

Candidates' Forum

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my opponents. I have tried far more cases as a prosecutor and defense attorney in 23 years. I have proposed many ideas to effectively combat juvenile crime, drug abuse and drug crimes, neighborhood disputes, and changes in family law to assist children.

If elected, what is the biggest challenge facing you? We need to effectively manage juvenile and drug offenders despite shrinking resources. Current methods have failed. New approaches must occur to closely manage and monitor treatment and insure behavior modification. Unless we do, the number of offenders will increase and so will crime. Other diversion programs to get families and children needed help should be encouraged. Alternative dispute resolution, counseling, education and treatment must be an early part of our family and criminal law approach. We need to expand the accessibility of the courts by instituting a night court and keeping the courts open from noon to 1 p.m. for the working people.

What is your opinion of Measure 11 and should judges have more discretion in sentencing? Measure 11 was the public response to judges who failed to use common sense in dealing with violent criminals. The problem with Measure 11 is that it takes the discretion away from the Judges and gives it to prosecutors who are sometimes guided by political agendas rather than the best interests of justice. Threats of Measure 11 conviction regularly scare defendants into pleas where there are legitimate defenses to actions. This is particularly true in self-defense cases. Judges because of their impartiality and guiding principles of justice and fairness are in the best position to utilize discretion. It is my belief that Measure 11 has unwisely taken away that discretion.

Is there anything you could do to help crime victims better have their day in court? A judge should require prosecutors

to proceed in a timely manner. Judges should insist that prosecutors notify victims of all hearings, not merely trials and sentencing. On more serious offenses, victims should be allowed to address the court as to release issues and conditions. Presently this is not allowed. Where cases have not been filed by the district attorney, it is incumbent on the Court to listen to victims in modifying release agreements. As it stands now, the Courts and Prosecutors refuse to modify no contact orders for 30 days if no charges are filed. The Court should exercise its power to modify these release agreements in appropriate cases.

What would you do to make sure Morrow County has adequate judicial coverage? The purpose of this position is to provide more coverage. The sponsor of the bill anticipated that there would be a Judge sitting 2.5 days. Morrow County should not only have a judge as frequently as necessary to adequately conduct court business, but should have some consistency in which judge appears. The idea of a case having five different judges during its life is absurd. The same judge should handle one case to conclusion.

As a prosecutor, I was always willing to go out in the middle of the night to do search warrants or to assist in crime scene investigations. As your Judge, I would be willing to answer that same call as needed to sign search warrants or telephonic search warrants. I would gladly travel to the police, instead of the police traveling to me.

Annetta L. Spicer, 55, of Heppner, and her husband, **Bill Kuhn**, moved to the county in 1977. They have two grown children Phillip, 27 and Paula 21. Spicer graduated



Ann Spicer

from Toppenish High School and received her bachelor of science degree from Portland State University and her juris doctor from Lewis and Clark Law School.

She has been employed as a partner in the law firm of Kuhn and Spicer for 23 years. They have offices in Heppner and Hermiston.

Spicer has been very active in church and civic organizations including: Heppner AAUW-1970s; Heppner Soroptomist and Willow County Service Club 1984 to 2005; Heppner Economic Development Commission - 1980s; Heppner Chamber of Commerce 1977 to present; Methodist Church Sunday School Teacher-1980s; 4-H Cooking Club Leader-1980s and 1990s; St. Patrick's Committee and Auction co-chair- 1990s; Domestic Violence Services attorney 2005; Oregon State Bar Ethics Committee Oregon State Bar CLE Committee; 6th Judicial District Family Law Advisory Committee; and Oregon Trail Library District member and chair.

She has a range of political experience including serving as Morrow County Deputy District Attorney in 1980 and Morrow County District Attorney 1981-82. She has also been an Oregon Trail Library District board member over five years and chair for two years (current chair).

She has also served as a member of United States District Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals since 1978. She has practiced before the Oregon Court of Appeals and has a case currently before the Oregon Supreme Court. She works as a municipal attorney serving Heppner, Lexington, Echo, Monument and Stanfield. She is also a past attorney for the Morrow County School District, Condon School District and Olex School District. She is also a family law mediator.

Why should a voter select your over your opponent? I have been a trial attorney my entire 28 plus years of practice. I have practiced at the appellate and federal court level. I have been both a prosecutor and defense attorney. I have done wills, contracts, adoptions probates and all types of family law. Judges in the Sixth Judicial District are generalists and must hear and decide all types of cases.

I am the only candidate with the knowledge and experience to be capable of handling such a broad range of cases.

If elected, what is the biggest challenge facing you? Insuring effective and efficient servicing of the public. A judge's job is to hear cases and render quick and fair decisions. As a judge, I must cooperate with as well as motivate the current court administration to schedule hearings so they 'can be heard from start to finish without interruptions causing witnesses, furies, and parties to wait. Witnesses and parties must have their day in court when that day is scheduled and that day must be scheduled as quickly as possible. Otherwise costs escalate and frustration with the judicial system builds. Justice delayed is justice denied

What is your opinion of measure 11 and should judges have more discretion in sentencing? Oregon judges and judicial candidates are required to follow a strict code of ethics. This code prohibits statements in campaigns that cast doubts on the judge's impartiality in cases she might hear. As a judge, I will certainly hear Measure 11 cases and cannot express a personal opinion on the statute. Measure 11 is Oregon law. As a judge I will apply it. The purpose of the act is to provide more uniform sentencing throughout Oregon and in my experience that is happening.

Is there anything you could do to help crime victims have their day in court? My courtroom would require that victims receive all the rights the Oregon Legislature has granted them in the Oregon Crime Victims' Bill of Rights. As judge, I can and will require that prosecutors, police and social services do their Jobs by providing victims the information and assistance Oregon law now gives them. When victims fall through the cracks now, it is because prosecutors, police and social service agencies do not do what Oregon law requires.

What would you do to make sure Morrow County has adequate judicial coverage? I am the only Morrow County resident in this race. I will continue to live in Morrow County and know the County is now underserved based upon population and

caseload. Morrow County must have a Circuit Judge at least two days a week and if elected, I will do everything possible to insure a minimum of two days' service a week with an actual (not video) judicial presence in Morrow County. I will also be available during non-court hours for search warrants and other necessary work.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Recently, I asked a gathering of people if they were "Blackberry Nuts." Responses varied. One responded they'd never heard of blackberry nuts, while another said they like blackberry pie, but had never tried nuts with it. One wondered if it had anything to do with blackberry brandy. The replies reinforced what I already knew; most of us were technically challenged or close to being over the hill.

So, readers, do you own a Blackberry and, if so, do you go "nuts" if it's out of your sight?

Don't expect a totally correct definition from a person technically challenged with a new cell phone in hand. As near as I can figure out, a Blackberry is a handheld device that pretty much holds everything going on in your life and brain and everybody else's too, plus more than your mind could hold or remember in one lifetime. In other words, you can probably go online, send and receive messages, order out, check your to-do list, touch bases with friends, check in at your office, scan your child's sports schedule, touch bases with your clients, listen to tunes and maybe even watch a movie, for all I know. And they are so small that they require sharp eyesight and a little tiny pointer or very sharp fingernails to utilize.

So, would this be why people are meeting themselves coming and going these days? Would this be why everyone is so busy that they barely have time to check to see if they are still breathing? Sometimes timesavers take up more of your time. Are you tough enough to turn them off to take a look at the real world, to see the tulips in bloom, to smile at someone, to daydream, to hold one thought before you've multi-tasked yourself right into a corner? Think I'll pass on the Blackberry. Being nuts; I think I've understood that part for almost 20 fun-years of working for the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Enjoy spring, and it's back to John's Place for Chamber on Thursday where the discussion will center on Cycle Oregon and marketing Heppner in new and different ways.

"Humor is a serious thing. I like to think of it as one of our greatest earliest natural resources, which must be preserved at all cost." -James Thurber

Youth fishing event scheduled for Cutsforth pond

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Morrow County Parks announced a youth fishing event May 6 at Cutsforth Park Fishing Pond near Heppner.

ODFW will stock 650 trout in the pond for the event, including some trophy-sized fish as part of the Youth Angling Enhancement Program now in its third year.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the angler catching the biggest fish in age groups six and under, 7 to 9, 10 to 12 and 13 to 14. Volunteers from the Elks Lodge of Heppner will be serving the kids hot dogs and hamburgers. ODFW will provide young anglers with loaner rods and reels, bait and tackle and volunteers will be available to help the kids clean and care for their catch.

"This event is specifically for the kids," said ODFW District Fish Biologist Tim Bailey. "We want to encourage children as they learn to fish and hope they enjoy an activity that can provide lifelong recreation."

Anglers 13 years of age and under can fish for free. A juvenile license is required for anglers' 14-17 years of age. All state fishing regulations continue to apply.

The pond is located at Cutsforth County Park, 22 miles southeast of Heppner on Willow Creek Road (Blue Mountain Scenic By-Way).

For more information, contact Betty Gray with Morrow County Public Works at (541) 989-9500 or Bailey at ODFW's Pendleton office at (541) 276-2344.

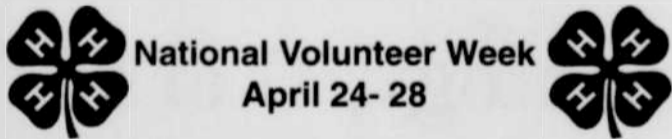
HYSA to hold softball clinic

The Heppner Youth Sports Academy will be putting on a softball clinic Sunday, April 30. The Eastern Oregon University coaching staff and players will be instructing.

Registration forms will be available at Heppner High School and Heppner Elementary School. The cost is \$10 per player. Registration and money are still being accepted.

Girls participating in little league, minors, majors and juniors are welcome to the morning session and high school players are welcome to attend the afternoon session. This is a great opportunity for our softball players to receive high quality collegiate instruction.

For more information please contact Petra Payne at 676-9138, ext. 2518.



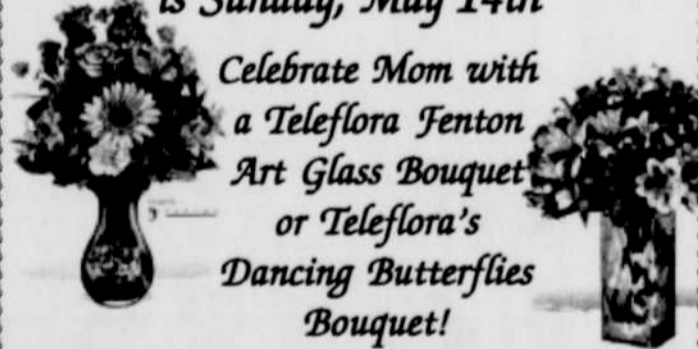
National Volunteer Week
April 24- 28

Thank you to all that volunteer within the Morrow County 4-H Program!

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Carma Barron
Rita Bergstrom
Sharon Camarillo
Sarah Carlson
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Joyce Graff
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Morrow County Livestock Growers
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Ken Grieb
Ruggs Ranch

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th

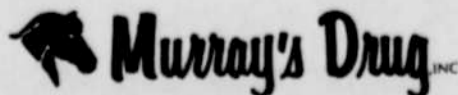


Celebrate Mom with a Teleflora Fenton Art Glass Bouquet or Teleflora's Dancing Butterflies Bouquet!

Espresso Bar Specials:

Mocha Frappe or Sugarless Mocha Frappe
16 oz is \$2.00
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Ione Prom is Saturday, April 29th.. and Heppner Prom is Saturday, May 6th... Order corsages and flowers here!



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