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The District has made great strides in obtaining and training specialized personnel and programs for our ELL students. While I was on the Board, the district adopted a District wide ELL program with measurable goals and guidelines, something the District did not previously have. We have a lot more ground to cover with our ELL students and I will keep the District moving forward.

"Getting our communities to work together. Balancing the needs and desires of the various Morrow County communities often involve the most emotionally difficult decisions the Morrow County School Board must make. As a long-time Morrow County resident who has been associated with the school district during my entire 28 years here, I understand the dynamics of inter-community politics. While I don't always have an answer to bettering cooperation between the communities, I will continue to work with determination to foster close working relationships between the communities of Morrow County for the benefit of our students."

Question 4) "The funding of PERS retirement. PERS retirement funding is expected to increase between 5 and 10 percent over the next 2 to 4 years. Each percent increase costs our district approximately \$100,000. This funding is set by the state government and is not within the District's control. Funding this increase without decreasing District programs will be a great challenge."

"Inadequate State Funding. Keeping pace with educational needs and state and federal mandates when state and federal funding continues to be inadequate will continue to stress District programs."

"Advancing Technology. Insuring that the District keeps pace with advancing technology and applies technology to the best advantage of our students will be a continuing challenge. Our District with its fiber optic cable system is well positioned to keep pace with the challenge."

"Meeting the needs of our ELL Students. Morrow County will continue to have a high percentage of Hispanic students. The District will have to continue to develop staff and curriculum to meet

the future needs of this student population."

**Montes de Oca**, 49, and his wife Celia came to Morrow County in 1995 and they and their two children currently live in Irrigon. He received his GED and attended Stanislaus State in Turlock, CA and Modesto Junior College in California. He also served for five months in the US Navy before being medically discharged.

Montes de Oca is employed by the City of Boardman as a community liaison/mobile home installation inspector.

He has served as the Latin Commission chairman for eight years and the Cinco de Mayo chairman for three years. He has also been on the school site committee for two years and been a youth group advisor for two years.

Question 1) Unanswered.

Question 2) "To learn the responsibilities of a school board member."

Question 3) "Diversity understanding-getting along and working together as a diverse community."

Question 4) Unanswered.

**Morrow County School District- Position 6**  
Running for this position is Barney Lindsay and Patricia Furgerson.

**Lindsay**, 34, was born and raised in Morrow County. He and his wife, Kimberly, and their three children live in Lexington. He graduated from Heppner High School. He received his associate's degree in general studies from Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton and a bachelor of science degree in agricultural education from the University of Idaho in Moscow, ID.

He is currently employed as a farmer on the Lindsay Ranch and has worked as a teacher for the Morrow County School District and the Hermiston School District.

Lindsay is a member of St Patrick's Catholic Church and has served as lector and parish council member. He is also a member and former chairman of the Holy Name Society. He is also an Elks member, Knights of Columbus member and a member of the University of Idaho Alumni Association. He has served on the Heppner High School Agriculture Education Advisory Board Member and served as a Hermiston High School assistant

football coach and a Heppner Junior High School assistant track coach.

Lindsay's political experience includes being a current member of the Morrow County School Board and the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District Board. He has also served as a past member and board secretary for Morrow County Grain Growers.

Question 1) "I have been a student, a teacher, a coach and a board member for the Morrow County School District. I have a diverse background in education and I understand the issues facing our schools in Morrow County."

Question 2) "Funding public education. A stable funding source for public education is critical to ensuring success for our students."

"My first priority is ensuring quality education is offered to all our students. Students in every community should have equal access to course offerings and scheduling. The major project which I would like to see accomplished is restoring programs that were eliminated, and adding course offering through distance education."

Question 3) "Funding: Trying to plan for the educational needs of our students with limited financial resources"

"District Unity: The communities within the MCSD are each distinctly different, each community must have a positive reason to remain apart of the district."

Question 4) "Growth: The MCSD continues to see significant annual growth in our elementary student population. If this growth continues at the current pace additional facilities will have to be built within the next five to seven years."

"Funding: Trying to maintain a stable fund source for public education will be an important issue in every legislative session for years to come."

"Distance Education: The MCSD has made a commitment to provide technology that allows our students access to course opportunities not provided within the district"

"Legislative Mandates: The MCSD must comply with all state and federal mandates. As the list continues to grow, it will require the MCSD to work closely with our legislators."

**Furgerson**, 61, came to Morrow County in 1992. She has three grown children. She graduated from Rogue River High School and graduated from Eastern Oregon University with a bachelor of science degree in history with an endorsement

in secondary education.

Furgerson is currently employed with Morrow County School District and retires in June 2005.

She is a member of the Irrigon Planning Commission. She has been a teacher for 13 years and the parent of three children. She has worked for and belonged to PTO for 18 years. She has also participated as a den mother and created many costumes for stage productions.

Question 1) "I have many years of experience working with and within school district."

Question 2) "The greatest challenge will be getting the most schooling possible for all students with the money available."

Question 3) "Money; meeting state standards; how to test students without losing so much student/teacher time; a realistic idea of teacher improvement; student-to-teacher ratio; building maintenance; and technology, advancement and application."

Question 4) "CIM; academic and vocational issues; curriculum; teacher improvement; population; money; and educating all students."

**Port of Morrow- Position 1**

Running for this position are Chris Rauch, James Hollandsworth and Don Russell.

**Rauch**, 47, was born in Morrow County. He and his wife, Cathy, and their two children live in Lexington. He graduated from Heppner High School and studied geology and history at Eastern Oregon University and University of Oregon.

For the past 17 years, Rauch has been a partner of Starvation Farms.

He is a member of Hope Lutheran Church and served on the council for the past 10 years, three of which he served as treasurer and three as president. He is also a current Heppner girls JV basketball coach.

Rauch's political experience includes three years with the Oregon Shorthorn Association, serving as past president. He was elected to the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District board, serving 12 years, 10 years as chairman. He served five years on the Oregon Technical Advisory Committee, representing the Oregon Association of Conservation District. For the past six years he has been serving on the Northwest STEEP (Solutions to environmental problems) review board. The board oversees \$550,000 in money that is dedicated to research grants and projects for conservation farming. He

has served for six years on the Oregon Wheat Growers League Board- five years as chair of the Research and Production committee and served three years on the Resource and Conservation District representing Morrow County SWCD.

Question 1) "Hopefully they think I'm the most qualified and would do a good job of representing them. If they don't I hope they vote for a candidate that they think is better."

Question 2) "Just sitting down and listening and finding out what has been going on and what is in the works."

Question 3) "Spending the tax payers' money wisely to get the right kind of jobs that fit best into this county. One may have to kiss a few frogs along the way to find the right one. We as the Port need to do the best we can at weeding these out ahead of time so we don't waste our time and tax payers' money. We need to find businesses that fit into our area for all Morrow County so we have the right kind of growth- not growth for growth's sake. Part of the job is to protect the lifestyle we have here."

Question 4) "Environmental issues such as the endangered species act are always ones to be on top of and watching."

"Changes of county, state and federal laws concerning taxes, transportation, safety regulations and local zoning changes are all things that need to be monitored. The Port will need to be ready to jump at any opportunity that may arise from one of these. Or, be ready to fend off a negative situation that could occur."

**Hollandsworth**, 60, and his wife Margaret came to Morrow County in 1996 and have three grown children.

The Hollandsworths currently live in Boardman. He graduated from high school in Lowell and received his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Oregon Tech in Klamath Falls.

Hollandsworth has also served as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the US Army. He served as an OCS artillery instructor at Fort Sill in Oklahoma.

He is currently self-employed in property management as the owner of Desert Springs Estates Mobile Home Park in Boardman.

He is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club Board and is a past president. He is an ex-board member of the Boardman Chamber of Commerce. He has served with the North Morrow Trail Committee and for two years was chairman of SOLV. He has also served on the Boardman City Council for the last four years and is the current council president.

Hollandsworth has years of experience in heavy construction engineering and experience in supervision and management as a small business owner. He also has

eight years of experience in property management.

Question 1) "Diverse education and career experience, plus a strong record of commitment to serve Morrow County."

Question 2) "How I will readjust my busy schedule to meet this new challenge."

Question 3) "Expansion of material handling systems for barges, trucks and trains. Port property management of uses, be it leases, sale or other."

Question 4) "Site of new business operations in Morrow County, i.e. race track, bottle plant and other possibilities."

**Russell**, 47, was raised in Morrow County and he and his wife, Susan, currently live in Boardman. They have two grown children. He graduated from Riverside High School in Boardman and graduated from Oregon State University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration-accounting, with a minor in general studies.

He has worked as a staff accountant for Bigej Scott and Nichol CPA's. He was president of Russell Oil Company from 1982-2001 and is the current manager of Russell Family, LLC.

Russell is a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. He has served as a director for the Boardman Chamber of Commerce and served on the Board of Directors for Oregon Petroleum Marketers Association. He was on the committee to build an all weather track at Riverside High School. He is currently serving as a board member Columbia River Community Health Services and has served on the board of directors for the Morrow, Wheeler and Gilliam counties mental health district. He is also the present chairman of the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District.

He has also served as a planning commission for Morrow County and is a current member of the Port of Morrow budget committee.

Question 1) "I have a strong business and financial background, that is more rounded than either of my opponents. A Port Commissioner is basically a business consultant to the staff and the rest of the commissioners."

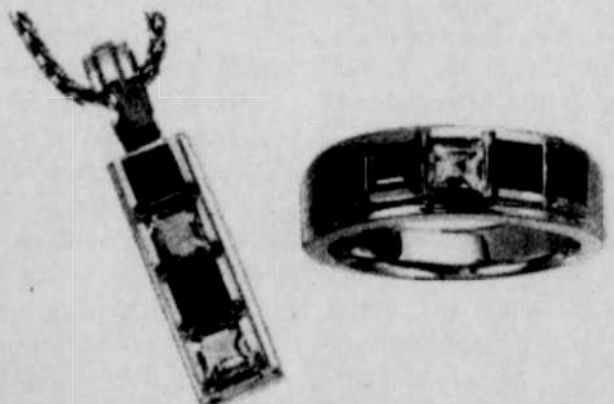
Question 2) "To be brought up to speed on all of the information that is done in executive session."

Question 3) "The last two years have been hard financially hard on the Port. This trend needs to be reversed, and their financial position strengthened. The second issue is to continue to encourage economic growth in all of Morrow County. The

Port has worked closely with all of the communities in Morrow County and needs to continue to do so."

Question 4) "This is ...continued on page 5

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is a custom made pendant or ring  
for Mother's Day!



This Mother's Day, design a memorable  
pendant or ring that symbolizes those who  
are most important to her - her family.  
The pendant & ring can hold one to five stones.



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**PORT OF MORROW  
COMMISSIONER  
POSITION # 2**

**JOE TAYLOR**

- Morrow County Resident for 30+ years
- Graduate of Heppner High School
- U.S. Air Force - Honorable Discharge
- Married - Two Children
- President Boardman Kiwanis
- Occupation: Farmer
- Director : Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District
- Director: Columbia-Blue Mt. Resource Conservation and Development Council
- Morrow County Republican Committee

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