

Farmers market closed during Phase 1

The Willow Creek Farmers Market is closed due to Gov. Kate Brown's decision to take Morrow County back to Phase 1 last week. According to market co-managers Andrea Nelson and Andrea Di Salvo, they hope to reopen the market if Morrow County returns to Phase 2 before the end of the farmers market season. However, that depends on where Morrow County stands at the end of the governor's mini-

mum of 21 days.

"It was a difficult decision to make," said Di Salvo, "especially since the farmers market was doing so well this season."

The farmers market, which had been on Fridays since it began in 2009, switched to Thursday evenings this year in response to community feedback. Even during last week's heat wave, the market has been thriving as both a shopping venue and a place for community members to

minge with friends—from six feet away, of course.

Nelson and Di Salvo cited the inability to meet Phase 1 restrictions as the cause of the closure.

"People tell us other farmers markets are staying open around the state and wonder why we're not," said Di Salvo. "But, staffed entirely by volunteers, we didn't feel we could adequately enforce masks, social distancing, and especially the maximum of 25 people."

"We could have chosen not to try," she added, "but that would have landed us in hot water, too."

Questions about the Willow Creek Farmers market can be directed to 541-720-4399, willowcreekfm@gmail.com, or visit their Facebook page.



Take Charge of Your Health

A message from the Community Health Improvement Partnership of Morrow County

By Andrea Fletcher

August is National Immunization Awareness Month and a good time to make sure you have the vaccinations you need. Are you and your family up to date? Schedule a wellness visit with your local health clinic today, as vaccinations may be available at low or no cost to you, if you are enrolled in Medicaid, Medicare or other insurance plans.

We all want to be healthier and live longer. That's why regular wellness visits, blood pressure checks, screenings and vaccines, are so important. These preventive visits help you catch problems before they become serious, manage chronic diseases and lower health risks.

Your local health care providers - Morrow County Health Department, Morrow County Health District Columbia River Health, Advantage Dental and Community Counseling Solutions collaborate with all human service organizations in Morrow County to form the Community Health Improvement Partnership to ensure access to a robust health system and help you maintain good health.

For more information, contact Andrea Fletcher, 541-989-8232, afruralvoice@hotmail.com.

High school asks for public cooperation in use of track facility

Heppner high school administration is requesting that public use of the newly repaired and repainted track follow guidelines that will be posted. Please no pets. "we have to use a shovel before PE classes and practice and spend significant amounts of time removing dog feces" said HHS PE teacher and football coach Greg Grant. We don't always find it all and it is not healthy in any way. Bicycles, skateboards, tri-cycles, wheeled toys all

damage the new painting and groove the track. "We would appreciate cooperation in not using these on our track or the inside practice field either." stated Matt Combe principal. The long jump pits are not a sandbox for children to play in while the parent walks. We have had to sweep sand back into the pits and remove rocks several times this spring and summer. We recently spent a large percentage of our annual maintenance fund to repair the track and

re-paint it. We are obligated to protect that investment. We will be posting new signs soon that clearly define what is allowed and what is not.

"I hope to see many people walking and running on our track as it is available for these activities. We thank the public for respecting the guidelines for the proper use of the track facility.

For any questions please contact Greg Grant at 541-676-9138.

BEO collects school supplies

Bank of Eastern Oregon is collecting school supplies for local elementary students at its 15 Oregon branches. These supplies will be distributed to local schools.

"Students need supplies, whether they are at school or studying from home. We welcome you to join with your local branch and celebrate the

spirit of your hometown: bring your school supply donations to any branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon," says Becky Kindle, chief banking officer.

Each branch will feature a drawing for several backpacks filled with supplies for a local student. Community members with a grade school student are encouraged to stop in and fill out a ticket. If your branch lobby is temporarily

closed, you will be able to access the drawing through the drive-through window.

You do not have to be a Bank of Eastern Oregon customer to donate supplies or enter the drawing and no purchase is necessary. BEO branches in Oregon are located in Arlington, Athena, Boardman, Burns, Condon, Enterprise, Fossil, Heppner, Hermiston, Ione, Irrigon, John Day, La Grande, Moro, and Prairie City.

District Announces New Principals At Two Schools



Stephanie Ewing



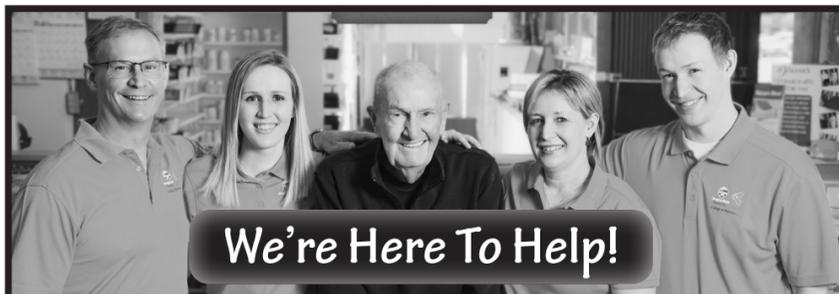
Jill Ledbetter

Director of Human Resources, said the selection committee was impressed with Ledbetter's understanding of the needs of SBE and her willingness to continue the great work happening there. "Her work with the building and district safety committee and data team meeting structures, as well as adeptly responding to needs of a very diverse student population have prepared Ledbetter for this position. We are excited to have Jill join our administrative team, as she brings a wealth of knowledge about Morrow County School District to the table," Stocker said. Stephanie Ewing was chosen as the next principal of

A.C. Houghton Elementary in Irrigon. Ewing has 20 years of experience in education, including nine years of administrative experience in Dayton, OR, which included working as a Special Services Director and elementary principal. Ewing grew up in Touchet, WA, and is eager to move back to the area with her family to be closer to her parents.

Stocker said the selection committee was impressed not only with Ewing's experience, but also with how personable and engaging she is. "We are excited for Stephanie to join our team. Her knowledge of school improvement, data-driven decision making and working with students with emotional and behavioral challenges are just a few of the reasons she was selected," Stocker said.

Stocker said the MCSD administration is excited that both new administrators bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in different ways and they each have passion, leadership and a work ethic that are rivaled by few.



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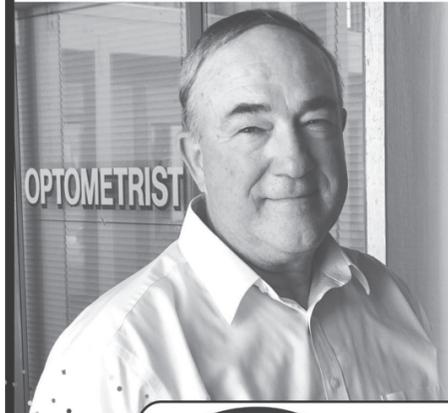
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Due to Governor Brown requiring Morrow County to return to Phase 1, Wheatland Insurance offices in Ione and Heppner are open for business but will be closed to the public until further notice. Thank you and stay safe!

The Morrow County School District is pleased to announce the hiring of two new principals at elementary schools in Boardman and Irrigon for the 20-21 school year.

Jill Ledbetter has been selected as the next principal of Sam Boardman Elementary (SBE) in Boardman. Ledbetter has been the head teacher at Sam Boardman for the past four years. She has 23 years of teaching experience in several different grade levels, as well as work as an interventionist and instructional coach. Erin Stocker, Executive

Wishing you a Happy Retirement Dr. Rolen!



Dr. Dave Drotzmann and Dr. Kollan Arritt would like to congratulate Dr. Rob Rolen for over 35 years of service to his profession. May all the years ahead bring you great joy and relaxation with family and friends.

For Dr Rolen's current and past patients, Lifetime Vision Source has your files. They'd like to build on the quality care you've come to expect from Dr Rolen for over 35 years.



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