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St. Patrick's Senior Center news

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish hosts the Wednesday, Nov. 3 noon meal at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. They will assist with serving a familiar late fall menu: sausage patties and gravy, hash browns, orange slices and orange juice, biscuits and pudding.

Preparation for January election of board members began at the regular board meeting on Oct. 13. Three positions are open for nominations for election; the nominating committee members have begun interviews for the openings. The director of volunteer services is automatically a voting member of the board. Judy Buschke holds that position at the present time.

In order to have terms of office of equal length and staggered to prevent too many same year changes, members will be elected for different lengths of term for this one election. These lengths of term are as follows: one person elected for a two year term; one person elected for a three year term; and one person elected for a four year term. If an interim appointment is necessary, it will be to fill out the remainder of that specific term. The intent of the policy is to bring the board in compliance with the by-laws on the subject of term length.

Judy Buschke and Ed Baker have sent out an urgent call for new volunteer drivers. The need has become acute on Wednesdays and Fridays. Both have stated that services may have to be curtailed if spots in the driving schedule cannot be filled. The Monday, Wednesday and Friday service is to Hermiston for medical and legal appointments. A service for the same purposes is scheduled for Pendleton and Walla Walla on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information on times and places, call the Senior Center at 676-9030, from 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Happy
"Over The Hill"
Birthday!**

*Our Love,
Mom and Dad
Gerald and Angie
Derek and Anita
Amy and Rick & Family*



Your vote can make a difference

By Molly Rhea

Okay, enough already; there's been a lot of hoopla over the upcoming elections. Unless you have been in a cave, or possibly in a coma, over the past few months, you are more than aware it is an election year.

Vote Yes. Vote No. Vote for this candidate. Don't Vote for that candidate. There is plenty of recommendations, suggestions and some outright disinformation. What's a person to do? And just how important is "only one vote" anyway?

History shows that a handful of votes can have far reaching consequences. According to Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodsworth, in March of 1988 the Health levy was voted down, 1073-1211. It is true that the levy went down by more than one vote; it was 138 votes to be exact. In those days people had to go to a specific location to cast their vote. It makes one wonder how many people that "would have voted 'Yes'" didn't make it a priority to get to their polling place that day?

Nowadays the voting process is much easier. The Clerk's office sends a ballot to each registered voter's mailing address. The ballots come about a week after receiving the voter's pamphlets. Heck, it's kind of like an open-book test. One can go through the voter's pamphlet while filling in their ballot. The ballot can then be mailed or dropped off at the courthouse.

All right already, so what's the message? Carefully consider your choices, take into account how the choices you are making may impact you, your neighbors and the quality of life in our communities. Because, as that great philosopher, Victor Vander Does once said, "Sometime you don't realize what you have until it's gone."

School district considers drug testing

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participant. Consequences for violations during the spring will continue into the next year.

Consent: Each student involved in any co-curricular program(s) will be required to provide a signed consent form prior to joining the program. Both student and parent/guardian signatures are required.

Non-punitive Nature of Policy: Students will not be penalized academically for testing positive for illegal drugs under this policy. Nor will co-curricular drug tests be documented in any student's academic records. The information gathered under this policy will only be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities in order to comply with lawful court orders or subpoenas. In the event of such legal compulsion, the District will notify parents/guardians at least 72 hours prior to releasing information.

Testing Rules: All co-curricular participants may be tested at the beginning of any season at the discretion of the superintendent. Additionally, random testing will be conducted throughout the school year at the superintendent's discretion. A minimum of 5 percent and a maximum of 25 percent of co-curricular participants will be tested at each test period as determined by the superintendent. Once the "Authorization to Test for Drugs" Agreement is signed the student is eligible for random testing whether or not he/she is at that time participating in a co-curricular activity.

Procedures for Testing: Selection for testing will be by random procedures from a pool of all students who have signed the "Authorization to Test for Drugs" Agreement. The superintendent will take due precautions to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of the selection process. No individual involved in the selection process will be able to identify students or to determine the selection of a particular student for testing. The Jr/Sr high school principal will be notified on the day students are selected for testing and will arrange for samples to be taken the same day. If a student is absent on a testing day an alternate will be tested. The absent student will become a part of the group the next time a random test is done. Any student unable to provide the sample will be

expected to remain at the collection area until a specimen is obtained. Those selected for testing will be given the option of doing so in private.

Students who refuse a sample will be considered to have tested positive and will be subject to the procedures listed below under Positive Results.

Prescription Medications: Students on prescription medications may provide a copy of the prescription or a physician's written verification to school personnel within 24 hours of the time a sample is collected. Any information provided in this manner will be sealed in an envelope and forwarded to the testing lab with instructions to consider the medication in processing the sample. Prescriptions or doctor's verifications will not be reviewed by school officials and may be presented in sealed envelopes. Students who do not provide verification and test positive will be subject to the measures specified below.

Scope of Tests and Confidentiality of Results: All specimens will be collected and tested by a State certified laboratory or local certified collection site. Chain of custody procedures, as recommended by the laboratory, will be followed. Screening tests will test for common illegal drugs of abuse. The superintendent shall decide prior to selection of students which illegal drugs shall be screened. Samples will not be screened for the presence of any substance other than an illegal drug or for the

Public works director takes no position on garbage franchise

City of Heppner public works director Bruce Nelson has no position on the renewal of the Heppner Garbage Disposal franchise, as reported in the Oct. 13 Gazette-Times.

Nelson says that his position is if the city council decides not to renew the franchise, then he would recommend the city take over garbage service in Heppner.

A 10-year franchise agreement with Heppner Garbage Disposal is coming to an end this year, and the council at its Oct. 11 meeting was discussing the franchise and complaints against Heppner Garbage.

SWCD/Weed Board meeting

The Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 3:30 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office building in Heppner.

The meeting agenda items and discussion items include: manager report-review personnel policy and agency reports. Prospect of an Executive session according to ORS 192.640(2).

The meeting is open to the public.

existence of any physical condition other than drug intoxication. Test results will be communicated only to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee and principal. Individual test information will be treated confidentially.

Positive Results: Whenever a participant's results indicate the presence of drugs (positive test), notification will be made and a meeting will be scheduled with the student, the parent(s) or guardian and the building principal.

Discipline: Due process procedures will be followed for all discipline arising from violation of the district's policy.

First Positive Result: For the first positive test the student will be given the option of a short participation suspension (defined below), a good faith participation in a drug assistance program at the student's/parent's expense and submission to bi-weekly drug testing for eight weeks (regardless of whether or not the season ends prior to the eight weeks) or suspension from the athletic program for the remainder of the current season and the next athletic season of participation.

If the student elects the option of participating in a drug assistance program, the student will continue to practice with the team/group, but not participate in any game/events during the suspension. The minimum length of the suspension shall be for three weeks (21 days), which will carry over to the next season of participation if the schedule ends before the three weeks have elapsed. If the first session of the drug assistance program has not occurred at the end of the three weeks, the student will be suspended from practice and participation in events until he/she has attended at least one session. Continued participation will be contingent on the student missing no session of the drug testing program.

Second Positive Result: For the second positive test in the student's Jr/Sr high school career, the student will be suspended from the athletic program for the remainder of the current season and the next athletic season in which the student participates.

Third Positive Result: For the third positive test in the student's Jr/Sr high school career, the student will be suspended from athletics for the remainder of the athlete's Jr/Sr high school career.

Relationship to Student Discipline Policy, Substance Abuse Policy and Athlete's Policy: Co-curricular participants should be advised that each of the above policies may also affect their eligibility. Normal disciplinary measures are still applicable for violations that do not arise from these testing procedures.

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FOR
MORROW COUNTY
JUSTICE of the PEACE

- "Life Experience"
- "Business Experience"
- "People Person"
- "Professional"
- "Efficient"

Mark your ballot for:

 **Betty A. Burns**

CHANGE IS GOOD!

PAID AND AUTHORIZED BY BETTY A. BURNS

**Elect
Bobbi Childers
Morrow County
Clerk**



Current Chief Deputy for Barbara Bloodsworth, Morrow County Clerk

I have over four years of experience and training in the Clerk's office.

I can do all the duties of Clerk. It's my job.

Paid for by Bobbi Childers



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676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

**~ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30th ~
SALMON BAKE & HAM DINNER**

starting at 6 p.m. Live music by Jimmy Thompson at 8:30 p.m.

For Elks members and out-of-town guests.

BINGO IS BACK ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, at 7 p.m.