

Candidates Forum

Editor's note: following is the candidates forum for the upcoming mail in elections. Ballots for the election will be mailed out March 9.



School District Advisory Position No. 6 Boardman/Irrigon Three year term
Richard Wright

Richard Wright, 33, of Irrigon is a maintenance mechanic at Columbia Aluminum. He and his wife Kelly, have two children ages two and seven.

He has been an active member of Irrigon Volunteer Fire Dept. for almost eight years. He is a graduate of Pendleton High School and of a four year trade school and is an "active parent of a school-age child."

"I'm running for the Morrow

County School Board Advisory Committee because I am a concerned parent. I value the high standards Morrow County has set for our school system. To the best of my ability, I will represent the taxpayers of Morrow County," said Wright. Wright is unopposed.

Ione/Lexington Advisory Committee Position No. 3 One year term

Incumbent Jim McElligott, 39, of Ione is self employed as a farmer and a part-time engineer. He and his wife Eileen, have three children, 7, 5 and 3.

He is currently on the St. Williams Church pastoral council and is a member of the Morrow County School District Advisory Board. He is a 1968 graduate of Ione High School, attended Parks College of St. Louis University and has a B.S. in civil engineering from Montana State University. McElligott says, "I'm concerned about quality education. We have a fair program—it could be better. We've got to keep working on it."

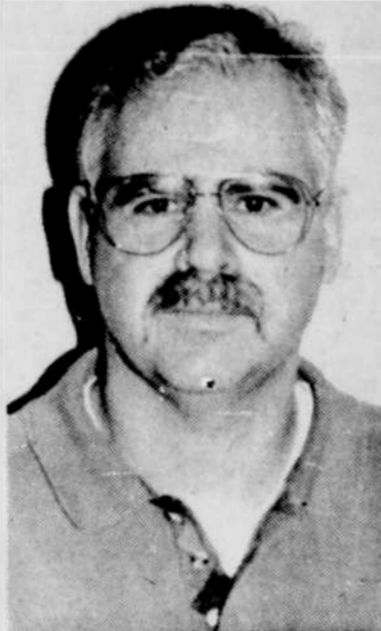
School District Advisory Position No. 3 Ione/Lexington One year term

Ginger Perez, 40, of Ione is employed at Bristows Market. She and her husband Adam, have four children, 20, 18, eight and seven.

She graduated from Mt Baker high school in Deming, Wash. in 1968. "In order to serve effectively as a member of the advisory board one must be willing to serve all of the children, as well as the community, be willing to listen and accurately convey the wishes of the communi-

ty to the board," says Perez. "You must be familiar with the school and faculty at all levels, as well as those involved in administration."

"Although I have never served in public office before, I feel that my experience as a parent and community member enables me to take the responsibilities involved as a member of the Advisory Board. If elected, I pledge enthusiasm and commitment."



School Board of Director Position No. 1 Four year term
Thomas D. Meyers

Thomas D. Meyers, 43, Boardman is a shift supervisor at Portland General Electric Co. He and his wife, Sharron, have two children ages 20 and 17.

He is currently on the Boardman Planning Commission, has been involved in Yes for Kids committee and has helped on Morrow Co. Tax Base Budget Elections.

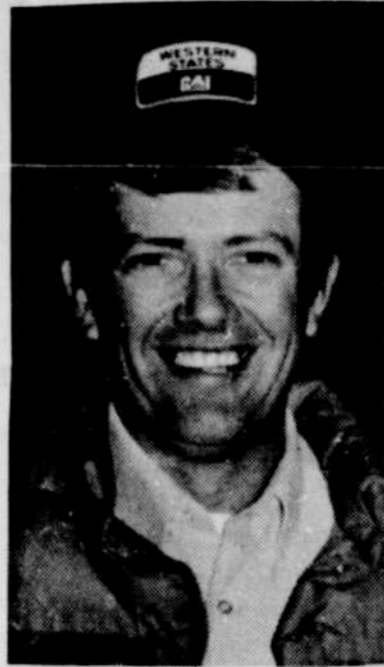
Meyers graduated from high school at Tecumseh, Michigan. He has had budgeting and management experience through PGE.

"I owe Morrow County thanks for the excellent education my two children have received from our school system. I willingly offer my management and budgeting experience to the citizens of Morrow County," said Meyers.

"Maintaining the excellence of our school system is of utmost im-

portance. Today and the future demand that our school system provide our children with the best education that we can afford. Anything less in these days of scarce dollars would be a disservice to the students and ourselves, the taxpayers and parents."

"I feel my experience in managing people and budgets will allow me to serve the schools, maximizing our tax dollars to maintain our excellent school system."



School Board Director Position No. 1 four year term
Incumbent Alan G. Holmes, 43,

Boardman, farmed in the Boardman area from 1973 to 1977. Since then he has owned and operated Mid Columbia Excavation in Boardman. He graduated from Joseph High School, attended Oregon Technical Institute and graduated from the Northwestern College of Business in computer science. Holmes and his wife, Sheryl, have three children.

He was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy in May. Holmes was budget director for the Boardman Parks and Recreation.

"As a board member, I'm concerned about spending tax dollars. The best education for our children is the highest priority. To accomplish that, I try to spend wisely with the taxpayers in mind. I'd like to establish some long range goals for the district so that we avoid quick decisions and save money. I feel I'm

qualified to continue serving as a board member in that I'm conservative, willing to spend the time necessary, understand the running of a business involving budgets and employees, and have a working knowledge of the system as an incumbent. I'm also involved in that I have children in the Morrow County Schools.

School District Advisory Position No. 1

Boardman/Irrigon-3 year term
Doug Trudeau of Boardman is running unopposed.

School District Advisory Position No. 3 Boardman/Irrigon One year term

Karen Pettigrew of Boardman and Dean R. Mason also of Boardman are vying for one position.

School District Advisory Position No. 4 Ione/Lexington Three year term

Valerie Doherty is running unopposed.

School District Advisory Position No. 1, 2 and 7 Heppner/Lexington Three year terms
No candidates have filed.



B.M.C.C. Director Position No. 1, Four year term
Nancy Brownfield

Nancy Brownfield, 42, Heppner, is employed with Wheatland Insurance in Ione. She and her husband Steve, have three daughters, 18, 15 and 13.

She is a graduate of South Eugene High School at Eugene and received an associate of arts degree in marketing and management from BMCC in 1983. She is on the Willow Creek Park District board, is treasurer of the Ione Community Agri-Business Organization and has served on the Small Business Development board.

She has served on the BMCC board since June of 1986, serving currently as the board chairman.

"Blue Mountain serves both Umatilla and Morrow Counties," said Brownfield. "I am the only candidate running for the board from Morrow County. I have been the only member on the board from Morrow County. Maintaining representation from Morrow County is imperative. The people of Morrow County have been very supportive of the college historically. Approximately 37 percent of the taxes collected for the college come from here. I have been committed to Blue Mountain Community College since moving to Heppner in the fall of 1971. My experience with the college consists of attending continuing education classes, serving as an employee in the position of coordinator for South Morrow County from May 1977 until May 1983, at-

tending as a full time student from September 1981 until June 1983, then being elected on the board in 1986. I know Blue Mountain Community College very well. Community colleges will be playing a large roll in the education of our community members, young and old alike. Community colleges are committed to meeting the needs of the communities to which they belong. All of the board members will be required to be sensitive to those needs."

Brownfield is opposed by Terry A. Goss of Milton-Freewater.

B.M.C.C. Director Position No. 7 Four year term
Phillip W. Houk

Phillip W. Houk, 31, of Pendleton is senior casualty management representative for the Union Pacific Railroad Company, Hermiston.

He and his wife, Kathy, have two children, 10 and six. He has a B.S. in general studies from EOSC and an associate of science degree in law enforcement from BMCC.

He has served on BMCC Board of Directors, BMCC Criminal Justice Advisory Board, BMCC Budget Committee, BMCC Long Range Planning Committees, Umatilla County Juvenile Services, Commission Board, Hermiston Rotary Club, Pendleton City Budget Committee; Pendleton City Police S.W.A.T., Pendleton Running Club President, UPRR Disability Task Force, UPRR Hazardous Materials Management Committee, UPRR Emergency Response Management Committee, Disposition Team Leader and Emergency Claim Center Coordinator and Negotiator for the Portland Region and UPRR Safety Committee.

"To this day, I still agree with our country's educational philosophy, a right to a good quality education for every citizen; a necessity for a truly Democratic society. Blue Mountain Community College is a well run, highly structured school, which is very responsive to the key issues facing education, but must continue to adapt to new and different challenges in order to enhance those citizens of our communities opportunities to earn a higher education. At the same time, it is important that the College continues to keep a tight rein on the budget in order to satisfy their responsibilities to the taxpayers."

"The past four years, we have brought the college a long way in curriculum development, restored a good open rapport between faculty, administration and college board."

"It is my decision to run again, because of the continuing challenge presented to the college by the prison for services arranged through contracts with the State Corrections Division. Also, because I am concerned about maintaining the quality Blue Mountain Community College has achieved, which benefits business in Umatilla and Morrow Counties."

"Finally, I feel it is important to continue to work toward more off-campus offerings closer to smaller cities in Umatilla and Morrow Counties, and better explain offerings for our senior citizens within our communities to stimulate more citizen involvement with the college."

Houk is opposed by Charles S. Albro of Pendleton.

B.M.C.C. Director Position No. 2 Four year term

Doug Harper of Helix is running unopposed.

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