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**PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID**

Morrow County, Oregon seeks bids for a pumper package for the Irrigon Fire Department. The pumper unit will consist of a 500 gallon fiberglass tank, two hose reels capable of holding 200 feet of one-inch booster line and a 24 hp Darley 2-1/2 AGE 240N (or like) pump. Unit will be delivered to the Irrigon, Oregon Fire Station assembled and ready to use. Sealed bids will be received by Morrow County Emergency Management until 5:00 pm Pacific Standard Time November 21, 2000. Bids may be mailed to: Morrow County Emergency Management, P.O. Box 622, Heppner, Oregon 97836 or delivered in person to Morrow County Emergency Management at 325 Willow View Drive, Heppner, OR 97836. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 10:00 am PST on November 22, 2000 by the Morrow County Court, meeting in its regularly scheduled session. Each sealed bid must be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope "Bid for Irrigon Pumper Package." Morrow County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or handicapped status in employment or the provision of services. Morrow County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. For further information contact Casey Beard at (541)676-5161 or Burrell Cooley at (541)922-3137. Published: November 1, 2000
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
MORROW COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
SURPLUS ROOFING
METAL FOR SALE**

The following is offered for sale and sold as is:

130 sheets of used galvanized roofing metal. 28' long and 2' wide.
Sealed bids will be received and accepted at Morrow County School District Office, P.O. Box 368, Lexington, OR 97839 until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2000. Mark the outside of your envelope with: "Metal Roofing Bid". Morrow County School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities or informalities. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Awarded bid must be paid for by cash, Money Order or Cashiers Check. If interested in inspecting roofing material, it can be viewed at the Heppner Bus Barn, Highway 74, Heppner, OR. For information contact John Moyer at 541-989-8202, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF
MORROW**

Probate Department
In the Matter of the Estate of:
THOMAS ANTON
ASHBECK,

Deceased.
No. 00 PR 020
NOTICE TO INTERESTED
PERSONS

Notice is given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present it, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at the offices of Kuhn, Spicer & Mills, 410 E. Hurlburt Ave., P.O. Box 309, Hermiston, Oregon 97838, or they may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative.

DATED and first published
October 11, 2000
(s) Jessie Lea Ashbeck,
Personal Representative
1399 S. Ott Road
Hermiston, OR 97838
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to make sure as much south county patrol was being done as our manpower would allow. However the north county area has much more crime problems and frequently draws the deputies up north. The only real solution is additional deputies.

Do you have any plans for employing Spanish-speaking deputies to improve communication with the growing Spanish-speaking population?: We encourage bilingual applications and have taken every opportunity to recruit from the Hispanic community with only very limited success. I have requested information from the Oregon State Police on ideas to increase applications from Hispanics. Part of the problem is that the majority of Hispanics living in Morrow County are not U.S. citizens. Oregon state law prohibits non-citizens from becoming peace officers in this state.

How do you think the Sheriff's office could improve visibility, accessibility and public relations? Do you have any plans for educational or prevention programs in the community or schools?: The Sheriff's Office, along with the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Team, has applied for a grant to fund a school/community resource officer (deputy). This position will be totally dedicated to working with schools, communities and organizations in drug and alcohol abuse prevention. One of the area's I want it to focus on is working with parents with children who are or may be abusing drugs. We frequently hear from parents who are frustrated about what to do or who to go to when they discover their child is using drugs. This deputy will also be in a position to improve visibility, accessibility and public relations with the Sheriff's Office.

How do you plan to deal with county budget constraints, especially if the county's option levy fails?: As already mentioned, we will increase the number of sheriff's reserves. We will find ways to cut down on expenses of the department. We will be looking at how to prioritize some calls and will have to cut some services. Some calls will have to be handled by phone instead of personal contacts. We are presently exploring "Cops-fast" grants to see if we can get funds to replace laid-off deputies.

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Condon came about because of "its uncluttered landscape" where rural scenes, in harmony with nature, are apart of everyday life. Another plus, she says, is the more relaxed lifestyle.

Cernyar's Condon School of Studio Arts is at 1334 S. Main Street. She can be reached by telephone or fax at 541-384-3800. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 422, Condon, 97823.

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assessment and awareness, Intoxilyzer 5000, Colt Ar-15/M-16 Armorer, Glock Handgun Armorer, DARE officer (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), marine safety and law enforcement.

He am an instructor in the following areas: NRA police firearms instructor, conventional/collapsible police baton, chemical agents, traffic stops, CPR, First Aid, NFPA fire instructor II, Blue Mountain Community College instructor in CPR, First Aid and handgun proficiency.

Why would a voter select you over your opponent?: I think the key here is motivation. I have the knowledge, ability and compassion needed to lead the Morrow County Sheriff's Department. I take my responsibilities very seriously and work 110 percent to accomplish more than is expected of me. I also it is important that the sheriff's department become more of a community "partner" than it is now.

I admit that my opponent has more experience than I do in the area of law enforcement administration. I spent a lot of time talking to our previous Sheriff, Roy Drago, about this very issue. He reminded me that he had very limited experience when he was appointed sheriff years and years ago. He added that 20 years of experience is really one year repeated 19 times. I have letters from both retired Sheriff Drago and the Oregon Board on Public Safety Standards and Training stating that I have adequate training, knowledge and experience for the job.

I repeat a quote I heard the other day; "Experience without motivation is nothing." And the main difference between my opponent and myself is that I can gain experience.

If elected what is the biggest challenge facing you?: Initially it will be the budget. Depending on whom in the county government you speak to, the failure of the current road levy (25-36), could cost the sheriff's department anywhere from one to more positions. This is an issue that should have been planned for previously.

The federal government has some grants available, one of which is "Cops Fast". These grants are for augmenting agencies' funding for manpower. I spoke to agencies in the area that have gotten these grants and asked what was involved. In the case of the Boardman Police Department, they put in for the grant to add two positions to the department. When the grant was about to expire a few years later, they re-applied and got the grant yet a second time. Concerned about how much work this involved, I asked about the paperwork requirements. The person who did all of the paperwork told me that it took less than 40 hours of employee time to do all of the associated documentation. That means that for less than 40 hours of employee time, the net gain was over 4,000 hours in extra manpower per year.

Over the next couple of years, Morrow County will see an increase of over 500 million dollars in business and industry coming in. A number of these businesses are in the "Enterprise Zone." They will get a tax break that will average between three-five years. After that, most of those entities come onto the tax rolls in various amounts. I recently asked the accounting office what 500 million would do to the tax revenue of Morrow County.

I was told that if it all came on board at once, it would generate 2.2 million dollars of tax revenue. Historically, the sheriff's department represents about 1/5 of the budget. This would net a gain of about 500 thousand dollars to the sheriff's department budget. Admittedly, a lot of things have to go "right" for this to work out. The businesses and industries have to come onto the tax roles as planned, and the county court as well as the budget committee has to agree with funding distribution. The point is,

planning ahead is the key.

I have a final thought on the budget issue. Government is always (it seems) coming to you and saying, "Mr./Mrs. Taxpayer, if you would give us one more dime... this is what we will do." Unfortunately, there isn't a mechanism in place for you to take your dime back if you are not satisfied. If I am elected, I plan on using grants to show "Mr./Mrs. Taxpayer" what we can do with extra manpower and funding. If, at the end of the grant process you feel that you got your money's worth, I will ask you for the "Dime" then. To me, this is a more responsible way to run government.

What major project would you like to see accomplished? What is your first priority?: Major project-increase staff and community involvement. First priority-as I said previously, the budget.

BENT and the focus of Morrow County drug investigations have been an issue of late. Please comment: This is getting to be a "dead horse." I have made it clear that my position is that we need to do more in Morrow County. We have a duty to take action when people report a suspected neighborhood drug house. I think there is room for working both ends of the problem. As I have said before... if the current is working, why doesn't there seem to be any change in activity at your local suspected drug house?

How do you plan to provide services for a growing population and subsequent increase in criminal activity in North Morrow and yet maintain adequate patrol in South Morrow County?: This will be an ongoing problem. My solution falls back to my comments about grant funds and future tax dollars.

Additionally, there are three things that occur regularly that are cause for concern. First, anyone who listens to a scanner or radio will frequently hear a deputy come on duty only to be told by the communications officer that there are "x number of calls pending." Usually those calls are on the north end. Second, due to call volume, deputies frequently have to catch up their paperwork off duty, on their own time. Third is the fact that Morrow County does not have 24-hour patrol. There are periods of time when there are no deputies on duty, a fact is not overlooked by the "bad guys". All of these issues need to be addressed. I will tell you that my version of an ideal solution is to have a staffing level that will allow us to keep at least one patrol officer on duty at all times. This will not be possible without adding personnel to the department. At this time, this is not feasible due to funding without looking at other sources for those funds. If all else fails, then I would leave it up to the voters with a law enforcement levy. In the past, the sheriff's department has always been tied to other programs when a levy is sought. I feel that if it is a law enforcement levy and the people vote it in, they have shown their support for the current level and quality of service. If they vote it down, well... that speaks for itself.

Do you have any plans for employing Spanish-speaking Deputies to improve communications with the growing Spanish-speaking population?: The answer is yes. The sheriff's department should actively recruit bi-lingual officers when filling positions. Now comes the rub. I firmly believe that "Murphy was an optimist." If you hire a couple of bilingual officers, they will almost always be on another shift or in another location when they are needed for translation duties. To solve this problem, it would be necessary to hire enough bilingual officers to put several on the department. This is difficult due to the fact that there are not that many bilingual officers available. The only other options include hiring translators under contract and teaching existing officers Spanish. Both have their drawbacks.

How do you think the Sheriff's Department could improve visibility, accessibility and public relations? Do you have any plans for educational or prevention programs in the

community or schools?: The sheriff's department needs to increase visibility without sacrificing quality or quantity or work. There are ways to accomplish this by becoming more involved in community activities, encouraging deputies to pursue activities that they have an interest in. As an example, one deputy may teach concealed weapon classes, another may present rape prevention, or "Stranger Danger," or home security classes. The sheriff's department should not be sitting back waiting for others to come and ask for these services. It should be thought of in terms of "community service." The sheriff's department also needs to be involved with the schools. There are a number of different programs that can achieve this goal. Some are very involved, some are more simplistic.

I taught the DARE program to over 1800 sixth grade students in Morrow County over about six years. DARE is a very involved program taking a lot of time. There are people that say that the DARE program had questionable results. I have a number of teachers that will disagree. I heard over and over again how my involvement in the schools had positive effects on students. It is always easy to see a child that makes the wrong choice to get involved with drugs and/or alcohol, but how do you measure how many choose not to? It is like measuring the effectiveness of patrol. How many times has a burglar been discouraged from his plans just because a patrol car cruised by?

How do you plan to deal with county budget constraints especially if the county's option levy fails?: I believe that the budget has been trimmed about as far as it can be. I am sad to say that if more cuts are required, it is likely that personnel will be the next area looked at. If personnel are lost, I agree with others that say some services will have to be cut. Calls for service will have to be screened and some of the non-emergency, non-criminal calls may have to be deferred. This is a particularly distasteful thought to me. I always looked at law enforcement as a "public service," to an even greater extent than some of my co-workers because I felt it was my job to try and help everyone that called, even if it not a law enforcement issue.

**Demilitarization
meeting
scheduled**

The Chemical Demilitarization Citizens Advisory Commission will meet Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m., at Good Shepherd Community Hospital (conference room one) in Hermiston.

The public is also invited to arrive early for an informal social gathering from 6:30-7 p.m. (refreshments will be provided).

The Citizens Advisory Commission (CAC) receives information and briefings; and provides input to the U.S. Army regarding the disposal of lethal agents and munitions at the Umatilla Chemical Depot.

The commission will receive briefings on the project status of the Umatilla Chemical Demilitarization site, Tone Alert Radio delivery status by the counties responsible, the Governing Board of the Chemical Demilitarization Program and the results of the first public opinion poll. The CAC will be discussing the possible relocation of future CAC meetings. In addition, the CAC will also discuss the agenda for the next regularly schedule meeting to be held on Dec. 21. Time has been allotted for audience questions and comments and the public is encouraged to attend.

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Antler Buyer: Cash for deer, elk, moose and caribou antlers. Will be in Heppner Tuesday, Nov. 7, 12-5:30 p.m. and Lexington Wednesday, Nov. 8, 8 a.m.-noon. Also buying bear traps and vintage Levis.

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The Heppner Post Office has notified residents that correct mailing addresses must be on all mail. Please check the address on your Gazette-Times to see if it is correct and current. Addresses with a "route and box" number or "star route and box" number, for example, need to be corrected. If you need to make a correction, please call the Gazette at 676-9228, fax 676-9211, mail to Box 337, Heppner, OR 97836, or e-mail gt@heppner.net with your correct mailing address, so you can continue to receive the paper with no delay.

David Sykes, Publisher
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The Heppner Gazette-Times is now taking applications for a **part-time computer operator and office help.** Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Answer phones, wait on customers and do computer work. Experience with Windows 95 or 98 a must. See David Sykes at the Heppner Gazette-Times.

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Want to get on the Internet, but not sure how? Take the first step and pick up your Internet Sign-up Pack. The pack has phone numbers, prices and other information on how to sign up-and best of all, it's free.

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