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## Candidates file for March 26 election; county, medical fund asking for levies

Marcia Kemp and Bill Sheirbon, both Lexington, have filed for one Morrow County School Board Director's position for Zone 4, but other director's spots are uncontested at the filing deadline Jan. 24. John Rieunan filed for director for Zone 3 and Molly Rill for director for Zone 5. The election will be held Tuesday, March 26.

Filing for school board advisory positions are Frank Halvorsen, three-year Lone-Lexington Advisory position no. 2; Jim McElligott, three-year Lone-Lexington Advisory position no. 3; Dean Mason, four-year Boardman-Irrigon Advisory position no. 1; Sheri Posey, three-year Boardman-Irrigon Advisory position no. 4; Kay Rene Qualls, three-year Heppner-Lexington Advisory position no. 4; and Stephen Hill, three-year Heppner-Lexington Advisory position no. 6.

Ken Turner filed for Willow Creek Park District Director Zone 2, and John Ripple filed for director of Zone 3. Both are four-year terms. No one has filed for director of Zone 1.

Three candidates, Archie Ball, Albert Osmin and James VanWinkle have filed for three four-year terms as directors of the Heppner Water Control District.

No one has filed for three four-year positions on the Boardman Park and Recreation District. Orville Buchanan filed for a four-year term as director of the Irrigon Park District Zone no. 2 and Mildred K. Shade filed for a four-year term as director of Zone no. 4.

Berl Akers filed for one four-year director's position on the Lone-Lexington Cemetery District. Beverly Gunderson filed for Heppner Cemetery District Director, four-year term. Donald Eppenbach filed for a four-year term as director of the Irrigon Cemetery District Zone 2 and Edwin Johnson filed for a four-year director, Zone 3. Hazel Miller filed for the four-year director's spot on the Boardman Cemetery District.

In the rural fire district races all candidates are unopposed, with Donald Bennett filing for a four year term as director of the Heppner Rural Fire District, (two spots are open); Donald McElligott-director Zone 3 Lone Rural Fire Protection District, four-year term; Charles Doherty-director Zone 5 Lone Rural Fire Protection District, four-year term; Mike Allison-director Boardman Rural Fire District four-year term (two spots are open); and Karl Smith and Lynn Hobbs have filed for two spots as directors on the Irrigon Rural Fire District four-year terms.

Both candidates for two Port of Morrow positions are unopposed. Larry Lindsay has filed for a four-year term as director of Zone 5 and John Bristow has filed for a four-year term as director of Zone 4.

John P. Kopetski has filed for director of Blue Mountain Community College position no. 5. He is unopposed for a four-year term.

Also on the ballot for the March 26 election are two county-wide one-year operating levies--for Morrow County and for the Morrow County Medical Fund.

The county is asking for an operating levy of \$3,401,984 outside the tax base for 1991-92. Included in this levy are the Road Fund, County School Fund, Cities' Portion of Road Funds, Fair and Rodeo Fund and General Fund. The general fund provides funding to the Extension Service, Weed Control District, Soil & Water Conservation District, Senior Services Contribution, Morrow County Neighborhood Council, Irrigon-Boardman Emergency Assistance Center, Predatory Animal Damage Control, Museum, Justice Court, Juvenile Director, Soil Erosion Control and Watermaster as well as those services required by Oregon Law, according to the county. The levy is \$12,669 less than the levy approved by the voters for fiscal year 1990-91.

The Morrow County Medical Fund one-year operating levy asks for \$474,645 outside the tax base for health care operations for the fiscal year 1991-92. According to the county, the purpose of the levy is to provide funds to balance the Morrow County Fund operating budget to provide health care services and emergency medical services "for all communities in Morrow County," including North Morrow Medical Clinic, North Morrow Ambulance, Pioneer Memorial Hospital and the communities of Irrigon, Lexington and Lone.

The Lone Rural Fire Protection District is also asking for a one-year operating levy of \$42,986. Funds would be used for materials and supplies, insurance training, elections and audit and legal services. The district has no tax base.

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## Heppner Bowl displays soldiers' photos



Billie VanArsdale (left) and Jo Hudson of Heppner Bowl show their display of photographs and addresses of area servicemen fighting in the Gulf. VanArsdale says they encourage anyone with relatives stationed in the Middle East to

bring their soldier's photo and address to the bowling alley. She said that they are also encouraging everyone to write to the service people and they plan on having the junior bowlers send them letters.

## Boardman man sentenced to prison

A Boardman man received a 16-month prison sentence for his part in a clandestine drug lab operation, according to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace.

Michael Nelson, 32, plead guilty to Conspiracy to Manufacture a Controlled Substance before Circuit

Judge Pro-Tem Ralph Currin in Heppner on Friday, January 18. Judge Currin also ordered Nelson to pay a \$50 crime victim's assessment. The 16-month prison term is a mandatory sentence under state sentencing guidelines. Nelson is also subject to a period of post-prison supervision following his release from the penitentiary.

Nelson was arrested on October 25, 1990, following the discovery of the clandestine lab at his residence on Kunze Road near Boardman.

Nelson was already on probation for a previous drug-related conviction at the time the ephedrine lab was found, according to Wallace. He had just completed a 90-day jail sentence for violating that probation at the time of his sentencing on the most recent drug lab charge.

A vehicle belonging to Nelson was also seized by authorities and forfeited to Morrow County under the state civil forfeiture law.

## Men's bowling tournament set

The Heppner Men's Bowling Association annual ABC-sanctioned tournament will be held Feb. 2-3 and Feb. 9-10 at the Heppner Bowling alley. Competition will include team, doubles, singles and all events.

For more information contact tournament director Neil Beamer.

## Hospital selected for unique community project

How can Pioneer Memorial Hospital and the Morrow County Health system survive in today's health care environment? Heppner and Morrow County are one of four Oregon communities selected to participate in a project designed to help county residents decide the answer to that question.

"Community Decision Making in Rural Hospital Communities," a project of the Mountain States Health Corporation, Boise, Id. and Salem, seek to involve residents of rural communities in the determination of the future of their health care system.

"This project will provide a structure to better our health care system," stated Ernest Wick, county health administrator.

According to Wick the goals of the project are:

- \* To inform the communities regarding the important roles the health system plays in the economics of the five communities and the consequences of a system's failure;
- \* To involve as many people as possible in the process of decision making;
- \* To develop new skills and leadership capacity in the communities;
- \* To expand awareness of problems faced by rural health providers; and
- \* To begin the planning process for the future of the health care system.

The process to achieve this community involvement will include a locally hired "community encourager" who will be trained to help others learn to solve problems and make decisions regarding local health care. The "encourager" will

work closely with community members to examine needs and opportunities and to understand the options available and costs involved in strengthening the county health care system, Wick said.

Wick urges people interested in the "community encourager" position to apply at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

According to Paul McGuinness, project director with Mountain States Health Corporation, "This project is unique because it puts the responsibility for understanding, considering options and supporting an economically viable health system in the hands of the communities. I believe communities that understand the role of the hospital and health system in the context of community economics, health status and growth and who have an active role in planning and deciding the systems future will support that system."

The ultimate authority for formal planning, policy making and assuring the financial viability of the county health system remains with the Morrow County Medical Board. The community decision-making project in rural hospital communities helps citizens understand the complexity and significance of the board's decision responsibilities, said Wick. Through the process of educating the communities and involving citizens in a careful consideration of options and costs, the board gets a clear statement of needs and preferences from informed communities, he added.

The Community Decision Making Project is funded through a grant from the Northwest Area Foundation.

## Horse judging workshop Feb. 3

All Morrow County horse members are urged to attend a judging workshop Sunday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds arena. This will include a tune-up clinic for the 1990 county fair horse judging class that was postponed last fall as well as the 1991 project lesson.

Anyone who was registered in the 1990 fair in horse is eligible to participate, even if not enrolled this year. Premiums will be paid.

Everyone is invited, this is not limited to one club.

## Irrigon man receives jail sentence on sex charges

An Irrigon man received a county jail sentence following his guilty plea in circuit court in Heppner according to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace.

Jeffrey Foidel, 21, plead guilty to contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor on January 22. Circuit Judge Pro-Tem Ralph Currin sentenced Foidel to one year in the county jail, suspending imposition of all but 60 days on the condition that he be placed on three-years' formal

## MCGG to hold appreciation day February 9

The Morrow County Grain Growers will be holding their annual Customer Appreciation Day Saturday, Feb. 9 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the free pancake breakfast. There will be factory representatives on hand as well as door prizes and special events by the Oregon CattleWomen.

## Local hoop shoot contest Feb. 2

Local competition for the 19th annual Elks Hoop Shoot, the national free throw shooting contest for youngsters age eight through 13, will be held at Heppner High School on Feb. 2 at noon and Lone High School, Feb. 1 at 3:30 p.m.

Over three million youngsters from throughout the country entered last year's competition for boys and girls in age categories 8-9; 10-11; and 12-13. Age is determined by the child's age on April 1. Each contestant has 25 shots at the hoop. The boy and girl in each age group with the best scores advance through four tiers of competition to qualify for the national finals in Springfield Massachusetts.

Local winners will compete against other contestants in the district event at Hermiston on Feb. 16. Names of the national winners will be inscribed on the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" plaque, on permanent display in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

## Bank gives \$120 donation



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Sarah Carlson and Harley Sager

Harley Sager of the First Interstate Bank in Heppner presented Sarah Carlson, teacher and coordinator of the Hands On Science program at Heppner Elementary School, with a \$120 check recently.

The money will provide three \$40 scholarships so that three children determined to be "at risk" may attend the after-school science activity program. Sager said that the bank earned the money by selling Oregon State Fair tickets and all of the money was designated to support and sponsor "at risk" children.

## Weather Report

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	High	Low	Prec	Snow
Tues.	46	19	.0	
Weds.	39	19	.0	
Thurs.	38	20	.0	
Fri.	35	18	.0	
Sat.	40	19	.0	
Sun.	49	16	.0	
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