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Port and Morrow Development plan new industrial park facility at Heppner

By David Sykes

In a joint venture between the Port of Morrow and the Morrow Development Corporation a new 10,000 square foot "flex space building" is being planned for the South Morrow County Industrial Park site near Heppner. The facility is to be constructed across the highway from the old Kinzua mill site up higher next to the former mill office building now housing the Oregon State University Extension of-

According to Port Manager Ryan Neal the building will be 50 X 100 ft and have 20-foot-tall eaves and be dividable into 2,500 sq ft suites for rental to different businesses. "Each space will have room for a small office and warehouse space along with a large rollup door for activity in and out of the warehouse along with office and customer park-



The new planned flex space building is to be located across the highway from the former mill site next to the current OSU Extension office. The building will be located outside of the flood plain with visibility from the highway.

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arrangement Morrow De-Port managing and overseeing its development. ing," Neal told the Heppner for help with development

Under the development water system for the South Morrow County Industrial velopment will finance and Park during this current own the facility with the legislative session. Morrow Development Corporation was founded in 1994 to pro-Neal says the Port has also vide gap financing to busirequested funds from Or- nesses in Morrow County. It

of a potable (drinkable) directors consisting of Jerry Healy, Karen Pettigrew, John Moffit, George Koffler and Ryan Neal.

For more details and interest in potentially leasing space in the new facility, Neal says to contact the Port at 541-481-7678 or email

egon's federal delegation has a five-member board of leases@portofmorrow.com.

Health District problems aired in front of packed board meeting A large crowd crammed puter. The Heppner Ga-

into the Morrow County zette-Times also received Health District Board meet- that letter but chose not to ing room in Heppner Mon-publish it due to a lack of day night, some to protest a signature, as per the G-T the resignation of Dr. Russ policy. Nichols, some to criticize

er received an inflammatory

Sheridan Tarnasky, the practice of a current who worked for the district physician, some to praise for many years as an RN that physician and some to and then as a provider, said vent their frustration with that she was saddened by the district. Over 25 people, the current situation and in addition to board mem- noted that the district "will bers and staff, attended the be losing a lot of revenue" with the departure of Dr. Staff, board and many Nichols. In addition to clinin the community had earli- ic and hospital duties, he also performed upper and letter from a disgruntled lower endoscopies. "Where istrator at the hospital. health district employee, was the plan when you who may have composed knew you had a problem?" assistant at Pioneer Methe letter on company asked Tarnasky. Tarnasky's morial Clinic, chided the



Victor VanderDoes, interim administrator

Toni Young, medical

time on a company com- mother was an early admin- board, saying "You guys **Boardman Food Pantry holds** appreciation dinner

'Pantry was formed by whole community of Boardman coming together'



Debbie Radie (far left) Vice President of Operations at Boardman Foods, visits with Boardman Food Pantry Board Chair Mary Killion, while Madison Hynes (left) and Karla Jimenez get ready to serve visitors at the appreciation dinner held last week. -Photo by David Sykes

a success, the Boardman Food Pantry held an appreciation dinner at its new facility, a former church, last week.

"The pantry was formed by the whole community of Boardman coming together and supporting us. We wouldn't be here today without the help we have had not only from individuals but businesses, volunteers, people bringing goods and also donat-

for all those who made it Pantry Board Chair Mary

Since opening in March of 2020, the pantry has served food boxes to over 2,100 households and 7,360 individuals. The pantry a former church at 314 continues to help people providing food boxes to 50 to 60 households per week averaging up to 160 people, Killion said.

word for people who would Mondays and 6 to 7 p.m. on like to volunteer to help. Thursdays.

To show appreciation ing financially," said Food "We are always looking for people to help us in some way, whether to come and pack boxes or those who can help financially," Killion told the Gazette-Times.

> The Pantry, located in Locust Road in Boardman, is a nonprofit and governed by a board of directors. Their phone number is 541-219-9535, and their pickup She also put out the hours are 9:30 to 11 a.m. on

(the board) have a lot of explaining to do."

Dr. Edward Berretta, who, along with his wife, Dr. Jeanne Berretta, was employed by the district for many years, offered to step in as a member of the medical staff remotely.

Interim administrator, Victor VanderDoes, who served as administrator in past years, was in attendance at the meeting. The district ended the contract with previous administrator Ryan Fowler, "effective immediately" May 7. He had been with the district for only short period of time since previous administrator Bob Houser's retirement in December. VanderDoes said at the Monday night meeting that the board will be receiving a weekly update, adding that he plans to listen to the community at Chamber of Commerce meetings and to "each individual staff member, privately."

Dr. Ken Wenberg, former physician with the district for "some 30 years", also commented on his emand expressed regret concerning the district's current

plaints have been received would have time to learn

May 18 election sees only 30 percent voter turnout

Stokoe, Healy retain Port seats; Cain, Davis win school spots; Ione bond gets yes vote

By David Sykes

bers Rick Stokoe and Jer- tested races. ry Healy back to the Port

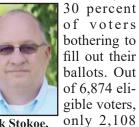


for another al proposed term, elect- projects at ed Jacob the school Cain and including a Kalie Davis new 19,000 to the Mor- square foot row Coun-

school board

Board and new gym and voters give a yes vote to

an ambitious \$18.5 million shop remodel. It is also probond measure that will see posed to do major new construction on a kitchen rethat school's campus. Turn- model, conout was low in the May 18 version of special election, with just an existing



Rick Stokoe, re-elected to

Port most con-

voted.

107 with 62 percent saying Last week's election yes. See the election spread saw Morrow County voters sheet in this week's paper sent current board mem- for a recap of all the con-

The school bond for of Morrow \$18.5 will finance sever-

high school Kalie Davis,

ty School building, school board

saw Ione fitness center, library and public meeting rooms and a

30 percent stage into a of voters music room bothering to and confill out their struct covof 6,874 eli-walkways. gible voters, Repairs are also planned

ballots. Out ered secure Jerry Healy, re-elected to

for both the swimming pool and the principal's house.

Since the bond passed, tested race in the county, the school district will now Stokoe won three out of be awarded a matching five precincts to get the win grant of \$4 million from the with 925 votes at 49 percent Oregon School Capital Imin the three-way election. provement Matching (OS-Healy won handily with 62 CIM) Program for a total of percent of the vote and the \$22.5 million available for Ione bond passed 177 to the proposed projects.

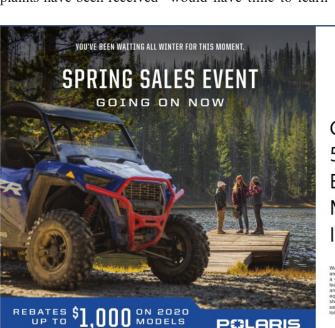
Results for contested elections in the county

Candidate & Position	Heppner	lone	Lexington	Irrigon	Boardman	Total	Percent
Port of Morrow Pos. 1							
Jonathan Tallman	54	22	21	117	108	322	16.3
Rick Stokoe Won	172	138	64	175	376	925	46.8
John Kilkenny	323	94	108	127	72	724	36
Port of Morrow Pos. 3							
Rick Weiss	123	34	41	172	212	582	30.8
Jerry Healy Won	402	204	130	177	259	1172	62.1
Chandler Schaak	20	12	7	39	49	127	6.7
MC School Board Pos. 7							
Tia McNamee	151		47	249	155	602	39.0
Kalie Davis Won	302		98	168	370	938	60.8
MC School Board Pos. 2							
Jacob Cain Won	251		47	228	248	798	53.5
Marisela Rodelo	161		98	165	295	685	4
Boardman Fire & Rescue							
Kenneth Browne Won			3	0	300	303	24.0
Jeff McCauley			2	1	290	293	23.
Donnie Griggs Won			4	1	309	314	24.
Lisa Pratt Won			3	0	342	345	27
Irrigon Fire Protection							
Scott Ezell Won				166		166	43.
Steven DeRushe				64		64	16.
Tom Arbuckle				150		150	39.
OR Trail Library # 4							
Anna Browne Won	177		155		313	645	51.
Stephanie Case	188		223		195	606	48.
OR Trail Library # 3							
Jeanette Meyers Won	189			226	259	674	57.
Nicole Kent	144			157	195	496	
OR Trail Library # 5							
Ragna TenEyck	78			161	217	456	34.
William J Kuhn Won	413			212	240	865	
Radio District #2							
Loren Dieter Won	208	116	80	205	401	1010	64
Karen Primmer	168		51	165	108	553	
Boardman Park At large							
David Boor Won					340	340	62.
Marie Cain					198	198	
Boardman Park At large							
Teiko Villegas					100	100	10.
Mike Hughes					186	186	
John Christy Won					259	259	
Norma Ayala Won	1				239	239	
Lynn E Prag					154		-
Boardman Cemetery							
Smokey Joe Wightman Won					421	421	48.
Chandler Schaak					161	161	-
Karen Pettigrew Won					279	279	
Ione School Bond	+				2,73		32.
Yes Passed	+	177				177	62.
No No	1	107		-		107	-

from district employees the details before the inwho said they often didn't formation came out in the ployment with the district know what was going on at the hospital until they read about it in the newspaper. rey Sweeney, who is also Murray suggested the board John Murray, MCHD move their meeting night to Board Chair, said com- Thursday, so the employees

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