

**HELP WANTED**

**Morrow County Fair**

**Secretary**

Morrow County is accepting applications for a part-time (19 hrs./week) Fair Secretary. The position is responsible for the administrative duties of the Fair & Rodeo. Duties include: scheduling and recording Fair Board meetings; preparing the Fair premium book; processing budget expenditures; renting Fair buildings; coordinating judges, gate staff, security personnel, litter patrol, exhibitors, vendors and food concessionaires; and maintaining all office files and records.

For more information please visit <http://www.co.morrow.or.us/hr>. \$17.30 - \$22.00 /hr. 11-9-2C



**County commission reaches tax agreement for solar project**

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Gallatin Power is a renewable energy development firm headquartered in Bozeman, MT. The other partner company, and project owner, is Pine Gate Renewables, based in Asheville, NC. Pine Gates Renewables owns 85 solar projects across the country, including Eagle Point Solar in Central Point, OR.

**Waste Disposal Rates to Increase**

In other business, the board of commissioners heard that rates for waste disposal would go up both for Waste Connections, formerly Sanitary Disposal, and Finley Buttes Landfill. Kevin Miracle of Waste Connections, which purchased Sanitary Disposal in 2021, was present to request a 5.5 percent waste collection rate increase, citing increased costs.

“Sanitary Disposal is not immune to the cost pressures and supply chain issues that have affected most businesses and consumers over the past year,” Waste Connections wrote in a letter to the Morrow County Solid Waste Committee. “At a time when inflation is running in excess of eight percent annually, we request an overall rate increase of 5.5%, effective November 1, 2022.”

Sandi Pointer, Morrow County Public Works Management Assistant, said the increase was in line with the increases Sanitary Disposal had implemented every three years. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee had voted to accept the rate increase at its Oct. 18 meeting.

“I heard their proposal at the Solid Waste Advisory meeting,” said Russell. “I was surprised it was only 5.5, to be honest. It’s been a couple of years since they’ve done a rate increase. We all know what inflation has done over that same time period.”

Jeremy Fink and Nancy Mitchell were at the meeting to advise the commissioners of increased rates at Finley Buttes Landfill. Finley Buttes has not increased rates since 2009. The landfill now wants a 12-1/2 percent increase on everything except asbestos. That would bring the cost for a ton of solid waste, for instance, from \$16.73 to \$18.73.

“Pretty much we’re having the same issues as Sanitary is,” Fink said. “Inflation, cost of fuel...”

Mitchell said they have also increased wages. The company would also like to

**CARD OF THANKS**

The saying “It takes a community to raise a child” is true, but it also takes a community to bury a loved one respectfully. So many people have stood by us through the loss of our father and grandfather Don Bennett, we are all overwhelmed with gratitude. Thank you to the Willow Creek Assisted Living caregivers for loving dad. The warmth and care you showed dad and our family was wonderful. We feel that we formed a new family within your walls that we will always treasure. Thank you to Pioneer Memorial Hospital nursing staff for helping us through the most difficult week of our lives. The comfort of your caring words, delicious food and kindness was amazing.

Thank you Pat and Trish Sweeney for caring so much for our family and allowing us to spend quality time in your parlor telling stories. Laughing, crying, cussing and yelling out our favorite stories of Dad and Mom will always be a precious memory to all of us. It made it feel al-

right to let go. Thank you to the Heppner Elks Ladies, with Missy Lindsay as their leader, serving up a wonderful lunch! It was delicious and much more than we expected. We are so grateful to everyone that brought food, sent cards and flowers. Our family appreciates everyone who donated to our local health care systems and firemen. Where would we be without our emergency services and health care professionals in this community?

To Stuart Dick, Rick Drake, and Dale Bates... our community is so lucky to have you all. Your services of song, story telling and music systems make every funeral and celebration of love so beautiful! Our family feels all the love and support from everyone. The hugs and kind words are still coming to all of us every day. God Bless our friends and community.

Debby Sumner Family  
Judy Barber Family  
Sandy Matthews Family

**CARD OF THANKS**

People that don’t come from a small community like ours may not understand the outpouring of support in times of need. Our village just shows up and now we have experienced it personally. We would like to extend a special thank you to the following on behalf of our beloved Calvin (Papa) Sherman.

First to Heppner Elk’s BPOE # 358, Exalted Ruler Wacy Coil and fellow officers Keenan Jack, Tim Dickenson, Corey Sweeney, Shane LaZinka, Tanner Britt, Tate Gentry and Teresa Hughes for a wonderful and heartfelt service. We know Calvin was smiling down on you with so much pride! To our Elk’s Family, Teresa Hughes went above and beyond to help us coordinate the service and reception and Judy Buschke for the extra hours spent on making the dinner tables look beautiful. Melissa Lindsay and kitchen crew we are extremely blessed to have your expertise, hard work, and long hours in putting on a magnificent meal and to the grill master crew Jay Coil, Todd Lind-

say, and Jim Kindle, we appreciate you all! Additionally, all the people that provided salads/desserts for the meal, flowers, and cards, we thank you. A special thank you to Dale Bates for making sure the music and video were set up without a hitch. Everyone by now knows about “Papa Rocks” and it was so thoughtful of Janelle Ellis and Jackie Ansotegui to make hundreds of smiley rocks to share with all. Pat and Trish Sweeney, thank you for your professional and loving care of Calvin and our family in our time of sorrow.

A special thanks to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living for the loving care they gave Calvin and continued care of Beverly. Thank you everyone who reached out to us with prayers and condolences. We appreciate your love and support for our family.

Beverly Sherman  
Ron and Mercedes Sherman and Family  
Barbara and Gary Watkins and Family  
Jan and Mark Huddleston and Family

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO VACATE A BLOCK OF 3RD STREET**

Per ORS 2771.080 through 2771.130, notice is hereby given that the Ione School District has submitted a petition to the Ione City Council requesting the vacation of 3rd Street between Green and Spring Streets. The petition states that the vacated street will be utilized in the redesign of the school campus due to construction of the new Ione High School. The vacation of this block will create a safer campus for the students.

All objections to the petition shall be filed within 30 days of this notice of November 10, 2022 with the city recording officer. All interested parties wishing to present additional comments on the proposed vacation are urged to attend a public hearing on December 13, 2022 at 5:30 pm at Ione City Hall 385 W. 2nd Street, Ione, Oregon.

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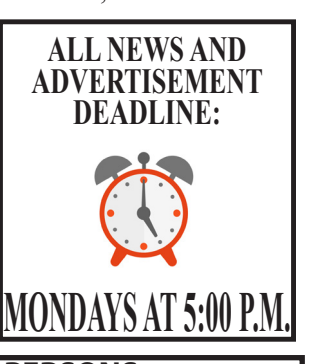
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Myrtle purchased the Courier in 1960 when David was 10 years old. Following college, David and April worked at the Courier for several years, where he was publisher and advertising salesman, and April was the editor.

Formal ownership transfer of the paper is expected to take place at the first of the year. David and April have two other children, Allison Hayes, who lives in Cary, NC with her

husband Matt and their two sons, August and Sebastian, and their daughter, Camille, who lives in Milwaukie with Eddie Gonzales and their son, Oscar.



**from operating contingency**

to the General Maintenance Department to accommodate the price increase. The commission agreed and chose to go with C&C Construction.

The commissioners heard from Paul Gray regarding the transfer of appropriations for the county nitrate emergency. The county originally budgeted \$100,000 for water testing and installation of water filters in affected areas, but Gray said they would be over budget soon, and requested another \$60,000.

Doherty mentioned that the state wants to take over water delivery and is willing to reimburse the county in full. A business coalition also has expressed willingness to pay the costs of water testing and filters but has requested information on where the filters have been installed.

“I completely understand anyone who wants to reimburse saying, ‘Hey, how do I know the money’s going to the right spot?’” Morrow County Counsel Justin Nelson said, but added that there was concern over a list of addresses being released and that the county was trying to find a balance between the two.

Gray said he has been working on submitting invoices for reimbursement and had received \$16,000 already, but that, for the moment, the county was still having to pay costs up front, which was why he was asking for additional funds.

“Even though I’m asking for an extra \$60,000 to finish what we’re trying to work on, what I’m looking for is that, in the end, the county will have paid less than the original \$100,000 I requested,” Gray said.

The board approved the appropriations but asked that Gray would provide them with a breakdown of what had been spent, what he expected to spend, and potential reimbursement. County Chief of Staff Search

Lindsay Grogan, Morrow County Human Resources Manager, appeared before the board requesting direction on the interview process for a new county chief of staff. She proposed having interview panels with department heads and elected officials, followed by an interview with the board of commissioners in executive session.

Russell agreed but added that he felt commissioners-elect Jeff Wenholz and

David Sykes, who will take on their duties in January, should be involved in the process.

“My understanding with the both of them is that they’re probably not in favor of this position, that they like the administrator model better, and that they’re going to inherit, very quickly, a position they might not agree with,” he said. “I hate to set somebody up for failure.”

“I think we reached out to them and they turned it down,” Lindsay responded, “but if HR can get them on one of these panels or a separate panel, I’d love to hear their input.”

Doherty disagreed. “They are citizens until they swear in,” he said. “The administration is the administration until there’s a new administration, and I’m going to carry on through both. With all due respect to the commissioners-elect, if they want to come in and restructure the entire county, nothing precludes them from doing this.”

“I’d love to hear their input as John Citizen,” he added, “but until they swear in, that’s what they are.”

Other Business  
Morrow County Sheriff’s Office Lt. Brian Snyder informed the board that Morrow County Sheriff John Bowles had offered him the MCSO Under-sheriff position, which he accepted. Snyder will be sworn in as the new under-sheriff on Nov. 10. He also reported that the department has one opening for a deputy, which they are in the process of filling. MCSO saw a marked increase in suicide threats/attempts in October, all of which were resolved successfully, as well as a large increase in suspicious activity calls, mostly unfounded. Russell noted that traffic stops and citations were down. Snyder replied that MCSO had worked three large cases and conducted a large-scale manhunt, which pulled resources from traffic.



**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS**

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon For the County of Morrow In the Matter of the Estate of: RUTH ELEANORA SULLIVAN, aka Ruth Eleanor Sullivan, and Ruth E. Sullivan, and Ruth Sullivan, Deceased.

Case No. 22PB09350

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to Valarie Henderson, the Personal Representative, in care of the law office of Anderson Hansell PC, attorneys for the Personal Representative, at 475 East Main Street, Hermiston, Oregon 97838-1926, or they may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: October 26, 2022

s/ Valarie Henderson  
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3 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
4 FOR THE COUNTY OF MORROW  
5 PROBATE DEPARTMENT  
6 In the Matter of the Estate of: )  
7 KATHERN LAVERNE MOORE, ) CASE No: 22PB09195  
8 )  
9 Deceased. ) NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS  
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11 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned individual has been appointed personal  
12 representative of the estate of Kathern LaVerne Moore, deceased. All persons having claims against  
13 the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal  
14 representative in care of the law office of Bendixsen Law, P.C., attorneys for the personal  
15 representative at 245 E. Main St. Suite E, Hermiston, OR 97838, within four months after the date of  
16 first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.  
17 All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information  
18 from the record of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal  
19 representative.  
20 Dated and first published on Nov 9, 2022.  
21 s/ Jessica L. Bates  
22 Personal Representative  
23 c/o Cameron Bendixsen,  
24 Attorney for Personal Representative  
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