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Getting to know your county candidates

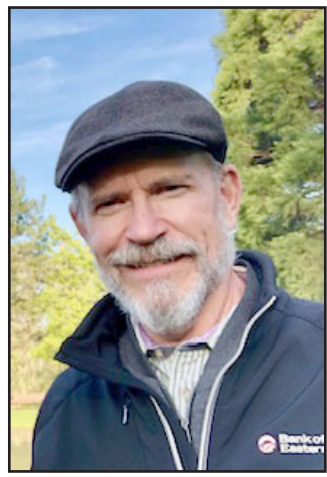
Ballots go out next week, October 14, for the November 3 election. Among other decisions voters will have to make are races for several Morrow County positions. To help with the decision process, the Heppner Gazette-Times asked the candidates for the county to tell us a little more about themselves. Here are their answers:

Jim Doherty
Morrow County Commissioner, Position 1



Age: 55
What education and/or degrees do you have that qualify you for the position?
An associate degree in Production Ag, BA in business and history. In addition I received high honors, (two merit cords) after completion of the Association of Oregon Counties/OSU County College, a one-year fast track program for county administrators and policy makers. Certificate from CLI, County Leadership Institute.
What, if any, prior experience do you have?
I am on the homestretch of my first term as commissioner. In addition, I am currently the president of the Association of Oregon Counties, past Soil and Water Conservation District Chair, Jefferson County and past Morrow County SWCD board member. Served on the Governor's alcohol and drug policy commission and a NACO representative.
Do you have family here? Spouse? Children?
Amazing wife of 34
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Joel Robert Peterson
Morrow County Commissioner, Position 1



Age: 63
What education and/or degrees do you have that qualify you for the position?
I hold a BS in Physics Engineering with a minor in computer science, and I have completed directors training through the Oregon Bankers Association.
What, if any, prior experience do you have?
My countywide experience includes over 25 years on the board of directors of the Bank of Eastern Oregon; 16 years on the Morrow County Planning Commission; 40 years on the Oregon Wheat Growers League, including one term as Morrow County President; and two terms on the Port of Morrow Budget Committee. I also have extensive experience in education policy and budget oversight, community development and church work at the local level in Ione. I was raised with cattle and now farm mainly wheat in the Ione area; I also oversee family farmland near Boardman.
Do you have family here? Spouse? Children?
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Glen G. Diehl
Morrow County Justice of the Peace



Age: 61
What education and/or degrees do you have that qualify you for the position?
Graduated from Heppner High School in 1978, studied criminal justice at Blue Mountain Community College, graduated OSSA Command College, Oregon Executive Development Institute, Executive Academy, obtained basic, intermittent and advance police certifications and more than 2,100 hours of approved training in the field of criminal justice.
What, if any, prior experience do you have?
I am currently serving all of Morrow County as your Justice of the Peace. I have over 35 years of criminal justice experience working as a patrol officer, narcotics detective, a corporal, sergeant, and lieutenant, in charge of the Criminal Division, that included: Three offices, all patrol deputies, the reserve unit, neighborhood watch, search and rescue, ATV and snowmobile, marine patrol units, and court security. I also was responsible for the management of the division's 1.9-million-dollar
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Theresa Crawford
Morrow County Justice of the Peace



Age: 60
What education and/or degrees do you have that qualify you for the position?
Associate of Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice, graduated in May 2019. Legal secretary diploma.
What, if any, prior experience do you have?
I worked for Val Doherty, attorney at law for two years as a legal assistant. I worked for 12 years maintaining juvenile records and attending juvenile hearings while working in the clerk's office.
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Mark Pratt
Candidate for Morrow County Sheriff



Age: 45
What education and/or degrees do you have that qualify you for the position?
90 credit hours of higher education. Currently hold an executive level law enforcement certification from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (highest possible). In order to obtain this certification DPSST requires an extensive list of training courses, which many must cover leadership. DPSST also requires the completion of college level courses. This level of certification is usually obtained by Chiefs or Sheriffs.
National Emergency Management Academy graduate: I completed this month-long course held in Maryland at the FEMA training center. This course was designed for Emergency Management Directors.
Over 2400 hours of law enforcement training covering many different topics to include leadership, ethics, and Federal Emergency Management Agency courses. I have also held law enforcement instructor responsibilities for sixteen years, teaching Emergency Vehicle Operations, certifying users on Taser devices and being a Field Training
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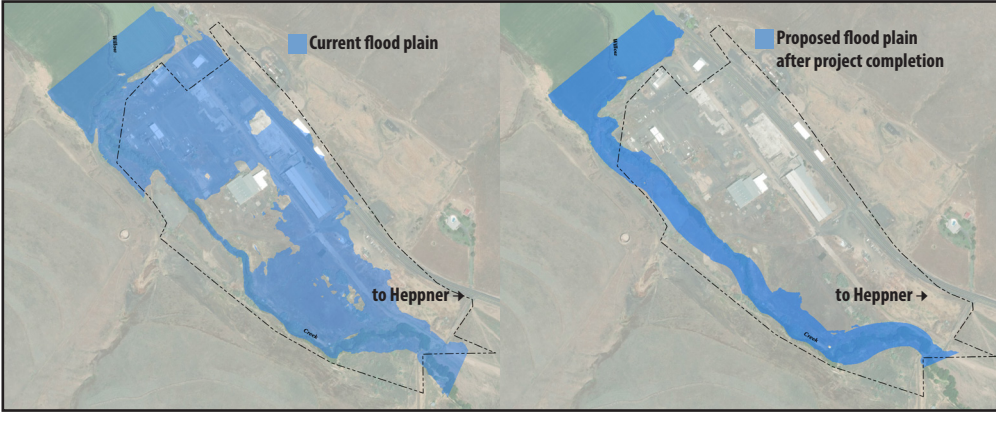
Kenneth W. Matlack
Candidate for Morrow County Sheriff



Age: 71
Education/Degrees/Certifications:
Bachelor of science degree in education, Eastern Oregon University; graduate from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command (Management Program); graduate of United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration, School of Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Enforcement; State of Oregon-Department of Public Safety Standards Training; certificates: basic, intermediate, advanced-trooper, senior, trooper; supervisor-detective sergeant, patrol sergeant; management-first sergeant; executive-sheriff.
Prior Criminal Justice Experience:
Oregon State Police-25 years; Hermiston, Coos Bay, Baker City, The Dalles and Arlington; Oregon Department of Corrections, 3 1/2 years; background investigator for Officers and Management Staff at Two Rivers Correctional Institution; Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution; Morrow County Sheriff, elected Nov. 2004, serving from Jan. 2005 to present, 15 years
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Large part of Heppner Mill Site could come out of flood plain

Would open up industrial area for new business development



If successful a proposed flood plain reduction project will open up a large portion of the Heppner Mill Site, above, for future development.

By Andrew Sykes

The Port of Morrow has commissioned a survey of the Heppner mill site from the civil engineering firm Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc. The survey was commissioned to identify areas of the Willow Creek flood zone around the mill site that must be mitigated to bring the site out of the flood zone as a requirement before the site can be developed. Mitigation for this project mainly consists of

constructing swales along the creek (a swale is a hollow depression, created to divert water). Another aspect of mitigation is removal of a bridge to prevent debris collection. This process will create 80 acres of buildable land. Anderson Perry estimates the cost of the mitigation project will be \$1,097,000. The port is seeking grants to offset the costs of mitigation, potentially from FEMA.
The Heppner Ga-

zette-Times spoke with Kim Cutsforth of the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WC-VEDG), who has taken a leading role in development of the mill site. Cutsforth was asked by Morrow County Commissioner and Chair Melissa Lindsay to support the mill site development because of Cutsforth's extensive knowledge of flood plains.
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Bobbi Childers
Morrow County Clerk



Age: 42nd anniversary of my 18th birthday
What education and/or degrees do you have that qualify you for the position?
I'm a graduate of Heppner High School. I have a C.E.R.A. (Certified Election Registration Administrator) Certificate through Auburn University. County Commissioner College.
What, if any, prior experience do you have?
I worked for the Morrow County School District for just under 10 years, then in 2000 I started in the Clerk's office as Chief Deputy Clerk, I was elected as Clerk in 2004. I am the current County Clerk.
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Jaylene Papineau
Morrow County Treasurer



Age: 39
What education and/or degrees do you have that qualify you for the position?
For the past four years I have been serving Morrow County as the Morrow County assessment and tax clerk. In addition to that, I have been working for Patriot Building and Grounds Maintenance for the last two years.
Do you have family here? Spouse? Children?
I was born in Heppner and graduated from Heppner High School. I grew up in a house that was built by my grandparents. I am a proud 3rd generation Morrow County resident.
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Sabrina Bailey Cave
Morrow County Treasurer



Age: 50
What education and/or degrees do you have that qualify you for the position?
I have an Information Processing Diploma from TREND College with additional accounting classes from Portland Community College.
What, if any, prior experience do you have?
Four years of temp work with various corporate offices where I was responsible for accounts payable, accounts receivable and bank reconciliations. Three years as manager of a non-profit organization where I handled all accounting records, worked with a
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