

Primary election candidate filing now open

Candidates filing for offices to be voted on at the primary election opened on Sept. 12.

Offices to be voted on include President, US Senator; US Representative, 2nd District; Secretary of State; State Treasurer; Attorney General; State Senator, 29th District; State Representative, 57th District; State Supreme Court positions and Court of Appeals positions at the state level.

At the county level the positions up for election

are Morrow County Clerk; County Commissioner, position 1; Morrow County Sheriff and Morrow County Treasurer.

Those interested in becoming a candidate should check the Candidate Manual on the Oregon Secretary of State website. The last day to file for the May 19, 2020 primary election is March 10, 2020. For additional information contact Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers.

Efforts continue to hang up on illegal robocalls

Representative Greg Walden (R-Hood River) recently spoke with Gary Wolcott and Bill Sikkens on AM 860's User Friendly 2.0 about his efforts to stop illegal robocalls.

Walden started out the interview by saying how he gets so many robocalls that he usually does not answer the phone if it is an unknown number.

He went on to share a story about ignoring a call that he should've answered, "I got one the other day that said +30-1 Greece and I don't know anybody in Greece, so I let it go to voicemail. Later in the day I looked, and it was a two-minute voicemail. I was like wow; I wonder what that is? So, I pulled it up and I listened to it and it was Vice President Mike Pence aboard Air Force Two trying to reach me on an issue."

Walden noted that he shares this story to remind people that there are important calls you don't want to miss but because there are so many robocalls out there, we are becoming conditioned not to answer them unless we recognize

the number.

Last year, an estimated 47.8 billion robocalls were placed nationwide and last month alone, American's received an estimated 4.8 billion robocalls.

"You know in the 503 area code, you all have had 17.7 million robocalls last month and 151.5 million this year. On the east side, the rural areas in Oregon's 541 area code, we received an estimated 13 million robocalls last month alone and 106.8 million so far this year."

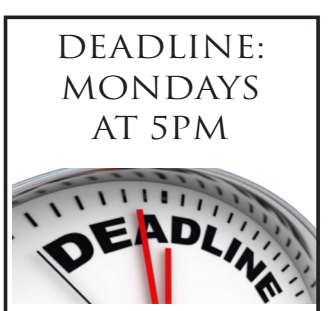
Walden has long been an advocate for stopping illegal robocalls. As Republican Leader of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, he helped usher the Stopping Bad Robocalls Act through the House. The bill now awaits action in the Senate.

Last Congress, he worked hard to pass the RAY BAUM's Act, which reauthorized the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for the first time in over two decades and provided the FCC with tools to better enable consumers and law enforcement to stay ahead of scammers.

Pianist to perform

Pianist John Nilsen will perform at the Heppner Methodist Church on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 1 p.m.

There will be no charge for the concert, although a free will offering will be taken. Nilsen will also have CDs available for purchase at the church.



Hunters asked to return wings

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is asking successful forest grouse and mountain quail hunters to return a wing and a tail from each bird they harvest.

Look for collection barrels (often bright blue with yellow signs) at major road junctions or highways in popular hunting areas. You'll also find barrels at some ODFW offices and popular rural markets.

A barrel in the Heppner area is located at the intersection of FR21 and FR53. Contact Heppner at 541-676-5230 for additional information.

How to submit your wings and tails

-Clip the right wing close to the bird's body. Submit the left wing if the right wing is damaged (i.e. worn or missing feathers).

-Remove all tail and rump feathers by skinning out the lower 2 to 3 inches of the back of the bird and clipping off the tail.

-Place wing and tail together in provided paper bag and write the date of kill and general location where indicated. Please do not use plastic bags, they speed decomposition and make the wings and tails hard to use.

-Put the wing bags inside the collection barrel or drop them off at the nearest ODFW office. ODFW can

also send you additional bags and postage-paid return envelopes, if you need them. Call 503-947-6301 for additional bags and envelopes.

Why ODFW collects wings and tails: biologists use the wings and tails to collect information on species, age, hatch date, recruitment and sex ratios of the birds. They'll use this information to get a clearer picture of grouse and quail populations that will help determine hunting seasons. Since wing collections started in 1980, hunters have submitted more than 30,000 grouse wings.

Wing analysis is only one of several surveys ODFW uses to monitor forest grouse and mountain quail populations in Oregon. The wing data complements other information gathered in production and harvest surveys.

The season for forest grouse is Sept. 1 through Jan. 31 statewide. There is no open season for spruce grouse.

Mountain quail seasons vary across the state: Western Oregon, Hood River and Wasco counties, Sept. 1, 2019 to Jan. 31, 2020; Crook, Grant, Wheeler, Gilliam, Klamath, Umatilla, Morrow and Wallowa counties, Oct. 5, 2019 to Jan. 31, 2020; Remaining eastern Oregon counties have no open season.

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license plate featuring a mule deer and Cascade Range mountain in the background. OWF has a long history of providing grants for projects that benefit fish and wildlife in Oregon, including helping

frigid Diamond Lake of tui chub to restore the trout fishery and supporting the Bonneville Fish Hatchery sturgeon viewing pond.

Once 3,000 vouchers are sold, the DMV will put the plate into production. OWF will award the annual monies raised from license plate sales to projects that help wildlife move

safely within their range and between habitat patches. Examples of projects that could be funded with Watch for Wildlife license plate proceeds include not only traditional wildlife underpasses like those on Hwy 97, but others like the Harborton Frog Shuttle, an all-volunteer effort that transports threatened red-legged frogs along their migratory route across busy Hwy 30 in northwest Portland.

Visit OWF's website for more information, <https://www.myowf.org/>

Auditions for Jack and the Beanstalk scheduled

Auditions will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of Jack and the Beanstalk on Monday, September 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Ione Legion Hall. Those auditioning should arrive at 4 p.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

Among the roles to be cast are Jack, Mother, Milky White, the Magic Harp, farmers, merchants, the Giant, Jill, circus per-

formers and Wonder Beans. Students grades kindergarten through 12th grade are encouraged to audition. Auditions are open to all students in south Morrow County. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup.

MCT Tour actor/directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from 4 to 8:30 p.m. each day with a break for dinner.

Jack and the Beanstalk will be presented on Saturday. The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Ione is brought to you by the Ione Community Agri-Business Organization with support from the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

For more information, call Peggy Doherty at 541-256-0429.

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Ione Education Foundation's 17th Annual Dinner & Auction

Saturday, September 28th
Ione American Legion Hall

5:30pm Annual Meeting
6:00pm Social Hour
7:00pm Dinner

Ticket Sales limited to 250 adults and may be purchased at Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione Reserve tickets by calling the bank at **541-422-7466** Tickets at the door if available

Want to donate an item? Call Joe McElligott @ **541-667-7151**
Sneak Peak! The Ione School has a surplus of shop tools being auctioned off.
Plasma Cutter, Welders, and Wood Work Tools, etc...

Please join family and friends for a
CELEBRATION
IN HONOR OF
Bill Gentry's
90th Birthday!

Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 4-7 pm
Heppner Elks Club

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CRACK DOWN ON NUISANCE DOGS

The City of Heppner would like to remind dog owners of city ordinances.

Is your dog a nuisance?

Unlicensed dogs running at large will be taken to Pet Rescue. All dogs over six months old are required to be licensed.

Allowing animals to disturb neighbors with excessive barking or noise is unlawful. **\$100 fine!**

Pick it up!

Allowing your dog to deposit solid waste on property other than your own without promptly removing it is unlawful. **\$50 fine!**