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# Port of Morrow Re:View

The Columbia Development Authority (CDA) recently met with U.S. Army Lieutenant General Jason T. Evans and BRAC to discuss the upcoming transfer of Depot property. In a meeting at the Umatilla Army Depot on July 27, 2021, CDA Director Greg Smith presented on behalf of the CDA board and emphasized the importance of staying on schedule to keep the process moving forward. Remaining steps include 30-day comment periods for both the programmatic agreement and Environmental, Finding of No Significant Impact and Deed documents process.

The transfer is scheduled for first quarter of January 2022. The Port of Morrow will be constructing an approximately 12,500 square foot expansion at the SAGE Center. Named the "Cultural Alliance and Training Center at SAGE," the facility will provide a community-based center well suited for hosting events focused on community inclusiveness, training seminars, job fairs, small business development and other programs and activities to support the needs of our education and industry partners in the region.

# Chamber Chatter

Willow Creek Farmer's Market runs each Thursday through September 2 from 4-7 p.m. at the Heppner City Park. Cost for the entire season for vendors is \$50 or by the week at \$10 per week. Check out the Facebook page, email willowcreekfm@gmail.com or call 541-720-4399 or 757-285-5792 for additional information.

August 27-29, community-wide yard sale for the south end of Morrow County. Each property is responsible for their own sale, signage and adding their location to the Heppner Area Classifieds Facebook page.

Sunday, September 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Music in the Park at Heppner City Park featuring Chasing Ebenezer, a Portland musical group. Chasing Ebenezer is a world folk-rock band with influences from Celtic, African and Middle Eastern music. Hopeful Saints will be offering food for purchase by

donation to their Mission and Outreach fund.

September 2-5, Gilliam County Fair. The fair in Condon features fun for the entire family including children's activities, entertainment, music, rides, commercial vendors and a wide variety of food and attractions.

September 18 and 19, Blue Mountain Century Scenic Bikeway ride. Registration and waivers are available at the chamber office or on the chamber website. Contact the chamber at 541-676-5536 to guarantee a spot as the ride will be limited to 100 riders. The Blue Mountain Century Bikeway is a scenic loop of approximately 108 miles beginning and ending in Heppner.

October 28, vaccine clinic and community health fair at the Ione American Legion Hall. Additional information will be available at a later date

## ~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10. Email to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

# What's in store for the 2021 school year, and beyond

To the editor;  
Education is all about taking the long view. The school-age years go by quickly, but the lessons, skills and confidence students learn will last for a lifetime. The Morrow County School District has not only the responsibility, but the honor to play a role in those important developmental years.

As we head back to the classroom this fall, we're keeping those long-term investments in mind.

Our mission is to make the most of this time for students in the classroom, on the field of competition, at concerts and performances, out in our communities and everywhere else they're learning and growing.

We carefully plan to put our financial resources to their best use year by year and over the long-term, considering the impact of every dollar we spend and looking to invest in Morrow County's young people – our future.

One way we help students prepare for that future is by giving them the educational tools to focus on science, technology, engineering, mathematics, arts and music through STEM and STEAM programs. We're finding these opportunities often spark the interest of students who otherwise might not be engaged with their education, helping them explore possible careers and lifelong passions.

Through a \$868,000 Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility grant, each community and school will receive dedicated funding for specifically tailored staff and programs. In 2021 this will fund science, technology and music teachers throughout the district as

well as facility renovations to create the best use of the space we have.

We are also doing a careful review of all our current facilities to ensure we are anticipating repairs as we care for these community resources. Maintenance costs have the potential of eating into a school district's budget if problems aren't addressed, and ongoing costs caused by a leaky roof, aged HVAC system or other inefficiency aren't a good use of those dollars.

Our school buildings play a vital role in each of our communities, and we want to make sure they continue to function at their best for years to come.

Health and safety have become a growing concern in schools, and we're able to address a wide range of needs through our wellness hub partners. These services include CARE coordinators, nurses, mental and oral health professionals, resource officers and workforce coordinators.

For every \$1 the school district invests in our students' health and safety, our partner agencies pitch in \$1.13. Like all our investments, the health and safety of our students is a fundamental building block of a successful life after graduation.

It can be easy to get caught up in the immediate challenges, and there are more than a few to start this school year. But as we work through them, we're keeping our eyes on the end goal and what's best for our students and communities.

Making the right investments today will pay big dividends in the future.

Dirk Dirksen, Morrow County School District Superintendent

comply with all treatment and no contact with victims.

-Dylan Clay Blasius was convicted of assault in the fourth degree and sentenced to 24 months bench probation, 30 days jail imposed, remaining jail used for any probation violations that may occur, no possession or use of firearms, drug abuse evaluation and comply with all treatment, anger management evaluation and comply with all treatment and mental health evaluation and comply with all treatment, mental health evaluation and

# DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Samantha Jo Van Nostern was convicted of criminal trespass in the first-degree x 2 and failure to appear in the second degree and was sentenced to 24 months bench probation, 20 days jail imposed, remaining jail used for any probation violations that may occur, 120 hours of community service, drug abuse evaluation and comply with all treatment, mental health evaluation and

# Treacherous dealers deal treacherously

To the editor:  
The Prophet Isaiah spoke to the citizens living at the end of the age, "The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously: yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously." (Isaiah 24:16b). Treacherous dealing is a readiness to betray trust or confidence. Today, August 22, 21, the FDA granted full approval of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine opening the door for more vaccine mandates. Why the rush to grant full FDA approval? Should the American public have trust in this FDA approval of the mRNA COVID-19 flu shot?

"The CDC in May stopped tracking breakthrough (those that were vaccinated yet contracted C-19) infections..." (USA Today 8/20/21). The CDC published a study that found the effectiveness of mRNA vaccines in nursing homes were 74.7 percent effective in America between March and May "but protection dropped to 53.1 percent from June to July" (USA Today 8/20/21). The Surgeon General and the CDC has acknowledged the waning protection of mRNA flu shots and admitted "the U.S. doesn't track post-vaccination infections in any organized way. American are flying blind." (USA Today 8/20/21). President Biden recently announced a third COVID booster shot would be available in September due to waning efficacy of mRNA flu shot. The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously.

Truly Americans and the world are flying blind in the midst of treacherous dealing by the FDA, CDC, Biden Administration and their lead counsel Dr. Fauci. A recent Harvard Study revealed that only one percent of Vaccination Adverse Event Reports System (VAERS) have been documented. That means there could well have been more deaths to the mRNA flu shot than Covid deaths. Even at one percent there have been double the number of reported deaths due to mRNA flu shots than all the VAERS reports of flu shot deaths in 30 years. ICAN (Informed

Consent Action Network) documented on July 30, 21 that CDC is under reporting the adverse events from the mRNA flu shot by "50 to 120 times." (ICAN 4/5/21) Bloomberg reported over "100,000 breakthrough vaccine deaths" (Bloomberg 7/30/21) In Singapore 75 percent of new Covid 19 cases have been vaccinated. In Israel, the majority of new Covid-19 cases have been vaccinated. In Brazil, "Over 32,000 People DEAD following COVID-19 Vaccines." (healthimpactnews.com). Indeed, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.

These flu mandates and lockdowns are separating children from their parents, wives from husbands, friends from friends, and dividing Americans against Americans. This is exactly what Nazi Germany did. The Jews were forced to wear a star and ostracized from their community just like these treacherous dealers are attempting to divide the vaccinated from the unvaccinated. One day, soon, very soon, the vaccinated will be mandated to take the next, or next booster because their protection is waning. It is waning because their immune system has been compromised and the mRNA flu shots don't work as advertised. Wake up. The shot is not the answer and the unvaccinated are not the enemy.

It is past time for our local leaders to stop pushing these dangerous mRNA shots. It is past time to take back local control of our businesses, our school, our hospitals, our government and our families against these traitorous unconstitutional mandates. It is past time to stop listening to these treacherous dealers and take responsibility for our personal health and our personal wellbeing. Vitamin A, B, C, D, E, Zinc, oregano, quinine, exercise, healthy diet, sunshine, a good night's sleep, trust in God is a whole lot better than a mandated shot developed by the treacherous dealers.

Stuart Dick, Irrigon

# Correction

An error was made in the caption and the story about the Morrow County Chronicles in last week's issue of the Heppner Gazette-Times. Nancy Miller was erroneously identified as the treasurer of the Morrow County Historical Society where she is actually the secretary. The treasurer is Neva DeMayo. The G-T apologizes for this error.



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