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## Alma Green resigns from museum board



Morrow Co. Judge Louis Carlson presents Alma Green (c) with a plaque for her service. Lib Daggett replaces Green. Alma Green was honored in a presentation Oct. 22 for her many years of service to the Morrow County Museum. Mrs. Green, who has resigned from the museum board, was presented a certificate

started with the health department in 1957 working for Velma Glass, who was health nurse at that time. She then worked for Tiny Sweeney and Pat Wright, who recently retired as health nurse. After her stint for the health department, Mrs. Green worked as secretary for three judges, Paul Jones, D.O. Nelson and Don McElligott.

When she retired from the county she became secretary for the museum board. Her husband was chairman at that time. When her husband passed away Alma took over as chairman, the position she has filled for the past five years. "I've enjoyed all of it," said Alma. "I'm really proud of this museum. I want to give wonderful credit to former museum director Rachel Harnett. She held down the fort for a long time. And of course to Amanda Duvall (who donated the museum building to the county)." Alma plans on working on her house and yard, visiting with her children and grandchildren and perhaps doing a little traveling.

Lib Daggett has been appointed to the museum board to replace Alma.

## Boardman man convicted on drug charges

A Boardman man plead guilty to drug charges in circuit court Friday, according to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace.

Fernando Martinez, 32, plead guilty to delivery and possession of a controlled substance in front of circuit judge pro-tem Ralph Currin. The charge arose from an incident last March in Boardman. Martinez admitted to selling methamphetamine to an undercover police

officer. Also charged in the same incident were David William Evans, 36 and Ruth Ann Konce, 30, both of Boardman. Both Evans and Konce plead guilty to charges of delivery and possession of controlled substances, and are awaiting sentencing on those charges.

Judge Currin ordered a presentence investigation on Martinez as well, and continued the matter for sentencing.

## Daylight Savings Time ends Sat.

Remember to "fall back" Saturday and turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed.

Daylight Savings Time ends Oct. 27.

## HHS alumni basketball tournament plans to get underway

The annual alumni Heppner High School basketball tournament has been planned for Dec. 28, 29 and 30, according to organizer Stuart Dick.

## MCGG annual meeting Nov. 5

The Morrow County Grain Growers annual meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Nov. 5, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds starting with dinner at 6:30 p.m., according to Larry Mills, general manager.

Speaker for the evening will be John Oades, who is with U.S. Wheat Associates. Also on the agenda will be the election of directors and officers reports.

An organizational meeting open to all interested will be held Monday, Oct. 29 at the Columbia Basin Electric Company conference room at 7 p.m.

## Greenup crowned queen Homecoming Court



The 1990 Heppner High School Homecoming court were escorted by their fathers and Queen Amy Greenup was crowned Friday, Oct. 19 during halftime of the football game against Imbler. The court is l-r: junior princess Jodi Johnston escorted by Paul Sumner;

seniors princess Nikki Brisbois escorted by Ron Brisbois; Queen Amy Greenup and Bill Greenup; princess Jodi Wilson and Danny Wilson and junior princess Heather Eckman and David Eckman.

## Jodee Ashbeck is 1991 Queen



1990-91 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court are l-r: Princesses Kristine Bedortha, Elizabeth Doherty, Queen Jodee Ashbeck, Princesses Jenni Ashbeck and Debbie Vandeventer.

The 1991 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen Jodee Ashbeck, 18, is the daughter of Buttercreek ranchers Alvin and Julie Ashbeck. Queen Jodee is a 1990 graduate of Heppner High School and is enrolled as a medical record major at Blue Mountain Community College.

The announcement of this year's Queen was made last Friday night at Heppner's homecoming game when Jodee, the 1989 homecoming queen

returned to crown this year's homecoming queen, Amy Greenup. Both girls were fair and rodeo princesses on the 1989 court of Nancy Bailey.

Princesses are Kristine Bedortha, Jodi Vandeventer, Jenni Ashbeck and Elizabeth Doherty.

Princess Kristine Bedortha, 16 year old daughter of Tom and Anne Bedortha, Ione, is a junior at Ione High School.

Princess Jodi Vandeventer, 16, is

the daughter of Don and Debbie Vandeventer, Boardman and is a junior at Riverside High School.

Princess Jenni Ashbeck, 16, is queen Jodee's sister and she is a sophomore at Heppner High School.

Princess Elizabeth Doherty, 16, is the daughter of John and Doris Doherty, whose mailing address is Pilot Rock. However their family ranch property lies in Morrow County on Buttercreek.

## Measure 5 discussed at town meeting

A panel discussion was held in Heppner Monday evening in opposition to Ballot Measure 5.

Measure 5, if passed in the Nov. 6 election, would set a constitutional limit on property taxes for schools and government operations. It would limit 1991-92 property taxes for schools to \$15 and property taxes for non-school government operations to \$10 per \$1,000 of market value of property. The schools' limit would gradually decrease to \$5 per \$1,000 in 1995-96 and after. The non-school government operations limit would remain the same. The limits do not apply to government assessments, service charges, or taxes to pay certain government bonds. The state general fund is to replace, until 1996, school funds lost because of school limits. Under Measure 5, voters cannot authorize property tax levies outside the limitations specified in the measure.

According to information supplied by the Oregon State University Extension Service the Legislative Revenue Office estimates that on an average property taxes will be reduced

12 percent the first year and 45 percent the fifth year, assuming nine percent annual growth in total value of property. Tax rates for taxpayers across the state would be equalized. "Tax payers who itemize

deductions would have a slight increase in income taxes because they would deduct less property tax and there would be a slight reduction in property tax relief from the Homeowners and Renters Relief Program because of lower property taxes."

According to panel member Ron Daniels, Blue Mountain Community College president, passage of Measure 5 would cause "chaos" in school and government funding. He also said that the measure would force governments to try to get highest possible budgets passed in order to get a bigger slice of the tax pie.

Morrow County Assessor Greg Sweek said that he believed that under the measure rural taxpayers would not see any tax savings, because most of them are assessed specially. He also said he anticipated budget increase of around \$120 thousand in the assessor's office, because of the need for an additional assessor and clerical workers and computer equipment. He said that farms would be reappraised because they are now assessed lower than market value.

Heppner City Attorney Bill Kuhn said that he believes the city would be "immediately and most severely impacted" and forecast an increase in sewer rates and loss of the sidewalk fund, the swimming pool, economic development programs, a reduction of library services and a cut in police protection and city crew men. "If Measure 5 passes, we will see drastic changes in the lifestyles of the citizens of Morrow County," he said.

Morrow County School District Administrator Doyle McCaslin said that while he does not foresee losing any school programs the first year, in the long run "Morrow County School District would be impacted tremendously."

Former state legislator, former chairman of the State Executive Dept. and former director of LCDC Stafford Hansell said "As you can tell this is a horrible piece of legislation," which would require another vote of the people to change it.

Morrow County Grain Growers General Manager Larry Mills said that while he believes the measure would save MCGG 30 percent of their property taxes, he does not think the bill is good for farmers. He anticipated schools being forced to cut non-essential programs, such as football, band and library.

Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson said "It is clear in this bill we eliminate local court."

## Moonlight Sale

The Heppner Merchants will be holding their annual Moonlight Sale this Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Stores will be open late so shoppers can take advantage of special moonlight prices.

## Red ribbon week begins at local schools

Ione Elementary School began observance of Red Ribbon Week, which is sponsored by parents for drug free youth, with a series of classes by Laurie Doherty. Doherty, a professional cartoonist from Pendleton, is sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Doherty taught Ione students to cartoon and at the same time discussed the importance of individual responsibility in choosing a healthy life style. Her program is called "Be Healty, Be Happy." She emphasized the fact that people need to be aware of their feelings and choose a diet and activities which make them well.

She talked about how everyone must work hard to be his personal best and how she worked very hard for 15 years practicing to be a cartoonist. Each year Doherty paints cartoons on many store windows in preparation for the Pendleton Round-Up.

Ione students will participate in a week of activities centered around the theme, My Choice-Drug Free.



Left to right: front Jamie Perez, Danielle McBride; middle-Mark McElligott, Andy Vosberg, Allen Gribbskov; back-Laurie Doherty.

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