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Voters to decide issues, elect candidates next Tuesday

Krebs, Cantin square off for commissioner



Dorothy Krebs

Name: Dorothy Krebs, republican, incumbent.
Age: 56.
Residence: Ione.

Experience in public office: Three years as county commissioner, a current director on the Oregon Consortium Board, present chairman of Quintra Corporation, is a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, is past chairman of the Regional Services Institute-Eastern Oregon State College, past president of the Oregon Sheep Growers Auxiliary.

Comments: I am seeking re-election to finish the work the current county court has started: a road program, which is going well; personnel reorganization in the county structure to make the system work more efficiently, economically and smoothly; and a solution to the county's prisoner lodging problem.

We need a county jail desperately. The county's biggest problem is the lack of a jail. It's costing the county thousands of dollars not to have a jail. It's entering into our law enforcement and prosecution.

Krebs said her biggest contribution to the county has been in the area of personnel inter-agency involvement. She said, I've written the personnel policy and served as personnel officer, in charge of calculating all salary and employee benefits for the county courthouse employees. In budgeting, she said, we've changed the format to make it readable for the public. By serving as chairman of ECOAC and other agencies the county cooperates with, it makes for an intelligent way for our government to operate because it makes people aware of what is taking place around us. I feel we have made great strides in county road improvement. Other areas are looking to Morrow County for ways of managing rural road problems.

Education: Master's degree at Oregon State University.
Marital status: Married to Henry Krebs. They have four children.

Two parks open

Two county parks, Anson Wright and Cutsforth, will open this Saturday, May 15, announced the Morrow County Road Department.



Merlin Cantin

Name: Merlin Cantin, republican
Age: 60
Residence: Heppner
Experience in public office: none.

Comments: Cantin said he is running because he'd like to see the taxpayer get better services for his tax dollars involved. "A more realistic budget that both the taxpayer and the county could live with, one that during these times, both the active and retired could cope with."

Cantin said the county does need a jail.

"I feel county support for senior citizens is a most important factor and that the taxpayer should receive more for his tax dollar due to the economy and the taxes should become a less burden on his shoulders," he stated. "I will work for and communicate with all people of Morrow County," he added.

Education: Heppner High School graduate

Marital status: Married to Inetia Cantin. They have four children.

Port Comm. meeting date changed

A regular meeting of the Port of Morrow Commission, slated for May 13, has been postponed to Thursday, May 20. The meeting will begin at 12 noon at the Wagon Wheel restaurant in Heppner.

County to gain building inspection department

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Last Wednesday, May 5, plans were put into motion by Morrow County Court to gain a county building inspection department.

"We really need this service," said Ann Spicer, Morrow County district attorney. "We're not getting enough help from the state."

Morrow County Planner, Deane Seeger, Spicer and the court reviewed and amended a proposed building inspection contract. Copies of the contract will be available to read at the Planning Dept. office at the Morrow County courthouse by May 10.

According to Seeger, the county is currently taking bids

County, school district seek voter approval on tax bases

Both Morrow County and the Morrow County School District will have tax base measures on the ballot when voters go to the polls next Tuesday.

A tax base is the amount of property taxes which may be levied without a vote of the people. The base may be

increased by six percent each year.

The school district is asking for approval of \$6,336,277 tax base. Its present base is \$661,249, and was established in 1916.

The county is asking for a new tax base of \$3,238,773. Its present base is \$390,069.

Heppner Yard of Month sign stolen

A wooden sign marking Heppner's Yard of the Month award has been stolen from the yard of this month's winner, it was reported Tuesday.

The sign, which is moved each month to the yard in Heppner voted the most well kept, was taken from in front of John and Linda Shaw's home sometime last week.

Large ballot to face voters next Tuesday

Morrow County voters will decide the fate of two proposed tax bases, pick a winning candidate for district attorney, and chose one democrat and one republican candidate to run for Morrow County Commissioner in a general election November 2 in a Primary Election next Tuesday, May 18. Voters will also determine the fate of five state ballot measures and elect numerous other public officials in the election.

Morrow County and the Morrow County School District both have proposed tax base measures on the ballot. (See related story.)

Ann Spicer, incumbent, or Richard McNerney will be elected as Morrow County District Attorney. (A four year term.)

Dorothy Krebs and Merlin Cantin, republicans, will vie to run in a November General Election for County Commissioner. Also running for the position is Irvin Rauch, Democrat, unopposed.

Polling places for the election are as follows: Boardman 1A - Greenfield Grange; Boardman 1A - Sam Boardman Elementary School; Hardman 2 - I.O.O.F. building; Ione 3 - Ione City Hall; Irrigon 4A - North Morrow Annex; Irrigon 4B - Columbia Junior High School; Lexington 5 - Lexington School building; N.E. Heppner 6 - Old City Library building; N.W. Heppner 7 - Morrow Co. Museum; S.E. Heppner 8 - Morrow Co. Courthouse; and S.W. Heppner 9 - Morrow Co. Courthouse.

Hospital holds mock evacuation



Pioneer Memorial Hospital employee Dee Dee McLaughlin (L), ambulance driver Lonny Watne and Marge Kenny, R.N., move 'patient' Hope Chacon to St. Patrick's Parish Hall as part of a mock evacuation. The evacuation was held Tuesday, May 4, as part of a required disaster plan.

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dispatch services. Boardman does not pay anything, stated Spicer.

A redrafted City-County Agreement will be presented to the cities of Boardman and Heppner for their review.

Morrow County Court continued with the following business:

School Board to meet

A regular May meeting of the Morrow County School Board will be held Monday, May 17, at Riverside High School in Boardman at 8 p.m.

The board is expected to consider asking for bids for school district services and major maintenance, said a news release from the district. The board will also consider

discussing signing a jail use agreement with Umatilla County. Spicer agreed to revise the draft for the court's review.

accepted Elaine Nelson's resignation from the Juvenile Services Commission. Nelson had been acting as commission chairperson.

rehiring personnel, including classified employees and extra duty employees.

In other business, the school calendar and a request from West Extension Irrigation District for an easement across school property at Columbia Jr. High in Irrigon will be discussed, the news release concluded.

heard the weekly Road Report from Don Briggs, director of Public Works Department.

discussed the proposed construction of a bike path on Main Street, Boardman with Briggs. An estimated cost of \$14,800 for the project has been submitted to the state.

Request made to name lake after late Oscar Peterson

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce voted Tuesday to ask that the new lake which will be formed behind the Willow Creek dam, be named after the late Oscar Peterson. Peterson was instrumental

McNerney, Spicer vie for DA position



Richard McNerney

Name: Richard McNerney
Age: 33
Residence: Irrigon
Experience in public office: Trial deputy for Coos County District Attorney, summer 1980; and administrative assistant to the Eugene Police Chief.

Comments: McNerney said he is running because he doesn't like to see an office as important as district attorney go uncontested. He stated, I feel I would do a more than adequate job if elected.

McNerney said the County does need a jail but that he is not sure what type of facility is needed more research is needed, he added. He said if ballot measure three passes (jail bond issue), the amount of funds Morrow County will receive is uncertain. He said in the meantime, the county should be working toward short term solutions-for example, buying space in other county jails "even if we have to pay more money than it's worth to do it," until we decide what type of facility the county needs.

When asked about the increasing crime rate, McNerney said he's not sure the crime rate has gone up more crimes may be being reported now. He stated, I think we should have more community awareness of what law enforcement agencies can and can't provide. He said more public involvement in law enforcement is needed. County officials should come to the people instead of having the people come to the officials.

If elected, he said he would change the underlying principle that cases are taken in by the D.A.'s office. "I would limit prosecutions to the one most serious offense that I could convict with and stick with that."

Education: University of Oregon School of Law, Willamette University, Graduate School of Administration, University of Oregon, B.S. Political Science 1972, also attended California Lutheran College and Portland State University.

Marital status: Married to Susan McNerney.



Ann Spicer

Name: Ann Spicer, incumbent
Age: 31
Residence: Heppner

Experience in public office: One year intern in Clark County, Washington, Public Defenders office, two years as city attorney for City of Umatilla, land use consultant to East Central Oregon Association of Counties, Morrow County deputy district attorney-one year, district attorney since appointment by Gov. Atiyeh in 1980.

Comments: Spicer said she is running for the district attorney position because she enjoys public practice and the job entails a lot of challenges. She states, I feel that I can do a fair, cost efficient and unbiased prosecution on criminal cases and I've got the background to handle civil matters that face the county court.

Spicer said the county needs a jail because of the rapidly increasing crime rate. "It's time for Morrow County to have their own jail," she said, we're losing too much time and law enforcement effort in transporting prisoners to and from other counties. We're at a point where we can operate our own jail, without costing the tax payers much more than we are spending now in officer time, transportation and boarding costs.

Spicer said, if elected, she didn't plan any changes within the office. She said the office has been running smoothly and has a good relationship with all police agencies in the county. We're able to handle the work coming in and will be able to continue to handle cases from the increasing crime rate foreseen over the next few years.

Also concerning the increasing crime rate, Spicer said the D.A.'s office should continue to concentrate on index crimes (violent felonies); rape, murder, burglary, aggravated assault, theft and auto theft. She said they should continue to maintain those crimes as a priority for prosecution and investigation. In addition, she said, we're trying to make people more aware of what crimes are occurring when and where to protect themselves.

Education: B.S. from Portland State University 1972, J.D. from Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College 1977.

Marital status: Married to William J. Kuhn. They have one child.