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ESD to appoint board if recall successful

According to the Morrow County Clerk's Office, Morrow County School Board members, John Rietmann, Ione, Pat McNamee, Irrigon, and John Frederickson, Boardman have all responded to a recall petition naming them. Their response sets the October 30 recall election in motion. They had until September 26 to either respond to the recall challenge or resign.

MCSO Assistant Superintendent Mike Keown said that if the recall is successful, Umatilla-Morrow ESD will be required by law to appoint replacements to fill the recalled positions until the next election around a year and a half from now because the school board would then lack a quorum. The board has seven members; four are required for a quorum. If Rietmann, Frederickson and McNamee are recalled, only two seated board members, John Renfro, Lexington, and Julie Weikel, Boardman, would remain.

The positions of two other board members, Keith Lewis and Barney Lindsay, had earlier been declared vacant by the board because of residency issues.

A ruling on Lindsay's residency is expected to come before a circuit court judge this month. If the judge rules in favor of the district and against Lindsay before the election is held, then the school board could appoint someone to fill the positions held by him and also Keith Lewis because a quorum, consisting of Renfro, Weikel, Rietmann, Frederickson and McNamee, would still exist.

The Morrow County Clerk's Office plans to mail the ballots by Friday, October 12. The out-of-state absentee ballots will be mailed on October 5.

Voters must turn in their ballots by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, at the following locations: Heppner-Morrow County Courthouse; Lexington-Morrow County Road

Department Office; Ione-Bank of Eastern Oregon until 4 p.m., Ione City Hall from 4-8 p.m.; Boardman-Morrow County Behavioral Health Office; Irrigon-Morrow county Annex Building.

According to the clerk's office, the election is expected to cost between \$4,000 and \$7,000, which must be paid in its entirety by the Morrow County School District.

HJH game update

The Heppner Junior High School volleyball and football games with Pilot Rock scheduled for Friday, October 12, have been changed to Thursday, October 11, at Heppner at 3 p.m.

The Heppner seventh-grade volleyball tournament will be held on Saturday, October 20, beginning at 9 a.m. at Ione.

The Heppner eighth-grade tournament will also be held on Saturday, October 20, at 9 a.m., but in Heppner.

Morrow County Heritage Day Oct. 14

Morrow County Heritage Day will observe Oct. 19, the date when Lewis and Clark, the Corps of Discovery, Sacagawea, her husband Charbonneau and their infant Pomp, all visited and camped with native people on a sandy island in the mid-Columbia. The island, off shore from present day Irrigon Marina Park, is now under the waters of the Columbia River.

The Third Annual Morrow County Heritage Day will be held Sunday, Oct. 14, at 2 p.m. at the Irrigon Marina Park (Highway 730 to Irrigon, north on 10th Street to the

Marina Park).

Numerous activities for the family will be available, along with a chance to see Jerry Igo, known to many as Sgt. Gass, a member of the Corps of Discovery, performing at 2:15 p.m. Also at this year's event will be Cayuse Chief Jesse Jones with his Cayuse Regalia, tepee display and stories; Dick and Dot Hensley, mountain man and woman; a quilt display courtesy of Country Loveables; an old fashioned pie social; and old time games for all of the family to join in.

The Morrow County Columbia River Heritage Trail will be featured

again this year. The Trail Committee will unveil the official signs that will be placed along the Heritage Trail. The Heritage Trail is designed to be a non-motorized recreational trail linking the communities of Irrigon and Boardman in phase one and traveling from the Umatilla County line to the Gilliam County line in phase two. Tamra Mabbott, Morrow County Planning Director will host tours of the proposed trail site near the Irrigon Marina Park.

For more information about Morrow County Heritage Day, contact Donna Eppenbach at 922-3197.

New escrow service opens in Heppner

A new escrow service has been opened in Heppner. Columbia Basin Escrow, owned by Sylvia Sandford, opened on September 10.

Columbia Basin Escrow will offer "full escrow services with all accommodations for all real estate closings," says Sandford. Services include sales refinances, owner contracts and collections services.

The office is located at 315 N.E. Chase in Heppner, across the street from Napa Auto. Office hours are 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. However, says Sandford, "We can be flexible, meeting people after hours or when needed." The office phone is 676-8220.

A local native, Sandford, 35, attended high school in Ione and then received her high school diploma and an associate's degree in journalism from Blue Mountain Community College. She received a bachelor of science degree in communications from Eastern Oregon University in 1987 and then did a stint as Miss Rodeo Oregon from 1988 to 1989. As Miss Rodeo Oregon she traveled extensively throughout the year doing public relations and attending a variety of events, such as Special Olympics Rodeo. "It was a lot of fun, but also a lot of work," says Sandford.

Sandford got her first taste of court life in Morrow County. At the age of 13 she became a pennant bearer for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. She was a princess in 1983 with Queen Lottie Laughlin and then became queen in her own right in 1984 with princesses Shelly Stroeber and Bridget Greenup.

Sandford, grew up on a ranch in Ione and, after her father died in 1989, helped run the operation along with her mother, Lorraine, and brother, Richard.

Shortly thereafter she started her banking career in Pendleton. From 1989-1991, she worked in new accounts and consumer lending at Western Trails Federal Credit Union in Pendleton.

From there she worked for Southwestern Idaho's Builders Association as director of their "Parade of Homes," which is similar to the Street of Dreams in Oregon. As communications director she selected the homes that were to be featured, put together the advertisement book and sold ads for the event.

She then returned to live in Oregon and began working for

Matheny transferred to Portland

Dave Matheny, Lexington area man who was critically injured in a horse riding accident, has been transferred from St. Charles Medical Center in Bend to Good Samaritan in Portland.

According to a spokesperson, Matheny, who will be in the critical care unit, is starting rehabilitation.

People may write to him in care of Good Samaritan Medical Center, 1015 N.W. 22nd, Portland, OR 97212.

An account has been established for the Matheny family at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Litter pickup set

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce announces the next litter pickup on Wednesday, Oct. 10, from 5-6 p.m.

Participants are asked to use litter bags from Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV) to collect any litter along their part of the state highway and deposit it next to the nearest highway sign for collection by Chamber of Commerce volunteers. Hazardous items should be marked with an orange flag.

Contact the pick up coordinator, John Edmundson, 676-5177, for orange flags.



Sylvia Sandford

Washington Mutual in Kennewick, WA. In 1995, she began working for Inland Empire (Banner Bank) in their mortgage division and from 1996-98 she worked for the Bank of Eastern Oregon as mortgage processor. She was employed as an escrow officer with Amerititle in Hermiston from 1998 until taking a job with Pioneer Escrow in Hermiston.

Sandford and her husband, Rick, have two children, Lilly, 5-1/2, who attends kindergarten at Ione Elementary, and Ivy, 1-1/2. The Sandfords, who live in Ione, have pasture and a large menagerie, which includes four horses and various dogs and cats. Rick Sandford, who is from Pendleton, is employed with the Oregon

Highway Department. Of late, however, he has been "moonlighting" in construction, remodeling the house they purchased into an attractive office for Columbia Basin Escrow. The building is shared with Coppock Surveying, another new business for Heppner.

"I'm looking forward to working with all the realtors," said Sylvia, who added that she can cover closings in Morrow and Umatilla counties. She invites people to stop by the office, saying, "The coffee pot is always on."

She also announces that Cyde Estes was the winner of the gift basket drawing held at Columbia Basin Escrow's open house September 28.

Auction to include variety of items



A television will be one of the many items to be auctioned off at the Heppner Booster Club Steak Feed and Auction planned October 13. Pictured is Shirley George of Lott's Auction.

The annual Heppner Booster Club Steak Feed and Auction will be held Saturday, October 13, at the Heppner Elks Club.

The auction will include bird hunts, Blazer tickets, hunting boots, taxidermy services, Seahawk tickets, a weekend at the Oregon Coast, a jet boat trip, an Italian dinner, Black Hills Gold jewelry, golfing, Heppner High School game passes, a rifle, fishing trips,

Biological threat a hoax

An e-mail received by area government employees warning of a biological threat sent through the mail has been determined to be a hoax.

The threat, concerning the "Klingerman Virus", was debunked by Connecticut officials.

Park district to meet

The Willow Creek Park District will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 9, at 7 p.m. at Heppner City Hall.

The agenda will include a financial report and season wrap-up.

golf clubs, beef, meat processing, a color TV, a stadium blanket and a web page, among many other items.

The New York steak dinner, including salad, homemade bread and homemade desserts, begins at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 each.

The auction, silent auction and raffle will follow.

Tickets are available at the Shoe Box and Heppner Hardware.

Historical Society plans dinner, slide show

The Historical Society has planned a turkey dinner this Sunday, October 7, at the Lexington Grange Hall.

The meeting will begin with dinner at 1 p.m., followed by a program by Glen Kirkpatrick, secretary of the Oregon chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, who will show a slide show depicting the points of interest the Lewis and Clark expedition saw on their trip down the river in 1805.

Those attending the dinner may bring a salad or a dessert.



Scott and Nikki Coe of Heppner show off their respective four-point bucks. Scott shot his in the Columbia Basin Unit Tuesday and Nikki shot hers in the Heppner unit Sunday.

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