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Filing deadline for March election nears

The filing deadline for three Morrow County School Board positions is rapidly approaching. The filing deadline for the March 28 election is January 26 for zones three, four and five. Zone three is the west third of the county and includes the city of Lone; zone four includes the city of Heppner; and zone five is the northeast corner of the county and includes most of Irrigon. All of the positions are four year terms beginning July 1, 1995, and ending June 30, 1999.

A reorganization of school district zones had been mandated by law earlier to more accurately reflect population.

According to the Morrow County Clerk's office, only one person, John Rietmann, has fil-

ed for a school board position. Rietmann, who is currently on the board, resides in and has filed for zone three. Molly Rill, who is also currently on the board and resides in zone three, had not filed for the position as of press time Tuesday. No one had filed for the Irrigon or Heppner positions. Current board chair, Marcia Kemp, Lexington, was left without a district to represent after the reorganization. Her current term will expire June 30 and she will be ineligible to run unless she moves to another district.

Several school board advisory positions are also up for election in March and have a Jan. 26 filing deadline:

Boardman-Irrigon advisory committee positions two, three and five; Heppner-Lexington positions one, three and five; and Lone-Lexington positions one and five.

Board positions for other entities up for election in March include: Boardman Cemetery District; Boardman Rural Fire District; Boardman Park and Recreation District; Heppner Rural Fire District; Heppner Cemetery District; Heppner Water Control District; Lone-Lexington Cemetery District; Lone Rural Fire Protection District; Irrigon Cemetery District; Irrigon Park District; Irrigon Rural Fire District; Oregon Trail Library District; Port of Morrow; and Willow Creek Park District.

Town & Country Day

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1995

Heppner Elks Club

"Everyone welcome - Countywide"

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| 8:30 a.m. | Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting |
| 10 a.m. | Small Woodlands Association Annual Meeting |
| 11 a.m. | Rangeland Weed Management Seminar (recertification credits) |
| Noon | Luncheon \$6, Chamber of Commerce 'Hats Off' awards, Installation of Officers |
| 1:30-3:30 p.m. | Continuation of Rangeland Seminar |
| 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Farm/Ranch Recreation to Augment Income |
| 4:30 p.m. | Morrow County Livestock Growers Annual Meeting |
| 6 p.m. | Social Hour, Elks Club |
| 7 p.m. | Banquet and evening program, Elks club: guest speaker, Steve Amen, Oregon Field Guide/OPB; Chamber of Commerce Annual Man, Woman, Educator, Business awards, Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Queen and Court coronation and award, gem drawing, compliments of Peterson's Jewelers, Heppner. |

Banquet tickets \$15 available at Morrow County Grain Growers, Bank of Eastern Oregon Murray Drugs, and Heppner Chamber of Commerce

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Town & Country banquet Jan. 11

Tickets are now available for this year's Town and Country awards banquet to be held Wed., Jan. 11 at the Elks Club in Heppner. Tickets may be purchased for \$15 each from Murray Drugs and Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner,

MCGG in Lexington and Bank of Eastern Oregon in Lone.

Guest speaker for the banquet will be Steve Amen, host of the Oregon Public Broadcasting TV show "Oregon Field Guide", which has won numerous awards.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will honor its man, woman, business and educator of the year. The 1995 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo queen and court will also be crowned.

This year's steak dinner is complete with hors d'oeuvres and wine. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Vietnam vets honored at banquet



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Vietnam Veterans received a standing ovation at the banquet Friday, Dec. 30

Vietnam veterans were honored at this year's annual alumni banquet held Friday, Dec. 30, at the Heppner Elk's Club.

Vietnam veterans, both alumni and non-alumni living in the area, were dinner guests of the Heppner High School Alumni Association.

Special recognition went to the family of David Clark, a 1966 HHS graduate who died in 1967 in combat in Vietnam. Gene Heliker and Tim Driscoll, alumni and friends of Clark, presented the David Clark Memorial to Heppner High School Principal Steve Dickenson and student body president Jenny Krein to be placed in a case at Heppner High School. A previous memorial had been lost.

David Clark's parents, Don Clark and Louise Clark, both LaGrande, were each presented a clock, symbolizing the time that has past since the Vietnam war. Clark's brothers, Don Jr. and Richard also at-

tended the banquet. In a touching ceremony Don Jr. read a letter his brother had written from Vietnam the day before he died. Richard and his wife flew from Alabama to attend the ceremony.

All the Vietnam veterans were recognized and presented a clock inscribed with the words, "In gratitude for the price you paid for our liberty and freedom". Those unable to attend will be sent their clock. The audience joined Rick Drake, accompanied by his sister-in-law Carley Drake, in singing a tearful "America" and "America the Beautiful".

Several names of Vietnam veterans had not been discovered until after press time last Tuesday: Ed Howard 1962, Don Van Winkle 1963, Mike Sweek 1965, William Maddern, Randy Sample and Michael D. Benge. Doug Drake's graduation year was listed incorrectly. Drake graduated in 1968. Other veterans' names were not

discovered until after the banquet: Ken Daggett 1962, John Cole 1964, Lester Dutcher and Ken Jones among others.

Dick credits "some tremendous community support" for ensuring the success of the banquet, especially Peterson's Jewelers for engraving the plaques for the veterans, Country Rose for making the corsages and boutonnières and the Heppner Elk's Club.

Dick said that honoring the Vietnam veterans was something he has wanted to do for years, because of the loss of some dear friends when he was young and because of his personal involvement with the veterans and the war. He adds that Susie Ward, who helped chair the banquet, "got the ball rolling".

Around 136 people attended the banquet, which featured baron of beef. Ticket chairs Sonja and John McCabe said that attendance was up, with around 108 attending last year's banquet.



Gene Heliker (l) presents Louise Clark with a clock. Chris Brown waits to present Don Clark his clock.

City code book simplifies ordinances



Gary Marks holds ordinance book

Gary Marks, the city has adopted over 500 ordinances since its incorporation in 1887. But, because the ordinances had not been codified, it was often difficult to find them. "We've always lacked a good source of indexing," Marks said. The city attempted to update the codification in 1940 and in 1978, but the city code books were never adopted. Marks says that problems have arisen when people came to city hall looking for information about ordinances. "It would have taken hours and hours of research," said Marks. "It was a very large task for us."

Marks says that the new code book also allows the city to eliminate out-of-date and conflicting ordinances. For example, noted Marks, it is still against the law to use horses on

Main Street in "any way that would stir up dust." People are also prohibited from borrowing the fire department's horses. The first ordinance on the books establishes the position of town marshal. This ordinance was also never repealed.

Marks says that the council will study the new book and is expected to adopt the codification in February. Once it is adopted, he says that he expects that half of everything enacted will be repealed. State and federal laws have superceded many city ordinances. Another bonus is that the codification can be updated easily annually.

The project was completed by Sterling Codifiers, Weiser, Idaho.

Coordinating Council to meet

The city of Heppner has completed its codification process. All of the city ordinances and the city charter have now been compiled into one city code book.

According to city manager

The first meeting of the year for the Heppner Coordinating Council will be Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 a.m. in the GEODC office.

The purpose of the meeting

will be goal setting for the council for 1995.

Plans will be made for presenting and explaining the updated Heppner Strategic Plan to community papers.

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