Sheriff



LARRY D. FETSCH

Age: 40
Address: Box 204, Lone
Office seeking: Morrow County Sheriff

Qualifications for office: certified police officer, Morrow Co., Deputy Sheriff 6 1/2 years, appointed sheriff July, 1976, elected Morrow County Sheriff, Jan. 1977, director of Morrow County Emergency Services, director of Morrow County Search & Rescue posse, chairman of the Technical Advisory Council (TAC), active in promoting Hunter Safety courses, appointed Deputy Medical Examiner.

Basic Training, Advanced Officers Certificate, Livestock Investigation School, Civil Process Law and Procedures, Crash Injury Management, Jail Operations, Civil Defense Radiological Monitoring, Medical Examiners training, Crime analysis and nuclear Energy.

Length of time lived in Morrow County: Born in Morrow Co.

Marital status: married to Donna Fetsch
Children: Duane, 17; Lori, 13

Educational background: high school graduate, some college, a number of police connected classes at Blue Mountain Community College

Occupation: present sheriff, started work in sheriff's office in Jan., 1969.

Statement:
I am running for re-election to the position of Morrow County Sheriff.

I would hope to continue a number of programs to enlist the support and assistance of the people in the law enforcement field. I enjoy working closely with the young people, youth programs, hunter's safety, bike safety, etc.

I am well qualified to be your sheriff. I was elected sheriff in Jan., 1977. I find the job a challenge and will always work toward improving the dept. to better serve the people of Morrow County who elect me.

Political affiliation: Democrat



DOUGLAS C. RATHBUN

Age: 37
Address: 195 N. Court, Heppner
Office seeking: Morrow County Sheriff

Qualifications for office: seven years police chief, Powers, Oregon; one year police chief, Gaston, Oregon; four years patrolman, Heppner.

Length of time lived in Morrow County: four years

Marital status: married in 1965 to Georgia (Sheraden) Rathbun
Children: Carlenna, 14; Christy, 11; Charles, 6

Educational background: graduate from the Oregon Police Academy; graduate Blue Mountain Community College in law enforcement; basic certificate; intermediate certificate; advanced certificate

Occupation: senior patrolman, Heppner City Police

Statement:
To develop an efficient, effective, impartial and professional office. A sheriff should be non-partisan in the performance of his duties. There is a job to be done; there are no easy solutions, there are no short cuts, there is only hard work. I am able to handle it. I will be available to every person in Morrow County.

Political affiliation: Independent



BUD ENGLERT

Age: 48
Address: Heppner
Office seeking: Morrow County Sheriff

Qualifications for office: five years police; seven years business management

Length of time lived in Morrow County: six years

Marital status: married to Doreen Englert
Children: Linda, 16

Educational background: Benson High School

Occupation: self employed

Statement:
I feel with my past five years in police work, plus my seven years in business management, I could be a good sheriff as well as administrator. The sheriff's budget has raised over 100 thousand dollars in the last four years, very near double. There is more to being a sheriff than just a man wearing a badge and uniform.

Political affiliation: Republican

Director Soil and Water Conservation District (zone two, four-year) (at large, four year)



PETE RICHARDS

Age: 47
Address: Rt. 2, Box 440, Irrigon
Office seeking: Director, Morrow Co. Soil and Water Conservation District, Irrigon area

Qualifications for office: held office for past six years

Length of time lived in Morrow County: 20 years

Marital status: married to Lois L. Richards
Children: David, 25; Karen Russell, 24; Robert, 22; Donald, 19.

Educational background: one year at Blue Mountain Community College

Occupation: crew chief, Fire Dept., Umatilla Army Depot

Political affiliation: Republican



JERALD E. REA

Age: 44
Address: Lexington
Office seeking: director, Morrow Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

Qualifications for office: developed and farmed raw desert ground for last 11 years, battling both water and wind erosion

Length of time lived in Morrow County: birth to 1964; Gilliam Co., 1964 - 1969; Morrow Co., 1969 - 1980

Marital status: married to Leann Rea
Children: Rick, 20; Daria, 18; Terrell, 14; Robert, 10

Occupation: farmer

Political affiliation: non partisan

Mayor-City of Heppner



CLIFF GREEN

Age: 38
Address: Box 126, Heppner
Office seeking: Mayor of Heppner

Qualifications for office: four years on council, two years council chairman

Length of time lived in Morrow County: 30 years

Marital status: married in 1965 to Cindy Green
Children: David, 14; Kirsten, 10

Educational background: Bachelor of Science, agricultural education, Oregon State University, 1965

Occupation: owner, operator, Heppner Garbage Disposal Service

Statement:
The theme I will be hammering on for the next two years is cooperation. Cooperation between neighbors, between neighborhoods and between citizens and city council can make for less government and more harmony in our community. Heppner is a community-not a business and the duty of city government is to provide those services within our fiscal limits, which enhance the community.

Political affiliation: Republican

Judge of the District Court, Morrow and Umatilla Counties



RALPH CURRIN

Age: 64
Address: 1044 NW 12th Drive, Pendleton
Office seeking: District Court Judge, Umatilla-Morrow counties

Qualifications for office: Have been district attorney for Morrow County

Have been a district judge pro tem on two occasions in Umatilla County

Have been municipal judge for Pendleton, Oregon, for the assistance of the appointed municipal judge

Have been legislative assistant to Representative Jack Duff, District 37, in the 1979 Legislative Session during which time I saw the legislation authorizing the district judgeship passed and understood the purpose of this court sitting in Hermiston and Heppner.

Have had a broader, more substantial law practice than my opponent who was ethically barred from many cases because he was an acting justice of the peace.

Have been a commissioned officer in the infantry in World War II in which I participated in court martial trials.

Have lived in Heppner, Pilot Rock, Pendleton; owned a cabin at Lehman Springs; and owned a small farm at Hermiston, which gives a good balance as to knowledge of the problems of each area throughout the district over which this court will have jurisdiction.

Have attended a school on probate practice at Seattle, Washington, presented by the Washington State Bar; have attended law schools at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon, presented by that

school. Heard the presentation of the Oregon Judicial Council to the judiciary committee of the House, Oregon Legislature on the amendments to the Code of Civil Procedure which was conducted over a period of about seven weeks. Was appointed by Governor Tom McCall to the advisory committee to the development committee of the State of Oregon which was designed to attract industry to the State of Oregon. Have attended the continuing legal education lectures of the Oregon State Bar as often as possible

Have a knowledge of the citizens of the area.

Have won the Preferential Bar Poll conducted by the Oregon State Bar.



JOHN WILLIAM SMALLMON

Age: 46
Address: 895 S.W. 7th Street, Hermiston
Office seeking: District Court Judge

Qualifications for office: attorney; resident of Umatilla County

Length of time lived in Morrow County: 17 years, Umatilla County

Marital status: married to Helen Smallmon
Children: Debi, 21; Mike, 20; Chris, 19.

Educational background: Oregon State University and Willamette University Law School, bachelor of science and doctor of law degrees

Occupation: 18 years private law practice; nine years justice of the peace; district court judge since July 1, 1980.

Statement:
Over nine years experience as a trial judge. I have been a long time resident of Hermiston and know the problems and needs of the west end of Umatilla County and Morrow County. Have kept current on the ever changing laws by attending National Judicial College sessions and continuing legal education sessions.

Political affiliation: non partisan

Morrow County Commissioner (four-year)



WARREN H. MCCOY

Age: 59
Address: P.O. Box 454, Irrigon
Office seeking: Morrow County Commissioner

Qualifications for office: six years of on the job training.

Length of time lived in Morrow County: 40 years

Marital status: married to Frances B. McCoy
Children: Roger Michael McCoy, 34; Susan L. Simmons, 34; Debbie L. McCoy, 25.

Educational background: high school

Occupation: retired

Statement:
I will continue to work for an improved system in Morrow County. Far too long we have depended on a patch on patch policy of road repairs. We need more open communication between the county court and the citizens of our county. I am still dedicated to serve all the people of Morrow County to the best of my ability.

Political affiliation: Republican

Mayor-City of Lexington (two-year term)



WILLIAM G. "BILL" SHEIRBON

Age: 31
Address: 170 N. B Street, Lexington
Office seeking: Mayor of Lexington

Qualifications for office: two years councilman, Lexington City Council; five years Lexington Fire Department.

Length of time lived in Morrow County: five years

Marital status: married to Debby Sheirbon
Children: Brent, 5; Dawn, 3

Educational background: Hood River High School, graduated 1967; Oregon State University, graduated 1973, School of Liberal Arts, majoring in sociology

Occupation: employed five years as caseworker for Children's Services Division, State of Oregon

Statement:
My service on the Lexington City Council and affiliation with the Lexington Fire Department have helped me develop an understanding of the city's needs. If elected mayor I will use this exper-

ience to continue projects already started by the council and develop new projects to fulfill future projective needs. Of particular importance at this time is the resealing of the city's streets to prevent their deterioration.



EDWARD E. BAKER

Age: 49
Address: Box 441, 385 N. Main, Lexington
Office seeking: Lexington Mayor

Qualifications for office: on council for eight years, fire chief, 10 years

Length of time lived in Morrow County: 42 years

Marital status: single
Children: Pat, 23; Maggie, 20

Occupation: Morrow Co. Grain Growers

Statement:
I am the oldest and most experienced member of the council and am the most qualified for the job. I work with the city a great deal and am also the Lexington Fire Chief.

Political affiliation: Demo-

Morrow County Judge



DON MCELLIGOTT

Age: 61
Address: Box 5, Lone
Office seeking: County Judge

Qualifications for office: Incumbent, 20 years Morrow County School Board and school committee

Length of time lived in Morrow County: 50 years

Marital status: married to Eunice McElligott
Children: Pat, 31; Maureen, 29; Pete, 27; Mary, 26; Kathleen, 25; Joan, 24; Paul, 22; Carol, 20; Michelle, 19; Jerry, 17; Elizabeth, 16.

Educational background: bachelor of arts degree in business administration, Portland University, 1941

Occupation: rancher

Statement:
My personal policy is to treat all citizens of this county equally - regardless of geographical location; to advance the county economically; to build a good modern road

system; and to modernize the county's business procedures.

Political affiliation: Democrat

Morrow County Surveyor

DAVID H. KRUMBEIN (Photo not available)

Age: 36
Address: 309 N.W. 5th, Pendleton
Office seeking: Morrow County Surveyor

Qualifications for office: registered professional land surveyor

Length of time lived in Morrow County: not applicable

Marital status: married to Vicki Krumbain
Children: Heather, 5; Hollie, 4.

Educational background: Oregon State University, forest engineering, bachelor of science.

Occupation: president of Krumbain Engineering, Ltd.

Statement:
I would like to continue our present policy of maintaining the records in a professional manner, with copies in Heppner, Boardman and Pendleton. As budgeting allows we are monumenting the critical section corners in the county.

Political affiliation: Republican