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**Child Care Resource and Referral offers required child care classes**

Umatilla-Morrow Head Start has announced training classes for the months of November and December. For more information or to pre-register for classes, call Child Care Resource and Referral at (800) 559-5878 or (541) 564-6878. Classes available include:

**Family Child Care Overview-** Nov. 6, 2006, 6-9 p.m., Hermiston and Dec. 4, 2006, 6-9 p.m., Pendleton This class is required by the Child Care Division for anyone wishing to become a registered family child care provider and for individuals that want to learn more about Oregon's laws governing child care. CCD Certifiers will be on hand to talk about the titles and regulations and to explain the on-site Health and Safety Review process. The class is free.

**Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect (Spanish)-** Nov. 13, 2006, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pendleton. The class will be in Spanish. This class is required by the Child Care Division for anyone wishing to become a registered family child care provider and for DHS listed providers who want to qualify for the enhanced rates. It will cover Oregon's mandatory laws and how to recognize child abuse and neglect. This class will help you understand what happens when made, what the decision points and possible outcomes. There is a \$5 charge for the class.

**Medic First Aid and CPR-** Nov. 4, 2006, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Hermiston. You may receive your Infant Child First Aid/CPR certifications by attending this session for the low price of \$15. Payment for this class must be received at the time of registration to ensure a slot. There are only 12 slots available. Officer Smith will be the trainer for the class. The cost for the class is \$15.

**Child Health and Safety (Spanish)-** Beginning Oct. 25, 2006, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Hermiston. The class will be in Spanish. This month we will begin a five-part training program that covers a wide variety of information on all aspects of health and safety with children. This training is appropriate for anyone providing childcare in a home or center, as well as for parents. Participants will receive a manual and workbooks at each class. Sessions can be taken in any order, for a specific list of which session is offered each week contact the CCR&R. The cost for the class is \$5 per session or \$20 for all five sessions

**Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect-** Nov. 9, 2006, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Hermiston. This class is required by the Child Care Division for anyone wishing to become a registered family child care provider and for DHS listed providers who want to qualify for the enhanced rates. It will cover Oregon's mandatory laws and how to recognize child abuse and neglect. This class will help you understand what happens when a report is made, the decision points and possible outcomes. The cost for the class is \$5.

**Partnering with Parents-** Nov. 14, 2006 6:30-8:30 p.m., Hermiston. Families and the relationship they have with child care providers is a very important part of caregiving. This session will focus on strategies for building effective relationships with families that will assist providers in their day-to-day interactions with families. The cost for the class is \$5.

*~ Letters to the Editor ~*

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

**Experience and professionalism make Brauer best choice**

To the Editor:

Please join me in voting for Christopher R. Brauer for circuit court judge.

As Umatilla County elected district attorney since 1995, Chris Brauer has the experience and the character to represent us well as our new circuit court judge. He has the civil and criminal law experience to fairly judge the cases heard in Umatilla and Morrow County Circuit Courts and the initiative to improve our court system in a cooperative manner.

On a personal note, Chris is known for his commitment to his profession, his community and his family. He has devoted his professional life to the law. We participate in the same service club together and whether it's picking up litter along the roads, serving for scholarship fundraisers, or offering leadership on the board of directors, Chris is dedicated to his community.

As one of many examples of his dedication to public service within his profession, Chris Brauer is the only candidate who has participated in the Umatilla County Drug Court Committee. He has been instrumental in making the drug court a reality for Umatilla and Morrow counties. Drug court has been successful in many other communities and is a major step in dealing with the methamphetamine epidemic in our area. Chris Brauer's credentials, experience, professionalism and accomplishments make him, by far, the best choice for circuit court judge.

Chris Brauer is the only candidate endorsed by all the circuit court judges in the sixth judicial district. Who better to know the qualifications for a judge than the judges themselves?

Vote Brauer for circuit court judge on Nov. 7.

(s) Susan McHenry  
Hermiston  
**Senior judge endorses Brauer**

To the Editor:

It is my privilege to ask you to vote for Chris Brauer for circuit judge. Local lawyers voiced their preference for circuit judge through the judicial bar poll.

Chris Brauer won this poll in both the primary and general elections.

Even though there were three candidates on the ballot during the primary election, 48 percent of the voters chose Chris Brauer.

Chris Brauer is endorsed by all the circuit judges in Umatilla and Morrow counties and by Hardy Myers, Oregon Attorney General.

Chris Brauer has been district attorney for Umatilla County since 1995 and past president of the Oregon District Attorneys Association. He has been on the Umatilla Jail Advisory Board since 1985 both as a defender and later as a prosecutor and on the State Prison Advisory Committee at EOCL.

Mr. Brauer's background is that of an attorney emphasizing criminal law for 25 years as both a prosecutor and a defender with experience as a partner in a law firm and as a sole practitioner in civil practice.

I anticipate with this information you will vote for Chris Brauer for Circuit Judge, Position 5.

(s) Richard J. Courson  
Senior Judge  
Pendleton

**Brauer will prosecute fish and wildlife offenders**

To the Editor:

The citizens of Umatilla and Morrow counties will be well served by Chris Brauer as circuit judge. He has served with great distinction as our district attorney in Umatilla County for over 10 years.

I was proud to be part of the grass roots movement to remove Judge Rudy Murgo from the bench. One of his leading faults, in my view, was being soft on violations of fish and wildlife game laws. Enforcement of fish and game laws in our courtrooms have been poor for years.

Chris Brauer is an avid outdoorsman and has a very high respect for our fish and wildlife resources, which belong to us, the citizens of Oregon. I'm certain he will take a dim view of these as well as all other criminals.

Chris is a hard working public servant with unquestioned integrity. Join me in electing him circuit judge for Umatilla and Morrow counties.  
(s) John R. Groupe, DVM  
Pendleton

**Brauer is most stable and qualified candidate**

To the Editor:

Dear friends, family and citizens of Morrow and Umatilla counties,

You have the opportunity to make a choice in this election about one of the individuals that will be sitting in the judicial position in your jurisdiction. Chris Brauer is the clear choice in my mind.

Yes, I have been a prosecutor for 19 years and many would say I lean towards rights for victims, punishment for wrongdoers and justice for all. Chris actually has broader experience than I. He has been a civil (divorce/contract) attorney, defense attorney and lastly the elected Umatilla County district attorney. He is smart, fair, supports victims rights and is deeply concerned that justice is served for all citizens. He has held all the officer positions in the Oregon District Attorney's Association including president. He has been and is a resident of Eastern Oregon for decades and truly loves the country and people. He has ridden in the Round-Up parade year after year.

I have worked with both candidates, know both candidates and feel that Chris Brauer is the best, most experienced, most stable and most qualified. (s) Thomas W. Cutsforth  
1/3 owner of Cutsforth Farm, Lexington  
Vice Chairman of Morrow-Wheeler Behavioral Health Fossil

**Brauer will bring very best to the bench**

To the Editor:

As a formal legal secretary in one of Portland's largest law firms, I learned the difference between good and excellent judges.

From many years of acquaintance with Chris Brauer, I see all of the qualities in Mr. Brauer that I observed in the best of the judges in Multnomah and Clackamas counties.

Your vote for Chris Brauer will bring the very best to the bench in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Let us all vote for Chris Brauer for Circuit Judge, position 5.  
(s) Coralee J. Courson  
Pendleton

**Brauer meets important circuit court judge qualifications**

To the Editor:

As a former longtime resident of Pendleton, I know well of the important qualifications for circuit judge. I grew up in a home with my father serving on the bench.

Chris Brauer meets these qualifications with his comprehensive knowledge of all phases of the law in which he has directed his professional life for more than two decades.

Chris Brauer is endorsed by all of the circuit judges of Umatilla and Morrow counties.

I urge you to vote for Chris Brauer for circuit judge, position 5.  
(s) Julie Courson  
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**Morrow County School Board opposes Ballot Measures 41 & 48**

To the Editor:

On, Monday, Oct. 9, the Morrow County School Board of Directors approved resolutions opposing Ballot Measures 41 and 48. The board took action after reviewing data from the state's non-partisan financial impact committee compiled by the Oregon School Board Association. The following are concerns discussed by the board:

**Ballot Measure 41**

**What is it?**

Substitutes Oregon personal income tax deduction equal to federal exemption for the existing state credit.

**School Board**

**Concerns:** It is estimated that this measure would reduce state tax collections by 6 percent. Individuals' state tax "kicker" would be reduced in the 2005-2007 biennium. The state's general fund would lose \$800 million, school funding \$370 million in the 2007-2009 biennium (assuming school funding formula remained the same.) Morrow County School district's anticipated loss of revenue would be \$1,575,289 for the biennium or approximately \$800,000 per year. This would equate to a loss of approximately 15 of MCSD's 157 teaching positions.

**Ballot Measure 48**

**What is it?**

Amends state constitution to limit state spending to a formula derived from population and inflation gains per biennium.

**School Board**

**Concerns:** It is estimated that this measure would reduce collections to the state general fund by \$2 billion and the state school fund by \$860 million in the 2007-2009 biennium. The courts would need to determine if the effects of the passage of this measure would take affect in the current biennium. If so, the loss to MCSD this school year is estimated to be \$1,932,870, the approximate cost of 35 teaching positions. The loss of revenue to the Morrow County School District would continue at nearly \$2 million per year for both years of the 2007-2009 biennium. This represents a loss of 10 percent of the school district's general fund.

**Combined Impact of Measures 41 and 48 on Morrow County Schools:**

If measures 41 and 48 both pass, the estimated combined effect would result in the loss of \$7,373,898 to the Morrow County School District over the next three years. This sum in our current budget equates to nearly a third of MCSD teaching positions. Or put in another way, the closure of two of the district's eight buildings would not fill the budget gap. Submitted by Board Member William J. Kuhn  
Approved by Board Members  
Craig Miles, Pat McNamee, Nancy Vander Does and Barney Lindsay

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