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Do you have family here? Spouse? Children?

My husband Stacey Jessen and I live in Heppner. We have been together for 15 years and he works for Jay Coil Fabrication as a welder. All four of our children grew up in the Lone/Heppner area, graduated from Lone High School, and their jobs have taken them out of this area.

Why are you running for a county office?

I am running for a county office because I want to continue to serve Morrow County residents. I have a passion for the law and have been interested in it most of my life. I knew I wanted to pursue it further when I worked as a legal assistant/secretary for Val Doherty. I was able to enhance my judicial experience while working in the clerk's office. It was my understanding that the justice of the peace position was going to be opening and I made the decision to return to school and obtain my degree in Criminal Justice. This balanced my understanding of the justice system. I am a long-time county resident that has enjoyed working with the residents of our

county and those of you who have dealt with me at the clerk's office know how dedicated I am to Morrow County. I will learn, listen and care about citizens and our community.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the office you are running for in Morrow County?

I consider the ability to provide equal justice under the law to be a big challenge. There are many factors that contribute to a judge's decision. These decisions should include the idea that all people should receive the same treatment under the law and should be evaluated based on their past and current behavior. At the same time, the victims, and the damage to them, need to be considered. Our communities need to feel protected and we need to make sure that the system is fair to all and benefits all citizens. Any decision needs to include the idea that it is benefitting the communities.

How would you address that challenge if you win?

There are many forms of justice.

-Procedural: Making and implementing decisions according to fair processes

and ensure fair treatment.

-Retributive: Punishment for wrongdoing. The hope is that punishment for committing a crime is large enough that people will not engage in the illegal activities.

-Restorative: Deterrent. Concerned with the healing of the victim's wounds, restoring offenders to law-abiding lives, and repairing harm done to the community. Restorative justice aims to strengthen the community and prevent similar harms from happening in the future.

I believe that the mix of these judicial principals, when applied correctly, can ensure that justice is provided equally and fairly to all Morrow County citizens.

Why do you feel you are the best candidate for the job?

My degree in Criminal Justice is current and work I have done in the legal system for 14 years. I have 16 years of background knowledge in the county, including, but not limited to, budgeting, county court minutes, property and land laws, knowledge of Oregon Revised Statutes and working with jury pulls.

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position are the diverse skills needed to accomplish the day to day functions.

How would you address that challenge if you win?

I will use all my experience and knowledge to serve Morrow County with the utmost respect, integrity and dedication. I will listen to your concerns and collaborate with all other government entities, as well as the people of Morrow County.

Why do you feel you are the best candidate for the job?

Morrow County is my home, where my heart has always been. I am excited and grateful to have this new opportunity to serve Morrow County.

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After getting married and starting a family, I moved to Clackamas County and lived there for almost 10 years. I have two wonderful children.

What, if any, prior experience, do you have?

While working as the office manager for Molalla River Academy, I loved working with the children and parents and being able to serve the community in that capacity. I have always been able to work together with many diverse groups of people. I am well versed in how our property tax money is distributed to districts, as well as knowledgeable in accounts payable, receivable and payroll. I also have experience providing financial reports

and working on budgets as I was the recorder for the Town of Lexington prior to moving to Clackamas County. I already work closely with the current treasurer and feel that I would make the transition smoothly.

Why are you running for a county office?

I am running for Morrow County Treasurer to be a beneficial part of the community and for my family. I believe that this position is a great opportunity. I am a team player who excels at working with others.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the office you are running for in Morrow County?

I believe that the biggest challenges facing this

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Members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner recently commemorated St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of all animals, with a Blessing of pets by Father Thankachan Joseph. -Contributed photo.

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board of 12 and helped run fundraising events.

Three years as office assistant/cashier for a metal recycling company, responsible for payment of wholesale purchasing, filing monthly and quarterly reports with State of Oregon.

Several years as an accounting clerk for four small business, in charge of payables, receivables, payroll, quarterly and yearly tax reports.

Do you have family here? Spouse? Children?

My husband and I, and our last child at home, live in Lone where I grew up. Most of my relatives have passed or moved away over the years, though I still have an uncle close by and cousins from both sides of my family.

Why are you running for a county office?

It's an office best suited to my skills and experience. I want to contribute to the growth and prosperity our county has been experiencing and believe I can best do that by managing the day-to-day operations of the treasurer's office with efficiency, transparency and dedication.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the office you are running for in Morrow County?

I feel the biggest challenge facing the treasurer's office at this time is the state of its working relationship with the board of commissioners. Communication of duties within the county, need to be clarified so all parties are working from common ground.

How would you address

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Family:

Married to wife Shirley, reside in Irrigon; daughter, husband and two granddaughters in Irrigon; one granddaughter, her husband and a great-granddaughter in Pendleton.

Why are you running?

Being the Sheriff of Morrow County for 15 years has been the greatest experience in my long law enforcement career. I had a great career with the State Police and retired after 25 years. I started out as a school teacher and found I loved helping people. Law enforcement motivates me and gives me purpose, I have over 40 years of training and experience. I still look forward to going to work every day. I believe the Sheriff's Office made a big difference for the people of Morrow County and I still want to "Go the Extra Mile."

What is the biggest challenge for the Sheriff's Office?

There are several challenges facing the Sheriff's Office in the immediate future. Thinking of several,

that challenge if you win?

All elected offices of our county are governed by Oregon Revised Statutes. All are part of the same team. We should communicate and perform as a team for the betterment of the county and remain flexible within the parameters of each office. Communication is key when working together. I would improve upon my current working relationship with each office and department to help achieve the goals the county has to maintain and/or improve the services it offers to the people.

I would include the mental health crisis followed by the continuing drug crisis across the country. I would also list prison reform and re-entry of people being released from prison back into society without the necessary support of necessary housing and employment opportunities. My biggest challenge after the election would be mental health.

How would I address the problem?

I advocate a regional facility be built in eastern Oregon. The Sheriff's Office currently transports people all over the state of Oregon and are constantly looking for placement beds because we do not have enough beds in the state to go around. We spend hours at local hospitals waiting for patients to be certified for travel, then we constantly search for an open bed. Community Counseling Solutions has been a great partner for years and is a great advocate for us as law enforcement and CCS work to fix this huge problem.

Why do you feel you are the best candidate for the job?

I bring several years' experience working in different business environments and interacting with a variety of personalities. This has given me the ability to communicate and compromise where needed. Coming from the county finance dept., I'm familiar with the financial workings of the county and the software program used. My experiences, along with my accuracy and attention to detail, make me a good fit for the treasurer's office.

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Do you have family here? Spouse? Children?

I was raised on Big Butter Creek, where my Mom still lives. I'm married to Harvey Childers and have two grown children. My Chief Deputy Kandy Boyd, in elections and Theresa Crawford in records are my work family and I couldn't do it without them.

Why are you running for a county office?

I have been the clerk going on 16 years now, I'm never bored. This office is multi-faceted, we have land records, elections, tax appeals, marriage licensing, passports, death registrar duties and more. I like people and my office gets to work with people, so I'd like to continue doing that. The history of Morrow County is in this office and it is fun to be able to share that history. I love this job.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the office you are running for in Morrow County?

My challenge is keeping up with ever changing laws, especially since the legislature is in session yearly now, sometimes reverting to laws that we used to follow.

How would you address that challenge if you win?

I'll keep reading the election and record changes and applying them to my office.

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