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# Murray wins Port, Health District passes

Heppner and Lexington go Murray; Boardman, Irrigon, Lone vote Radie

By David Sykes

A strong showing from Heppner and Lexington pushed John Murray to victory over Debbie Radie in last week's Port of Morrow commissioner election. County wide Murray beat Radie by 321 votes, and he did it with a strong showing in Heppner and Lexington. The large margin in those two precincts carried him to victory, as he trailed Radie by a combined 300 votes in Boardman, Irrigon and Lone. Murray lives in Heppner and Radie in Irrigon.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to serve Morrow County residents as one of your Port of Morrow commissioners, to continue the commission's work that has brought so much good to the county. Sixty years of independent family business history in the county

has given me a passion for improving it in every way that I can. Please contact me with your questions, concerns and thoughts, my phone number is 541-980-8880. We can accomplish great things together," Murray said.

Both candidates campaigned heavily, which may have been responsible for a higher than normal turnout in the county for a midterm election. Morrow County had the fourth highest voter turnout in the state with 34.73 percent, while Hood River was highest with 47.65, and Linn county lowest at 12 percent. State-wide turnout was 20.86. Lone, as it usually does, topped Morrow County's voter turnout, with 57 percent of the eligible voters returning their mail-in ballots.



John Murray wins Port race.

responded with a nearly 80 percent approval, passing in all county precincts by a total 1633 yes to 415 no.

"The renewal of the Morrow County Health District Local Option Tax once again makes it clear that a healthier Morrow County is a mission worth the investment. On behalf of all of us at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, our doctors, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and support teams working in our family of health clinics, our home health and hospice division, EMS, the board of directors and administrative team, we thank you for your continued trust and for the privilege of serving your healthcare needs," Morrow County Health District CEO Bob Houser told the Gazette-Times.

Also on the ballot was a request from the Morrow County Health District to approve a five-year tax levy to help with funding for the district. The levy is a continuation of the one currently in place and approved in 2014 and was necessary to maintain and expand services throughout the county. Voters agreed and

## 4-H club holds meeting



The Grow 'Em and Show 'Em 4-H club held its monthly meeting at the Houck residence near Lexington on May 19. Members presented demonstra-

tions to the other members. Andrea Fletcher and her horse, Sunny, demonstrated horse showmanship. Hunter Houck demonstrated dairy

showmanship with his heifer, Hallie. The demonstrations were in preparation for the Morrow County Fair round robin, which is a showmanship contest where class champion showmen compete by showing all livestock species.

After the demonstrations, the group had a brief business meeting followed by a picnic. The next meeting will be held June 2 at 6 p.m. at the Heppner USDA Service Center.

## Chamber Chatter

Thursday, May 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Annual Community Bank barbecue. The community is invited to a free barbecue lunch served by the Community Bank employees to be held in front of the bank.

Thursday, June 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oregon WORKS Community Internship Workshop at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center in Boardman. The Port of Morrow was one of four locations in Oregon selected to host an Oregon WORKS Community Internship Workshop. A community-wide summer

internship program makes connecting talented young professionals to local businesses easier for both the businesses and those seeking employment. During this workshop, employers will learn how to attract and retain interns by working together to develop a county wide marketing and outreach plan. The plan will be developed over the next year and ready for implementation during Summer 2020. This Community Internship Workshop is presented by the McMinnville Economic Development Partnership by grants from The Ford Family Foundation and the Oregon Community Foundation. All employers in Morrow County are invited to participate in this free

workshop. Lunch will be provided. RSVP online at <https://bit.ly/2I0BL2x> by May 30, 2019. For more information contact Kalie Davis, Workforce Training Program Manager 541-571-1624.

Saturday, June 8 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Cutsforth Park, Annual youth fishing derby sponsored by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Morrow County Parks. The fishing derby is open to children ages 14 and younger, with lunch provided for the youth.

Sunday, June 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Chasing Ebenezer will be the entertainment for the Music in the Park concert at the Heppner Park on Main St. There will be a meal available to purchase (by donation) prepared by the Hopeful Saints Ministry volunteers. Bring a lawn chair.

Sunday, July 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Dakota Brown will perform for Music in the Park at the Heppner Main St. Park. There will be a meal available to purchase (by donation) prepared by the Hopeful Saints Ministry volunteers. Bring a lawn chair.

Saturday, July 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fifth Annual Veteran Benefit EXPO19 at the Pendleton Convention Center. Learn

about available federal, state and local veteran benefits including health care, disability compensation pension, business, burial, transportation, education, recreation, long-term care, records, ID's, home loans and more. This event is designed to provide a one-stop shop for Oregon veterans of all eras and walks of life to learn about and access the full range of their earned benefits. For more information about the Expo, visit [www.expo.oregonva.com](http://www.expo.oregonva.com). For questions, please contact Tyler Francke at 503-373-2389 or [tyler.francke@state.or.us](mailto:tyler.francke@state.or.us).

Thursday, August 1 is the deadline to apply for Morrow County Cultural Coalition grants. Applications for cultural-based activities are being accepted, with grants to be awarded for up to 50 percent of the total project cost. For complete guidelines and application form, contact Gayle Gutierrez at 541-676-5630 or via email at [ggutierrez@co.morrow.or.us](mailto:ggutierrez@co.morrow.or.us).

Sunday, August 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wasteland Kings will be the entertainment for Music in the Park at the Heppner Main St. park. There will be a meal available to purchase (by donation) prepared by the Hopeful Saints Ministry volunteers. Bring a lawn chair.

Voting turnout by precinct			
Precinct	Total registered voters	Voted	Percent
Boardman	1836	497	27
Irrigon	2310	491	21
Lexington	407	209	51
Lone	426	244	57
Heppner/Hardman	1303	723	55
<b>County Totals</b>	<b>6282</b>	<b>2164</b>	<b>34</b>

Vote count by precinct				
Precinct	Murray	Radie	Yes Health	No Health
Boardman	160	312	320	143
Irrigon	162	289	359	110
Lexington	159	39	162	33
Lone	109	130	186	40
Heppner/Hardman	603	104	602	87
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1193</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>1629</b>	<b>413</b>

[HealthyMC.org](http://HealthyMC.org)



## When seconds count, they are the first to respond.

We thank all of the MCHD medical first responders in honor of National EMS Week!

We count the communities we serve amongst the most fortunate because of our outstanding EMS team.

With 14 employed team members and 47 volunteers, from ambulance drivers to Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), as well as Paramedics, they are saving lives in Boardman, Heppner, Lone, Irrigon, Lexington, and each corner of the county.

Their numerous contributions to the community-at-large are deserving of recognition because they embody the spirit of volunteering and exemplify the heart of our healthcare system.



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Enjoy  
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• Chips  
• Soda  
• Dessert  
• Drawings for prizes  
Member FDIC  
  
We look forward to seeing you!  
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