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Raymond French files for County Commissioner



Ray French
Former State Representative and life-long Morrow County resident Ray French has announced his candidacy for Morrow County Commissioner. French filed for the position, now held by Irv Rauch, on Feb. 12. Rauch has not yet declared whether he plans to run. French, 62, was elected for four years in the Oregon State Legislature

and has served on the Soil and Water Conservation District board, the Equalization Board and the Morrow County School Board. He is past president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association and a life member of the Wheat League.

French and his wife, Norma, have three grown daughters, and nine grandchildren. The Frenches have a ranch on Hinton Creek and a ranch on Butter Creek which his daughter and family operates.

French says he wants to see the county continue to grow and is concerned about medical care, which is often a problem for small rural areas. He also lists the Port of Morrow as a high priority. "I think it's (Port of Morrow) thought of as one of the best in the state and we want to keep it that way and advance it as

best we can. We want to keep our major industries, agriculture and timber, viable, too. They're still the bread and butter of the county."

The primary election will be held May 5.

Heppner woman convicted on DUI, assault charges

A Heppner woman pled guilty to driving and assault charges Friday in Morrow County Circuit Court, according to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace.

Donna Acock, 25, entered guilty pleas to driving under the Influence of Intoxicants, and fourth-degree assault before Circuit Judge Pro-Tem Ralph Currin. The charges stem from an August, 1989, motor vehicle accident on Willow Creek Road, south of Heppner. Acock was the driver of a vehicle which failed to negotiate a curve, throwing her and her three children from the pickup. All suffered extensive injuries.

Judge Currin suspended imposition of sentence and placed Acock on 30 months probation. He ordered her to serve a mandatory two-day jail sentence, pay a \$60 victim-witness assessment, submit to mental health and alcohol evaluation and treatment, abstain from the use of alcohol or controlled substances, pay a \$175 administrative fee, receive a one-year driver's license suspension, and enter into a service agreement with children services division during the term of her probation.

Several other assault-related charges were dismissed by the state as a result of plea negotiations.

School district holds budget increase to 1.3%

Meeting a third time, Monday, February 5, the Morrow County School District Budget Committee stamped approval on a "safety net only" levy for the district in 1990-91. This means that the 1990-91 levy for school operations will be the same as for this school year—\$8,645,151.

Acting on a total budget of \$13,389,099, the committee held the budget for 1990-91 to a 1.3 percent increase, the "smallest percentage increase in a recent memory," according to business manager Chuck Rhoads.

At \$11,748,123, the operational budget also represents one of the smallest increases in recent years, according to the school district. Up from \$11,444,747, this 2.65 percent increase represents \$450,000 of cutting before the budget was brought to the budget committee, yet all present programs are scheduled for continuation.

Based on the assessor's projections of a reduction in assessed value of \$32,230,000, the tax rate may increase somewhat, but not because of a budget or levy increase. Small increases in revenue items combine to hold the levy amount for next year at the present level. If the year's assessed value were to remain the same, taxes for school district opera-

tional purposes would also remain the same.

By keeping the levy within the safety net amount, no election will be required to fund the operational budget. "The district is, however, required to hold a tax base election in May this year, because it exceeded its 1916 tax base of \$994,000 in 1989-90, an annual occurrence because the tax base is so outdated," according to a school district news release.

If the tax base of \$8.6 is approved at the May 15 election this year,

the tax base would become effective in the 1991-92 school year, not in the 1990-91 school year.

The recent public opinion survey which was conducted by the Nelson Group for the district indicated conclusively that voters would favor a tax base which did not raise current taxes, said the district.

With the budget committee's action to approve the proposed budget for the 1990-91 school year, the issue in the May election will be only on whether or not the voters favor a tax base of 8.6 million dollars.



Good breakfast—Katie (8) and Aaron (5) Tworek enjoy pancake breakfast at M.C.G.G. annual customer appreciation day Saturday. Katie and Aaron are the children of Conrad and Lucy Ann Tworek of Ione.

Blue and Gold Banquet Feb. 20

The Heppner Cub Scouts Blue and Gold banquet will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club.

In addition to a potluck dinner the banquet will feature speaker Ervin Williams, Echo. Williams is Scoutmaster for the Blue Mountain Council which covers Umatilla and Morrow Counties. He has had a long time involvement with scouting.

Also at the dinner will be a "Fellers' Cake Bake," in which cakes baked by the Scouts and their dads will be judged, given awards and auctioned off.

St. Pat's auction needs donations

Plans for the St. Patrick's Day auction are getting underway, but co-chairperson Ann Spicer says that the committee really needs local donations so that they can put the auction pamphlet together as soon as possible.

The auction, which will be held Saturday, March 17, around 2 p.m. immediately following the parade, will feature a lot of celebrity donations including a basketball autographed by all the Trailblazers, scripts, record albums, athletic bags and books.

Local donors will give away Italian dinners, beef dinners, a 30-minute airplane ride, Irish flags, a quarter horse stud fee, centerpieces and Jim Farley's beans and cornbread.

Spicer said that the auction brought in over \$3,000 last year and "was a lot of fun."

Tri-Ad Auctioneers with Frank Bettencourt of the Condon area will conduct the auction.

Elks honor Most Valuable Students



Carri Brownfield
Carri Brownfield of Heppner won first place in the Elks Most Valuable Student contest for girls. Brownfield is an honor student at Heppner High School. She is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. His parents are Larry and Corine Lindsay of Lexington.

in the footsteps of other members of his family by attending the University of Portland. Lindsay has played football and participated in FFA at Heppner High School. He is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. His parents are Larry and Corine Lindsay of Lexington.



Kevin Tucker
Kevin Tucker placed second in the Elks contest. He is the son of Brok and Janet Tucker. Tucker ranks first academically in his class. His talents are in computers, math and music. He hopes to become a computer engineer. He has applied to several universities, hoping to be accepted into Stanford University in California. Tucker has participated in the Heppner High School drama club both as a member of the cast and as student director. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the pep band.

Rowell has been on the 'A' honor roll for four years and is currently president of the Ione High School Honor Society. She was a member of the honor band in her freshman and sophomore years and received the John Phillip Sousa Award two years in a row. She is a member of the drama club, band, track and letter club and is active in the Ione United Church of Christ Youth group. She was included in the "Who's Who in American High School Students" in 1988. Rowell has been a scorekeeper timer and statistician for volleyball and basketball games. She plans to major in business administration at Blue Mountain Community College and Southern Oregon State College. Rowell is the granddaughter of Bill Nichols, Lexington.



Kim Stookey
Third place was won by Kim Stookey, and Dean Munkers of Heppner High School. Stookey, who has been active in student government throughout high school, is the current student body president. She has lettered in volleyball, basketball and track. As an honor student, she is a member of the National Honor Society. She plans to major in international business with an emphasis on communications. She has had experience abroad as a youth missionary to the Philippines and Mexico. Stookey is the daughter of Lynda Crane of Heppner.



Dan Lindsay
Dan Lindsay of Lexington, placed first for boys in the Elks Most Valuable Student contest. Lindsay is an honor student at Heppner High School who wants to become an accountant. He hopes to learn how to set up an accounting system for his family's ranch. He plans to follow



Melissa Rowell
Melissa Rowell of Ione earned second place in the girls' division.

School carnival this Saturday



Kory Waterland and her mother Karla display a few of the items to be won at the School Carnival this Saturday.

The Heppner Elementary School carnival, sponsored by the Heppner Parents Club will be held this Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Parents Club President Joyce Hughes says that there is over \$400 in prizes to be won. Over 15 games and activities will be featured, including bingo, goldfish toss, pop toss, spin art and face painting. Concessions will also be sold. Tickets are 25 cents each.

Those in charge of booths are reminded that set-up will begin at 1 p.m. after the Colt basketball games. Booth organizers must see that their booths are decorated before 6 p.m.

For more information call Joyce Hughes, 676-9228 or carnival chairperson Carol Williams, 676-5163.

The carnival is the main fund raiser for the Parents Club. In the past proceeds have helped purchase computer equipment and programs, sports wear and equipment, VCRs and video cameras.

Ballots to be mailed March 9

Ballots for the upcoming election will be mailed Friday, March 9, according to Morrow County Clerk, Barbara Bloodsworth.

Bloodsworth said the ballots must be received by the clerk's office by 8 p.m. on March 27. She stressed that the ballots must be in the office by that time, not postmarked March 27.

Those wishing to vote in the March 27 election must be registered by March 6.

March 6 is also the last date to file for candidacy for the May 15 primary.

Market Report

Complements of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Feb. 13			
Soft White			
Feb.		\$4.18/\$4.20	
March		\$4.23/\$4.25	
April		\$4.26/\$4.25	
Barley			
Feb.		\$107 T	
March/April		\$108 T	
Aug. New crop		\$3.89	
Pik		\$94 1/2%	

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

Feb. 6 - 12, 1990				
	High	Low	Prec	Rn-sn
Tues.	45	24	.0	
Weds.	41	14	.03	
Thurs.	48	38	.01	
Fri.	55	45	.0	
Sat.	58	34	.0	
Sun.	62	30	.0	Skiff
Mon.	39	22	.02	1/2"

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