

Morrow County Broadband Project moves forward with network assessments

Morrow County, OR – In a significant move toward closing the digital divide, the Morrow County Broadband team has announced ongoing efforts to bring high-speed fiber optic internet to over 200 unserved residents in the county. Engineers from LightSpeed Networks are currently conducting surveys and assessments in preparation for laying new fiber optic routes, promising to deliver gigabit-level speeds to homes and businesses.

The project marks a

major milestone in Morrow County’s goal to ensure that every resident and business has access to the fast, reliable internet connectivity essential for modern work, education, and communication.

In the coming weeks, residents may notice LightSpeed Networks crews in their neighborhoods as they plan the most efficient paths for the new fiber infrastructure. While the work is crucial for designing an effective network, the Morrow County Broadband team acknowledges that

construction can sometimes cause disruptions. Team members have assured the public that they will make every effort to minimize inconvenience and will keep residents informed of progress and any temporary impacts to daily routines.

Community members are encouraged to stay tuned for further updates as the project advances. For any questions or concerns, residents can reach out to the Morrow County Broadband Team.. mcbroadband-info@gmail.com

Proposed segments

Segment 1 – Lexington to Heppner 10.2 miles of fiber, 33 unserved.

Segment 2 – Heppner to Lena 16.5 miles of fiber, 59 unserved.

Segment 3 – NW Ione to county line 18 miles of fiber, 28 unserved.

Segment 4 – Blake Ranch 21.7 miles of fiber, 85 unserved.

Total 66.3 fiber miles and 205 unserved.

The Morrow County Broadband team members John Murray, Rick Stokoe, David Sykes, Jeff Wenholtz, and Torrie Griggs.



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New Listing



\$230,000

This cozy 1950s home, located in a peaceful community, offers a blend of classic charm and modern comforts. The 3-bed, 2-bath property features a finished basement with two bedrooms and a bonus room, perfect for extra space or an office. The well-maintained yard, complete with mature fruit trees, provides a relaxing outdoor space. Essential appliances, including a fridge, range, washer, and dryer, are included, making it move-in ready. Sold as-is or with conventional financing, this charming home is ready for you to make it your own! 285 W ARCADE ST Lexington MLS# 24676541

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9.09 ACRES

Secluded mountain property! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to own your own mountain property. Whether you're looking for a hunting retreat or a permanent residence, this property has it all. With approximately 9.09 acres of land and a private pond you can embrace the beauty of nature and create a life of serenity in the mountains you've always desired. 80844 Black Mountain Ln Heppner MLS#:23510132

Pending



\$390,000

Experience luxury living in this stunning home located in Heppner, Oregon. Built in 2016, this beautiful property boasts luxurious features such as heated bathroom floors, a central vacuum system, a water softener, and central air for ultimate comfort. Enjoy the convenience of being close to the high school, Heppner pool, baseball park, elementary school, fishing spots, and downtown, all within walking distance. With an expansive lot, this is the perfect opportunity to own your dream home in an ideal location. 480 W Morgan St Heppner MLS#: 24057570

Sheriff's Report

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Driving Complaint:

Occurred at E Highway 730/SE Seventh St, Irrigon, OR. A red Dodge Durango sped past the RP, who believes the vehicle attempted to hit him, speeding up and turning away at the last minute. The RP stated that the driver appeared to be a young male.

Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE.

Welfare Check:

Occurred on SE Gilmore St, Heppner, OR. The RP requested a welfare check, stating concerns that someone being released may come home angry and take it out on a female at the residence.

Disposition: COMPLETED.

Drug Activity:

Occurred at Lakeview Heights on Willow Creek Rd, Heppner, OR. The RP was cleaning out a client's room and found what they

believed to be meth. They requested it be picked up.

Disposition: COMPLETED.

Driving Complaint:

Occurred on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon, OR. A newer red Durango with blacked-out windows was reported speeding down Division, turning down Seventh, and accelerating quickly.

Disposition: ADVISED.

Driving Complaint:

Occurred on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon, OR. A dark blue Chevy car, 4-door, driven by a female, was reported speeding down Utah from Tenth and running the stop sign on Seventh.

Disposition: ADVISED.

Driving Complaint:

Occurred on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon, OR. A blue Chevy Cruze, with a partial plate of "MUD," was reported speeding past the RP's house, which the RP stated was an act of harass-

ment.

Disposition: ADVISED.

Agency Assist:

Occurred on I-84 E, Arlington, OR. A black motorcycle with no plates was reported speeding at 102 mph, attempting to evade a stop. The driver was wearing black clothing and a black helmet, with another black helmet on the back of the motorcycle.

Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE.

Harassment:

Occurred on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon, OR. The RP requested to speak to a deputy about ongoing harassment. Contact could be made by phone or in person.

Disposition: COMPLETED.

Dog Complaint:

Occurred on SE Court St, Heppner, OR. The RP reported a blue heeler with an orange collar in her backyard. The dog is known to be aggressive, and the

RP believes it belongs to a neighbor who doesn't seem to care.

Wenberg, Lars Ivan James was issued a citation for "dog as a public nuisance."

Disposition: COMPLETED.

Driving Complaint:

Occurred at SE Utah Ave/SE Seventh St, Irrigon, OR. A red Durango ran the stop sign at the location and came close to the RP.

Disposition: COMPLETED.

Suspicious Activity:

Occurred at SE Division St/SE Utah Ave, Irrigon, OR. The RP reported a male who lives in a 5th wheel near the intersection coming out of his trailer, yelling, and running towards the RP without any apparent reason.

Disposition: COMPLETED.

Warrant Arrest:

Occurred at Morrow

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Ione Education Foundation
Annual Dinner and Auction
 September 28th, 2024
 Ione American Legion Hall

Social Hour – 5 PM
Dinner – 6 PM
Auction – 7 PM

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 Call Shelley at 541-980-3205 to reserve your table.

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	Rolls
	Dessert

Silent auction, live auction & raffle.
Donated auction items are appreciated,
contact Shelley McCabe (541) 980-3205

Join us for a fun evening in support of the Ione Community School