

# COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES

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-JIM DOHERTY

where in this region and you are—like as not—to strike a member of my extended family.

**Prior government experience:** I was both a board member and chair of Jefferson County SWCD, chair of the Trout Creek Watershed Council and past board member of the Morrow County SWCD.

**Why are you running for commissioner?** What began as a love for the people and places of Morrow County has grown over the years, becoming an irrepressible desire to go to work for the same. I feel a synergy building that will move Morrow County to the forefront in both livability and commerce. To do this, is going to require someone who is approachable, open and has some vision or foresight, coupled with an abundance of common sense.

**What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing Morrow County?** First and foremost, I believe that brighter days and better tomorrows far outweigh the difficulties that face us. That said, if you ask 10 different people this question, you are likely to get 10 different answers. The reason behind this is that the biggest challenge is the real and/or perceived geographic and municipal inequities in the county. For those who feel disenfranchised, be it north, south, urban or rural they need a chance to be heard. Not just heard, but listened to.

**How would you address it as a member of the Morrow County Court?** My wife, son and I have built a livestock business that fits more easily into the outskirts of our county. We have done so amidst the hum and rush of Oregon's most successful enterprise zone. Born and raised as far from civilization as one can get in this county, I understand and sympathize with the challenges of our most rural sector. From the farmer who feels threatened with the inevitable advance of renewable conduit to those who feel fortune about to blow their way, I will lend an ear. Only with reasoned, balanced input will I govern.

-LEANN REA

my mother passed in June of 2015 at the age of 94. I have one son, Rick Rea, living in the county, and the other three children reside outside of the area. Other county family members include my brother and sister-in-law, Marv and Tanna Padberg and their children. I also have a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Keith and Judy Rea, and two of their children residing in the lone area, and a sister-in-law, Katherine Martin, living in the Lexington area.

**Prior government experience:** Prior to being elected County Commissioner in 2008, I served on the Morrow County Budget Committee for 10 years. I also sat on the Morrow County Planning Commission for 13-plus years, serving as the chair for several years. I served on the Morrow County Health District Board before my election to the County Court and continue to serve in that position. While I resided in Boardman, I was a member of the Umatilla Basin Watershed Council, but when I moved to Heppner I was no longer eligible to serve in that position. I currently serve or represent the county court on the following boards and committees: chair of the CAPECO Board; Association of Oregon Counties Committees on Water Policy, Forestry, and Economic Development; Columbia River Enterprise Zone II Board; Governor's Advisory Board on Energy & Agriculture; Oregon Consortium Board; Morrow County Economic Task Force Committee; Work Force Investment Board; Morrow County Fair Board; Neighborhood Center of South Morrow

County; and The Loop - Morrow County Transportation.

**Why are you running for commissioner?** With Judge Terry Tallman retiring and Commissioner Don Russell having only a year and a half of experience, I feel that my seven and a half years of experience is very important for a smooth transition as the county changes from a judge and two part-time commissioners, to three part-time commissioners and a county administrator form of government. I believe I still have many new ideas on how the county can continue to move forward and grow.

**What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing Morrow County?** The largest challenge for the county at this time is the development of a strong and secure source of funding for the road department. Since property taxes can no longer be used to fund the building and maintenance of our bridges and approximately 900 miles of county roads, a large problem has been created.

**How would you address it as a member of the Morrow County Court?** As a commissioner I would continue working with others to change the state gas funding formula to create a more equitable way to calculate distributions to the rural counties that have a large number of road miles to maintain while having a lower population and vehicle registration. I would also continue to explore other options, such as additional dollars from the tippage fees, Strategic Investment Program (SIP) agreements, or funding from the Enterprise Zone.

# MARTIN CONVICTED

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slaughter, assault and criminal mistreatment on June 1, 2015. He originally pled not guilty to the counts but later changed his plea to guilty.

Circuit Court Judge Christopher Brauer sentenced Martin to ten years in prison for first-degree manslaughter. He also sentenced Martin to 14 months in prison for third-degree assault and 30 months prison time for the criminal mistreatment count. How-

ever, the prison terms are to run concurrently, and Martin will receive credit for time served. Martin will also be subject to three years of post-prison supervision; conditions will include an anger management and parenting program. The felony charges are Measure 11 offenses and subject to a mandatory minimum sentence, which means Martin will not receive any reduction in sentencing such as time off for good behavior. Martin will also have to pay \$600 in fines.

In his closing statement, Justice Brauer echoed the sentiments of the victim's family when he said no amount of rehabilitation could correct the results of Martin's choices and no court decision could make sense of the child's death.

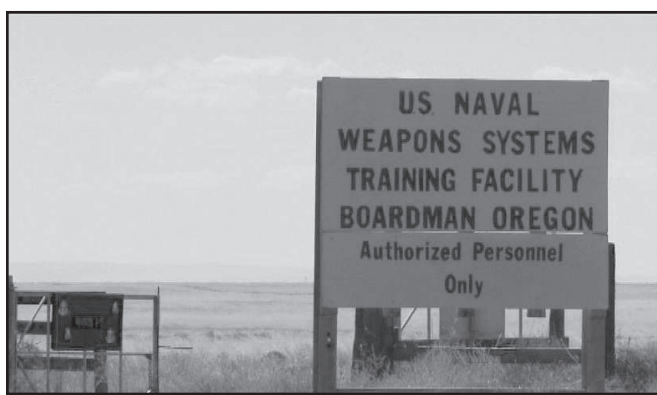
# Navy announces decision on Boardman facility

SILVERDALE, WA—The U.S. Navy, in cooperation with the National Guard Bureau and Oregon National Guard, has announced its decision to implement its Preferred Alternative, Alternative 2, to support and conduct ongoing and proposed military readiness activities within Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility (NWSTF) Boardman and associated airspace.

According to a press release, the Navy made its decision after "carefully considering the potential impacts that training and testing activities may have on the human, natural and cultural environment as well as considering comments on the proposal and environmental analysis received from government agencies, American Indian tribes and nations, and the public."

Implementation of the Preferred Alternative, as described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), is intended to directly support military readiness and promote the continued vitality of NWSTF Boardman as an essential training resource.

The Proposed Action includes measures to ensure



The U.S. Navy is moving forward with new plans for its Boardman training facility. -Contributed photo

critical military readiness requirements are met. The Navy and Oregon National Guard proposed to increase the types and the number of certain training activities conducted at NWSTF Boardman; develop and enhance training facilities at NWSTF Boardman; and create additional special use airspace.

The Navy says the proposed action is needed to enhance the training environment at NWSTF Boardman—including ranges, training areas and instrumentation—to better support current and future unit and personnel training requirements.

The Record of Decision and completion of the Final EIS follow several years of research, analysis and

public involvement. The Navy held two public scoping meetings in October 2010 and two public meetings in September 2012 to provide information and receive comments. The Final EIS includes responses from the Navy and the Oregon National Guard to the comments received on the Draft EIS. In the Record of Decision, the Navy also considered and responded to comments received after publishing the Final EIS on December 18, 2015.

The Record of Decision, Final EIS and supporting documents can be found online at [www.NWSTF-BoardmanEIS.com](http://www.NWSTF-BoardmanEIS.com), and at several local public libraries, including Oregon Trail Library District's Heppner and Boardman branches.

# BMCC, AARP offer driver safety courses

Blue Mountain Community College and AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) have teamed up to offer two driver safety courses in Morrow County in the next couple of months.

The first session will be on Monday, March 14, at the Boardman BMCC location, 300 NE Front Street.

The next session will be on Friday, April 22, in Lone at the Lone Community Church.

Both classes begin at 8:45 a.m. and wrap up at approximately 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 for non-members of AARP and \$15 for AARP members.

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest course for drivers age 50 and older. The course teaches attendees defensive driving skills and offers a refresher of the rules of the road. Once the course is completed, participants may be eligible for a discount on their auto insurance.

Those interested in attending are asked to reserve a space in the class. Contact BMCC Morrow County at 541-481-2099 or email

at [amorter@bluecc.edu](mailto:amorter@bluecc.edu), enrollment must be met or contact the instructor to hold this class so pre-registration is required. 541-989-8141. Minimum

# New FFA member takes second with 'riveting' exhibit



Daniel Eubanks, a new member of Lone FFA Chapter, earned second place at the State FFA Convention for his art exhibit depicting "Rosy the Riveter." Daniel also participated in the FFA job interview career development event this year. -Photo by Erin Heideman

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