

# CREZ STAYS STEADY

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Morrow County students. He said the program could be run through the education foundation. Neal didn't have a total figure needed for an endowment, but suggested money be added over the years to keep it self-sustaining. Port member and CREZ alternate board member Jerry Healy said the funds could come out of future money coming into the CREZ.

Another special "ask" came from the Oregon Trail Library District Director Kathy Street, who requested that her taxing district be moved into one of the groups receiving money directly from the CREZ. She said going to each different CREZ partner in different parts of the county where the library branches are located, did not work well for her. The majority of the CREZ, however, wanted to stay away from entertaining funding requests from individual districts or groups directly. "I have been contacted by different groups and I don't want to go down that path," CREZ administrator Greg Sweek said. Russell pointed out that the "asks" for funding were always going to outpace the available funds, no matter how much money was available. He wanted to leave the distribution system as it is, using regional partners. "People will always tell you they are not getting enough (funding)," Russell said. "There is always somebody who doesn't think they got enough, but they can't tell you what is enough," he added.

It was also brought up there may not be enough money coming to the south end of the county, and Russell pointed out that money is allocated partly on a population basis and the population of the north end is higher. Boardman City Manager Karen Pettigrew, a long-time CREZ member, pointed out her city is directly impacted more than others by the large amount of growth at the Port, so her city should receive more of the funding.

Morrow County Commissioner and CREZ board member Jim Doherty also raised the issue that maybe the Port of Morrow is encouraging too much growth. The CREZ does not have any authority over what type of businesses or how much business is recruited by the Port, and most board members felt it should stay that way. The one area the CREZ does have control of is businesses wanting to take advantage of the lucrative tax breaks offered by the enterprise zone must pay wages of 130 percent of average. This stipulation has catapulted Morrow County into an enviable position in the top five of counties in Oregon of wages per capita.

It was pointed out however, that a large percentage of the people taking the new high tech Amazon jobs, or management jobs at the food processing plants, are not living in Morrow County, but rather live in Hermiston or the Tri-Cities. CREZ board members acknowledged that a housing

shortage in the county is keeping people who work at the Port from living here, however a quick solution to the housing shortage is not forthcoming. "The guy making \$80,000 at the port, we want to move here and buy that \$200,000 home," Doherty said. Doherty also suggested that the Port had "outrun" our work force in Morrow County by having more jobs available than there are workers here to fill them. It was pointed out some jobs posted on Amazon's web site have been there for over two years.

Neal pointed out that the port has stepped up its efforts and spending on work force training for local people in an effort to fill the employment gap and help locals access the new jobs at the port. "We understand the importance of workforce training. We are developing internships. Training is one of the most important things we work on," he said, pointing out the partnerships with Blue Mountain Community College and the local school system. "Maybe you should stop recruiting business here," Doherty said. "There just aren't enough workers. Maybe there is a line where something can be too big?" he asked of the Port's success. "Our latest projects are in food processing and steel fabrication," Neal said. "Our main goal at the Port is to make it easier to do business in Morrow County. Success can be a challenge, but you have to continue to grow," he said.

# Steagall family holds reunion



The Steagall family had 102 members attend their annual reunion this year. -Contributed photo.

The Steagall family held their annual family reunion July 7 - 11 at Bull Prairie campground. The 102 family members who attended hailed from nine different states, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Missouri, Idaho, Arizona, Califor-

nia, Iowa and Texas. The Steagall family was originally from Spray and began holding family reunions at Bull Prairie in 1953, 68 years ago. Originally the family included 12 children, but only two are left. One remaining mem-

ber of the family, Bobby Steagall, celebrated his 95th birthday at the reunion. According to a family member, the get-together consisted of lots of stories, food, swimming, biking, toys on the lake and a great time.

## Sheriff's Report

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**July 3:** Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on I 84 W, in Boardman. Caller is advising of a White Ford P/U that is swerving all over the roadway. \*\*\*BPD responded, male was extremely tired and will be getting rest before continuing.

-MCSO received a report on Horizon Ln., in Heppner. Black lab showed up at his house. Male, young, in good shape with a camo collar. No tags.

-MCSO received a report on Kangaroo Court Ln, in Irrigon. Caller advised that there have been bottle rockets being set off on Kangaroo Court and that she has seen post on Facebook in regard to it.

-MCSO received a report at Kunze Ln/Miller Rd, in Boardman. Brown cow on Kunze going East

towards miller. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, in Boardman. White chevy Silverado, non-blocking. They ran out of gas

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, in Boardman. Big Nissan camping van tire blew out she has 2 children, has been waiting on her insurance for 20 min now.

-MCSO received a report at Ione Park on W Main St., in Ione. Blue Chrysler passed the caller on a double yellow line, they were all over the road. Caller talked to the male who advised his name, and he was intoxicated, the caller tried to get where he was staying at but the male left.. Unable to locate.

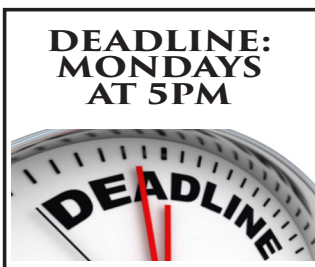
-MCSO received a report on Se Court St, in Heppner. Baby fawn de-

ceased on her property. up the driveway by the shrubs. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report on Ne Elder St, in Heppner. Two big dogs that got into his sheep pen.

-MCSO received a report on Kunze Ln, in Boardman. Caller can hear fireworks or gunshots he is afraid they will start a fire in the neighborhood.

-MCSO received a report at Wilson Ln/Olson Rd, in Boardman. Caller is advising W of her and towards the canal of loud fireworks being set off. Caller advises they sound like a cannon.



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SALE PENDING  
\$98,000

410 E MAIN ST Ione, OR



\$300,000  
A classic beauty in Heppner. From the front sitting room thru the woodworked dining room and open kitchen with island, this 4 bedroom 3 bath home is a unique find. The large living room is overlooked by a balcony upstairs where three of the bedrooms are located. Master bedroom is on the main floor with bath and walk-in closet. Skylights give natural light to the interior. Home includes a two car garage and basement for storage along with a big utility room.  
Call for an appointment to see this!

195 N GALE ST Heppner



SOLD!  
\$99,000  
Panoramic views from this three bedroom one bath home located in a small neighborhood outside of Condon, Oregon. Looking for the quiet peaceful life of small town living here it is! Community water and sewer system give you hassle-free utilities. This home is vacant and ready to move in to. All appliances come with it including built in dishwasher and free standing stove and refrigerator. Washer and Dryer too. But hurry this deal in this hot real estate market won't last long. Call me to see!

14883 MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE  
Condon, OR



\$89,000  
Looking for small town living in Oregon? Here it is. With outdoor activities, a rural lifestyle and a slower pace Fossil is where you belong. And this 3 bedroom 2 bath home is move in ready for you and your family. Deck out back and a big porch in the front. Refrigerator and stove included in sale. There is DSL internet access so you can work from home. Call me to schedule your appointment for a visit and experience a new lifestyle.

1153 D Street Fossil, OR



\$75,000  
SOLD!  
Located in the historic small town of Hardman this home/cabin has all its unique characteristics. Wooden walls and original inside woodwork wait for your restoration. New metal roof installed in 2016. The house sits on .86 acres of guaranteed social distancing with a great farm land view at the front door. Close to hunting and outdoor recreation. Has a great water well and a place for your animals. This house was recently rented out.

Call me today to take a look at this unique property!  
54901 WILLOW ST Hardman



\$210,000  
This well cared for house has all you like in a classic traditional home. Wood floors, vintage doors, cabinets & fixtures and beautiful woodwork throughout. The remodeled kitchen has a down-home feel, and quartz countertops. Outside enjoy a barbeque on the back deck, or sit on the front porch on a quiet street. The insulate garage doubles as a shop for all your projects, and there is a garden space with 2 sheds. You'll want to see this one before it's gone.  
Call me for appointment

220 W Center Street Heppner, OR



\$190,000  
SOLD!  
Well kept 4 bedroom 1 bath home in Heppner close to Elementary School. Large lot with a shop and a patio out back. It is well insulated to keep you warm in the winter and cool in the summer. This home is set back off the street so is a quiet and peaceful place to live. There is DSL with Heppner soon to have fiber to the home available. If you're thinking of moving out of the city and working from home in a small rural town this is the place for you. Call me for an appointment to see.

545 ELDER ST Heppner

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Buying a home in a For Sale By Owner can be complicated. I would like to help you through all the details involved in the purchase. I can handle Negotiations, Sales Contract Preparation, Inspections, Sale Contingency Protections, Setting up Escrow, Working with your Lender etc. My Buyer's Agent Services can help you through the entire process of purchasing your new home, land, or other property. Call me. I can also work as a Seller's Agent on the sale of your property. Contact me for a no obligation price quote for my services.

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## NEED HOUSES FOR SALE!

I have buyers looking for homes in the Heppner, Lexington and Ione area. Now is the time to sell! Call, text or email me.



SOLD!  
\$120,000  
Enjoy your own place in the mountains with this cute 1 bedroom 1 bath cabin at Blakes Ranch. You want social distancing you got it. DSL is available so live here and you work from your home in the woods. Community water system means no hassle with a well. Drink your coffee on the deck and watch the wild turkeys stroll by. Not far from the national forest too for lots of summer and winter recreation. Owners want to close Oct 31 or possibly sooner.  
81007 COUGAR LANE Heppner



\$139,500  
SOLD!  
Office building in great condition right on main street in Heppner. Located in the heart of the business district it's ready to move into. Includes front lobby, private office with window to the front. Former bank building with lots of storage. A small kitchenette/break room and a restroom. Alarm system installed. If you are looking for an office or even a small store space this will work for you. Call today for a showing.  
127 N Main St Heppner



SALE PENDING  
\$170,000  
Three bedroom two bath home on 1.68 acres with pasture. If you want animals this is the home for you. Has a two car garage that can be used as a shop. There is lots of space for a garden too. It's on city water with a septic system. It's vacant and ready to go.  
Call me for a viewing of this property.  
61229 HWY 207 Heppner



SALE PENDING!  
\$80,750  
Three bedroom 1 bath 2 story home in the quiet town of Fossil, Oregon. Large fenced yard ready for kids or pets. Some appliances included. Looking to get away from the big city? Here is the place for you. Call for a showing.  
1175 WASHINGTON ST Fossil, OR



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