

# Library celebrates end of summer reading



Riley Burton, 4, chats with Llama, Llama Red Pajama during the celebration marking the end of the Heppner library's summer reading program. The celebration on Aug. 5 was well-attended and featured not only live llamas but also games for the kids and plenty of prizes. -Photo by Megan Futter

# Ribbon cutting planned for Boardman early learning center

Boardman—The Neal Early Learning Center will celebrate its opening with a ribbon cutting event on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 3 p.m. The new center in Boardman is adjacent to the SAGE Center and Blue Mountain Community College's (BMCC) new Boardman Workforce Training Center. It is a project of the Port of Morrow, which partnered with the Morrow County School District, Umatilla-Morrow Head Start and the Intermountain Education Service District (IMESD). Funding was made possible by the Port of Morrow, with some grants from the state as well as partner contributions. The capital costs approached

\$2.1 million. The center is named in honor of Gary and Kathy Neal, longtime residents of eastern Oregon. Gary is the general manager for the Port of Morrow, where he has worked since 1989. Kathy served for 17 years on the IMESD Board of Directors and said she has come to realize the great importance of early learning in the lives of children. "I really believe that providing a strong foundation for our youngest children is what they need to be successful in school and life—data shows this. We need to be giving our kids the best opportunity we can from the beginning," Kathy said.

# Sports Schedules

## Cardinal Football

Sept.1, 7 PM @ Elgin  
Sept.8, 7 PM vs. Echo  
Sept.15, 7 PM vs. South Wasco  
Sept.22, 7 PM @ Sherman Co. Moro  
Sept.29, 3 PM @ Touchet, WA  
Oct.6, 7 PM @ Arlington  
Oct.13, 7 PM vs. Perrydale (Homecoming)  
Oct.20, 1 PM @ Fossil  
Oct.27, 7 PM vs. Dufur (Senior Night)

## Cardinal Volleyball

Aug.24 4 PM @ Helix/Umatilla  
Aug.25/26 @ 1A Season Preview Tourney-

Country HS      Christian  
Sept.5, 5 PM vs. Mitchell/Spray  
Sept.8, 1/5 PM vs. Irrigon & Echo  
Sept.9, 9 AM @ Summit Springs Tournament, Condon  
Sept.12, 5 PM @ Condon/Wheeler  
Sept.14, 5 PM vs. Horizon Christian  
Sept.16, 9 AM @ Riverside Tournament, Boardman  
Sept.21, 5 PM @ Dufur  
Sept.28, 5 PM vs. Sherman  
Oct.3, 5 PM @ Dufur (Dig Pink)  
Oct.5, 5 PM @ South Wasco  
Oct.7, 1 PM @ Mitchell/Spray  
Oct.12, 5 PM vs. Condon/Wheeler (Senior Night)

Oct.19, 5 PM District Play-in game  
Oct.21, 10 AM Big Sky District Tournament, The Dalles

## Mustang Cross Country

Saturday, Sep 2, 8:15 a.m., Invitational @ Tillamook, Hydrangea Ranch  
Saturday, Sep 9, 12:10 p.m., Invitational @ Hermiston, Sandstone Middle School  
Friday, Sep 15, Game time TBD, Invitational @ Union, Catherine Creek State Park  
Friday, Sep 22, Game time TBD, Invitational @ Umatilla and Clara

Brownell Middle, Umatilla High School  
Saturday, Sep 23,10:00 a.m., Invitational @ The Dalles, Sorosis Park  
Saturday, Sep 30, 8:30 a.m., Invitational @ Portland Christian, Portland Meadows Race Track  
Thursday, Oct 5, Game time TBD Invitational vs The Dalles, Umatilla and Clara Brownell Middle, Thompson Ranch- Hwy 207  
Friday, Oct 13, 10:00 a.m., Invitational @ Gervais High School, Willamette Mission State Park  
Thursday, Oct 19, 3:00 p.m., Invitational @ Pendleton, Wildhorse golf club  
Saturday, Nov 4, Championships @ Lane Community College

# Umatilla National Forest to implement fall prescribed burn plan

PENDLETON—Fire management officials on the Umatilla National Forest are preparing to implement the forest's fall prescribed burn plan, which could impact camping and hunting opportunities in several hunting units across the forest. Any associated road and trail closures will go into effect prior to and during burn operations, which typically take two to five days to complete. Hunters are advised to plan ahead and avoid camping in the designated prescribed burn areas during the upcoming 2017 hunting season.

Frequent, low-intensity fire is essential for healthy forests and reducing the risk of uncharacteristic wildfire caused by excessive fuel buildup. Prescribed burning is an effective tool for removing excessive amounts of brush, shrubs, and trees, while also encouraging the

growth of native vegetation. However, prescribed burning is highly dependent on weather conditions, which have to be within a narrow criteria window in order to use prescribed fire. Factors such as wind speed and direction, temperatures, relative humidity, and fuel moistures are all taken into consideration prior to implementing a prescribed burn operation. "From a restoration objective standpoint, late summer and fall provide the best opportunities for the timing of prescribed fires," said Chris Johnson, Deputy Fire Staff Officer. "Fire behavior during fall weather conditions are more likely to align with how the native vegetation has adapted to fire." The Forest Service recognizes that hunting season coincides with prescribed burning season and can im-

pact hunters, but controlled burns are necessary to reintroduce fire to the landscape and encourage healthy vegetation that will ultimately improve landscapes and forage for big game. Hunters should be cautious when entering a recently burned area and be aware of increased hazards, particularly snags. Dead or dying trees that remain standing after a fire are unstable, especially in high winds. "Don't camp or hang out in the burned area. And, as always, let someone know your planned route, destination and expected return time," said Johnson. Each prescribed burn represents many years of planning and preparation to ensure burn operations meet prescriptive conditions that allow for successful burns that provide multiple benefits to re-

sources. The forest works closely with the Oregon Department of Forestry and Washington Department of Natural Resources in accordance with the State's Smoke Management Plans to determine when, where, and how much is burned on a daily basis. Potential smoke impacts, looking at volume of smoke, direction of spread, and mixing heights, are determined prior to each burn. All burns will be monitored until a season ending rain or snow occurs. Maps of the proposed prescribed burns are located on InciWeb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4703/>. Additional information on prescribed burning is available on the Umatilla National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/) or at any forest office.

## Sheriff's Report

**April 12:** -Morrow County Sheriff's Office was advised that Hermiston PD arrested Rebecca A Diaz Hernandez, 24, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear on Child neglect II x2. -MCSO was advised of a female with a suspended license driving her vehicle between Lexington and Hermiston. -Humane Society of the United States advised MCSO of an anonymous tip regarding a possible dog fighting ring at a location on Hwy. 206. A female had advised she saw chains hanging from a tree near a barn , as well as a dog in the barn and cages stacked in the barn. -MCSO was advised that a person trespassed from the Irrigon Shell was there asking for money and told the gas attendant she would "regret working there." -MCSO received a complaint regarding juveniles yanking on the door and drop box at the Heppner library. The caller advised there were at least five kids but they were not sure of ages or description. -Heppner Fire Department responded to a flue fire with visible flames on Hwy. 74, Heppner. -A caller in Irrigon reported that a four-wheeler had been making a race track loop through his property since 1 a.m.; it was 3 a.m. at the time of the call. Deputies responded but were unable to locate the four-wheeler. -MCSO was advised by a female that her neigh-

bor ran off a lady that was standing in her front yard. -A subject in Heppner requested contact from a deputy regarding on ongoing stalking issue. -MCSO was advised that Pendleton PD arrested James Robert Martin, 27, on a Morrow County parole and Probation detainer. **April 13:** -A male in Heppner requested deputy response to his wife making comments about harming herself. Morrow County Sheriff's deputies responded but the female was uncooperative and hostile. The male was advised to call Community Counseling Solutions. -A female in Heppner advised MCSO that a person showed up at her house and was currently driving around downtown Heppner. MCSO was unable to locate. -MCSO reported officer initiated activity to suspicious activity in Heppner. An owner was trying to gain access to his own residence with a pry bar. **April 14:** -A female in Irrigon advised there were two male subjects at her house scoping out the property and wanting to offer carpet cleaning services. The female advised it did not look like they could have done it. -A male in Boardman advised he was driving down Tower Rd. and saw three to four male teenagers lying in the middle of the road. MCSO was unable to locate. -A caller from Boardman advised MCSO that her granddaughter agreed

to haul her scrap metal away and that they would split the money. The caller advised the money was not split and one subject had taken the money from the scrap and would not give them their share. -MCSO received a complaint of a school bus partly blocking the road on Hwy. 74 in Ione. A deputy made contact with the driver, who advised he had been awake since 3 a.m. and was invited to have dinner so stopped there before dropping off the bus. When the deputy made contact, the subject was home and the bus had been put away. -A subject called and reported that he was missing his address book and made threats that he would slit his roommate's throat. -A male in Irrigon called MCSO and advised he had a dog in his cat trap. -MCSO received a complaint regarding an unlicensed driver driving down Hinton Creek. **April 15:** -Umatilla County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from Morrow County Sheriff's Office. UCSO advised they were out with a vehicle in Pendleton and would like MCSO to contact the registered owner of the vehicle and see if he knew where his vehicle was and get a current phone number for him. -MCSO advised they assisted Umatilla PD with a fight at Riverside Sports Bar. -A female in Irrigon advised she was told by a neighbor that people were waiting for her to leave and

then go to her house and break in. -MCSO received complaint that a car had been parked in front of the old swimming pool for four days. -A female in Irrigon advised her friend just took a bunch of pills. MCSO and Irrigon Ambulance responded and Irrigon ambulance transported the patient to Good Shepherd Medical Center. -A caller in Irrigon advised they were at the baseball field and his ex-wife's boyfriend started pushing a subject and shoving him in the chest, threatening to fight him. -A caller in Irrigon advised of a dead cow in the water off the bank near the park in the Irrigon marina. -A person in Ione reported that just before midnight someone tried to break into the residence. The caller advised they popped out the screen but the window was locked. The subject fled east when the caller started turning on lights and dogs started barking. -Boardman ambulance advised of a single car, non-injury motor vehicle accident. A female was cited for careless driving with accident. -Boardman ambulance was advised that there was a male subject injured with a knife at Cascade Specialties. The subject was in the plant, unknown if conscious or breathing, information relayed through a third party. The male subject was transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center.

**Morrow County Road Dept. would like to remind all motorists that with any road maintenance project to be aware of the workers, they are very important to us.**

*Watch for signs, flags and work-zone employees and equipment. Morrow County's goal is to provide a safe roadway. However, it is always up to the motorist to drive according to conditions. Be patient and plan ahead. Leave early if you know you will be driving through work zones. Please use extreme caution and common sense. They will do their best and would appreciate your patience*

**Areas to be aware of this summer**

Paver patching Ione-Gooseberry Ella Road, Ione  
Baseline Road  
and some overlay projects  
West Maint (Ione) and Ella Road.  
North end of the County Division Rd., Fourth St./Nevada St., Third St., Wyoming St., W.8th Road and Patterson Ferry Rd.

Including... **YOU WILL NEED TO BE AWARE OF WET PAINT AND STAY WITHIN YOUR LANE OF TRAVEL...** Travelers should use caution when encountering a road striping operation and should not drive across the stripes when the paint is still wet. The paint used to stripe roads is a water-borne, nontoxic paint containing reflective glass beads. Motorists who accidentally get road paint on their vehicles should remove it immediately, before the paint sets up, with a pressure washer.

**Again be prepared and be safe. Questions or concerns may be addressed to 541-989-9500 Morrow County Road Department.**