

County seeks chief of staff position

Morrow County commissioners last week voted to begin advertising for a new chief of staff position to handle administrative duties. The county has not previously had this position but instead used a county administrator for the duties. The county has been without an administrator since Darrell Green was fired earlier this year.

Following the firing and without an administrator commissioners instituted a "liaison" form of government where individual commissioners were assigned to oversee various department heads and interact with elected officials. At last week's meeting the commissioners discussed the proposed new position, which has a salary of \$7,425 to \$10,447 per month.

Commissioner Don Russell said it was important current commissioners, two of whom leave office in January, get "buy-in" from the two new commissioner-elects who take office then. "By the time this

position is filled, commissioner Lindsay and I are not going to be here and if the new administration that takes over the first of January wants an administrator rather than a chief of staff it makes it difficult on a future employee that may or may not have a position," Russell said.

Commissioners had two weeks ago asked for input from both incoming commissioners David Sykes and Jeff Wenholz about the new position. Both said the decision on the position

and who to hire should be left to the new administration in January. The board moved forward with the hiring process anyway however, on a 2-1 vote with Commissioners Jim Doherty and Lindsay voting yes and Russell no.

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Attention Morrow County Veterans!
Veterans Appreciation Dinner
 Wednesday
October 19, 2022
Boardman Senior Center
 100 Tatone St. Boardman
 Doors open at 5pm
Dinner at 5:30
Please RSVP as seating is limited
541-922-6420
 Delicious food, friendly faces & door prizes!
Please mark your calendars!

Hopeful Saints to host Heppner trunk-or-treat

Hopeful Saints Ministry will be hosting a trunk-or-treat event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Halloween night. The event will be held at the corner of Church and Gale Street in Heppner. Twelve car spaces are available for those who want to participate in this free event.

Anyone interested in reserving a trunk-or-treat space is asked to call the

Hopeful Saints office at 541-676-9970 and leave a name and phone number. Spaces will be assigned. Spaces will be open until filled or until Friday, Oct. 28, whichever comes first. George or Cody will be in contact to give you your assigned space number.

All are welcome, and the ministry is offering to help supply participants with treats to hand out.

The inside of the church will also be open for those who want to warm up with games, dinner, or hot drinks. All food and activities are free.

Contact George Nairns at gn_arrived@live.com if you would like to volunteer to help with this free event, funded by MCURD.

Ione FFA takes second in district rituals



The Ione FFA Greenhand officer team took second place at the district rituals contest during leadership camp. Rituals are the proper opening and closing ceremonies of FFA meetings and events. Pictured are FFA members (L-R): Novalee Campbell (historian), Isabelle Ogden (reporter), Phegley Padberg (secretary), Miley Strzelewicz (president), William McElligott (vice president), Olivia Ogden (treasurer) and Ciciley Stefani (sentinel). Isabelle Ogden also earned first place Greenhand reporter at the camp. The district includes all schools in Umatilla and Morrow counties with FFA programs. -Photo by Erin Heideman

Local candidates run for election

Ballots mailed next week for Nov. 8 vote

A slate of local candidates are running for election across the county. The ballots will be mailed out Oct. 19-21 for election day on Nov. 8. The last day to register to vote is Oct. 18. Any ballots postmarked by Nov. 8 have until Nov. 15 to be received and counted by the clerk. The county also has drop boxes spread throughout the county.

Positions and candidates are as follows:

City of Boardman Council Member, at Large (vote for 3): Karen R Pettigrew. Isaac A Williams. Jonathan L Tallman. Roy Drago Jr.

City of Irrigon Council Member, at Large (vote for 3): Hector Cano. Benjamin Calvert. Michelle Patton. Heather Bishop. Gayland Bledsoe. Margaret Anderson. Melvin Lambert.

Town of Lexington, Councilor, Position 3 Katie Imes. **Position 4,** Barbara (Bobbi) Gordon.

City of Ione, Councilor, Position 1 Jason R Carson. **Position 2** Beverly Benson. SaBrina Bailey Cave.

Position 4 Brian Spivey. **Position 5** No Candidate Filed. **Mayor** Michael T Skow.

City of Heppner, Councilor, Position 4 Dale Bates. **Position 5** Sharon K Inskeep.

Position 6 Adam P Doherty. **Mayor** Corey P Sweeney.

Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation, Director, Zone 1 Miff Devin. **Zone 2** Colin McElligott. **Zone 3** No Candidate Filed

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