

Candidates running for School Board

Four candidates have listed their intention to run for Morrow County School District school board member for the position of Director At Large, zone number 7. The election will be held Tuesday, March 28. The list of polling places is noted elsewhere in the paper. The candidates were asked the following questions:

1. Do you feel there needs to be any changes made within the school district?
2. What is the biggest problem facing the school district and your solution?
3. Do you feel any particular areas of education need improvement?
4. How do you feel about the overall education Morrow County students receive?



Scott Bauska

Scott Bauska, 38, is shift supervisor at the Boardman Coalfire Plant in Boardman. Scott is the father of two children, two and four years of age. He is a six-year member of the Boardman Planning Commission, past president of Morrow County United Way for seven years, and a volunteer on the Literacy Council for two years. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from the University of Oregon.

His answers to our questions follow:

1. There definitely needs to be some changes within the school district. Relations between the board, the administration and the teachers need to be improved. The board needs to become a more open body and have more direct involvement with the community.

2. The biggest problem in the district right now is the inability of the district to pass a budget. I think the solution lies in having the board become a greater advocate of the district. The district needs to be shown to be a resource in the county. The board needs to raise the awareness of the citizens to what the benefits of a good, well-run district are. A good sound school attracts quality businesses and citizens and we need to rebuild our reputation as a good district.

3. One of my concerns about education in general and in a rural district in particular, is that the teachers should always be qualified to teach their special subject. Sometimes we accept less than that because we have so many subjects and not a lot of teachers who are trained in those subjects.

4. Overall, I think we have a fine school system in Morrow County. We have many fine teachers who deserve our support and because of the rural nature of our district, our students receive the benefit of close contact with those teachers. We need to build from that special situation and have the best district we can.



Warren Plocharsky

Warren Plocharsky, 48, of Heppner is a forester with the U.S. Forest Service. He has six children ranging in age from 17 to 25 years. He has served on the Heppner City Council for 12 years and served as Council chairman and councilman. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

His answers to our questions were:

1. I don't think that any major changes are needed within the school district.

2. The biggest problem facing the school district is financing and taxes. Many voters were dissatisfied with the school budgets as witnessed by the many budget defeats. I believe in getting at least a dollar in value for each dollar spent and will be looking at the budget very closely.

3. I'm not aware of any particular areas of education that needs improvement. I think we need to mend some fences as a result of the recent teachers strike. The board, teachers and parents need to work together if the students are to receive a quality education at a reasonable cost.

4. The quality of education in the county needs improving. Morrow County students go on to college and are usually behind their classmates from other parts of Oregon and Washington. If the quality of education is to improve, more effort will be needed from everyone—the board, administrators, teachers, parents and students.

Aerobics class begins session

A new session of aerobics dance and fitness class starts Monday, March 27, 7-8 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose room at the grade school in Heppner. The five week class meets every Monday and Thursday. The class is open to both men and women. For more information contact instructor Joyce Hughes, 989-8412.



Burke O'Brien

Burke O'Brien, 39, of Heppner is a truck foreman with three school aged children ranging in age from 13-17. He is a graduate of Blue Mountain Community College with a degree in Technical Agriculture. He lists his qualifications for being a board member as a "tax payer and parent of three children in school."

His replies to our questions are as follows:

1. There are always changes which can be made in any system to improve it. Whatever changes are made however, should always be made with the betterment of the students education in mind.

2. I feel the biggest problem facing the school district is spending. Let's face it, everyone wants to see their tax dollars spent wisely. The only way this can be accomplished is with cooperation between the board and the school management as well as listening to public input.

3. I am quite sure that improvements in regard to basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics can always be made, then other skills will fall in place.

4. The overall education in our school system I feel is good. But I feel we should always look for ways to improve our kid's opportunity to broaden their education.

St. Pat's committee to hold meeting

St. Patrick's Committee will be meeting at the Wagon Wheel Cafe on Monday, March 27 at 6 p.m. for a no-host dinner meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Discussion will be held on this year's celebration and plans for next year.

Sunrise services scheduled for March 26

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held Sunday, March 26 from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at the Heppner High School gym. An Easter breakfast will be held at the All Saint's Episcopal Church from 8:30 until 10 a.m.

This is sponsored by the First Christian Church, All Saint's Episcopal Church and the Christian Life Center.

The community is invited to attend.

Munkers to be on "Money Game"

Ruby Munkers, Heppner has been notified that she is to participate on "The Money Game" lottery TV game on April 1.

The show originates on KOIN-TV channel 6 in Portland and is broadcast live at 7:30 p.m.



Meghan Bailey shows her dog in the children's parade Saturday.

Lindsay wins Co-Op Quiz Contest

Barney Lindsay, senior at Heppner High school placed first at the FFA State Convention held in Bend, March 17-20, in the State Co-op Quiz Contest. He will go on to the Agri-Business Leader Development Conference in Moscow, Id. in June to compete.

Barney was busy at the state convention as he participated in Extemporaneous Speaking contest and was a finalist for the U.S. Bank Scholarship. He also was co-chairman of the State Nominating Committee.

He received his State Farmer Degree Monday night in Bend. Only three percent of those that apply for this FFA degree are successful in receiving it.

Eastern Oregon was very successful in their representation as the



Barney Lindsay

State President is from Joseph, vice president from Pendleton and secretary from Elgin.

Pendleton won first place in the Parliamentary Procedure Contest.

Morrow County approves bid on 911 recorder

A bid from the Dictaphone Company was accepted by the Morrow County Court in the amount of \$15,817 last Wednesday. State Law requires that 24 hour recording of all 911 must be carried out and that the recorded conversations be kept on

file for a period not less than seven months. In addition, plans are to record all conversations on radio as well as telephone calls for future reference. Funding for this equipment is provided by a state tax on all telephone calls by the public.

Methodists celebrate Easter week

The Heppner United Methodist Church will be having their annual Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday activities this week.

On Thursday evening, March 23, the Maundy service will begin in the church basement at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring two dinner size plates of finger foods to share. Beverage will be provided. We will remember the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples and then walk symbolically to the sanctuary as Jesus and the disciples walked

the Garden of Gethsemane. The choir will sing, "Were You There" as we conclude the service with the Tenebrae service. Child care will be provided.

On Easter Sunday, church activities begin with an Easter breakfast from 8-9 a.m. served by the men of the church in the church basement. The Easter Sunday worship will begin at 10:30 in the sanctuary. This year's service will be centered around the theme of reconciliation. Everyone is invited to attend the activities this week.

Chris Rauch

Chris Rauch, 30, a Lexington farmer has submitted his bid for the school position No. 7. Rauch is a 1977 graduate of Heppner High School and attended Eastern Oregon State College and University of Oregon. He was Frosh basketball coach at Heppner for three years and is on the Board of Directors for the Oregon State Shorthorn Association. He is vice chairman of the Democratic Central Committee for 1989.

Of the four questions asked of the candidates, these were Chris' replies:

1. School board should look at the four year contracts with the teachers and get more community involvement in the board decision process.

2. The biggest problem facing the district right now is the healing process after the strike. We need to get cooler heads and put this strike behind us and go from here.

3. I would like to see a better system of technical training in the school, vo-ag, mechanical and a higher technology training such as computers, science and math.

4. I feel the overall education of Morrow County students is pretty decent, really, one of the better ones around.

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