

# Unofficial returns for Morrow County only Grant award expands interactive EMS training program

Vote break down by city and towns unavailable at press time.  
Break down will be in next week's paper.

General Election Results		H E P P N E R	H A R D M A N	L E X I N G T O N	I O N E	I R R I G O N	B O A R D M A N	T O T A L S
Tuesday, November 2, 2004 Morrow County: contested races, measures (Preliminary, unofficial results only)								
<b>U.S. President/Vice President</b>								
George W. Bush/Dick Cheney (Rep.)								2706
John Kerry/John Edwards (Dem.)								1348
<b>U.S. Senator</b>								
Ron Wyden (Dem.)								2305
Al King (Rep.)								1563
<b>U.S. Representative, 2nd Congressional District</b>								
Greg Walden (Rep.)								2999
John C. McColgan (Dem.)								859
<b>Secretary of State</b>								
Bill Bradbury (Dem.)								1924
Betsy L. Close (Rep.)								1929
<b>State Treasurer</b>								
Randall Edwards (Dem.)								1530
Jeff Caton (Rep.)								2013
<b>Attorney General</b>								
Hardy Myers (Dem.)								1576
Paul Connolly (Rep.)								2079
<b>Morrow County Clerk</b>								
Cyde Marie Estes								1364
Bobbi Childers								2446
<b>Morrow County Sheriff</b>								
Verlin Denton								1934
Kenneth Matlack								1970
<b>Morrow County Justice of the Peace</b>								
Charlotte S. Gray								2003
Betty A. Burns								1815
<b>City of Heppner Mayor</b>								
Keith E. Lewis								300
Tim Van Cleave								453
<b>Heppner City Councilor, Position 2</b>								
Warren C. Givens								166
Glenn Baker								426
<b>City of Ione Mayor</b>								
Robin Moran								41
Mark A. Bruno								129
<b>City of Irrigon Councilor (vote for four)</b>								
Adolph M. Dowdy								126
Vaune Flerchinger								89
Kenneth W. Matlack								315
Chuck Neumann								255
Debi Stratton								289
Jesse Pena								213
Donald Baxter								271
<b>City of Boardman Mayor</b>								
Thomas D. Meyers								234
Ed Glenn								288
<b>City of Boardman Councilor (vote for three)</b>								
Steve Doherty								272
Paul E. Keefer								151
Jim Hollandsworth								208
LuAnn Huffman								242
Donald Vandeventer								139
Mark Pratt								156
Paul B. Beagle								129
<b>Measure 31: Law Permitting Postponement of Public Office Election</b>		Yes						2058
		No						1822
<b>Measure 32: Deletes Reference to Mobile Homes/Taxes-Fees</b>		Yes						1939
		No						1942
<b>Measure 33: Amends Medical Marijuana Act</b>		Yes						1337
		No						2656
<b>Measure 34: Requires Balancing Timber/Resources (2 Forests)</b>		Yes						1121
		No						2737
<b>Measure 35: Limits Non-Economic Damages/Patient Injuries</b>		Yes						2277
		No						1717
<b>Measure 36: Only Marriage Between Man/Woman Valid</b>		Yes						2969
		No						1095
<b>Measure 37: Payment Land Use Restrictions-Property Value</b>		Yes						2841
		No						1071
<b>Measure 38: Abolishes SAIF</b>		Yes						1400
		No						2494
<b>Morrow County Health District Levy</b>		Yes						2208
		No						1789
<b>Lexington Fire Dept. Levy</b>		Yes						71
		No						56
<b>North Morrow Vector Control District Levy</b>		Yes						1600
		No						561
<b>City of Irrigon Water Bond Authorization</b>		Yes						345
		No						186

A \$111,313 Federal Rural Emergency Medical Service Training and Equipment (REMSTEP) grant means more than 5000 emergency medical service personnel (EMS) in Washington, north central Oregon- including Morrow County, northern Idaho and Alaska's Aleutian Islands will have access to training in topics such as initial trauma assessment, head and spinal trauma, trauma assessment of children and other critical care issues. Inland Northwest Health Services (INHS) was awarded the grant to expand live interactive EMS training programs through its Northwest TeleHealth network.

The INHS TeleHealth network operates a video conferencing network that consists of 55 hospitals and clinics. Northwest TeleHealth will connect to other video conferencing systems in Alaska and Oregon to reach the entire region.

Renee Anderson will serve as the project director for the REMSTEP program. She has developed considerable knowledge and understanding about rural EMS agencies during the planning for this program and also has extensive past experience working with rural hospitals and EMS agencies. Anderson was the INHS lead in preparing the Regional Hospital Preparedness Plan for the Washington State Department of Health.

"Rather than facing the expense of flying EMS crews to larger cities for advanced training, rural fire fighters, paramedics and EMT's will now be able to drive to a local school or hospital to take advantage of the latest emergency response, injury prevention and safety awareness information," said INHS Chief Operating Officer Nancy Vorhees.

Over the next few months, Anderson will work closely with EMS training content providers, four TeleHealth networks, 52 educational sites, four state EMS offices and multiple Educational Service Districts and schools to implement the REMSTEP

program. Major tasks will include determining enhancements needed to the current EMS Live at Night format, assessing training needs for coming years and securing appropriate speakers as well as assuring CME certification. Anderson will also be working with Doug Weeks of INHS to design and implement an evaluation process for the REMSTEP program and with Dr. Jim Nania to assure that program content supports CME certification.

As part of the implementation process, a coalition will be created, consisting of two key EMS representatives from each region, to discuss specialized education needs for the regions, current program content and participant satisfaction. This coalition will be facilitated by Anderson and Ray Tansey of Spokane County EMS and Trauma Council.

Seventy five percent of funding for the program comes from federal dollars, while twenty-five percent will be provided by participating agencies.

In addition to interactive meetings, TeleHealth also affords rural communities with access to medical specialists and education on subjects such as diabetes management and other chronic illnesses. Nurses, physicians and other providers in remote communities are also able to take part in refresher courses hosted by universities and community colleges while they remain in their host communities.

INHS is a non-profit corporation sponsored by Deaconess Medical Center, Holy Family Hospital, Sacred Heart Medical Center and Valley Hospital and Medical Center in Spokane, WA, to provide collaborative health care services for Spokane and the surrounding region. INHS companies include St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute, Community Health Education and Resources (CHER), Children's Miracle Network, Northwest TeleHealth, Information Resource Management and Northwest MedStar. For more information, go to [www.inhs.org](http://www.inhs.org).

## Community-wide Thanksgiving to be held

Heppner Christian Missionary Fellowship is once again hosting a community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner will be held Thursday, Nov. 25, at its new location at the Heppner High School cafeteria. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m.

Those wishing to volunteer for serving or to donate items, please contact Joan McDaniel for more information at 676-5830.

Those wishing to share their talents and be a part of the entertainment may contact Alvin Liu at (541) 980-2014 by Nov. 15.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend this event.

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## Correction

A letter submitted to the Gazette-Times and published in the October 27 edition of the newspaper, signed "John L. Rietmann", has been determined to be a hoax. The letter, which criticized incumbent M.C. Sheriff Verlin Denton in favor of sheriff's candidate Ken Matlack, was not written by John Rietmann of Olden Lane in Ione. The real John Rietmann told the Gazette-Times that he did not write the letter, opposed the message of the letter and said that he had contacted the M.C. Sheriff's Office. He also stated that his middle name does not start with the letter 'L'.

The letter included John Rietmann's correct phone number, but, according to M.C. Sheriff's deputy Randy Rayburn, the address on the letter was bogus. It listed an address on Gooseberry Rd.

The incident is under investigation by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. Rayburn said that so far charges could include identity theft.