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15 file for Morrow County School board

On May 20, 2003 an election will be held for the purpose of electing board members to fill positions and terms in Morrow County.

Fifteen people are running for five positions for the **Morrow County School Board**. Following is the positions and people running: Pos. 1- DeAnne L. Tolle, Richard Rockwell, Craig Miles, Jim Doherty and John Rietmann; Pos. 3- John Kilkenny, Marc Rogelstad and Debbie Radie; Pos. 4- Kenneth Matlack and Mike Armato; Pos. 5- Patrick McNamee and William J. Kuhn; Pos. 1,3, 4 and 5 are four-year terms ending June 30, 2007. Pos. 6- Barney P. Lindsay, Dwayne M. Carroll and Denise A. Riddle; Pos. 6 is a two-year term ending June 30, 2005.

Two positions are up in the **Morrow County Health District** and candidates are running unopposed in each position. Pos. 4- Linda K. LaRue and Pos. 5- Larry Mills, both positions are four-year terms ending June 30, 2007.

One zone and two positions are open in the **Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District**. Each candidate is running unopposed. Zone 1: Sharon K. Kelly, four-year term ending June 30, 2007. Pos. 5- Robert T. Keys; four-year term ending June 30, 2007; Pos. 6- Charles J. Stine; two-year term ending June 30, 2005.

Another local district up for election is the Willow Creek Park District. Three at-large positions are open. Skip Matthews, Kim Cutsforth and Patti Allstott are running for the positions. Each positions covers a four-year term ending June 30, 2007.

Other Heppner districts up for election include: **Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District**: Two positions at large: Sonja McCabe, One position four-year term ending June 30, 2007; Delmer Buschke, One position two-year term ending June 30, 2005.

Heppner Rural Fire

District: Two positions at large: Kelwayne Haguewood, one position four-year term ending June 30, 2007. Mike Mahoney, one position two-year term ending June 30, 2005.

Heppner Water Control District: Three positions at large: Albert Osmin, Billy Gentry and Jim Van Winkle. All three positions are four-year terms ending June 30, 2007.

Heppner Community Education Committee: Three positions: Pos. 3, Pos. 5 and Pos. 6. Each position is a four-year term ending June 30, 2007.

Other county-wide districts up for election include: **Ione-Lexington Cemetery District**: Two positions at large: Joseph P. McElligott and Frances M. Barnett. Each position is a four-year term ending June 30, 2007.

Ione Rural Fire District: Two positions at large: Kenneth E. Nelson and Joseph P. McElligott. Each position is a four-year term ending June 30, 2007.

Ione Community Education Committee: Four positions: Pos. 1- Anita Orem; Pos. 4- Sarah Carlson; and Pos. 5. Pos. 1,4 and 5 are four-year terms ending June 30, 2007. Pos. 6 with no candidate is a two-year term ending June 30, 2005.

Boardman Cemetery District: Two positions at large: Grant Chapman, for one position, a four-year term ending June 30, 2007; Blair Purcell, for one position two-year term ending June 30, 2005.

Boardman Park and Recreation District: Three positions at large: Blair Purcell, Raymond D. Michael, Maria M. Richards and Dan Daltoso. Each position is a four-year term ending June 30, 2007.

Boardman Rural Fire District: Two positions at large: Arlene Walters and Clint Finley. Both positions are four-year terms ending June 30, 2007.

Boardman-Irrigon Community Education Committee: Four positions:

Pos. 2, Pos. 5 and Pos. 6: Elizabeth Wheeler. Position 2, 5 and 6 are four-year terms ending June 30, 2007. Pos. 4 is a two-year term ending June 30, 2005.

Port of Morrow: Two positions: Pos. 4- Marvin Padberg and Pos. 5- Larry Lindsay. Both positions are for four-year terms ending June 30, 2007.

Irrigon Cemetery District: Two positions at large: Donald V. Eppenbach and Kenneth Matlack. Both positions are four-year terms ending June 30, 2007.

Irrigon Park and Recreation District: Three positions: Pos. 2- Andrew P. Reid; Pos. 4- Mildred K. Shade; and Pos. 3. All three positions are for four-year terms ending June 30, 2007.

Irrigon Rural Fire District: Two positions at large: Pos. 1- Lynn Hobbs; Pos. 2- Doug Strebin and Kenneth Matlack. Both positions are four-year terms ending June 30, 2007.

Oregon Trail Library District: Four positions: Pos. 2- Sharron L. Myers; and Pos. 4- Edwin Struthers. Pos. 2 and 4 are for four-year terms ending June 30, 2007. Pos. 6- Barbara J. Huwe; and Pos. 7- Debra M. Stratton. Pos. 6 and 7 are for two-year terms ending June 30, 2005.

Morrow County Unified Recreation District: Three positions: Zone 3- Barry S. Turner; Zone 4- Del LaRue; and Zone 5- Cyde Marie Estes. Each position is for a four-year term ending June 30, 2007.

Blue Mountain Community College: Zone 1: Lea Mathieu. This position is for a four-year term ending June 30, 2007.

Downtown Plan to be discussed

A joint Heppner City Council and Planning Commission workshop is scheduled for Monday, April 7 at the St. Patrick's Senior Center, 182 North Main Street, in downtown Heppner. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and is the fourth in a series of public meetings regarding a Draft Downtown Development Plan for the city. Proposed zoning code revisions will also be discussed at the meeting. The public is encouraged to attend to learn more about the proposal and provide their comments.

The consulting firm of Mitchell Nelson Group will present the plan and code revisions. The zoning code revisions include creation of a downtown overlay zone to help protect the historic character of the downtown and encourage economic development. Key aspects of the overlay zone include zero building setbacks, architectural guidelines, a reduction of required off-street parking, and provisions for a fee in lieu of required parking. The development plan also indicates on-street and off-street parking area for recreational vehicles.

Enhancement of pedestrian linkages between the downtown and residential areas and community improvements are also part of the overall plan. These enhancements include sidewalk and crosswalk improvements, a multi-use walk along Willow Creek, and on-street parking modifications. A skateboard park and youth center at the old pool and enhancements to the pedestrian corridors and bridges over Willow Creek are also part of the plan.

An additional meeting to review the Heppner Transportation System Plan will be held Monday, April 21.

Interested parties unable to attend the workshop but wanting to share ideas and comments are invited to contact Project Manager Joyce Jackson by mail, phone or email at Mitchell Nelson Group, 71 S.W. Oak Street Suite 100, Portland, Oregon 97204, phone (503) 944-2158 and e-mail jlj@mngi.com.

Local son serving in Kuwait

United States Marine Corp Warrant Officer John Martin, son of Carl and Geri Martin, of Heppner is currently serving in Kuwait.

Martin is a 1984 graduate of Heppner High School. He has been in the Marines for 17 years and is a veteran of the 1991 Gulf War.

Martin is married to wife, Debbi and they have three children, Brian and Lisa, 9-year-old twins, and Alex, 8. Debbi and the children live in California.

Letters can be sent to WO John Martin, MACG-38 MT/UT UIC41044, FPO AP 96614-1044.



John Martin, USMC Warrant Officer

Adopt-a-Teacher program begins operations

By Debbie Harper

The Heppner Adopt-A-Teacher program is appealing to Heppner alumni, citizens and businesses to help save a teaching position in the Heppner schools for next school year.

"I just don't think people realize how much an impact these cuts will have in our schools," says Kirsten Harrison.

The Adopt-A-Teacher idea grew out of the local grassroots meetings held in January to address the budget shortfalls of Heppner schools. The meetings were held to brainstorm ideas to save teacher and aide positions.

The group's goal is to raise enough money to save a teaching position in the Heppner school system. The school district estimates it takes \$50,000 for each full-time teaching position, and \$25,000 for each aide.

A flyer sent to parents of Heppner students says the group accepts there will be some cuts made. "We're just trying to make the impact as minimal as it has to be for the children in our community."

The group has set up a non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. They have done mass mailings in the Heppner and Lexington zip codes and sent out an informational letter to Heppner alumni. The group



Kirsten Harrison displays quilt to be raffled.

hopes to have the funds by June to present to the school board.

The money will only be given with a guarantee from the board that the money will be used to save a teaching or aide position in the Heppner schools.

The group isn't telling the board which teacher or program to save. They also stressed they see this as a short term fix until the legislature can come up with additional funding for schools.

The group plans a variety of fundraisers in addition to seeking donations. Gwen Healy has donated a quilt, pillow and pillowcases, on display at Klamath First, to be raffled off.

For further information, contact Kirsten Harrison, 989-8213 or Jean Collins, 676-8037.

Heppner youth serve in Oregon legislature



(L-R) Rep. Greg Smith, Tom Wolff, Ashley Wolff, Governor Ted Kulongoski, Kelsey Wolff and Karen Wolff.

Kelsey and Ashley Wolff, of Heppner, recently served in the Oregon Legislature as Honorary Pages

in the House of Representatives. The students were guests of Representative Greg Smith of the 59th District.

Ashley was honored with the opportunity to open the House session from the House Speaker's podium with a reading of the poem "One." One of Ashley's teachers, Karen Smith-Griffith, has this poem posted in her classroom.

Pages work on the House Floor, delivering messages and printed matter to the Representatives. Strict protocol is required.

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