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## May 21 election at the polls

Morrow County voters will cast their ballots for county and state candidates, a circuit court judge and state measures in an election Tuesday, May 21, at the polls.

Voters have until April 30 to register to vote in the May 21 election.

Three people, all from north Morrow County have thrown in their hats for the Morrow County commissioner's position now held by Don McEligott. Ione McEligott has not filed for another term. Republican William "Whisker Bill" Marren, Boardman, and Democrats, John Wenzholz and David Burns, both Irrigon will face off for commissioner. A fourth candidate, Bill Dawkins, also Irrigon, has declared his candidacy as a write-in.

Three people are also on the ballot for the Morrow County treasurer's spot, Gayle Gutierrez, Marie Key, and incumbent Margo Sherer. Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodsworth says that if one of the candidates gets 51 percent of the vote in the May election they will go on to the November election. If no one in that race gets 51 percent, then the top two will be on the November ballot. Bloodsworth says that the county treasurer and the clerk must be elected in November because of the state constitution. Bloodsworth's name will not be on the May ballot, because she is unopposed.

Greg Sweek is also unopposed as Morrow County assessor. A non-partisan position, the assessor can be elected in May. No one has filed for the Morrow County surveyor's position, which will also be on the May ballot.

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Three candidates, attorneys Garry L. Reynolds and Daniel J. Hill, both Hermiston, and Robert Ridgway, Pendleton, are up for the circuit court judge's spot now held by Bob Abrams, Pendleton, former Heppner lawyer. Abrams will not run for the position again.

Five candidates will be on the ballot for the state senate 28th District, which includes south Morrow County-Republicans Patty Wehrli, Terry Drever-Gee and Ted Ferrioli and Democrats Kevin M. Campbell and Vern Cook. No Democrats have filed for the 29th District, which includes north Morrow County, but one Republican candidate, David Nelson, will be on the Republican ticket.

Lynn Lundquist is unopposed on the Republican ballot for state representative 59th District (south Morrow County) and no one has filed for the Democratic 59th District representative.

Two Democrats, Michael E. Breeden and Bob Jensen, are up for the 57th District representative position. Don Armstrong is unopposed on the Republican side of the 57th District ballot.

There are no local measures, but three state measures will be up to the voters. One measure would increase the minimum value from \$200 to \$700 required to obtain a jury trial; another would mandate that one fifth of the necessary signatures required to put an initiative on the ballot come from each congressional district; the third would require a three-fifths majority in legislature to pass revenue raising bills.

## Livestock growers plan meeting

The Morrow County Livestock Growers (MCLG), Oregon Cattlemen's Association (OCA) and the Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) will sponsor a free informational meeting in Heppner Monday, April 22, for anyone interested in the proposed initiative to ban livestock from "water quality-limited" waters of the state. The meeting will be held in the Heppner Elks Lodge on Main Street. It is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. and will end around 4 p.m.

"The main topics of the meeting will be how the initiative will affect livestock and landowners. Besides the initiative, Oregon's new water

quality standards and the proposed '303d water quality-limited' waters will be discussed and questions answered," said Matt Clark, MCLG president and organizer of the event.

Greg Leo, director, and Pete Test, assistant director of governmental affairs for the OFB, and Lindsay Slater, director of the OCA Legal Foundation, will present the program, answer questions and lead the discussion related to the issues.

Organizers encourage all interested persons to attend the meeting. For more information, contact Clark, 676-5319, or Bill Broderick, Morrow County livestock agent, 676-9642.

## Dawkins announces write-in candidacy



Bill Dawkins

Bill Dawkins, a Democrat from Irrigon, has announced his write-in candidacy for Morrow County Commissioner.

Dawkins, 53, has been employed 22 years with the Burlington Northern Railroad as a locomotive engineer.

Dawkins received a diploma of theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, in 1974. He also studied psychology and counseling.

Dawkins built, owned and operated the Red Wolf Marina. He has also been a motel owner and manager in Clarkston, Washington. In management at Burlington Northern, he has been a road foreman and trainmaster. He was involved in pastoral and Evangelistic ministries from 1976-81.

Dawkins enjoys music and lyric writing, piano, guitar, singing, song writing, folk poetry and golf.

Dawkins and his wife, Nancy, a teacher at A.C. Houghton Elementary, have two children, Travis, 15, and Ashley, 12.

## "Let'R Grow in Morrow County" 1996 fair theme

By Merlyn Robinson

With this year's theme, "Let'R Grow in Morrow County," residents can begin making plans for the 1996 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo, August 14-18. Participants are encouraged to utilize the theme in decorating plans for both fair exhibits and parade entries.

Superintendents have been meeting to update all fair divisions, and all changes on additions for the 1996 fair premium book are due at the fair office by Tuesday, April 30.

This year's premium book is dedicated to Charles Daly, a Little Buttercreek rancher and longtime fair and rodeo supporter.

The fair committee is in charge of obtaining premium book advertising to offset the cost of printing. Businesses, as well as individuals, may advertise to support this publication. The Heppner Gazette-Times will again publish the premium book.

Grand marshal for this year's event is Gerald Swaggert, Pendleton, a former longtime Little

Buttercreek rancher, a past fair board member and a participant in rodeos.

Fair Board chairman Sam Bellamy said a permanent cyclone fence around the east end of the grass of the rodeo area is to be built to fence in the football area and the rodeo arena. New carpeting will be installed in the south grandstand aisles, and the dormitory building will be repainted.

According to the Morrow County Extension office, pre-registration indicates that the livestock barns will once again be "overflowing" with 4-H, Future Farmers of America and open class livestock. The Fair Board is organizing a steering committee to oversee a proposed multi-purpose barn project to replace the open pole-type buildings, but construction will not be started this summer.

Dates are set for the Morrow County 4-H Horse Show on August 4 and the Morrow County Open Horse Show on July 28. This year, all classes in the open horse show are open to residents outside Morrow County. The show has been revised to attract larger attendance.

## Babe Ruth season to start

Anyone between the ages of 13-15 who is interested in playing Babe Ruth baseball this summer should contact Rick Johnson, 676-5562, before Wednesday, May 1.

The Babe Ruth baseball season runs from June to July.

## Lowe completes practicum at PMC



Kathleen Lowe

By April Hilton-Sykes  
There's a familiar face back in the Heppner health care community, but this time that face is in a different capacity.

Kathleen Lowe, who previously worked as a nurse at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, is now back at Pioneer Memorial Clinic (PMC) as a student completing a school practicum. When she finishes the program in June, she will become a family nurse practitioner. As a nurse practitioner, she can practice independently and can write prescriptions for her patients.

Lowe said that she chose to do her practicum at PMC because of her familiarity with the town and her admiration for Drs. Ed and Jeanne Berretta. "I just thought so much of Jeanne and Ed and their abilities," said Lowe, "that I thought it would be a great learning experience. I'm just glad that they were willing to have me."

"Heppner's a great place with great people," added Lowe. "It's also nice to see friendly faces."

Lowe, 38, graduated in 1979 from Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) in Portland with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She worked for two years in orthopedics and pediatrics at St. Charles Medical Center at Bend before coming to Heppner in 1981. She worked at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner

from June of 1981 to the summer of 1990. She left Heppner that summer to enroll in the master's program through OHSU on the campus at Eastern Oregon State College at LaGrande. She graduated in June of 1992 with a master's degree in nursing, specializing in community health nursing.

In September of 1992, Lowe was hired on as faculty in a new program through the OHSU School of Nursing implemented at Eastern, called "Rural Frontier Delivery". That program took baccalaureate nursing education to "frontier communities", utilizing the Ed-Net satellite system. Lowe's role was in arranging clinical experience for nursing students who lived in more isolated areas. The students were able to complete their nursing degrees without leaving their homes, said Lowe. Students in her program lived in Lakeview, Burns, John Day and Baker.

Lowe returned to the classroom herself as a full-time student last fall, while still being employed as a part-time faculty member on the Eastern campus.

When Lowe completes the nurse practitioner's program this spring she will have many employment options to consider, with independent practice being one of those options. "I just don't know what the possibilities are," said Lowe. "I really enjoy the teaching. In an ideal job, I would still be able to have that role."

Lowe and her husband, Doug, former owners of Bucknum's tavern in Heppner, now live in LaGrande with their three children, Travis, 13, Trent, 11, and Caitlin, seven.

## Methodist children donate to Center



Heppner United Methodist Sunday school children present groceries to Neighborhood Center

The Heppner United Methodist Church Sunday school donated \$108.68 in groceries to the Heppner Neighborhood Center. The Sunday school saved \$163 in pennies to buy the groceries and also donated money to a Methodist Church that aids the homeless.

Sunday school children include Brett Harrison, Chelsey Hedman, Jared Hedman, Jeanette Trachsell, Stephanie

Trachsell, Courtney Nelson, Trevor Rhea, Kevin Drake and Stephanie and Lindsey Cutsforth (not pictured).

Teachers are Peggy Connor, Kirsten Harrison, Missy Cutsforth, Molly Rhea, Carley Drake, Ellen Rollis and Peggy Fishburn.

The group bought the groceries from Court Street Market, who donated ice cream for a Sunday school party.

## Free immunization clinics planned

The Morrow County Health Department will offer free vaccinations to infants and children the week of April 21-27, as part of the "Immunize '96 Campaign".

Morrow County clinics will be held at the following times and locations:

Heppner-Thursdays, April 25, noon-6 p.m., Morrow County Health Dept., 471 N. Main;

Irrigon-Wednesdays, April 24, 4-6 p.m., city hall;

Irrigon-Monday, April 22, 4-6 p.m., Morrow County Annex building;

Boardman-Tuesdays, April 23, noon-6 p.m., Boardman Morrow County Health Dept., 101 Boardman Ave.

This year, McDonald's res-

taurants are part of the statewide effort to distribute information on immunizations to families. Each McDonald's will carry pamphlets, posters and flyers on vaccinations as well as lists of free clinic sites in their areas. Area McDonald's will also be donating food coupons and bandaids to clinic sites for children receiving their immunizations.

The Oregon Preschool Immunization Consortium (OPIC), a statewide public and private partnership, has helped generate immunization awareness for four years. Its efforts have helped increase the number of infants who receive vaccines each year, said a OPIC news release.

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