

searching out businesses looking to relocate and for accessing state and federal agencies' resources such as job retraining, economic studies and job feasibility studies. Assist communities in securing loans and grants to upgrade services and facilities.

What is the major problem created by the plan to incinerate chemicals at the Army Depot? How would you address this problem?: The major problem = lack of planning and proper allocation of resources from the state and federal levels. The major stumbling block = Oregon Office of Emergency Management. We must involve management of OEM's parent agency, the Oregon State Police and the governor's office in demanding cooperation and accountability from OEM.

Outline a brief plan to allocate Morrow County's tippage fees, or, if you are satisfied with the present plan, explain that: I support the

present plan of using the SCERT process to prioritize projects to bring to the county court for funding. The county court should then be responsible and accountable for making sure that all regions - urban and rural - get a fair share of the fees.

Briefly outline a plan to allocate county services, such as road construction and maintenance, among the communities: I favor forming a citizens' committee to develop a county-wide transportation plan, a long-range plan that takes into consideration expected growth, as well as the present condition of the county-wide transportation system. Long-range planning is critical for wise allocation of resources.

Are you in favor of establishing a road between lone and Boardman? Why or why not?: I favor a direct link between the Willow Creek Valley and the north end's industrial base and transportation system, for it will foster growth and economic development in the south end of the county.

Do you agree with the current system of two commissioners and a judge elected at large? Why or why not? If not, what system would you propose?: I favor the current system, which is working and is responsive to the needs and desires of the county residents. Under a home rule system, administrators would be hired and not be directly answerable to voters. I favor staying with our present system.

Do you think the present Morrow County juvenile court system should be retained or should jurisdiction be transferred to circuit court?: The present juvenile court system should be retained. Transferring jurisdiction to the circuit court would mean relinquishing local control over our troubled youth. Circuit court judges are not members of our communities and are less familiar with our problems.



Patty Wehrli
Patty Wehrli, 33, Republican candidate for Morrow County Commissioner, lives in Lone, with her husband, David McNary. She has two children, William, 9, and Whitney, 7.

Wehrli came to Morrow County in 1996. She graduated from Wheeler High School in Fossil in 1982. She attended Eastern Oregon State College, Oregon State University and Board on Police Standards and Training at Western Oregon State College. She received a BS in history with minors in philosophy and law in June 1987. She became a certified sheriff's deputy in August 1988.

Wehrli is employed with Capps Broadcasting as a news director and "Odds and Ends" host for KOHU/KQFM.

Wehrli is a St. William's parishioner and member of the altar society, ICABO member.

Morrow County Fair Committee member, Morrow County advisor for Mental Health Services, a board member of the Willow Creek Park District (appointed) and a member of the Willow Creek Park Budget Committee.

Wehrli was appointed by Senator Gordon Smith to the Oregon State Senate as administrator for Senate Health and Human Services and Senate Water and Land Use Committee (1993-95 legislative sessions). She was appointed by Speaker Bev Clarno as administrator for the House Joint Ways and Means Committee, the House General Government Committee and House Sub-Committee on Water Policy (1995) and was appointed by Governor John Kitzhaber as a administrative assistant for the House of Representatives (1995-96).

As committee administrator for the House Ways and Means Committee, she worked on the state's nearly seven billion dollar budget. "I know our current budget thoroughly. I also know the issues we face in detail and I know the key players and have an established working relationship with most," she said.

Why would a voter select you over your opponent?: I am more experienced and more dedicated. I know the issues better and those involved better. I am more willing to spend the time necessary to be effective than my opponent is.

If elected, what is the biggest challenge facing you?: Ensuring the safety of our community members who live in the IRZ around the Depot and ensuring compensation for storing our nation's chemical arsenal. Protecting our agriculturally based economy by forcing the governor to accept local input to his 3 sovereigns' plan.

What major project would you like to see accomplished? What is your first priority?: My first priority is to help Irigon and Boardman receive the necessary equipment they need before the systemization phase of the incinerator process begins.

Please outline a brief plan to help North Morrow County accommodate growth: As county commissioner I will stand firmly behind our planning director Tamra Mabbott who has already established good criteria for future growth county-wide. I will also support retaining our economic growth coordinator who has worked diligently with all Morrow County communities on a long and short-term plans.

How can you assist South Morrow County in retaining and creating jobs?: South Morrow County's number one asset is its livability. I sincerely doubt that it will ever become a Silicon Valley, however I do see it as a potential bedroom community to outlining areas. I will work diligently with each community to help them retain the quality of life necessary for positive growth.

What is the major problem created by the plan to incinerate chemicals at the Army Depot? How would you address this problem?: The problem at the depot is that FEMA yet to provide the people around the Immediate Response Area with the necessary emergency equipment. I will hold director Witt to his commitment that OEM/CSEPP offices and the outlining communities will have what they need before the systemization phase of incineration begins.

Outline a brief plan to allocate Morrow County's tippage fees, or if you are satisfied with the present plan, explain that?: I appreciate the SCERT process for allocating tippage fees. It is fair and honest. My only suggestion is that more is needed to show to Morrow County taxpayers that tippage fees are not a slush fund for the court's discretion.

Briefly outline a plan to allocate county services, such as road construction and maintenance, among the communities: Morrow County has recently completed a long-term road plan, which is very thorough, and I am dedicated to follow. I would not allocate diverting from this unless emergency circumstances demand so. I believe future road construction has to be prioritized with availability of funds and maintenance of our existing roads as our number-one priority.

Are you in favor of establishing a road between lone and Boardman? Why or why not?: I favor the direct route

planned between lone and Boardman. It would be an asset to our south Morrow County communities. I can not justify, however, allocating general funds to building the road and I caution a bond levy. I will be committed to helping achieve outside assistance for funding and easements.

Do you agree with the current county system of two commissioners and a judge elected at large? Why or why not. If not, what system would you propose?: Like the old saying goes... "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." I think the current system is just fine.



Leann A. Rea
Leann A. Rea, 57, Democratic candidate for Morrow County Commissioner, lives in Boardman. She and her husband, Jerald, have four grown children, Rick, 38, Darla, 36, Terrell, 32, and Robert, 28.

Her parents resided in Morrow County when she was born. She graduated from Lone High School and attended Blue Mountain Community College.

Rea is currently employed at the Schroeder Law Offices in Boardman as a paralegal.

She served as a 4-H leader, a member of the Fair Committee, the director of the Oregon Water Resources Congress, OSU Extension Advisory Board member from 1994-current, director of the Umatilla/Morrow Counties Oregon Farm Bureau, 1997-current, and Umatilla/Morrow Counties Farm Bureau Water/Wetlands Advisory Committee from 1997-current.

Rea served as commissioner on the Morrow County Planning Commission from 1995-current, served as co-chair for the Rural Residential Subcommittee for the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area and was appointed to the Umatilla Basin Watershed Council this year.

Other qualifications include being familiar with rules pertaining to public meetings, being responsible for the development and implementation of a public budget and experience dealing with federal and state agencies.

Why would a voter select you over your opponent?: A voter would select me because I am a fair and honest individual, willing to listen to all sides and made decisions based on the best available information. I will take this job seriously and will devote as much time and energy as is needed to give residents of Morrow County what they deserve.

If elected, what is the biggest challenge facing you?: The biggest challenge facing our county is budgetary. It is going to be a struggle to maintain services at the levels we have become accustomed to and stay within the budget restraints that are mandated by recent legislation. Additional revenues will need to be generated through new development within the county.

What major project would you like to see accomplished? What is your first priority?: I would like to see all issues regarding incineration of the chemicals at the Army Depot resolved, including mitigating costs. My first priorities are to promote a safe environment for all residents, and economic stability.

Please outline a brief plan to help North Morrow County accommodate growth: City and county planning commissioners need to coordinate their efforts to ensure an organized growth in both the cities and in the rural areas. Special attention needs to be given to ensure that all residents have clean and safe drinking water. Cities may need to extend services and community wells need to be considered in some subdivisions.

How can you assist South Morrow County in retaining and creating jobs?: We need to remain alert to any possibilities of new industries expressing an interest in a rural area. Management of our forest lands needs to be encouraged to maintain the operation of the mill as long as the natural resources

are available. This needs to be done without jeopardizing future generations.

What is the major problem created by the plan to incinerate chemicals at the Army Depot? How would you address this problem?: The major problem is going to be the large influx of people for a short period of time. This will place a strain on our school systems, road systems and local services. We need to continue to pursue efforts for mitigation from the Army to assist in resolving this situation.

Outline a brief plan to allocate Morrow County's tippage fees, or, if you are satisfied with the present plan, explain that: I believe the current plan of allocating the "tippage fees" is well managed. However, I would like to see a committee formed, consisting of residents from all communities to review requests and make recommendations to the county court. The final decision would remain with the court.

Briefly outline a plan to allocate county services, such as road construction and maintenance, among the communities: All residents of the county deserve to have a decent road. However, cost vs. use needs to be considered. A review plan needs to be developed whereby roads are considered not only on use but also on their general condition. Safety factors must always have a priority in making these

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Earl Woods, Jr.
Earl Woods, Jr., 55, candidate for Morrow County District Attorney, lives in Lone. Woods first came to Morrow County in 1992. He has two grown children.

Woods graduated from West Linn High School, WWSU with a degree in economics and the University of Oregon with his law degree.

He served with the US Army National Guard from 1963-98 as a lieutenant, and has served in both Vietnam and Bosnia.

Woods has been Morrow County DA since 1992.

He has been a member of the Elks since 1974 and served with the Coquille and Lone fire departments for 11 years.

Woods was assistant DA for Lane County and Coos County and DA for Coos County. He was also a Lane County sheriff.

Why would a voter select you over your opponent?: Experience and maturity.

If elected, what is the biggest challenge facing you?: An increasing population and a corresponding increase in crime has strained the county's ability to adequately punish those people convicted of crime. Finding alternatives to conventional programs and jail will be a challenge.

What major project would you like to see accomplished? What is your first priority?: The juvenile system has failed because of the lack of resources and direction. The system needs an overhaul.

Do you believe that the district attorney and county council positions should be combined or should they remain separate? Why?: The positions should be combined. The district attorney's office should be staffed by two lawyers who could share responsibility for county counsel and prosecutor responsibilities. The state of Oregon will pay a percentage of a deputy district attorney's salary which would offset the cost of the combination

decisions.

Are you in favor of establishing a road between lone and Boardman? Why or why not?: Yes. This road would greatly benefit the producers from the lone area. It would also create an opportunity to increase the population in the lone area, by making a shorter and more direct route to job opportunities in the north end of the county. This would be a definite benefit to the school system.

Do you agree with the current system of two commissioners and a judge elected at large? Why or why not? If not, what system would you propose?: Yes. With the small population base in our county, I feel the "at large" system is appropriate. At some time in the future, if the population base increases considerably, then it may be appropriate to divide the county into three divisions (as equal in population as possible) and have an individual elected from each of the divisions.

Do you think the present Morrow County juvenile court system should be retained or should jurisdiction be transferred to circuit court?: I am not ready to state jurisdiction should be transferred to circuit court. However, I do feel this option should be thoroughly reviewed. With the increasing responsibilities our new judge will need to address, I feel the county may be better served by having the judge spend more time on county-wide issues and less on juvenile issues.

and offer much greater flexibility.

Should the present county juvenile court system be retained or should juvenile cases be delegated to circuit court? Why?: The current system should be retained. The circuit court system is currently overloaded and could not respond to the increased demands of taking over the juvenile system. The juvenile judge needs training and needs to prioritize the system, with a greater commitment time-wise. I view this as at the greatest challenge facing our new county judge.

What particular emphasis should the district attorney's office take in prosecuting crime? Explain your prosecutorial philosophy, priorities, etc.: The district attorney needs to be responsive to law enforcement. Police are the investigative arm of the law enforcement system and the DA is a part of that team. Through a combined effort, crimes are detected and prosecuted. People who commit crimes against people and especially children need special emphasis as do career criminals. My philosophy is to the extent possible limit plea bargaining to sentencing and manage the system such that people get what they deserve.

Morrow County has been listed as having the highest percentage of sexual abuse cases the state, please comment: I dispute this accusation. I think we do a better job of identifying sexual abusers from other counties but I doubt that the incidence rate is higher than elsewhere. We in Morrow County are fortunate that our school people, social service agencies and police work together as a team to identify, investigate and prosecute people committing abuse.

Additional comments: We have a great law enforcement team in Morrow County and I would like to remain part of it.



David Allen

Candidate for Morrow County District Attorney, David Allen, 32, lives in Portland. He and his fiancée, Deirdre Imeson, have an 11-month old daughter, Alexandra.

He graduated from Hays High School, Hays, Kansas, in 1983, from the University of Kansas with a BA in history in 1987, and from the University of Oregon with a J.D. degree in 1991. He is a self-employed attorney with Gary Carlson & Associates, Portland, for the past three years. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Multnomah Bar Association and the University of Oregon Duck Club.

He was deputy district attorney and assistant county counsel for Jefferson County in 1990 and from 1992 to 94, and was assistant city attorney for the city of Madras from 1994 to 95.

Why would a voter select you over your opponent?: I am committed to improving the office of district attorney. I will be a full-time DA, readily accessible to the public. Phone calls will be returned and my office will always know where I am. Crimes will be prosecuted and the sentences imposed will match the crime.

If elected, what is the biggest challenge facing you?: Earning the trust of the public I will be serving. I accept this challenge because I believe the citizens of Morrow County will welcome my hard work ethic and commitment to solving their law enforcement problems. Reduction of the spiraling crime rate will be my toughest goal.

What major project would you like to see accomplished? What is your first priority?: My major project is to reduce the spiraling crime rate by increasing the number of jail beds available and securing more circuit court judge time in Morrow County. My first priority will be to establish the office as a leader in deterring crime by establishing consistent policies for plea offers and charging decisions.

Do you believe that the district attorney and county council positions should be combined or should they remain separate? Why?: I would like to see the office remain separate in the short term. Eventually, I would like to serve as county counsel and fill the current position with a new deputy district attorney/assistant county counsel. I believe the rapid development in Morrow County justifies this type of approach.

Should the present county juvenile court system be retained or should juvenile cases be delegated to circuit court? Why?: Keeping local control and input from the county judge is important, however, I also believe the economics of a transfer should also be studied. Transfer could save the county thousands of dollars and increase chances of getting a circuit judge in the county more than one day per week.

What particular emphasis should the district attorney's office take in prosecuting crimes? Explain your prosecutorial philosophy, priorities, etc.: Prosecution of juvenile offenders and protection of juvenile victims will be a high priority. Plea offers will accomplish something more than just closing the file. Elements of deterrence and punishment will be used to reduce the crime rate. I will use the new tools passed by voters, particularly new victim's rights.

Morrow County has been listed as having the highest percentage of sexual abuse cases in the state, please comment:

Despite my opponent's disagreement with statistics, Morrow County will continue to lead the state until the district attorney aggressively prosecutes these types of crimes. Sex offenders are predators who will continue to offend until they are incarcerated. Rapists need lengthy sentences, not professions of love. All victims' complaints deserve attention.

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