

# Virtual literacy tutoring program comes to Morrow County schools

A program called Ignite! Reading has partnered with four Morrow County schools as part of a new national expansion. Ignite! Reading is now used in Heppner Elementary, as well as AC Houghton Elementary in Irrigon and Sam Boardman and Windy River elementary schools in Boardman.

Students in Ignite! receive 15 minutes of daily, high-dosage, one-on-one virtual instruction from tutors in the using a "scripted, evidence-based curriculum developed by top reading researchers." The program is now serving 1,100 students in schools across five

states with over 200 tutors in its final pilot before it begins to scale.

In an attempt to reverse pandemic-related learning losses, Ignite! Reading's 2021-2022 students recorded an average of 2.4 weeks of reading progress for every one week in the program. Nearly one-third of students made three or more weeks of reading progress per week.

"The kids are only gone from their room for 20 minutes. What other intervention can you allocate that little time to and actually see this amount of growth?" said Jill Ledbetter, principal of AC Houghton Ele-

mentary School in Irrigon. "Teachers are seeing the success and now they are asking, 'Well how many more can we send?'"

As educators worked to reverse the learning losses from COVID-19, Ignite's 2021-22 school partnerships focused on Title I schools in both district and charter environments spanning urban and rural contexts. Ignite's virtual format allows every tutor to be continually developed and monitored by Ignite's team of literacy coaches, ensuring that its reading fundamentals curriculum is delivered with high-fidelity.

# Boardman to sponsor community clean-up

The City of Boardman will sponsor a community-wide clean-up the month of November.

The city has garbage vouchers available, with a \$50 limit, to residents of the City of Boardman. The vouchers are valid during

the month of November at Finley Butte Landfill and the North Morrow Transfer Station.

The garbage voucher program encourages citizens to clean up their residences by disposing of

yard debris. City residents may pick up their vouchers at Boardman City Hall at 200 City Center Circle beginning Oct. 31. For more information on this program, call Boardman City Hall at 541-481-9252.

# Local church to hold Halloween decorating contest

Hopeful Saints Ministry will again be holding its Halloween decorating contest for those who live in the city limits of Heppner.

Anyone who would like to enter their house or yard decorations should

call the church office at 541-676-9970 and provide their name, address and phone number. Entries must be submitted by Sunday, Oct. 23. Judges will drive around Thursday, Oct. 27,

between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three winners. The event is hosted by Hopeful Saints Ministry and funded by MURD.



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2nd Elk Season**

# SPIKE ONLY YOUTH HUNT

**November 05, 2022  
November 13, 2022**

Return applications by Oct. 17, 2022 to:  
Morrow County Public Works Office  
365 West Highway 74, P.O. Box 428  
Lexington, Oregon 97839  
Phone: 541-989-9500  
E-Mail: [mcparks@co.morrow.or.us](mailto:mcparks@co.morrow.or.us)

MUST BE A CURRENT MORROW or GRANT COUNTY RESIDENT  
Youth 12 - 17 Years old at time of hunt - Valid Hunting License  
General 2nd Season Oregon Hunting Tag Required

**SOLD**



**\$275,000**

Secluded amongst its own stand of mature trees is this unique 3 bedroom 2 bath Heppner home. There are two lots included: the main home is on .42 acres, but wait! it comes with a bonus 1.1 acre lot right behind, also with trees. You won't find one like this for sale in town. Has a partial furnished basement that exits out to the back yard, and there is a deck for summer barbecues and a small insulated shop with power to it. Includes appliances and a riding lawnmower. Let's go take a look.

**464 WEST ST Heppner**

**I Have Buyers Looking!**

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


**\$185,500**



Three bedroom, one bath home on quiet street in Heppner. Real wood floors and knotty pine walls give a warm and comfortable feeling when you walk inside. Large fenced backyard with excellent soil will give you a great garden, and there is an access gate off the back street (Riverside) for additional parking. A full walk-in basement is waiting for you to finish out and add lots of additional living space. Call me for an appointment to have a look!

**335 W UNION AVE Heppner**

**\$160,000**



**Sale Pending**

Beautiful view of Heppner from the huge front windows and large covered patio. This 3 bed 2 bath family home is perfect for a handyman. Propane fireplace with extra-large living and dining rooms and an unfinished basement. There is a tool shed out back with a low maintenance yard. Washer, dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, stove/microwave-hood comb and small freezer outside all included. Call for a showing before it's gone.

**435 S CHASE ST Heppner**



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**541-215-2274**

**\$895,000**



Large 2540 sq ft home 1 bedroom 2.25 bath on hill overlooking valley. 114.26 acres w/65 acres water rights from well for irrigated pasture. 46.26 acres of rangeland. Large 900 sq ft attached garage. 600 sq ft stable with enclosed tack room, 2 pump houses. Garden space. Large patio & big trex decking around front. Willow Creek runs length of property. Lower level has lots of room and much potential for additional rooms.

**67208 HWY 74 Ione**

**\$150,000**



**SOLD**

If your looking for a spot in the mountains for either a weekend getaway or a place to live permanently, this is what you want. Small cabin on .92 acres in the woods with creek running through the property. Lots of mature trees and you will enjoy the peace and quiet. Lots of wildlife including turkey, deer and elk. 15 miles from Heppner, OR. And it has internet so you can work from home. There is a public water system so no hassle with a well. Call me today and schedule a showing.

**81104 ELK TRAIL LN Heppner**

**\$145,000**



**SOLD**

3 bedroom 2 bath fixer upper in Heppner. Hardwood floors, forced air oil heat and two car garage. Fireplace and patio out back. Fenced yard.

**320 BARRATT BLVD Heppner**

**\$300,000**



**SOLD**

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**

**\$480,000**



**SOLD**

There is plenty of room in this 3,680 sq. ft. 4 bedroom 4 bath home on 5.29 acres located on Dee Cox Rd near Heppner. Has family/game room, office space and a deck for summer barbecuing. Beautiful bamboo floors with an open kitchen and dining area. Top of the line induction cook top convection oven with air frying included. Daylight basement opens out to the backyard, where there is an outbuilding & chicken coop. These small acreage homes are hard to come by, so come and have a look soon.

**61476 DEE COX RD Heppner**

**\$235,000**



**SOLD**

Large living room, 2 bedrooms and bathroom upstairs, one bedroom and bath downstairs. The workshop has a cold storage room for the hunter and a great workspace. Renters are currently in the process of moving out.

**535 ELDER ST Heppner**

**\$165,900**



**SOLD**

Walk to downtown and shopping. 3 bedroom, 1 bath home on corner lot. Lots of new updates including HVAC and home wiring. Fresh clean look to this home with new paint, laminate flooring and carpeting. Refrigerator and stove included in sale. Fenced yard for your pets or kids and there is a basement workshop too.

**185 W CENTER ST Heppner**

**buy both \$750,000**  
**buy one \$375,000**



**SOLD**

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New Two -3 bedroom 2 bath 1,270 sq ft duplexes (four total units) in Heppner, OR. Each unit rented for \$1150 per month. Will make a great investment. Strong rental market has given these two duplexes an almost 100% occupancy rate. enters pay own water and sewer. Quality construction. P&Ls reports available. Buy one or both! If you want owner will separate lot & sell each duplex separately at \$375,000 ea. Live in one unit, rent out the other..

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