

Ribbon cutting celebrates opening of new early learning center in Boardman

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.

Kathy Neal said the center came to fruition through a shared vision of many individuals in the area: business professionals at the Port of Morrow, Morrow County commissioners, IMESD Superintendent Dr. Mark Mulvihill, BMCC President Cam Preus, Umatilla-Morrow Head Start Director Maureen McGrath and the team there, other educators and support from the state of Oregon through Representative Greg Smith. "That's the way we get things done in eastern Oregon—it's never one person. We are really good at collaborating and sharing resources to accomplish what we want," she said.

The Neal Early Learning Center will be the site for several programs. One is a preschool program of the Morrow County School District (MCSO) for three- and four-year-olds, a free program open to any families in the school district. Dirk Dirksen, superintendent of the MCSO, said he appreciates the efforts of all the partners to make the center a reality and looks forward to working together to maximize the center for community needs. The school district also offers preschool programs in Irri- gion and Heppner.

Umatilla-Morrow Head Start will manage the facility and operations including three classrooms, an adjacent infant/toddler classroom hosted by BMCC, as well as home visitors, parent educators and child and family advocates. The IMESD's Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education program will have a classroom, too.

"This site signifies how deeply the community values its children and their

future," said McGrath. "It's a place to learn, to grow, to connect and ultimately to succeed."

The proximity of the Neal Early Learning Center to the Boardman Workforce Training Center is also positive, having a place to educate adults alongside a place to educate their children.

"It's all about supporting a community of learners, whether they are three- or four-year-olds or 35- and 50-year-olds, the connection between facilities and partners like BMCC, schools and businesses is tying that effort together," said Dirksen.

Neal said having the Early Learning Center available to families makes a stronger community and entices young people to return to Morrow County to work and live.

The ribbon cutting event is open to the public. For more information about Morrow County School District's preschool program, visit www.morrow.k12.or.us.

Slottee Memorial Scholarship available

The South Morrow County Scholarship Committee will be accepting scholarship applications for the Beth Slottee Memorial Scholarship. It is available to students entering their junior, senior year or graduate school at an accredited college. The student must be majoring or minoring in music, but if no applicants are available, it may be awarded to a student majoring or minoring in education.

The scholarship application can be found on the Heppner Jr/Sr High School website; select the Common Local Scholarship Application under the College/Career tab. The applications may be turned into Mrs. Bowman at HJSHS no later than Sept. 15. For more information contact Brandi Sweeney at 541-256-0358.

Chamber Chatter

Sunday, Sept. 10 – 5-7 p.m. - Music in the Heppner City Park – 5-7 p.m.: Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy some great entertainment, sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and facilitated by the Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal Churches.

Food will be available for purchase to raise money for the Shared Ministry's continuing efforts to provide clean water to needy communities around the world. This event will be moved to the All Saints parish hall if it should rain. So come

on out and enjoy a concert by Eric Jepsen and John Wambeke.

Sunday, Sept. 22, Ione's Music in the Park – 6 p.m. – Ione City Park: The entertainment will be Countryfied. Concessions will be available through Tacos Hometown at 5 p.m.

Thursday, October 26, 13th annual Soup Bowl Supper and Silent Auction sponsored by Domestic Violence Services, Inc.: This event will be held at Sisters Café, 308 N. Main Street, Pendleton. Call 541-276-3322 or visit our website to register.

Sheriff's Report

April 16: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a request for a welfare check on a male subject lying down off the road, near a white pickup, on I-84 east, Boardman. MCSO responded and the person had help on the way.

-A person in Irrigon advised MCSO of suspicious activity; the neighbors were putting up construction cones and had put up cones to prevent people from go-

ing down the road. MCSO was unable to locate.

April 17: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office and Boardman PD responded to a fight at the Sinclair station in Boardman. Two males just got kicked out of the bar. It was determined to be verbal only with no crime committed.

-A female in Boardman advised she was driving on Wilson and a subject jumped out in front of her

waving a flashlight, and appeared intoxicated. And officer responded and gave the subject a courtesy ride home.

-MCSO responded to a request for a welfare check in Heppner. The caller advised they were supposed to pick the subject up for an eye appointment two hours before but the subject wouldn't answer the door or the phone. MCSO responded and the subject

answered the door.

-MCSO responded to a disturbance at Sub Zero Motel in Irrigon; the caller advised a lady in a room was creating a disturbance and they could hear her beating the child through the wall. MCSO responded and she was just yelling at her phone, while the baby was walking around drinking from a bottle.

-A female in Irrigon requested a welfare on her neighbor; she advised he was an older gentleman and his hose had been on for two or three days. MCSO responded and the subject was out turkey hunting.

-A female in Irrigon advised MCSO that a man was shooting their dogs with a gun. She advised he was not shooting now and was talking with her son, unknown if he still had a weapon. It was determined to be a civil problem.

-A male in Boardman

requested contact regarding a past theft of a plasm cutter. He advised he did not report it stolen at the time; however, he now knew who had it and where it was and would like contact regarding getting his items back.

-An MCSO deputy initiated a juvenile complaint at the Heppner library.

-An MCSO deputy advised he was trying to catch up with a vehicle in the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge. The vehicle went over an embankment and blacked out; it appeared to be trying to duck the deputy. The vehicle was determined to be U.S. Fish and Game going home.

April 20: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of suspicious activity on Park Place in Irrigon. The caller said someone was outside her home, looking in her window. She said she just saw

a male wearing a sweater and a hat.

-MCSO received request from a Heppner subject to have a welfare check on his mother. She said her sister also lives there, but may be intoxicated.

-MCSO arrested James David Town, 25, on a parole and probation detainer. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO, Boardman Ambulance received report that an 87-year old female fell from standing at the River Lodge & Grill in Boardman and hit her head. She was transported.

-MCSO received report of a possible domestic disturbance between subjects on Water St. in Heppner.

-MCSO received report of trespass at the Oregon Trail Library in Heppner. Someone was reported to have been in the old school house, moved some stuff and took items. The library board advised they would be meeting and would inventory the school house items.

-MCSO received report from a subject on Linden Way in Heppner that someone had broken her shop windows within the past three days. The caller said it may have been done by her neighbor's boys. The report was under investigation.

-MCSO arrested Nicolas Landeros Garza, 19, on a Morrow County parole and probation warrant for three counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received report of a juvenile complaint at Ione School.

-MCSO received request for contact from a Heppner man who said a male passenger in a minivan drove by and yelled out to his 15-year-old daughter on Water St.

-Emergency Services, Boardman Ambulance received report of a 20-year-old man having a hard time breathing, had a bad headache all day and tingling in his right arm and finger and pain in his chest. The patient refused transport.

-MCSO received a call from Umatilla County Sheriff's Office that they received three 911 calls from a male stuck on the Western Route. They said the number returns to a male in Lexington, but they hadn't been able to confirm that.

PUBLIC NOTICE

2017 FORECLOSURE LIST ISSUED BY MORROW COUNTY

The tax collector of Morrow County, Oregon, has prepared the following list of all properties now subject to foreclosure. This foreclosure list contains the names of those appearing in the latest tax rolls as the respective owners of tax delinquent properties, a description of each such property as the same appears in the latest tax rolls, the year or years for which taxes, special assessments, fees, or other charges are delinquent on each property, together with the principal of the delinquent amount of each year and the amount of accrued and accruing interest thereon through September 15, 2017. Also included in the total due is a 5% publication penalty. Please take note that a complete and accurate legal description of the properties designated by the tax lot numbers on the attached list is made a part of the application as Exhibit A for judgment, filed in the Morrow County Circuit Court and available at the Morrow County Trial Court Clerk's Office. Note also, that more particular descriptions are available at the office of the Morrow County Assessor/Tax Collector. TO ALL PERSONS OR PARTIES ABOVE-NAMED, and to all persons owning or claiming to own, or having or claiming to have, any interest in any property included in the foreclosure list above set forth, being the Morrow County 2017 tax foreclosure list:

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUIRED TO TAKE NOTICE that Morrow County, Oregon, has filed in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, an application to foreclose the lien of all taxes shown on the 2017 Morrow County tax foreclosure list above set forth, and that Morrow County, as plaintiff, will apply to the court for judgment foreclosing such tax liens not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

And any and all persons interested in any of the real property included in this foreclosure list are required to file answer and defense, if any there be, to such application for judgment within thirty (30) days from the date of the publication of this notice, which date is, August 30, 2017. Notice of this foreclosure is given under ORS 312.040 (1) by one publication of the foregoing foreclosure list in the Heppner Gazette Times, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in Morrow County, Oregon. This notice is pursuant to an order of the County Court for Morrow County, Oregon, made and entered on the day of January 4, 2017. The date of publication of this foreclosure list is August 30, 2017.

Michael Gorman
Assessor/Tax Collector
Morrow County, Oregon

Justin W. Nelson
District Attorney
Morrow County, Oregon

EXHIBIT "A"

2017 FORECLOSURE LIST ISSUED BY MORROW COUNTY

TAX ACCT	MAILING/AGENT NAME MAILING ADDRESS	CODE	PROPERTY NO.	YEARS	DELINQ TAXES	INTEREST TO 09-15-17	TOTAL DUE
9838	COMBES, DANIEL A & COMBES, LAURA M PO BOX 276 IRRIGON OR 97844-0276	10-01	5N2623B000202	2016-17	2,414.87	225.39	2,640.26
				2015-16	2,466.84	624.69	3,090.53
				2014-15	2,418.73	999.75	3,418.48
				2013-14	3,048.55	1,377.21	4,425.76
					Total amount due		13,575.03
8357	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK 3415 VISION DR COLUMBUS OH 43219	10-01	5N2635C000220	2016-17	1.32	0.18	1.50
				2015-16	1.40	0.41	1.81
				2014-15	1.41	0.64	2.05
				2013-14	1.82	0.88	2.70
					Total amount due		8.06
760	LAUGHLIN, R SHANE PO BOX 932 HEPPNER OR 97836	01-01	2S2635CA00900	2016-17	340.18	31.75	371.93
				2015-16	394.96	84.85	419.81
				2014-15	323.16	133.57	456.73
				2013-14	425.00	192.71	617.71
					Total amount due		1,866.18
4624	LOPEZ BARRAJAS, JUAN ALFREDO PO BOX 313 BOARDMAN OR 97818	25-04	4N2520A006900	2016-17	545.74	50.94	596.68
				2015-16	586.18	148.50	734.68
				2014-15	521.81	215.68	737.49
				2013-14	647.28	288.71	935.99
					Total amount due		3,004.84
45	MARLATT, SALLY 136 JACK FARM RD TOWNSEND MT 59644	01-01	2S2626CC03300	2016-17	712.73	66.62	779.25
				2015-16	705.79	178.80	884.59
				2014-15	677.04	279.84	956.88
				2013-14	909.82	418.94	1,328.76
					Total amount due		3,944.48
10272	MELENDEZ, NOE HONORIO & ELIZABETH 694 SW ANTHONY DR BOARDMAN OR 97818	25-01	4N2517DA05019	2016-17	2,288.13	213.56	2,501.69
				2015-16	2,380.07	602.95	2,983.02
				2014-15	1,182.88	902.25	3,085.13
				2013-14	686.96	118.13	795.09
					Total amount due		9,354.93

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Affidavit



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.