

ELECTION FORUM

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Kathy Marick Candidate for Heppner City Council, Position 5

Age: 54

Marick grew up in the Willamette Valley in Foster, OR. She graduated from Sweet Home High School in 1978. She moved to Heppner in 1999. She then met John Marick, and the couple married in 2001. They bought Willow Creek Diner in 2003.



Kathy Marick

Marick has owned and operated two small businesses, as well as raising an international family that includes three biological children, one adopted child, 12 exchange students, and foster children, which she says provided "many chances to govern in a large family." Daughters Jenny, 17, and Abbie, 12, are still at home, as well as Danish exchange student Nanna Marie, 17.

Why are you running for city council? "I love our community. Now that

our children are getting older I wanted to be more involved as a servant to the community."

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing Heppner? "Economics."

How would you address this as a member of the city council? "I would work as a team with the other council members to find ways to bring more employment opportunities."

What are some ways you would reach out to the community and encourage more participation in the decisions made by the council? "I want to be a voice for the people of Heppner. Having served this community in our business, Willow Creek Diner & Bakery, for 11 years, we have heard the concerns of many locals and would like to address their concerns. Our family has a servant's heart and wants to be involved in making Heppner an even better community than it already is. Heppner is the friendliest, most accepting town I have ever lived in. Our family loves living in this tight-knit community."

JoAnne Burleson Candidate for Heppner City Council, Position 5 (Incumbent)

Age: 83

Burleson originally came from Canby, OR. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree. Aside from serving several years on the Heppner City Council, Burleson served on various boards and committees in Canby. A widow, she has no family in the area.



JoAnne Burleson

Why are you running for city council? "I love Heppner and wish to make a difference."

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing Heppner? "We need to somehow bring in new business and hope it will bring in more families and income to the community."

How would you address this as a member of the city council? "I would try to work with the north end of the county and look into ways to encourage growth."

What are some ways you would reach out to the community and encourage more participation in the decisions made by the council? "I am involved in the community, and would and do visit with the public on some of the ideas and views they may have on issues."

**Deadline for news and advertising:
MONDAY
AT 5 P.M.**

Skip Matthews (cont.)

his degree at Oregon State. Matthew holds a Bachelor of Science in agriculture from Oregon State University. He has 25 years of experience with various workgroups, committees and boards, most notably the Willow Creek Park District since around 1995. He also served eight years on the Heppner City Council previously and is currently in year two of a four-year term on the council.

Why are you running for mayor? "I have a deep love for this town. I raised my family here and my wife is a multi-generational resident. I am hoping that, if elected, I can make a difference in the future of our community. My main goals are to find ways to help with economic development in Heppner, continue with support for infrastructure

Adam Doherty Candidate for Heppner City Council, Position 6

Age: 35

Doherty was born and raised in Heppner, the son of Cindi and Mike Doherty. A local high school graduate, Doherty and his wife, Molly Sue Doherty, have one daughter, Aimee Rose Turrell.



Adam Doherty

Why are you running for city council? "I want to take an active role in helping the community that I live in. I would like to give back to the community that has given so much to me."

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing Heppner? "I feel like sustaining our growth and economic impact in South Morrow County is one of the biggest challenges that Heppner as a community faces."

How would you address this as a member of the city council? "With the opportunity to serve as part of the Heppner City Council, I feel as a collective we will be able to come up with a plan of action that best fits Heppner's unique needs as a community; that will have the greatest positive impact on our growth and economic impact."

What are some ways you would reach out to the community and encourage more participation in the decisions made by the council? "I would help the public to be informed of the topics to be discussed prior to the monthly meetings."

development and promote citizen involvement in city government."

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing Heppner? "The catch phrase is 'economic development.' But it is more than a catch phrase. We need to maintain and develop the goods and services that we currently enjoy. Our population, although fairly stable, I feel it is barely enough to sustain our city the way it is. Bringing population and business to Heppner is critical to our long-term viability."

How would you address this as mayor? "I think the city should continue to play a role in groups such as Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group and Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation. In addition there are networking opportunities in other organizations such as The League of Oregon Cities, Oregon Mayors Association and Eastern Oregon Visitors Association that may provide leads to solutions. It seems that the resources to do these sorts of activities is limited at times, and I hope to offer my time and experience to change that."

What are some ways you would reach out to the community and encourage more participation in the decisions made by the council? "I think we need to educate people to become active in the process prior to city council actions. For example, the council only approves the city budget after the Budget Committee meets to recommend it. Likewise, we have committees that meet regularly on police matters, housing, beautification, utilities and planning. I think we need to do a better job of getting citizens involved in these meetings and agenda items prior to the council's final decisions."

Diann Nagel Candidate for Heppner City Council, Position 6

Age: 66

Born in Michigan, Nagel spent most of her adult life in Clark County, Washington. She and her husband drove through Heppner for many years on their way to Sunflower Flats to go camping with their family. She says they stopped in town often, and saw a house they fell in love with. The rest, as they say, is history; the couple retired and moved to Heppner in 2006. Their five children live throughout the U.S., and the Nagels have 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



Diann Nagel

Nagel holds both a bachelor's and master's degree and, after raising their five children, she returned to school to complete her doctorate. She was involved in student politics during her time in school, and also worked for the Department of Commerce for two years.

Why are you running for city council? "I am hoping to make a difference. I was raised to believe we are to give back. This is my chance to do that."

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing Heppner? "The biggest challenge in Heppner right now is the influence of illegal substances. Talking with members of the community I have been told stories of having their homes broken into and prescription drugs stolen, drug paraphernalia found in their yards, and taking grandkids to the ER for an overdose of 'Spice.' This is no longer a big-city problem. It is now our problem as well."

How would you address this as a member of the city council? "We need better a 'Neighborhood Watch,' better police presence, and accountability for offenders."

What are some ways you would reach out to the community and encourage more participation in the decisions made by the council? "I would have an open Town Hall meeting with the council, police and community to discuss the issues, and what we can do to stop this epidemic of drugs."

Joe Perry (cont.) in agricultural economics from Washington State University. He has served as Heppner mayor for the past two years. He also serves on the boards of the Morrow County Health District and the Willow Creek Park District.

Why are you running for mayor? "I am running for mayor because I think it is important being involved in the Heppner community, and I think I have done a good job being mayor for the past two years."

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing Heppner? "Finding a way to improve all of the streets and old water and sewer lines in Heppner. Finding the funding necessary to make the needed improvements to our waste-water treatment plant. Meeting the needs of all the residents of Heppner."

How would you address this as mayor? "I would continue to work with Greg Smith to receive funds from the State of Oregon to make the needed improvements. I would also continue to have Kim (Cutsforth, current city manager) continue to apply for grants as they become available."

Glorene "Glo" Lesperance Candidate for Heppner City Council, Position 6

Age: 62

Lesperance's family originally located to Heppner from Roseburg in 1974, when her father bought a business in town. After graduating high school, she majored in marketing management in college, but was unable to complete her degree due to the need to gain full-time employment. She returned to school later and attained a certification in bookkeeping. Lesperance held a seat on the board of directors of the Umatilla Morrow County Red Cross, as well as being local coordinator in charge of disaster preparedness, recruiting, evacuation and communication with the local government agencies.



Glorene Lesperance

She and her husband, Steve, have two grown children who both still live in Heppner, allowing Lesperance to spend her free time with her grandchildren.

Why are you running for city council? "I feel there is a need for someone to represent the desires of the citizens of Heppner, and I believe I have the ability to address their concerns. I am retired now and have the time to devote to the honorable position of councilperson."

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing Heppner? "The economy is the biggest challenge facing our community. The town is disappearing, due to attrition."

How would you address this as a member of the city council? "We need to concentrate on ways to bring business back to the area and ways to keep them here. By this, I mean more incentives for small business owners. Tax breaks, no extra charges on such things as utilities, are just some of the ways we can accomplish this. We need to encourage local shopping by more advertising, drawings, discounts, later business hours and even, possibly, street fairs."

What are some ways you would reach out to the community and encourage more participation in the decisions made by the council? "Allow the citizens enough time to digest and respond to new legislation before it is enacted. Encourage public opinion on proposed actions, existing codes and performance of city employees by placing "opinion" drop-off boxes in strategic locations. Encourage more critical letters to the local newspaper and see to it that they are addressed by the council. Mail questionnaires to residents, along with their waters bills, pertaining to upcoming proposals. Show no favoritism to any select group concerning any legislation brought forth by any member of the city council, city manager, mayor, city employee or any member of their families."

What are some ways you would reach out to the community and encourage more participation in the decisions made by the council? "I would continue to encourage all residents of Heppner to attend city council meetings to stay informed and be involved in the business decisions made by the city council."

Mayoral candidates continued...

Cody High (cont.)

ence in our community and guarantee that all citizens' voices are heard and all decisions are made for the best interest of the city. I want to be mayor so I can ensure that the meetings are run with the people in mind, that everyone has the time necessary to express their thoughts, everyone is treated with respect regardless of their opinion, the agenda is followed, and the city council's actions are kept track of and not put on a back burner and forgotten to time."

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing Heppner? "Money will always be the biggest challenge facing Heppner. With a small community, finding resources to address all the concerns a city has (streets, parks, water and sewer) without over-charging those who live here or having things fall into disarray will always be a struggle for the city to overcome."

How would you address this as mayor? "The only way to address budgetary issues is to be vigilant with our spending. Making sure that we are examining all

expenditures, constantly looking at all sides to find the best solution no matter how unorthodox and making decisions that continue to make Heppner the place we call home. I like to think that during my past time on city council I was conscious of these facts and acted accordingly, and I will continue to do so if elected as your mayor."

What are some ways you would reach out to the community and encourage more participation in the decisions made by the council? "As Mayor I would encourage anyone to talk with me or any other council member about any issues/ thoughts they may have. If you wish to know what the city has planned, I encourage you to go to city council meetings and/or talk with our city manager; she will get you the information you need. Participation is an active choice. First vote for someone who you believe will do what's best; if you are not registered, go sign up at the county clerk's office. Speak up and let your voice be heard so those who serve you know what you desire."

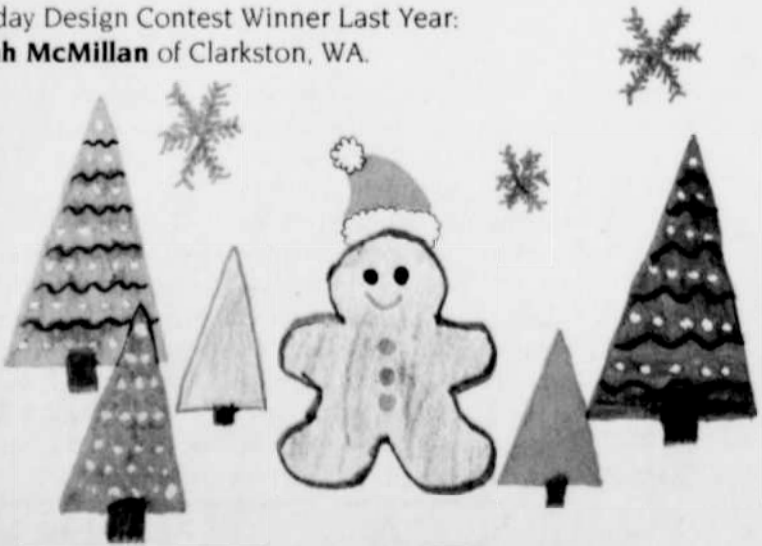
FBLA invites community to wear pink

The Heppner High School Future Business Leaders of America invites the community to wear pink all day on Oct. 16 and at the home game on Friday, Oct. 17, to support breast cancer awareness.

Attention Parents of K-4th Graders!

Our Annual Holiday Design Contest Is On!
Designs Due At Local Branches By 11/03/14
Winner Gets \$125 Plus Other Perks!

Holiday Design Contest Winner Last Year:
Aliyah McMillan of Clarkston, WA.



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