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## Port of Morrow Commissioners

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## Morrow Co. School District

### Board of Directors

(vote for one)



**Jody Tatone**

Jody Tatone, 30-year-old candidate for the Port of Morrow Commission from Boardman, says that the "biggest obstacle to the development of the Port of Morrow has been the lack of capital. The problem in past years has been both high interest rates and the lack of recognition of the Port of Morrow by capital sources."

Tatone, a businessman and lifelong resident of Boardman, says "The Port of Morrow needs the type of facility development that will convince both potential tenants and potential capital sources that the Port of Morrow is a viable location for their investments."

"These 'pre-investment' developments demand that the port show confidence in itself by the very fact that they require port funding," adds Tatone. "This is not to say that more tax monies are required. In fact, the Port of Morrow, without tax funds, has achieved a level of activity that lends itself to be self supporting."

Tatone says that the most advantageous short-term development would be the incorporation of an additional food processor, which would "create many new jobs for Morrow County residents, provide a new market for Morrow County's agricultural community and would put to use facilities that are presently in place but under utilized."

"In the long term," says Tatone, "diversification of the port would be desirable. This would envelop several compatible industries (including wood products; that would do the most good for Morrow County and the Port of Morrow."

Tatone, who has a bachelor of science degree in political science from Oregon State University, and is presently serving on the Boardman City Council, says he believes the "primary purpose of the Port of Morrow is industrial development. Accompanying this type of development is not only a strong tax base, but an increased standard of living for Morrow County residents and increased commercial activity."

"The Port of Morrow has been instrumental in the development of Longview Fibre's chip plant, a venture which has benefited both the north and the south ends of Morrow County," he says. "A future port bonded development that will affect the south end will be the co-generation plant at Kinzua. With proper guidance, the port will benefit the economy of all of Morrow County, and will have an impact on surrounding areas as a result."

"As a lifetime resident of Morrow County," concluded Tatone, "my interest and concern in our future is surpassed by none. It is my desire to promote steady responsible growth of the Port of Morrow County. Furthermore, I see an active port as the key to the recovery of our troubled economy."

### Wagon Trail Cookers meet

By PAULA HEATHERLY

The Wagon Trail Cookers 4-H Club met March 14 at Mrs. Geer's house. Nancy Taylor opened the meeting.



**Leroy Gardner**

Expansion of the U & I food processing plant, upgrading of the solid waste facility, construction of an overpass and building of a chip handling facility are some of the major accomplishments of the Port of Morrow over the past 10 years, says Leroy Gardner, 61, candidate for the port commission.

Gardner, a Heppner businessman who has been on the commission for 10 years, and president for the past four, says probably the biggest project he has seen has been the \$20 million expansion at U & I, which added more jobs to the county.

He says a general slow down in the economy and the high cost of electricity has kept some development from coming into the port, but he sees efforts now underway as attracting business in the future.

"We're upgrading our solid waste facility, which will allow for more industrial users," he points out. "And it looks like we will have a public dock which will give us an advantage in shipping," he says.

Gardner also says the port is looking at a generating facility using wood and other waste to make cheaper electricity for port tenants.

Although nearly all development in the port district, which covers all of Morrow County, has been in the northern end, Gardner points to the Kinzua chipping facility in Heppner which was made possible through a joint agreement with Longview Fibre to ship wood chips out of the port.

"The object of the port is to make more jobs for Morrow County and keep our young people home," he says. "The Port of Morrow is a leader in ports on the Columbia, they look up to us."

### Livestock Growers voice concern to County Court

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Unauthorized use of the corrals at the county fairgrounds in Heppner was a concern voiced by Wayne Evans of the Morrow Co. Livestock Growers to Morrow County Court last Wednesday, Mar. 16.

Evans pointed out the Livestock Growers' liability when unauthorized people use the corrals, such as young people during football games. The court discussed keeping the corrals locked as one alternative to the problem.

Evans also requested a renewal of the Livestock Growers' yard contract with the county for upkeep of the corrals at the fairgrounds. No action was taken.

In other business, the court also:

— discussed county employee retirement benefits for fiscal year 1982-83 with Jim Allen, county insurance representative.

— heard an update from Mike Oths, county counsel, on current contract negotiations with Jody Tatone over pur-



**Lawrence Lindsay**

Port of Morrow candidate Larry Lindsay says the port has shown steady responsible growth over the years, and should see more of the same in the years ahead.

A Morrow County farmer, Lindsay has been on the port for 16 years and is an incumbent.

"We have a good port manager, and good facilities on the port property," says Lindsay.

He points out that the port is now improving its waste water treatment system to enable more industry and business to move into port property in the future.

An interchange on Interstate 84 will also ease truck and other traffic onto port property and cut shipping costs for tenants. The port took the lead in pushing for the interchange to be built.

Other accomplishments he says he has seen since serving on the port, is the large \$20 million expansion of the U&I processing plant and a new chip handling facility to ship wood chips down the river.

"I think agricultural processing is the main industry which we can look to in the future for development of the port," he says, and that may include using biomass from farms and ranches in the area.

"We have river transportation that could open up the entire west coast and the far east to shipping of our port," says Lindsay. The port is now in the process of having a dock built and the river dredged.

"What the pioneers of the Port Commission envisioned here on what was then just dry earth and sagebrush, is now becoming a reality in the 1980s," he says.

### Bike-A-Thon April 16

A St. Jude Children's Research Hospital "Wheels for Life Bike-A-Thon" will be held locally on Saturday, April 16, announced Margaret Nichols of Lexington, chairman for the event.

The Bike-A-Thon will begin at Ruggs and will end in Ione, Nichols said.

Sponsor sheets for those who want to participate are available at local schools, some local stores and where ever Bike-A-Thon posters are displayed.

### Swim team slates rummage sale

The Heppner Swim Team will hold a rummage sale April 22 and 23 at the old post office building in Heppner.

Anyone who has usable items to donate may call Gary Bruch at 676-9420 or Sheridan Tarnasky at 676-5059 for pickup.



**Daniel Creamer**

Daniel Creamer, 37-year resident of Irrigon and candidate for the Port of Morrow Commission, says he feels the biggest obstacle to development of the port is development of the waterfront.

While Creamer agrees that present development is right for the port, he says, "there should be more and there can be if we spend the effort and time."

A retired tugboat captain, port captain, former manager of ferry operations on the Columbia, and project manager in charge of river operations on the San Juan River, Creamer says his knowledge about waterfront development would aid him in fulfilling port duties. He says he has the time and enthusiasm to devote to the Port of Morrow.

Creamer, 46, says that more industry and an airport are needed at the port. "We must have transportation for people in and out by air."

A former member of the County Planning Commission, chairman of the budget committee and a member of the Road Commission, Creamer says the primary purpose of the port is to create "jobs and a tax base for all of Morrow County" and that "the Port should try to develop the south end (of Morrow County)" as well as the north.

### Morrow Co. School District Advisory Committees

#### Heppner-Lexington Position No. 3 (unopposed)

**Harley E. Sager**

Harley E. Sager, 45, of Lexington, is running unopposed for position no. 3 on the Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee as a write-in candidate. Position No. 3 is a three-year term.

He is employed as a commercial loan officer for First Interstate Bank of Oregon in Heppner. He and his wife, Bertha, have four children, ages 12, 19, 21 and 23.

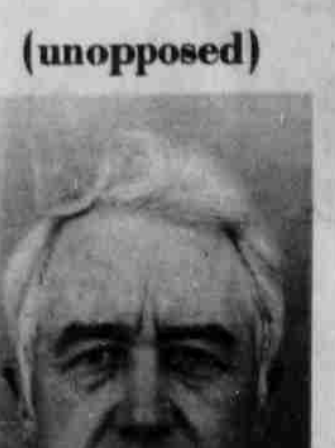
Sager served on the advisory committee and school budget committee from 1970 through March 1973 and was advisory committee chairman in 1972.

Sager stated he is running because, "I enjoy being involved in community affairs. I feel our local schools are a vital part of our community and play a major role in the development of our young people. As an advisory board member, I feel I can contribute in a positive way to this responsibility our schools have."

#### Wash. man acquitted

Terrance Lee Jones, 22, of Raymond, Wash, was acquitted by a jury in Morrow County Circuit Court of charges of Criminally Negligent Homicide stemming from the October 11, 1982 death of Kenneth Ray Peck, 27, of Kelo, Wash.

Peck was killed when a vehicle driven by Jones crashed near Boardman.



**Jerry McElligott**

Jerry McElligott, 52, of Ione, is seeking re-election as a director on the school board, for zone III, a four-year term. He is running unopposed.

He is a farmer and he and his wife, Maryann, have eight children, ages six, 13, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 25.

McElligott has served as a director on the board for three years.

When asked if he felt there were any changes needed within the district, he stated that he felt no immediate changes were needed, but that there is always evolution and change to give direction.

McElligott said he feels economics is the biggest problem facing the school district. He said the district is doing quite well but can't expand because of the economic situation. He also stated that he doesn't feel that any particular areas of education need improvement.

When asked how he felt about the overall education Morrow County students receive, he said he felt the county's students receive an education that is equal if not better than that received by students of surrounding areas throughout the state.



**Robert J. Hawkins**

Robert "Bob" Hawkins, 59, is running for school district director in zone IV, a four-year term.

He is a farmer and he and his wife, Dorothy, live on Butter Creek near the county line on Highway 207. He has four children, ages 16, 31, 33 and 35.

Hawkins has served as a director on the Happy Canyon Board, Pendleton, for eight years and has served the past two years on the school district budget committee.

"The reason I am running for this position is that I have always had a great interest in our school system and I just plain like our kids... when Irvin Rauch said he was resigning I decided to run for this position."

"As far as changes in the school district, I feel there are always problems coming up in our school district that we will have to face, talk it over and solve the best way we can. I have and always will try to get the best education for our kids and yet keep the costs down as much as possible to keep the taxpayers happy. There will always be changes made and especially now the way the

#### Heppner-Lexington Position No. 5 (vote for one)

#### Marlene Currin

Marlene Currin, 37, of Heppner, is seeking election as a write-in candidate to position no. 5 on the Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee. The position is a three-year term.

She is a former secretary and is presently a housewife. Her husband's name is Tom. She has two children, ages nine years and nine months.

She has held no previous public office.

Currin says she is running because, "I was asked by some Morrow County voters to be a write-in candidate for the Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee. I did consent to do so, taking an active part in our community."

#### Peggy Fishburn

Peggy Fishburn of Heppner is running as a write-in candidate for position no. 5, a three

year term, on the Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee.

She is a housewife and she and her husband, Earl, have three children, ages six, 13 and 16.

Fishburn served as a council member on the Unity City Council for three years and served on a parent advisory council at Unity for one year as president and two years as secretary.

Fishburn gave this statement as to why she is running, "As the parent of three school-age children, I am concerned with the running of our schools. Being a part of the advisory committee would allow me to show support for both the school and school children."

#### All Saints to dedicate stained glass window

On April 10, at the 10:30 a.m. services at All Saints Episcopal Church, Heppner, the large stained glass window at the rear of the Nave will be dedicated to the Glory of God and to the lives of all who have given of themselves to this parish and community announced the Rev. Ed Watts, vicar.

The Memorial Fund Committee, chaired by Mrs. Happy Graham, completed the work of choosing the design and craftsmen to do the work in mid 1982, after considerable time and effort to insure an appropriate design, fitting the existing decor of the

#### Ione-Lexington Position No. 1 (unopposed)

#### Paul Tews

Paul Tews, 58, of Ione, is running for re-election to position no. 1 on the Ione-Lexington Advisory Committee, a three-year term. He runs unopposed.

He is a farmer and he and his wife, Rikka, have three children, ages 12, 23, and 24.

Fishburn served as a council member on the Unity City Council for three years and served on a parent advisory council at Unity for one year as president and two years as secretary.

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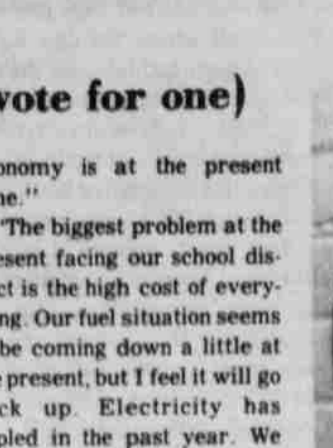
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**Randy W. Hughes**

Randy Hughes, 29, of Lexington, is seeking election as school board district director in zone IV, a four-year term.

He is a farmer and he and his wife, Joyce, have two children, ages six and two.

Hughes has had no previous experience in a public office. When asked why he is seeking election as a director, he answered, "I have a son just starting school and a daughter that will also start in a few years, and I would like to get involved in helping to run our school system."

Hughes stated that he feels the "tight money situation and budget cuts" are the biggest problems facing the district, and does not know of any needed changes within the district.

When asked how he feels about the overall education that Morrow County students receive, he stated, "We should always strive to improve the overall quality of education in Morrow County."

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#### Position No. 5 (unopposed)

#### George Miller

George W. Miller, 38, Ione, is seeking election to position no. 5 on the Ione-Lexington Advisory Committee, a three-year term. He is running unopposed.

He is a farmer and he and his wife, Nancy, have three children, ages three, eight, and 12.

Miller served as a director

on the Olex School Board for three years, served as a committee man for the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and served on a committee to study the feasibility of a county jail.

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**Paul Tews**

Tews has served on the committee for six years. He also served as secretary on the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op Board for several years.

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#### Fair News

#### Donations of old wooden boards

are needed to help finish the wall decor in the fair buildings. Contact Fair secretary Dorothy Estberg at 676-9474 or 676-5448, in case you have some boards to get rid of.

The Wheat League Cake recipe this year is "Truly Oregon Cake" with "Cherry Frosting." Recipe and contest rules to enter will be printed in the Fair Premium Book.

New Fair Committee members this year are Bill Broderick of Ione and Jan Evans of Irrigon.

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