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a tough question, there are many issues that could affect the Port of Morrow, from restrictions on fresh water, to ever changing DEQ regulations, to transportation issues such as loss of international carriers on the Columbia river system. The list could go on and on."

Port of Morrow-Position 2

Running for this position is Daniel Creamer, Joe Taylor and Nancy Vander Does.

Creamer, 68, has lived in Morrow County for 60 years and he and his wife, Jeanie, currently live in Irrigon. They have three grown children. He graduated from Irrigon High School.

He is a retired tugboat pilot.

Creamer has served on the Planning Commission for 15 years and on the Port Commission for 16 years and is the current chairman of the commission. He has also served on the Morrow County Budget Committee. He is also a past president of the Oregon Public Ports Association.

Question 1) I have nothing to say against my opponents.

Question 2) Integrating all the rulings and rules, along with keeping up with the environmental issues.

Question 3) Continuing to create jobs for Morrow County. Through the growth in businesses we've already created over 900 jobs in Morrow County and have created the largest barge container dock in the United States. We also need to work to continue the Tillamook Cheese Plant expansion and get the loss ends tied up.

Question 4) Working with continuing changes in water and environmental issues.

Taylor, 36, came to Morrow County in 1971. He and his wife, Cheryl, and their two children live in Boardman. He graduated from Heppner High School. He served three years with the US Air Force as an airman first class. He served two years at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

Taylor has been farming for 12 years and is in partnership with his brother in Double T Farming.

He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Boardman and has been president elect and is currently president of the club. He is also chairman of a number of different committees within the club.

He is Zone 1 director for the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District and has served on the board

for eight years and is currently chairman. He is the committeeman for the Boardman area for the Morrow County Republican Committee. He was also appointed to the Blue-Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council and serves as vice chair.

Question 1) "Because I have the experience of growing up in the south end of the county and operating a farming business in the north, I have an interest in helping to improve the economic base of the whole county."

Question 2) "Getting familiar and knowledgeable about all of the projects that the Port currently have on their agenda."

Question 3) "Finishing up the sale of the power plant in Heppner. Continuing to expand and diversify the job opportunities in Morrow County."

Question 4) "The environmental communities pressure to limit the uses of the Columbia river, weather it be dredging for larger ships to get to the port of Portland, agriculture water use, municipal/industrial use."

Vander Does (also running for Morrow County School District board) also has experience in business management, healthcare, customer service, accounts receivable management, payroll and personnel and insurance contracting.

Question 1) "No preconceived opinions. Will treat all parts of the district equally. A wish to contribute to the community and its economic development."

Question 2) "Understand current Port policies and State and Federal laws impacting Port operations."

Question 3) "Increasing energy costs; basic economic issues such as increasing interest rates, inflation and a sluggish economy; and environmental issues."

Question 4) "Same as above plus the need to lobby at state and federal levels."

Port of Morrow-Position 3

Running for this position are Michael Dipo and Jerry Healy.

Dipo, 28, and his wife Misty, and their three children came to Morrow County in 1998 and currently live in Boardman. He graduated from Kearns High School and attended Salt Lake Community College. He has his insurance license in both property casualty and life and health.

He is currently employed as the Boardman branch manager for the Simmons Financial Group.

He is president of the Boardman Chamber of

Commerce and is a past member of the Boardman Planning Commission.

Question 1) "A new perspective on issues facing Morrow County. I think it's important that our county continues to grow, so many children don't have to move away just to get a good job."

Question 2) "Making sure that the voices of the people in Morrow County are heard."

Question 3) Unanswered.

Question 4) "Growth, I feel it is very important that we, as a community, look for economic growth opportunities, not just for us but for children's future."

Healy, 54, was raised in Morrow County and he and his wife, Carmen, currently live in Heppner. They couple has three grown children. He is a graduate of Heppner High School and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in business administration-finance from University of Oregon. He also attended the University of Nebraska.

He is currently employed by Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op, working 15 years as office manager and seven years as manager.

He is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. He has served on the Morrow County School District, serving on the budget committee for eight years, growth committee for two years and TAG committee for two years. He served three years as president of Willow Creek Little League; 16 years as a Pioneer Memorial ambulance driver; six years as an Air Membership volunteer; and 12 years on the Columbia River Peace Corps Association.

Question 1) "I do not know my opponent so it would be difficult to say why a voter would select me over Mr. Dipo. I would like the voters to consider my long term voluntary commitment to our schools, community and county. With this long history of volunteering I believe I have demonstrated my desire to serve all of Morrow County."

Question 2) Unanswered.

Question 3) "The four year lack of business expansion from coast to coast has been especially hard on the Port. We have struggled to attract new investment and are continuing to try to find a workout solution for the Kinzua Generating Plant."

Question 4) "Being on Eastern Oregon Port will always be an issue. We need to expand water availability. All businesses will continue to feel the affects of energy cost, environmental cost and work force availability."

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.



(L-R): Brenda Sherrell of Farmer's Insurance and Nancy Snider of Wheatland Insurance.

This year the Heppner Chamber has been featuring member businesses on the third Thursday of each month. April businesses featured were Farmer's Insurance and Wheatland Insurance, represented by Brenda Sherrell and Nancy Snider respectively.

Insurance was defined as "a transfer of risk from one person to the other." These two ladies demonstrated how businesses work cooperatively together and are able to compliment each other. They defined the different types of insurance as independent, direct writers and 800 companies. The audience was instructed on hard markets versus soft markets, underwriting flexibility, etc. Challenges are dealing with unhappy customers because often their hands are tied due to all the insurance rules and regulations. Their primary concern at all times is their clients.

Other businesses featured this year include Murray Drugs, featured in January. John and Ann Murray shared the history of their family coming to Heppner and buying the drugstore in 1959, its expansion, its downsizing and their challenges. They also shared the many new things they are doing to keep their business viable in Heppner.

The February featured business was Cornerstone Gallery. Alvin Liu, who heads up the Chamber Merchants

Golf benefit well attended

Willow Creek Country Club's first annual benefit golf tournament was well attended with 56 members and friends in attendance on Sunday, May 24. There were 14 teams in all for 18 holes of scramble. Snacks and a luncheon meal was provided by various members of the club. In addition to registration, mulligans were sold and the 50/50 pot was well supported. All helped to make the day a great success.

The first place team consisted of Don Taylor, Jeff

Committee, shared his ideas and enthusiasm for this new Main Street business. Visitors to the gallery will receive and artistic experience, as well as a chance to shop and enjoy a variety of beverages. Cornerstone Gallery is located across from Northwestern Motel and next to the museum.

In March, George Koffler presented an interesting history of Heppner's local bank, the Bank of Eastern Oregon. It continues to grow and has become well known statewide. An attentive audience was given a quiz after his historic presentation with a door prize awarded. One of the many great features of BEO is being able to deal with real human beings who support our communities and to whom our success is as important as theirs. There are real people, not just a recording at the end of a long wait. BEO is a full service bank with friendly people.

It has been proven that successful businesses attract other businesses and compliment the existing businesses in a community. If you are a Chamber member business and would like to be the featured third Thursday program, or are a business interested in becoming a Chamber member, contact the Chamber at 676-5536. The Chamber of Commerce is about business and community supporting each other and helping each other thrive.

Hams, Tom Sturgeon and Rick Sturgeon. Their names will be put onto a trophy (donated by Mark Schlichting) and placed on display at the WCCC Club House.

The WCCC Board appreciated all who participated to make its first annual tournament a great success. Even the weather cooperated.

Marriage License

April 22: Charlie James Hughes, 30, Pendleton and Teena Mullinda Shilling, 36, Pendleton.

Over the Tee Cup

Ladies gathered April 12 at Willow Creek Country Club for Over the Tee Cup play.

Pat Edmundson took low gross of the field; Loa Henderson took low net of the field; and Luvilla Sonstegard took least putts of the field.

In flight A, Corol Mitchell took low gross and Karen Thompson and Jan Paustian tied for low net.

In flight B, Virginia Grant took low gross and Lorrene Montgomery took low net.

In flight C, JoAnn Barbee took low gross; Ann Elgin took low net; and Betty Carlson took least putts.

Edmundson also had chip-ins on holes #6 and #7.

Seventeen ladies gathered in cool conditions on April 19 at WCCC for Over the Tee Cup play.

Mitchell took low gross of the field; Montgomery took low net of the field; and Edmundson and Paustian tied for least putts of the field.

In flight A, Henderson took low gross; Sonstegard took low net; and Thompson took least putts.

In flight B, Jackie Allstott took low gross; Sally Walker and Bernice Lott tied for low net; and Lois Hunt took least putts.

In flight C, Carlson took low gross and Pat Dougherty took low net.

Sonstegard had a chip-in on hole #10 and Carlson had a chip-in on hole #18.

Long putt went to Henderson in the A flight and Hunt in the B flight.

Garden Club to meet

The Heppner Garden Club will be meeting on Monday, May 2 at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Hosts for the meeting are Mabel Heath and Gladys Alderman. Judge Terry Tallman, from Boardman, will discuss cutting flowers for a flower show.

Ladies' Thursday night golf to begin

Ladies' Thursday Night Golf will begin on May 5 at 6 p.m., at Willow Creek Country Club. All ladies are welcome. A short meeting will be held at 5:45 p.m., before play begins.

Justice Court report

Shayne K. Mayberry, 18, Durham, Driving while Suspended-violation, Driving Uninsured and Expired Vehicle License, fine \$662.

David Lee Barnett, 76, Ione, Violation of the Basic Rule, 82 mph in a 55 mph zone, fine \$180.

VOTE

**PORT OF MORROW
COMMISSIONER
POSITION # 1**

**JIM
HOLLANDSWORTH**

- **Investment in the County: Business Owner**
- **Civic Minded:**
 - Past President, Boardman Chamber of Commerce
 - Current President of Boardman City Council
 - Member of Latino Commission
 - Church Board Member
- **Engineering Background: Heavy Construction**
- **Stability: 35 years of Marriage**
All 3 children are College Grads

Paid for by Committee to Elect Jim Hollandsworth

Wedding Tables

Tyan Sanderson & Luke Swanson
Wedding - Saturday, May 21st

Lena Gossett and Benjamin McElligott
Wedding - Saturday, June 4th

Melissa Cutsforth and Olaf Pedersen
Wedding - Saturday, June 18th

Tricia Coe & Jon Lorence
Wedding - Saturday, June 25th

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