

Kindergarten visits planned at Ione Community School

Kindergarten visitation is coming to Ione Community School. The school invites all students who will be five years old by Sept. 1, 2016. Visitation will be Thursday, May 5, at 9:30 a.m. in the kindergarten classroom. Students will do an activity with the teacher, eat lunch and play at recess. Students can be picked up at noon.

Parents are asked to fill out enrollment papers in the office. They will need to bring birth certificates, immunization papers, Social Security cards and \$2 for students to eat lunch.

If you have any questions, call Ione Community School at 541-422-7131.

Ione FFA clears field in tractor driving



The Ione FFA Chapter attended the FFA district ag mechanics career development event last week at BMCC and performed well. The beginning team took third place and the Ione chapter had a clean sweep in beginning tractor driving. In tractor driving, first went to Austin Morter, second to Anthony Rietmann and third to Tyson Epperson. The Ag Mechanics team (pictured) consisted of Austin Morter, Anthony Rietmann, Tyson Epperson, Aaron Smythe, JD Aleksa, Donald McElligott and Jorge Aguilar. -Photo by Erin Heideman

Historical society views history through the Columbia Gorge

On Friday, April 15, members of the Morrow County Historical Society participated in an all-day trip to the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum Center, located in The Dalles, OR.

The group was able to view displays of the out-fitting of the Lewis & Clark expedition, Ice Age floods of the Columbia River Gorge, the work of J.E. Freemont (topographic mapmakers for the U.S. Army) who mapped a large part of the central western

portion of the U.S. from 1843-1884 (important in the acquiring new territory) and finally a "Birds of Prey" display. The local United States Fish and Game rangers have adopted four permanently disabled raptors—a rough-shouldered hawk, a red-tailed hawk and two bald eagles. These birds are used to educate the public.

Members say other historical society activities are in "the works." For more information, contact Dave DeMayo, 676-8017.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

April 21, 2016: -Mariano Morales Hernandez, 25, of Kennewick, WA and Omayda Rodriguez Garza, 42, of Umatilla, OR.

April 25, 2016: -Jordan Timothy Wright, 23, of Heppner and Emma Kate Osmin, 21, of Heppner.

ED FOUNDATION GIFTS

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Out of the \$242,395 received, \$132,600 will be available as technology grants for which teachers can apply.

"We also want to get the teachers trained on using the technology and when teachers put in for a grant there is a professional development requirement that goes with it. It's a win-win situation," he said.

In addition to the technology funds, the district also received \$50,000 for Eastern Promise credits. The funding would cover 1,613 credit hours according to the district office. Field trips for all grades are also covered with \$13,000 of the funding and the remaining \$25,000 will be used for wraparound services including two school resource officers, three community counselors, one nurse, two CARE coordinators, one early childhood CARE coordinator and one

family support specialist.

"The district believes that with the continued support of the Morrow Education Foundation, we are able to continue to provide the students of Morrow County School District the best opportunities available," Dirksen said.

The Morrow Education Foundation has disbursed over \$620,000 to the Morrow County School District since 2014 and over \$61,000 to the Ione School District over the same time period.

Port of Morrow general manager Gary Neal said the funds are largely from the Columbia River Enterprise Zone payments made specifically toward improving education in Morrow County.

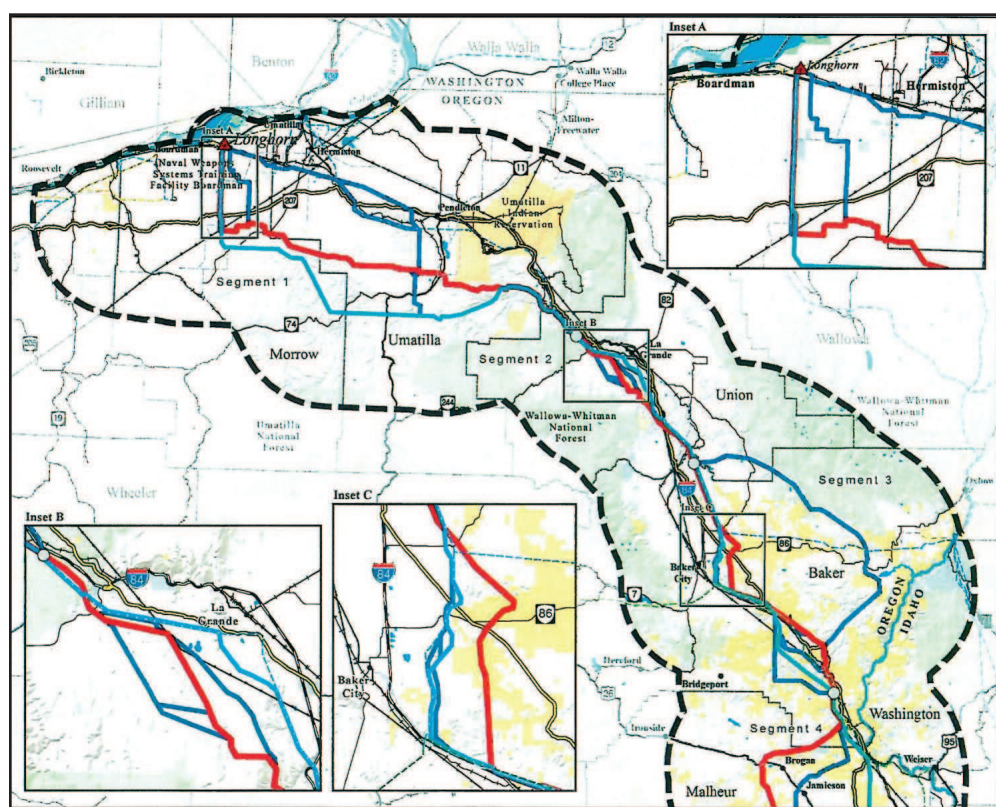
"We are working toward enhancing communities and supporting livability and education programs in Morrow County," Neal said.



Above: Rick Stokoe, left, Port of Morrow commissioner and Morrow Education Foundation board member, presents Morrow County School Board President Becky Kindle and Morrow County School District Superintendent Dirk Dirksen with a check for \$242,395. Below: Morrow Education Foundation board members Marv Padberg, left, and Ed Rollins, right, present Ione Community School Principal Henry Ramirez with a check for \$22,604. -Contributed photos



B2H OPEN HOUSE



A map of the B2H Agency Preferred Route, along with other routes being considered.

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requests they have made to complete spring and summer surveys along portions of the preliminary Agency Preferred Route.

Morrow County Planning Director Carla McLane says that, while the BLM has released the preliminary

Agency Preferred Route they have been clear that this is not a public comment period. Morrow County will be the only entity accepting comments, and comment cards will be available for that purpose. The next opportunity for comment to the BLM on their decision making process will be when the final Environmental Impact Statement is released.

Anyone who cannot attend the open house in person is invited to submit written comments to the Planning Department, B2H Route Comment, P.O. Box 40, Irrigon, OR, 97844 or by email to Hank Pieper at hpieper@comorrow.or.us. Please put B2H Route Comment in the subject line. Written comments are requested prior to Friday, May 20.

You can learn more about the Boardman to Hemingway project at <http://boardmantohemingway.com/>.

Those who have questions concerning the meeting or route map that cannot be answered on the B2H website, call 541-922-4624 or email McLane at cmclane@co.morrow.or.us or Pieper at hpieper@co.morrow.or.us.

Community lunch menu

Hope and Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal church volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, May 4, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The Cinco de Mayo-themed lunch will include a taco bar, Mexican rice, green salad and pico de gallo, tortillas and corn chips, and apple burritos.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Kinzua Lunch Meeting

The Kinzua Lunch was held at Service Creek on April 22.

Those attending were Lavonne and Bob Slinkard, John Day; Mary Lee Britt, Charles and Janet Nelson, Pat Hyatt, John and Midge Geer, and Marilyn Garcia, Fossil; Gael Liptak, Condon; Bonnie Campbell, Heppner; Tom, Marilyn and Bill Ledford, Prineville; and last but not least Jim Craig, Boardman.

The group shared a meal, caught up on visiting, and made plans for the next three months.

The All School Reunion will be May 28 in Fossil and the Kinzua Reunion June 18 in Fossil, so the next Kinzua Lunch will be July 15 at 11:30 a.m. at the OHV Park on the Spray-Heppner Highway.



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