

**BOARDMAN**

# Port of Morrow extends application deadline for manager

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The Port of Morrow commissioners decided on Friday to extend the deadline for those wanting to apply for the port's top position, and that there will be some updates to the application.

As longtime port manager Gary Neal sets to retire at the end of the year, the commission has been searching for someone to step into the role. Now, they have decided to extend their application period until the end of June, in the hopes that a more specific application will attract more candidates.

So far, commissioners said, seven people have applied for the job.

At a special meeting Friday morning, commissioners noted that they had not yet reviewed the seven applications they've received, and that those people would still all be considered. The purpose of extending the deadline, said commissioner Rick Stokoe, was to make sure they'd made it available to the best candidate.

"We feel it's important to do our due diligence, and try to find the best applicant for the port, and the employees of the port," said Stokoe. "This position is extremely vital, not only to Morrow County but to

the region."

Commissioners said thus far, the advertisement for the position had only been posted regionally, including in local newspapers, as well as some port organizations in Oregon and Washington. The recruitment process, which has been facilitated by the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO), started May 1.

Stokoe said initially they hoped to have SDAO narrow the applicant pool down to 25, and then the commissioners would narrow it down to five.

Commissioner Joe Taylor said they plan to expand the search nationwide.

Stokoe said the initial application did not list a sal-

ary range, but the updated one will state that the director's salary will be between \$175,000 and \$250,000 annually.

He said the application will also clarify a piece about a "residency requirement." The initial application stated that the person hired would have to live in the port district, which spans all of Morrow County. The updated application will still require the new port director to live in the district, but will specify that the commission will allow a period of time for the person to relocate.

The commission hopes to have a new manager in place by Oct. 1.

**BRIEFLY**

## Spring chinook season extended on Umatilla

The spring chinook salmon season on the lower Umatilla River from the Highway 730 bridge to Threemile Dam has been extended through June 30, because of a strong return of fish to Threemile Dam.

"After a slow start to chinook run, the numbers have picked up enough this month that we can offer some additional fishing opportunity," said Bill Duke, ODFW district fish biologist in Pendleton, in a release.

To date, 2,400 spring chinook have been counted at Threemile Dam and anglers have harvested 450 fish.

The season had originally been set to close after Sunday.

The daily bag limit will continue to be two adipose fin-clipped adult chinook and five fin-clipped jacks. Jack salmon are less than 24 inches long. A combined angling tag is required for this fishery.

Anglers do not need to record jack catch on their combined angling tags, but it is illegal to continue fishing for jack chinook once the adult bag limit is met. Unmarked wild fish must be released carefully and unharmed.

The Umatilla River from Threemile Dam to the CTUIR reservation boundary is also open for spring chinook through June 30.

However, anglers will find limited numbers of

chinook in this area as all adult fish collected at Threemile Dam are being transported upstream and released into the upper Umatilla River.

## Mosquito district to conduct aerial sprays June 12

UMATILLA — A large number of mosquito hatches along Highway 730 is prompting the West Umatilla Mosquito Control District to conduct aerial mosquito control spraying June 12.

The targeted spraying will take place after sunset with a twin engine airplane.

They will cover a total of 10,000 acres, including areas between Umatilla and the Morrow County line, and portions of Power City.

For more information contact West Umatilla Mosquito Control District at 541-567-5201.

## Eighth Street Bridge closes again on Monday

PENDLETON — Pendleton's Eighth Street Bridge will be closed to vehicles from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday as construction continues on the bridge replacement project, according to a city press release.

Construction vehicles and equipment will be on site throughout the day and the city is asking drivers to plan to use an alternate route.

**HERMISTON**



Staff photo by Jade McDowell.

The city of Hermiston is considering banning residential use of portable shipping containers for storage.

# Storage containers could be restricted

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The Hermiston City Council will be discussing a possible code amendment Monday that would ban use of Conex boxes and other metal shipping containers as permanent storage units on residential property, and require a building permit for using them on commercial and industrial land.

The proposed regulations will be discussed in depth during a work session at 6 p.m., and the council will have a chance during their regular 7 p.m. meeting to direct staff to initiate the amendment process, make changes to the proposed language or reject the idea altogether.

The new rules were drafted after councilor John Kirwan brought up that he was seeing more homes and businesses use the large metal shipping containers often found on trains or barges as make-shift storage units or shops. The city's code does not address the practice.

Under a first draft by city staff, portable storage containers — defined as "any box-like container which is transported by truck or trailer to a desired location for drop off and which is otherwise stored at an offsite location" — would be prohibited in residential zones except when placed for less than 120 days in connection with a construction proj-

ect that has been issued a building permit. In commercial and industrial zones one portable storage container per lot would be allowed but would be subject to a building permit and regulations including keeping it rust-free, the same color as the primary building on the property and in line with setback rules.

Also included in the discussion is a second set of amendments relating to accessory dwellings. The amendments — which accommodate for new legislation from the state — would require that accessory dwellings such as guest houses or basement apartments be registered with the city and subject to a permit and permit fee. The property would also pay multi-family dwelling rates for utilities and be subject to parking requirements and other standards.

On Monday the city council will also vote on the city's 2018-2019 budget, which the budget committee approved in May with an all funds budget of \$54,940,093. The budget is nearly \$5 million less than 2017-2018, mostly due to large capital improvement projects such as the Harkenrider Center and festival street preparing to wrap up construction.

The proposed budget would add a few new personnel, most notably a parks foreman who would handle day-to-day maintenance

of parks to free up the parks and recreation director for longterm planning projects. The city hopes to conduct a feasibility study in the next year for some sort of indoor aquatic center or wellness center.

The biggest capital project included in the proposed budget is a new one-million-gallon water tower on the corner of Punkin Center and Northeast 10th Street and accompanying improvements to the water system that will make housing development on that side of town more affordable. The \$4.5 million project will be paid for by a short-term loan that will be paid off using future enterprise zone payments from Lamb Weston.

Another project the city is tackling in 2018-2019 is the West Highland Trail Extension, which will create a pedestrian and bike trail parallel to Highland Avenue from Riverfront Park to Southwest 11th Street. The city council will be asked to award the bid for construction of the trail on Monday.

The low bid was Humbert Asphalt for \$343,225, which falls above the engineer's estimate of \$308,200 but within the \$450,000 in the 2018-2019 proposed budget. The city anticipates

receiving a \$404,559 grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation.

In addition to a public hearing for the budget, Monday's agenda also includes a public hearing on the Harkenrider Center, which is expected to open at the end of the summer as the city's new senior center. The city will take oral and written comments from residents about their views on the project, funded by a \$2 million federal Community Development Block Grant.

Other items on Monday's agenda include updates to the employee handbook, grant applications, an amendment cleaning up the legal language on the city's franchise fees for telecommunications, a vote on the Hermiston Urban Renewal agency's 2018-2019 budget and an update on committees and the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center. The full agenda packet can be found online at [hermiston.or.us/meetings](http://hermiston.or.us/meetings). The council meets at Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St., starting with the work session at 6 p.m.

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# Adams and Hermiston field days set for June

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Educational opportunities abound during field days for Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center and the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center this month.

CBARC's annual Field Day will take place Tuesday at 48937 Tubbs Ranch Road in Adams, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The event will include tours and displays regarding plant breeding, wheat disease, weed control, soil fertility and cropping systems.

"USDA and OSU scientists have been conducting field tours at this location every year since 1930 and we are very proud to continue this tradition today," stated a news release from CBARC. "The Field Day is designed to demonstrate to the growers and the public what is being

performed at the research center, provide education to the attendees as well as increase the growers' potential profit margins."

Field Day is free and open to anyone with an interest in dry land crop systems. Registration with complementary coffee and doughnuts is at 7:45 a.m. after which attendees will be taken via tour bus to eight different presentations. A free lunch will be provided at 1 p.m. with four more stops on the tour after.

Irrigated Cereal Field Day takes place at HAREC, 2121 South First Street, from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The agenda topics ranging from wheat disease to insects.

Potato Field Day also take place at HAREC, with registration from 7:45-8:15 a.m. on June 20 and presentations from 8:15 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. Lunch is provided.

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