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A look at Heppner's candidates for mayor



Cara Costa

Cara Costa, 36, is currently on the Heppner City Council and lists over ten years of experience in budgeting and personnel as some of her qualifications for her candidacy of mayor of Heppner.

Costa says she filed for the position to become more involved with the city and to work with people. "I feel I've adopted this town. It's a place I really enjoy living in and I'm proud of the way people care for each other."

Costa states that among her goals for the city of Heppner, she is interested in strengthening communication ties with the city, "and as mayor I feel I'd be able to do that better than as a council member."

She says she's especially interested in looking into federal and state grants for the city. "I'm not aware of the city using any (grants) and this would help in city projects."

She also stressed that careful use of city funds was important.

"Residents have approached me on clean up and beautification of the city, which I support. Grants may also help there, as well as the weed control district and the city crew..."

Costa says that as mayor she would like to establish hours at city hall where she would be more available to the people and their concerns.

"There's a lot of resources out there if people would take the time to use them and I'm willing to take the time."



Warren Plocharsky

Warren Plocharsky says the mayor should be an experienced councilman and it takes at least several months to learn about water works, the roads and the basic workings of the city.

"I held back to see if someone who was more experienced was to run (for mayor), but nobody volunteered so I decided to," says Plocharsky.

He adds that he intends to provide the necessary leadership as economically as he can. He would like to see the city employees working more efficiently, to maintain and improve the roads and city waterline. He would also like to try to keep the budget within the six percent limitation.

Plocharsky states that he would like to provide the council with some leadership and direction since four council members will be new.

"We need to keep up the plant: the streets, the water systems, the sewer, things like that," stresses Plocharsky. "We've got a lot of things started that I'd like to see completed."

Other goals he has as mayor is to keep the small town flavor but still be someone willing to change.

"I would like to see and encourage more interest and participation in city affairs; more attendance at city council meetings. And if people would like something to happen, to let us know," concludes Plocharsky.

Warren Plocharsky, 43, has been on the city council for 12 years.



Justine Weatherford

"I applied because I have long thought I wanted to be active in community service and have always been interested in government," says Justine Weatherford, candidate for mayor of Heppner.

Weatherford, 70, lists her many years as a Heppner resident and her many years in community activities as a member of local, state and national organizations as some of her qualifications for being mayor.

"I don't like to compare myself to the other candidates, but I've lived here longer and am all done raising my children. Because I'm on my own and not fully employed, I feel I would be able to give more time to the position," states Weatherford. "I feel the city is fortunate to have three good candidates."

Weatherford lists her goals as including more constant and honest communication between the city council and the public. "I think people should keep in touch with more city and county affairs," she adds.

"I would like to stimulate more pride in the residents (of Heppner). I don't think people should act like they're apologizing for their city... I've enjoyed living here and I like the pioneer spirit. It's a great place to raise children. We get to know one another here. I'm proud of the quick response to people in need in the community. The caring and sharing is really the core."

Corps given new ideas on lake use at Thursday meeting

Three main issues were addressed concerning Willow Creek Lake during the Resource Use Planning Workshop given by the Corps of Engineers last Thursday night, stated Jim Hayes of the Heppner Economic Development Corporation. They were: Should there be power boats permitted on the lake? Should there be a designated swimming area? Where should a day-use and overnight camping area be located?

The meeting was opened by comments from the Corps of Engineers and then people were broken into five groups of eight to 10.

According to Hayes, the first issue on power boats was met with the general opinion that they should be allowed, however the final decision would be made by the State Marine Board when they meet in January.

The Corps gave the location of the dam as a possible place where swimming would be designated. Everyone agreed that there should be a swimming area, said Hayes, but most didn't agree on the Corps' proposed location. Instead an area closer to the Balm Fork Bridge was suggested by local residents.

Having both overnight camping and picnic area also situated on the south side below the Corps present office site and dropping the idea of a ball field was presented to the group.

"There were some objections to the park location," said Hayes. "And considerable objections in leaving out the ball field." The idea of splitting the two sites; putting the day-use area and ball field at the far end of the lake where the Economic Development Corp. originally wanted it, and leaving the camping area where the Corps suggested was discussed.

According to Matt Rea, Natural Resources Representative for the Corps of Engineers, there was a head count of 41 people at Thursday's meeting.

"We really appreciated the kind of turn out we had," he said. "People gave a lot of alternative approaches to our proposals." Rea stated that the Corps of Engineers will be making some changes now that they have gotten priorities from the local residents "which we really didn't have before."

Rea estimated that the Corps would be able to bring some new proposals before the Heppner Economic Development Corporation in two to three weeks.

Two local residents to attend Agriculture in Classroom National meeting

Morrow County will have two representatives attending the National Agriculture in the Classroom Task Force Meeting in Washington, D.C. this weekend. Ione School Principal, Chuck Starr has been active in the Oregon Task Force since September of 1982 and is currently serving as chairman of the Oregon Executive Committee for Agriculture in the Classroom. He will be representing the Oregon Task Force at the national meeting. Accompanying him will be Betty

Carlson of Ione who is currently the National Representative for the Region which includes Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California.

According to Starr, the national meeting will cover what other states in the country are doing to bring an understanding to young people on the role of agriculture in society today. In addition to comparing and sharing what other states are doing, they will also be looking over textbooks on agriculture in the class-

room.

Starr says he plans a visit to the capital and congressional offices where he hopes to speak with aids to Senators Hatfield and Packwood. The main topic he would like to discuss with them is the county road between Boardman and Ione which has been proposed by the Ione Community Agri-Business Organization.

Both Carlson and Starr will be gone from October 28 through the 30th.

Mayoral candidates to speak at chamber

The three candidates for mayor of Heppner will be guest speakers at the next meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Tuesday,

Oct. 30, noon at the Elks Club. The candidates are Cara Costa, Warren Plocharsky and Justine Weatherford.

Witch to visit Story Hour

A Halloween witch will be the special guest at the 10:30 a.m. Story Hour this Thursday, Oct. 25 at the Library in Heppner. Included will be a craft for the children and treats, along with a special story by the witch. Children are welcome to wear their costumes, said a story hour spokesperson.

ICABO News

At its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 3, the Ione Community Agri-Business Organization unanimously agreed to oppose Ballot Measure No. 2 in the upcoming election stated a spokesperson. The potential damage to school district, county, and city operations in Morrow County if Ballot Measure No. 2 were approved were cited as reasons for this decision.

Tuesday flue fire 'very minor'

The Heppner Fire Department responded to a "very minor" flue fire Tuesday afternoon at 135 S. Court Street, reported Forrie Burkenbine, Heppner Fire Chief.

Two fire units arrived within moments of being notified and found the fire under control within the woodstove. "There was no damage," stated Burkenbine.

Studded tire season moved up by Dept. of Transportation

Following on the heels of a special telephone meeting of the Oregon Transportation Commission Friday, Oct. 19, the state highway engineer has decided to allow the immediate use of studded tires in Oregon.

The studded tire season was to begin Nov. 15.

The commission gave Scott Coulter delegated authority to deal with the studded tire issue as a result of the heavy snowfall occurring in Oregon's higher elevations. The snowfall prompted many calls to the Oregon State Police and the Highway Division because drivers were concerned with safety.

Coulter declared the emergency statewide due to the unseasonable conditions. This means motorists are able to use studded tires this season through April 15, due to the early winter-like weather.

"At the same time, we encourage motorists not to use the special devices unless necessary," Coulter



Colleen Nuttbrook

Colleen Nuttbrook was appointed to the Port of Morrow Commission in Oct. 5's port meeting. The vacancy was made when Pat Flug resigned to work full-time for the Port.

Nuttbrook has been a resident of Boardman since 1974 when she relocated from Portland to work for Western Empire in Irrigon.

Nuttbrook is one of five commissioners who make up the governing body of the port. She will have to run for election in May.

Accountants firm announce opening with Open House



A new accounting firm called Barnett, Dennis and Moro announced the opening of its office in Heppner with an open house last Thursday. Many people in downtown Heppner stopped by to welcome the new firm and visit over hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Barnett, Dennis and Moro, Certified Public Accountants are located behind Abrams, Kuhn and Spicer law offices on North Main. They will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week and can be reached at 676-9144.

Port Manager resigns



Wayne Schwandt

ing to Louis Carlson, Port President.

"Schwandt is the force that has put the port together," stated Carlson. He has the uncanny ability to see the over-all development of Morrow County and the Pacific Northwest. He has been a good person to have to draw the infrastructure together i.e. utilities, the overpass, and the public dock (about to be completed). Everything is in place now for future growth, says Carlson. "Schwandt's expertise in marketing and finance will be very hard to replace."

Schwandt, a "top notch executive" according to Carlson has taken a position in Bellingham, Wash. He has been with the Port of Morrow for four years and prior to that was with the Eastern Oregon Assoc. of Counties.

Wayne Schwandt, Port of Morrow manager, has resigned his position effective December 1, 1984 according to...

The Gazette-Times reminds its readers that daylight savings will end Sunday, Oct. 28. Remember: "Spring forward, fall back"

Reminder to Elk hunters

Elk hunters are reminded that tag deadline for the first season is Tuesday, Oct. 30.