

Candidates Forum

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Member for All Saint Episcopal Church.

She has also been active as a Blue Mt. Community College Foundation Board Member; City of Heppner Planning Commission Member for 12 years; City of Heppner Transportation Advisory Committee; Morrow County Cultural Coalition Planning Committee; and Heppner Booster Club Member.

Estes has skills in management, legal, and governmental budgeting. She has worked at a statewide level with the Oregon Department of Revenue on special teams for appraisal standards and valuation projects, as well as on computer program design for legislative implementation. She has extensive experience in understanding and implementing the Oregon Revised Statutes. She has represented Morrow County for 16 years at the Board of Property Tax Appeals, at the Magistrate Division of Oregon Tax Court and in the Oregon Tax Court, providing the documents necessary to meet the requirements of the law. She also has advanced computer skills gained from assisting in the management of the database for Morrow County Assessment and Tax, along with 18 years of experience with deed records, legal descriptions, maps, district boundaries and public service.

Question 1) "I hope people will vote for me because they know that I will serve them efficiently, effectively and cheerfully, providing the accountability that is critical to sustaining trust in local government."

Question 2) "I believe the biggest challenge facing all public officials is providing quality service and accountability while respecting the revenue allocations given to us. Local government is facing diminishing resources. It will take innovation and cooperation to meet the requirements of the law and the needs of those we serve."

Question 3) (with emphasis on issues facing county clerk) "Quality Voter Records. Providing accountability and accessibility to the voter records is essential to protect the integrity of the double majority vote and to instill confidence in the outcome of our elections. Meeting the requirements of the Help America Vote Act. Congress passed HAVA in October 2002 to improve our voting system. The act calls for a centralized voter registration database, access for people with disabilities, certification of election officials and voter outreach. The challenge will be to meet the requirements of HAVA while respecting our budget allocations. We also need to engage our youth in the voting process. I would love to see a program that informed our youth about the privilege of the voting as well as engaged them in the election process. I would like to develop a partnership with the schools to implement such a program."

Question 4) "I believe the County will continue to grow and prosper. I have faith in our elected officials to protect our interests both locally and

on a statewide basis. If elected, I look forward to serving responsibly and addressing the challenges to come."

The last day to register to vote is Tuesday, Oct. 12. Ballots will be mailed out on Friday, Oct. 15 and must be returned by Tuesday, Nov. 2 by 8 p.m.

Lady Cards defeated by Helix

By Marie Key

The Lady Cardinals traveled to Helix on Tuesday, Oct. 5 and were lost in four games, 27-25, 1-25, 16-25 and 19-25.

Jenny Griffith led the team with 12 points, two aces, 44 passes, seven hits and two kills. Alyssa Rietmann followed with eight points, 62 passes, two blocks, eight set assists, 17 hits and five kills.

Sara Peck and Abby Key contributed four points each. Peck also had 69 passes, four blocks, 12 set assists, 17 hits and five kills. Key had two passes, 50 set assists, three aces and seven dumps. Ashly Grams added three points, four passes, 46 set assists and 10 dumps. Amber Patton had two points, six passes, two aces, one hit and one kill. Stephanie Holland added one point and 26 passes. Barbara Holland contributed six passes, one block, 14 hits and six kills, while Kylee Svetich had five passes and Kim Morris had one pass.

Ione JV loses to Helix

By Marie Key

The Ione JV team played at Helix on Tuesday, Oct. 5 and lost in three games, 17-25, 25-15 and 11-15.

Paige Armstrong led the team with 13 points, 15 passes and one kill. Teonna Vandever and Kayla LaRue contributed eight points each. Vandever also had 20 passes, two aces, two hits and one kill. LaRue had 25 passes, two aces, three hits and one kill.

Ashly Grams had three points and Emily Rietmann had two points, seven passes, one ace, six hits and one kill. Brittnee DesBouillons had one point, six passes, one ace, one hit and two kills and Julianna VandenBrink had one point, seven passes and one hit. Kayla Palmateer had 17 passes, 11 set assists and one hit and Kylee Svetich had five passes, five hits and one kill.

Shamrockette of the Month



Kolleen Chapa has been named the October Shamrockette of the Month.

Valby to sponsor a pumpkin carving contest

Young and old spooks and spookettes will have a chance to show their Halloween Pumpkin carving skills at Valby Lutheran Church on Saturday, Oct. 30. In a no-holds-barred contest, Valby and its Thrivent Investment Management firm will be offering spook prizes for two divisions of pumpkin carving: one for the most original carving and one for the most downright scary pumpkin ever carved in Eastern Oregon.

The contest begins Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m. at the Valby Parish Hall. Each contestant needs to bring the pumpkin of his or her choice that will lend itself to the spook design desired. All young contestants under 65 are urged to then take them home and spook their neighborhood.

Not only will there be a Pumpkin Carving Contest, but there will be an outdoor wiener roast over a bonfire in the parking lot at the country church on the hill. On the church-sponsored menu will be hot dogs on pointed willow sticks, toasted but gooey and sticky roasted marshmallows, s'mores, baked beans and hot chocolate.

When the winner of the pumpkin carving contest is over and the last of the hot dogs roasted and the oven baked beans gone, all children under 65 years will board the wagon for a hay ride into the canyon with the rock foundation. It has been said that at one time it provided walls and a roof for the homestead owner of the land where Valby Lutheran Church now stands. Bring a flashlight because participants will need to walk a short distance in the dark. All the bats have been

You too can help SMART make young readers

Once again SMART time has come around. All elementary schools in the Umatilla/Morrow County area that have a SMART program are geared up to go. Local reading will begin the week of Oct. 11. The schools are running at capacity and SMART is appreciative of the space provided for volunteers to read with children.

Heppner Elementary SMART coordinator Tracie Bunch shares space in the library in a quiet corner.

SMART is seeking a coordinator for the Sam Boardman Elementary School in Boardman.

The SMART program is actively recruiting volunteers to read with two children for a full school year. This creates a sense of consistency and allows the child to form a close attachment to their reader. Each child is also paired with a second volunteer on a separate day of the week, giving them a full hour per week of individual reading attention.

The program is not focused on teaching children to read, but on the pleasure of reading.

Volunteers let the child's comfort level with reading guide them. Some readers can sound out a few words, or can't read, but have memorized short stories and can recite them. Some are fairly fluent

warned to leave the area.

This Halloween event is a "Donations Welcome" community outreach effort designed to assist the Morrow County Fair Board to construct a new 4-H club dormitory at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Spokespersons for the church and the fair board said that kids from all corners of the county will be able to take advantage of a host of applications that will be available including showers, restrooms, overnight living quarters and much more. "We think that this is an effort worth total community support," said Sarah Carlson, chairperson of the outreach committee.

To make this event even more attractive, Thrivent Investment Management Firm, a branch of Lutheran Services, will match donations received at the function.

Kelwayne Haguewood, Morrow County Fair Board member said, "We are about two-thirds funded for the new construction project. We have been planning for this facility for the past several years and now it's time to construct. It's a building that kids and adults from all over the county will enjoy and use. We really appreciate Valby's willingness to help us achieve our goal."

"We think that our church and our communities need to help bring this worthwhile project into fruition," said Sarah Carlson. "We are grateful to Thrivent Investment Management for their offer to match our church-sponsored event," she said.

RSVPs would be appreciated. Call Sarah Carlson at 422-7245, Duane Neiffer at 422-7325 or Louis Carlson at 676-5302.

Mural Committee to sponsor trivia contest

"Rub-a-dub-dub," who were the three men in the tub?

This question is one example of the trivia that could be included in Mr. Bill's Traveling Trivia Show coming to Heppner on Nov. 20.

Mr. Bill (Bill Klein) is coming at the request of the Morrow County FARM Foundation's Mural Committee, to offer a "fun and entertaining evening that will help raise funds for the completion of the mural on the agricultural museum in Heppner," reports a mural committee spokesperson.

What thick metal plate is thrown in the Olympics? "Anyone who can answer this question and has five friends, family members, or co-workers willing to make a team is the perfect participant for the trivia contest," says the committee member, who was a Trivia Show player a few years ago. Team members have time to huddle, write down their answers and turn them in to Klein's "lovely assistant" throughout the rounds of questions during the three-hour show.

Tuxedo-clad Mr. Bill draws from his database of over 18,000 questions gathered from players, trivia games and library and on-line research. Categories include movies, science, history, sports, geography, arts,

literature, television, leisure, nature and music (with an occasional "Name That Tune").

Klein's website (mrbillstrivia.com) states that he launched his show in 1984 while working for a pub owner in Salem. After an evening when some customers argued over '50s TV programs, Klein suggested a trivia game as a mid-week promotion and the owner agreed to the idea. "I thought it was a six-month fad and I'd have to find a real job soon," states Mr. Bill on the website. "After six months, I was doing eight shows seven days a week. The show has been going strong ever since."

You can find the famous "Loop" in what windy city? "Whether you can answer that question or not, you can find a fun-filled evening with friends at the Heppner Elks Lodge, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 20," says the spokesperson for the mural committee.

Entry forms and information are available by calling Doris Brosnan at 676-5382. A table for a team of six costs \$120. That contribution is tax deductible. "Teams will be playing for prizes, as well as having a great time," states the mural committee member.

HES holds Food Drive contest



Heppner Elementary Students gathered for an assembly in the HES gym to find out the winners of the Food Drive Contest.

The students of Heppner Elementary School recently completed a Food Drive contest. The second graders won the contest. All total, 1663 pounds were gathered. "All the kids did awesome," said Jamie McCormack, Heppner Neighborhood Center volunteer.

1st place- Mrs. Clough's Class with 360.5 pounds; 2nd- Mrs. Dowdy's

Class with 213 pounds; 3rd- Mrs. Morris' Class with 208 pounds; 4th- Mrs. Allen's Class with 204.5 pounds; 5th- Mrs. Haguewood's Class with 170 pounds; 6th- Mrs. Osmin's Class with 169 pounds, Mrs. Matteson's Class with 122 pounds; 8th- Mrs. Smith-Griffith 121 pounds; and 9th place- Mrs. Gibbs with 95 pounds.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Chili and cheese, baked potatoes, coleslaw, cottage cheese and peaches, cornbread and cookies are on the menu to be served by the Seventh Day Adventist volunteers on Oct. 20, for the Senior Center noon meal.

"I have placed a file labeled 'Senior Center News Items' in the center office," said Grace Drake. "My desire is to make my task (and yours) easier to have timely information about center activities of general interest, to report in the present format of 'St. Patrick's Senior Center news.' For publication on any given Wednesday, the items must be in my hands by Friday evening before the date. At the very latest, I need them by early Monday morning since my intent is to deliver what I have written to the G-T by 11 a.m. on Monday (on holiday week-ends, news must be delivered by 5 p.m., Friday). The telephone works too, my number is 676-9439. You may leave messages with pertinent information and your name and number for me to contact you. There is usually more going on than I 'just know.'"

St. Pat's Day committee seeking nominations

The St. Patrick's Day committee is asking for suggestions for next year's parade Grand Marshall. If you have someone in mind, please contact Shanny Miller at 989-8541.

HHS to commemorate Veteran's Day

Heppner High School's Veteran's Day Ceremony will be on Nov. 10.

Any veterans interested in sharing photographs or experiences please contact HHS at 676-9138.