PORT JOBS

needs and how to prepare Service District, and Morstudents for the jobs, and row County and Ione school careers, there. He says it is districts. of course a two-way street and industry needs to be description the main puralso.

tion," Neal says, "between with programs and services, the needs of the industries especially those opportuniand what the schools are ties leading to employment doing." To that end, the in local industry, acting as Port has just recently cre- a clearing house for workated a new position called force training and develop the Workforce Develop- programs." The Port is now ment Coordinator, whose advertising for the position job it will be to serve as and hopes to have someone a liaison between the Port on board soon. of Morrow industries and educators such as BMCC,

-Continued from PAGE ONE Eastern Oregon University, stay on top of this, to make ing and job preparation ter understanding of their InterMountain Education sure the schools and indus-

According to the job communicating its needs, pose of the coordinator "is also involved with educato connect Morrow County "I want to see integra- employers and residents

try are communicating," Neal says of the new position. "We need someone to shepherd the process."

Gary's wife Kathy is tion in Morrow County, serving on the education service district, and on the local Morrow County Education Foundation, which receives funds, mainly from the Columbia River Enterprise Zone, to spend on better education in Morrow County.

The citizens of Morrow County are also committed "We need someone to and behind more train-

for their local students. In 2015 the voters stepped up and approved a bond issue for BMCC to build a workforce training center in Boardman. This training center has been built and will hold its grand opening this Thursday from 4-6 p.m. The new training center will provide job skills workshops, college preparatory classes for adults and customized training for business and industry. It will also have an early learning center to get the very young kids prepared to start school.

being offered by BMCC to train students for jobs at the Port are included in the college's Industrial Systems Technology program. This program, according to the college, will teach students to "troubleshoot, maintain and repair industrial systems, analyze technical data, promote energy efficiency and industrial sustainability and contribute to a positive professional workplace culture."

Another program offered by BMCC will be the Data Center Technician (CC) certification. same," Neal says without Amazon has constructed hesitation. "Energy, data Some of the classes several large data farms at and natural resources."

the Port of Morrow and the school's certification prepares workers for the jobs there. "A data center technician installs, maintains and repairs a data center's computer and network systems. Students completing this one-year certificate are fully prepared for employment in this rapidly growing industry," the colleges description states.

When asked to predict where he sees the Port of Morrow going in the future with respect to industry and job creation: "More of the





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