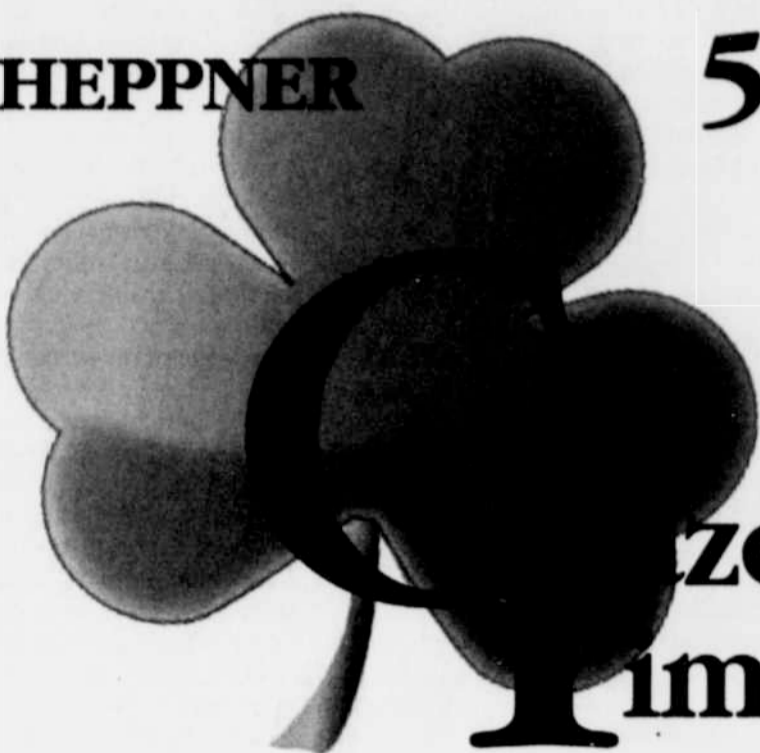


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Your candidates: County commissioner

In view of the upcoming election, the Gazette-Times asked some questions of the candidates in one of the contested races, the run for county commissioner. Here's what they said:

Leann Rea

Age: 71 years young.
Place of birth: Even though my parents were living in the Ione area, I was born in Portland, OR.



Leann Rea

Where have you lived?

I grew up on the family farm in the Ione area. When Jerald and I were married in 1959, we lived in Heppner for five years, and then moved to Condon and operated an equipment business for another five years. We then moved to the Lexington area while we developed a home site at the current location of Finley Butte Land Fill. We lived on the farm at Finley Butte for 15 years. We then moved into a house in Boardman where we only lived a few months before moving to the farm a few miles out of Boardman. We lived on the farm for 26 years. We just recently moved back to Heppner and purchased a home near the Assisted Living Facility.

Educational background: I graduated as valedictorian from Ione High School. After raising our family, I attended Blue Mountain Community College for two full terms, and have taken many night classes. After being elected as county commissioner in 2008, I attended County College, which was sponsored by the Association of Oregon Counties and OSU.

Family: Jerald Rea and I were married in Ione in 1959. We will be celebrating our 53rd anniversary the end of May. We have four grown children; three sons and one daughter.

What, if any, prior government experience do you have? I have served as your county commissioner the past three-plus years. Prior to the election in 2008, I served on the Morrow County Planning Commission for 13 years, serving as the chair for the last few years; I also served on the county Budget Committee approximately 10 years prior to my election and have served on the Mor-

Kandy Boyd

Age: 50
Place of birth: Redding, CA.

Where have you lived?

I lived in California until age 19, with my parents, who were both born and raised in Central Oregon. My grandparents on both sides were ranchers and long-time business owners. I left there in 1980 to join the military. I enlisted in the Air Force and went on to Texas and Colorado for basic training and tech school and then was stationed in Spain for three years, until 1984. I worked in Aircraft Maintenance Supply and was part of making sure our aircraft kept flying safely. I left the Air Force and moved to Nebraska for five years and worked for the Department of Social Services, which opened the mind to become an adoptive parent. I moved from Nebraska to Oregon in December of 1989 to be near my parents, who had retired and returned to their home state. I lived in Central Oregon from 1989 to 1992. I met my husband there and we moved to Harney County, OR, as his job with the Forest Service was there. That job then took us to Paulina, OR until 2001. The Forest Service once again took us to Montana for two years and finally back to Oregon in 2003. The Forest Service has taken us many places and allowed us some great opportunities.

Educational background: I am a high school graduate with many different trainings under my belt that were and continue to be related to the jobs I have held.

Family: I have been married for 17 years to Dale Boyd. We have two children, 16 and almost 17; their names are Meeka and Jesse.

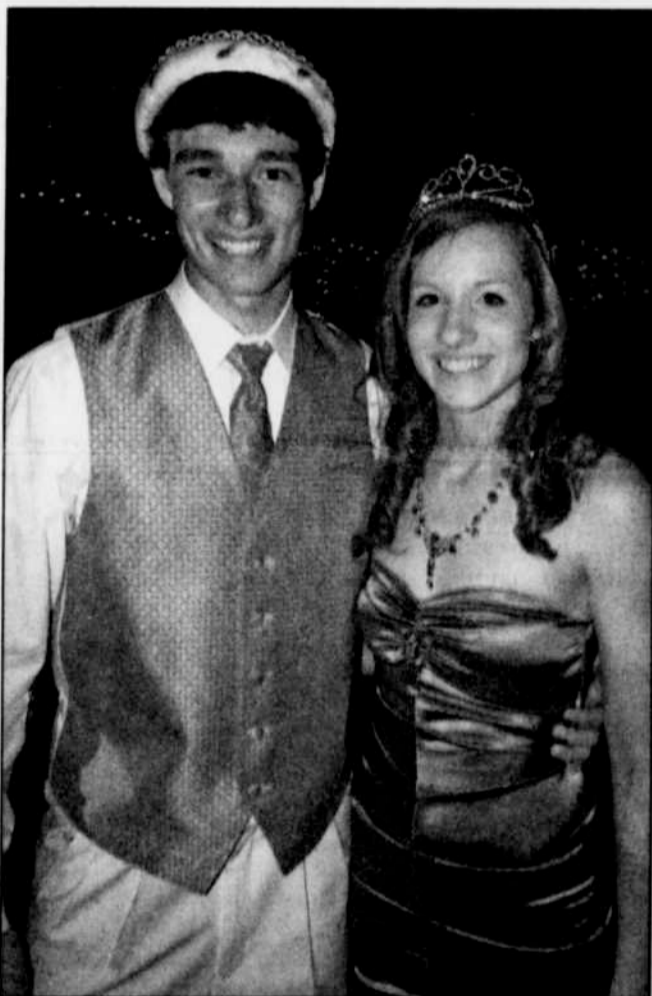
What, if any, prior government experience do you have? I am currently employed as Chief Deputy Clerk-Elections with Morrow County.

Why do you feel you are better qualified than your



Kandy Boyd

Ione crowns prom royalty



Ione students celebrated a magical prom night at the Port of Morrow last Saturday. Seniors Steven Holland (L) and JoAnna Patton were named the 2012 prom king and queen. —Photo by Erin Heideman

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Rolling Hills Run this Saturday



The 2012 Rolling Hills Run will take place Saturday, April 28, at 10 a.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner. Race-day registration and number pick-up will be held from 9-9:45 a.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

"Last year we had a great time and a lot of participants at the Rolling Hills Run," said a Mor-

row County Health District spokesperson. "In support of the countywide focus on a healthy lifestyle, and in order to promote the Morrow County Health District's vision of promoting wellness and improving health, we're happy to sponsor the Rolling Hills Run again in 2012."

The event will include a 5K walk/run, a 10K run and a Kids' Fun Run. The course will be the same as in years past, beginning at the Morrow County Fairgrounds and following the scenic Highway 74 with paved roads and beautiful views of the surrounding

countryside.

Awards will be given after the events. Awards will go to the fastest overall male and female participants in the 5K and 10K runs. Additionally, male and female age-group ribbons will be given three-deep for age groups 14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and over. The one-mile Kids' Fun Run will begin at 11:15 a.m. Parents are encouraged to accompany young children. Children will be given participant ribbons, with recognition of the top three male and female finishers in the kids' race.

Proceeds from the event will go toward community health education in Morrow County.

Registration for the 5K or 10K is \$12; the Kids' Fun Run is free. Registration will be allowed up to the day of the race; unfortunately, T-shirt and sweatshirt availability will not be guaranteed.

For additional information and to register, look for a brochure or visit <http://www.active.com/running/heppner-or/rolling-hills-run-2012>. For questions, email rolling-hillsrun@gmail.com.

Storm brings rain, flooding

Crews work to clean up the aftermath



Heppner Public Works Director Brian Harmon works a front loader across from Green Feed as city crew members Michael Angell (left) and Robert Whalen clean up mud and other debris that washed down Linden Way in Heppner Monday night. —Photo by April Sykes

The storm that provided a light show Monday night also dropped heavy rain that caused flooding throughout the Heppner area.

According to Heppner Public Works Director Brian Harmon, Heppner received more than an inch of rain in half an hour. Harmon said crews would be working to clean about 10 spots with debris in the road.

"It's going to be a long day," he added.

At the city sewer plant, Assistant Public Works Director Chad Doherty said the heavy rain caused the plant to overflow.

"It had a little trouble keeping up," said Doherty.

Doherty said workers pumped out the plant and cleaned the effluent, which will go to the golf course to water the grounds. He added that the tanks are cleaned every two weeks, anyway.

One of the area homes hardest hit was the residence of John and Alita Nelson. The family worked to keep out the flooding, stacking sandbags around their home, but despite their efforts and the help they received from friends, neighbors and Heppner volunteer firemen, flooding spread onto their wood floors and carpeting. They ended up having to vacate their house and stay with friends. Still, John Nelson said it could have been worse, something he knows first-hand

after heavy rains flooded their home last year.

"It's not near as bad as last time. Last time it was over our boots," Nelson said.

Other area buildings weren't spared. Kathy Cutsforth, custodian at Heppner Elementary School, said about half an inch of water crept into the school gym; the water spouts just couldn't keep up. The Bank of Eastern Oregon reported some flooding in a back closet. The city shop got flooded, as well as the Gazette-Times office; flooding at the G-T swept from the back all the way to the front door, leaving a couple of inches of water and mud for owner David Sykes to mop up.

Is more of the same on the way? According to a forecast from The Weather Channel, Heppner can expect evening thunderstorms through Wednesday, with a 50 percent chance of rain on Wednesday, followed by partly cloudy skies and a 10-20 percent chance of rain for the rest of the week.



John Nelson surveys the damage in his home. Despite sandbags and the efforts of neighbors, flooding caused damage to floors and furniture. —Photo by April Sykes

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