

# Candidates Forum Democratic Nominating Ballot

## State Representative, District 59 unopposed Vote for one



**Jesse Himmelsbach**

Jesse Himmelsbach, 60, of Baker is running unopposed for the Democratic nomination for State Representative from the 59th District. The seat is now held by Rep. Max Simpson who is not seeking re-election.

Himmelsbach is a self-employed attorney.

He and his wife Kathleen have five children.

Himmelsbach has served 25 years as Baker County District Attorney and as County Counsel. He is also an Air Corps veteran of World War II.

the Baker County Sheriff's posse.

Himmelsbach has been President of the Oregon District Attorneys Association 1965; the recipient in 1979 of the Oregon District Attorneys Association President's Award for "...Dedication, integrity and devoted performance of his responsibility..."

Himmelsbach has submitted the following statement: "I feel I have gained perspective and judgment in my long service in local government, and believe I can make a significant contribution at the state level.

The last legislative session was a disaster. If elected, I will actively work to restore credibility to the assembly, especially in the area of taxation and spending reform. Leadership and long-term planning are necessary.

State government should encourage economic development and responsibly work to create as favorable a business climate as possible.

Oregon must keep businesses already here, and attract and persuade others to locate here. Legislative squabbling is not the way to get business to believe we have a small risk factor - hard problem solving is."

"I have a great deal more experience in government at both state and local levels, in working with people and solving their problems within budgets than either of the other candidates. I would work to return control of land use planning to counties and localities, for tax reform and to improve Oregon's business climate image so that both domestic and out-of-state industries will provide jobs.

I have spent my professional life protecting and representing Oregon's citizens, and am a common-sense realist.

My lengthy experience has given me perspective and judgment."

## State Senator, District 30 unopposed Vote for one



**Mark Stringer**

Mark Stringer is running unopposed for the Democratic nomination for the office of District 30, Oregon State Senate.

He is a life long resident of Oregon. He has been manager of Fine Sheep Company; Foreman for Stringer Brothers Livestock; and a Secondary Educator.

Stringer graduated from the University of Oregon in political science with honors.

He submitted the following statement concerning his candidacy:

"I am proud of our state, its valuable life style and its fine agricultural products. My campaign is coming together very well and I am elated to have the opportunity to be a strong voice in the Oregon State Senate for Eastern Oregon. I promise to be a strong and effective legislator and I have the ability to expand the domestic and international marketing of our agricultural products which are surpassed by none. I will promote education, protect the rights of our senior citizens and increase small business opportunities.

"I will receive support from a wide range of groups, including those outside traditional Democratic strong holds. I will meet those of you in each town and am confident I will win."

**VOTE TUESDAY  
MAY 15**

## County Clerk Vote for one



**Barbara B. Bloodsworth**

Barbara B. Bloodsworth, 47, of Heppner is running for the Democratic nomination for the office of Morrow County Clerk. She is the incumbent and has served in this capacity since January 1, 1980.

Her husband's name is James and she has three children and three step-children.

Her community service activities include: Director of the Morrow County Historical Society; secretary of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner; member of the Lexington Grange and the Heppner Methodist Church.

She graduated from Heppner High School and Northwest Business College.

Bloodsworth worked with the Morrow County Assessor's office for one and one-half years, fourteen and one-half years as Morrow County Deputy Clerk, one year as bookkeeper for J.C. Penny Co., and four years as a legal secretary for Joseph J. Nys.

She has submitted the following statement concerning her candidacy for re-election: "Most of the functions of the Morrow County Clerk's Office cannot be learned other than by experience or thorough knowledge of the Oregon Revised Statutes. My opponent's campaign has stressed the fact that she possesses an accounting background. The county accounting has not been a function of the County Clerk's Office for the last two years. It is now done by a County Accountant under the direct supervision of the County Clerk.

My goals have always been to serve the public faithfully and to the best of my ability, and to create an atmosphere that makes the public aware that questions that can't be answered elsewhere can be brought to the Clerk's Office. I see the Clerk's Office as the nerve center of County Government, and try to serve the public accordingly."



**Jannette Marie Evans**

Jan Evans, 35, of Irrigon is running against incumbent Barbara Bloodsworth for the Democratic nomination for Morrow Co. Clerk. She is currently an accountant with the firm Mike R. Hunter, C.P.A.

She and her husband Ken have four children.

Evans lists her community service as 4-H leader in cooking, creative arts and livestock; helping with senior citizen dinners; treasurer for 4-H leaders council; and president of the altar society.

She is a graduate of Heppner High School and holds an accounting degree from Blue Mt. Community College.

Her previous political experience includes being elected to the Irrigon Park Board. Evans says: "The reasons

I'm actively seeking the office of Morrow County Clerk are:

1) "I believe the only way to truly and fairly serve the people of Morrow County is by knowing and understanding the residents in all parts of the county. I feel having spent 21 years in southern Morrow County and 12 years in northern Morrow County, I have the background and capabilities of better serving all of the residents of Morrow County. As our county grows, I think it becomes continually more important that there be better communication in our county government with input from all geographical sections of the county. My continuing involvement with 4-H and the Morrow County Fair has provided a source of on-going contact with people from all areas of the county."

2) "My educational background and work experience with the city of Irrigon and Mike R. Hunter, C.P.A. firm, where I'm currently employed have shown that I possess the capabilities to learn quickly, to adapt to various methods and conditions and to apply my knowledge. These qualities are becoming increasingly important in our county government as our modern day society changes more rapidly and moves toward higher technology as we become part of the computer age."

## County Surveyor unopposed Vote for one



**Earl D. Ming**

Earl D. Ming, 34, of Irrigon is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket for the nomination for Morrow County Surveyor.

He and his wife Karen have two children.

Ming has completed a two year engineering and surveying course and is employed by R&M Surveyors and Consultants, Inc.

He has served the community in the following ways: served in Boardman on the Volunteer Fire Dept.; the Morrow Co. Search and Rescue; coached Little League for four years and

served on Little League Board for two years in Boardman; he is presently involved with the Irrigon Lions and Irrigon Crime Watch; he is also a member of the Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon.

Ming has submitted this statement regarding his candidacy:

"Morrow County needs a resident as county surveyor to work closely with the planning dept. There is a need to have the county surveyor closer to Lexington to keep the records in order and up to date.

"I have 15 years surveying experience in Oregon and Washington and have been a Morrow County resident for the last seven years."

## County Assessor unopposed Vote for one



**Gregory Paul Sweek**

Gregory Paul Sweek 31, Heppner is running unopposed for the Democratic nomination for the Office of Morrow County Assessor. He has held the office of Assessor since 1979.

Sweek and his wife Marsha have two children.

His community service activities include: he is a mem-

ber of B.P.O.E. No. 358; he is on the Board of Directors of Heppner T.V.; he is a member of the Executive Board of Oregon's Assessors Association.

Sweek earned a B.S. in Agriculture from Oregon State University and is a certified appraiser for the state of Oregon. He also states that he has participated in "various appraisal and computer courses from 1979 to the present."

He has submitted the following statement:

"Since my appointment in 1979 and subsequent election in 1980, I have tried to modernize and streamline the functions of the Assessor's office. In August of 1983, the records of the Assessor's office were put on computer which has allowed us to present more useful information to the public as well as economizing on the staff's time. This time savings has allowed us to provide more service to the public, in addition to fulfilling our statutory requirements."

## County Sheriff unopposed Vote for one



**Roy L. Drago**

Roy Drago, 53, Boardman, is running unopposed for the Democratic nomination for Morrow Co. Sheriff. He has served in that capacity for one year since his appointment after the resignation of Larry Fetsch.

Drago and his wife Gail have three children.

He graduated from high school in 1947 and has an intermediate certificate from the Board of Police Standards and Training.

Drago's prior police experience includes six years with the Eastside Police Department with three years as patrol sergeant and two years as a reserve officer. He also served as a special patrolman with the Yonkers, New York, Police Department. He worked as a Deputy Sheriff with Morrow County from August 1, 1980 until he was appointed Sheriff on April 20, 1983.

He worked for the Oregon State Highway Department in the Astoria area from 1947 - 1950. He then served for five years in the U.S. Army as a Platoon Sergeant and Motor Sergeant.

Drago is a member of the OSSA, NOCOP, and a member of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Blue Mt. Community College.

Drago has submitted the following reasons for his candidacy:

"To build and maintain a professional sheriff's department, to better serve the citizens of Morrow County while staying within budgetary realities of today's economic situation."

## County Commissioner Vote for one



**Donald V. Eppenbach**

Donald V. Eppenbach, 48, of Irrigon is running for the Democratic nomination against Jerry Peck for Commissioner of Morrow Co. Commissioner.

He is currently employed by the city of Irrigon as city recorder, and is also a self-employed building contractor.

Eppenbach and his wife, Donna, have two children.

He graduated from Irrigon High School and Blue Mt. Community College and has a Master of Arts degree in 19th Century European History from Iowa State, 1970.

Eppenbach's community activities include: lay leader, Community Baptist Church; member of the Board of Directors, American Baptist Churches of Oregon; Chair-

man, North Morrow Medical Center; Mayor, City of Irrigon; Secretary-Treasurer Irrigon Cemetery Maintenance District; member of the Board of Directors, Morrow County Historical Society.

His previous political experience includes: eight years on the Irrigon Planning Commission; eight years on the Irrigon City Council; three years as Mayor; and he has worked with Morrow Co. Court on various committees and as liaison between City and Court.

Eppenbach submitted the following statement concerning his candidacy:

"Interest in Morrow County development has come from observing growth in the entire county and discussing matters of various natures with County personnel. It appears that what is needed is a person willing to help coordinate the proposed programs in such a way as to allow the completion of plans already developed. I would rather see the entire County benefit than to limit one area in favor of another. Areas showing growth should be encouraged and helped, but in such a manner as to complement a total plan.

"My main concerns are road improvements, both existing and proposed, medical care and facilities for the county as a whole and the north end in particular, and a planned development for the enticement of industry and residents into the county."



**G.W. (Jerry) Peck**

G.W. (Jerry) Peck, 43, Boardman is running against Don Eppenbach for the Democratic nomination for Morrow Co. Commissioner. He is em-

ployed parttime at the Normad restaurant and Peetsa Korner and parttime as a private investigator.

He and his wife Kayrn have four children.

Peck graduated from Boardman High in 1958 and attended Oregon Tech for one year.

His previous political experience includes serving on the Morrow Co. School Board from 1968 - 75; the Boardman City Council 1974-75; and as

mayor of Boardman from 1976 to the present.

Peck was named 1981 citizen of the year by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

He submitted the following statement concerning his candidacy:

"In 1966 I returned to Morrow County to raise my children in the same type of environment that I grew up in. It is my desire to help continue this quality of life in our county. I have been actively involved in local government for the last 18 years. In my seven years on the Morrow County School Board, I proved my ability to represent all areas of the county and its people. During the past 10 years as councilman and mayor of Boardman, I have been challenged with many difficult decisions while in an extreme growth period. This experience has given me the opportunity to serve on many county and state committees. Therefore, I feel that I am the best qualified for the position of Morrow County Commissioner."

## County Treasurer unopposed Vote for one



**Margo Sherer**

Margo Sherer, 43, Ione, is running unopposed for the Democratic nomination for Morrow County treasurer. She is the incumbent treasurer and tax collector.

She and her husband Richard have three sons.

Sherer lists the following service in public office: Deputy Tax Collector January 1977-October 1979; Morrow Co. Tax Collector October 1979 - December 1980; Morrow Co. Treasurer and Tax Collector from January 1981 until December, 1984.

She is involved in community activities as a member of the Soroptimists of Heppner; second vice-president of the Oregon Association of County Tax Collectors.

She is a graduate of Odessa High School, Odessa, Washington and has taken classes in computer operations, governmental accounting, tax laws and management.

Sherer has submitted the following statement regarding her candidacy:

"During my term in office, the Treasure-Tax Collector's office has accomplished the following:

1) Micro-Filming of the 1955-1982 Tax Records; 2) Development of an interest distribution program, in which each fund receives a portion of the total interest earned, according to daily average balances; 3) Computerization of all procedures in the Treasurer and Tax Collectors Dept.; and 4) Conversion of the accounting basis, from cash to modified accrual."