

Ione science teacher recognized for mural



Ione science teacher Orissa Burghard was recognized at the August school board meeting for her design and work on a mural outside the school by the Ione pool. Pictured: Chairman Bill Jepsen presenting the award to Burghard. —Contributed photo

Ione Elementary ASB officers elected



The Ione Elementary School Associated Student Body has announced the election of its officers for the 2014-15 school year. Pictured front left to right: Ola Rietmann, Treasurer; Tiffany Hollis, Publicist; and Jessica Medina, Vice-President. Back left to right: Larysa Burrigot, Secretary; Eva Martin, President; and Hunter Padberg, Activities Director. —Contributed photo

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has announced the following Justice Court report:

-Glen George Griffith, 57, of Ione was found guilty of exceeding truck speed 75/55 and fined \$160.

First Morrow County Harvest Festival coming Oct. 4

BOARDMAN, Ore.—The first Morrow County Harvest Festival is coming to the SAGE Center Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event is presented by the Boardman, Heppner and Irrigon chambers of commerce in conjunction with the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman.

SAGE Center manager Kalie Davis said there will be a wide variety of fun,

fall-themed activities at no cost and the event will give people an opportunity to learn about all the local talent in Morrow and Umatilla county communities.

Vendors range from fresh produce to jams, bread, and pies, to homemade jewelry, coffee, art, and wood work. There will also be food vendors serving lunch as well as frozen yogurt. Beer, wine, and

Portland, Ore.—Ambre Energy and the Port of Morrow in Boardman have filed appeals against the permit decision made by the State of Oregon's Department of State Lands (DSL).

Last month, DSL denied a removal/fill permit for the Morrow Pacific project, a proposed coal export facility. The permit is needed to construct a dock at the Port of Morrow to transfer a bulk commodity to barges.

"The permitting process for a rail-to-barge facility should be project-specific and not influenced by the commodities involved," said Everett King, executive director, president and CEO of Ambre Energy North America. "It's pretty clear the politics of coal overshadowed this process from the beginning."

In the opening segment of the appeal Ambre Energy writes:

"In its Application, Coyote Island Terminal proposes to place pilings in the Columbia River to

construct a new barge-loading dock at the Port of Morrow near Boardman, Oregon. Coyote Island Terminal seeks to use the dock to load a bulk commodity into barges for shipment overseas. Because that bulk commodity is coal, it is a process that the State of Oregon does not support politically. [1] Instead of fairly evaluating Coyote Island Terminal's application, DSL chose to base its decision on factors that far exceed the scope of analysis DSL has previously engaged in, improperly elevating special interests above long-standing, statutorily preferred Port industrial uses. In doing so, DSL exceeded its lawful authority while ignoring its legal obligations. The decision must be reversed."

"We disagree with DSL's decision. We designed the project to protect the environment while supporting the economy," said John Thomas, VP of legal, Ambre Energy. "We've done that, and we will prove

that again through the appeals process."

"Not only does this permit denial create a road block for the well-designed Morrow Pacific project—it sets new regulatory precedent that has the risk of shutting down future development opportunities at the Port of Morrow," said Gary Neal, general manager, Port of Morrow. "We are appealing so that this political decision does not limit economic opportunity in rural Oregon."

In the opening segment of the appeal the Port of Morrow writes:

"As the second largest port in the State of Oregon, the Port of Morrow must be able to enter into leases for development of its lands without the State unduly interfering with the Port of Morrow's economic decisions. The Port of Morrow has invested over \$50 million in development of infrastructure to support the Port of Morrow East Beach Industrial Park, which is slated to include

five docks — including the dock proposed by Coyote Island Terminal — to support the Port of Morrow's economic development plans. The dock is slated to be constructed in an area specifically set aside by the United States Army Corps of Engineers for port industrial development, and will not interfere with fishing. The Port of Morrow is committed to Eastern Oregon and helping to revitalize Oregon's economy. With this decision, the State of Oregon has sent the clear message that it does not support the Port of Morrow in these endeavors, and that allegations of fishing will overpower the state and federal determination that the Port of Morrow is the best location for Port Economic Development."

Following the notice of appeal, DSL has 30 days to send the notice to an administrative law judge. Under the rule, the judge must assign a hearing date within 30 days of receiving the notice.

VA education and training available to vets, family members

Morrow County Veterans office has announced that many benefits are available to advance the education and skills of veterans and service members. Spouses and family members may also be eligible, they say; in fact, 25 percent of those benefitting from VA's education programs are non-Veterans. Some might find they're eligible for more than one benefit or that one program is more suited to certain education and training goals than another.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill offers higher education and training benefits to veterans, service members and their families who served after Sept. 10, 2001.

The Montgomery GI Bill assists active duty and reservists with the pursuit of higher education degrees, certificates, and other education and training, which might include flight training, small business development, licensing and certification.

VA representatives say these opportunities can open new doors to employment by getting licensed or certified as a mechanic, medical technician, attorney, or other professional. Often required for work in certain fields, these tests may be eligible for GI Bill reimbursement.

The GI Bill also is

available for training at non-college-degree institutions. This includes the training in areas such as HVAC repair, truck driving, emergency medical training, and barber/beautician school.

Accelerated payment assistance could cover high-tech programs in the animal sciences, food and technology, communications, and more.

Others offer various education and training benefits or increased benefits to certain reservists, veterans and their survivors and dependents, such as: Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP);

Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP); Survivors & Dependents Educational Assistance Program; Educational Assistance Pilot Program; National Call to Service Program; Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program; Tuition Assistance — Top-Up; and the Tillman Scholarship. For more info, <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>.

State benefits include the Voyager Tuition Assistance Program, the Oregon Nonresident Veteran Fee Remission, statewide apprenticeships (BOLI), and college credit for military training.

cidier tasting is available for adults from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"This is a great opportunity for all of the Morrow County chambers and the SAGE Center to work together to promote all of the talented individuals in our communities and give them a wonderful event to showcase what they do," Davis said.

A fall-themed children's obstacle course, pumpkin-painting station, and photo booth will be available throughout the day at the Kids Corner. Free horse and buggy rides will also be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Title sponsors in-

clude Threemile Canyon Farms and Abengoa. Lamb Weston ConAgra Foods sponsored the Kids Corner and Cascade Specialties is the event's vendor sponsor.

The event is planned to be held annually. For more information visit <http://>

visitsage.com or call the SAGE Center at 541-481-7243, Irrigon Chamber of Commerce at 541-922-3857, Heppner Chamber of Commerce at 541-676-5536, or the Boardman Chamber of Commerce at 541-481-3014.

Sheriff's Report

May 5: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of two vehicles abandoned in Ione after a house fire.

-MCSO received report of a car backed into while the owner was at work. No note was left.

-MCSO received report that Marin Lua Estrada, 32, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for five counts of Sodomy II, two counts of Sex Abuse I, Rape II, Unlawful Sexual Penetration II, Custodial Interference II. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$500,000 bail and an Immigration Nationalization Services (INS) hold.

-MCSO received report of a sighting of a gray Acura matching the description of a Washington Amber Alert in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report of a black Toyota Corolla with a female driver with a hood over her head circling the school for the last 20-30 minutes. The caller said the custodian saw in at 5:30 a.m. also. MCSO arrested Jennifer Kay Martinez, 31, on a Umatilla County warrant. She was to be lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received report of a male subject who was medically cleared and ready to be transported back to jail from the Oregon State Hospital.

-MCSO received report from a subject driving from Umatilla to Irrigon that a female driver just passed them and threw a can of Pepsi out the window at them.

-MCSO received request for assistance from a victim's advocate.

-MCSO received report from a subject in Irrigon that his cell phone was stolen out of his vehicle that was parked at A.C. Hough-

ton Elementary School.

-MCSO received report from a subject in Irrigon that he went into a rental property to clean it out and found drug paraphernalia. MCSO responded and took it into custody.

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