

Morrow Re:Port



Helping Out At OSU



On Wednesday, August 15, the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center said “Thank You” to contributors who supported recent facility upgrades. The Port of Morrow contributed towards the improvements by providing labor for the construction of new sidewalks, a new conference room, and a greenhouse.

Connecting Neighborhoods



Residents enjoy the new sidewalk at Windy River.

Port staff and contracted crews completed the paving and new sidewalks on Tatone Street next to Windy River Elementary School in September.

New Truck Entrance for Warehouse

New security will provide 24/7 accountability.

The Port of Morrow Warehouse will have a secure truck entry by November. Construction on the new entrance began in September.

Safety is important to the food storage facility, which sees approximately 994 million pounds of product

moved through the warehouse annually. The arrival gate on Lewis & Clark Drive will be monitored by the administrative office via security cameras. Proper ID numbers will be required to enter the facility and trucks will be buzzed in. *(Cont. page 3)*



PNWA Distinguished Service Award

Gary Neal receives the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association’s Distinguished Service Award.

“We are very pleased to announce that Gary Neal has been selected as a recipient!” says the PNWA. “Gary’s long record of service as manager of the Port of Morrow is to be commended and celebrated. His leadership on so many issues that impact the ports community in Oregon and beyond has been noted and appreciated by our membership, and it will be our honor to recognize Gary’s contributions with this Award.”

Recipients were recognized during the PNWA Annual Convention on October 10 in Vancouver, Washington.



Supporting Our Communities

The Port of Morrow believes in supporting our communities in Morrow County.

In Boardman, new roads have been constructed connecting Rome and Tatone Streets. Additionally, new sidewalks are now in use at Windy River Elementary.

In Heppner, grass removal and ground leveling was completed for the new community park.

In Irrigon, Bill Hancock designed and installed sound dampening panels at the Irrigon Library. (photo above)

In Lone, Port staff helped volunteers install a new playground for the community.



2018 Morrow County Fair

Pat Tolar, Morrow County Fair Board Chair and a SAGE Center maintenance employee, walks through the livestock barns.

“Watching kids grow each year in leadership and showmanship skills is really impressive. It takes time and hard work to raise an animal and sell it at the fair. At the end of the fair, the sense of pride the kids have in what they’ve accomplished is outstanding,” says Tolar, sharing what he enjoys the most about working at the fair.

Landscaping the Port

“Make the Port look great - that’s our theme.”

It’s a dream job. Brian LaBeau and Simon Hernandez spend their day outside caring for the Port landscape. It’s a much larger assignment than many realize, encompassing not just the Riverfront Center, but all Port properties, including empty lots, property fronts, and visual barriers. A surprisingly small team of four manages the responsibility of keeping the properties looking ship-shape. “We take care of just about anything and everything,” LaBeau says of the tasks. “‘Make the Port look great.’ That’s our theme. We see ourselves as marketers for the Port.”



Brian LaBeau (center), Simon Hernandez (right), and Antonio Corona (left) care for Port properties.

Landscaping is more technical than just mowing, removing weeds, and trimming trees. There is a science to proper care and feeding of greenspace. When LaBeau started in spring of 2017, the job ahead presented challenges, although with a degree in Landscape Architecture, he was well-qualified to meet those. He received a helping hand a few months later when Simon Hernandez joined the crew. Hired initially as a sprayer, Hernandez has flourished as part of the team and now assists with much of the mowing, operating the largest of the Port’s two mowers, a 72-inch Kabota.

The hard work and applied science has paid off. “We’re finally seeing results after two summers,” reports LaBeau, “The lawns are staying green all summer long with proper water, nutrition, and the mulching.”

The work is constant, and each season presents unique hurdles. However, both LaBeau and Hernandez agree, “We enjoy the freedom and challenge of being out here and having to subdue this property and making it look good. We take pride in what we do. We enjoy when we clean something up and can see the results and other people can enjoy it too.”

Benefit Dinner & Auction to support all Morrow County FFA

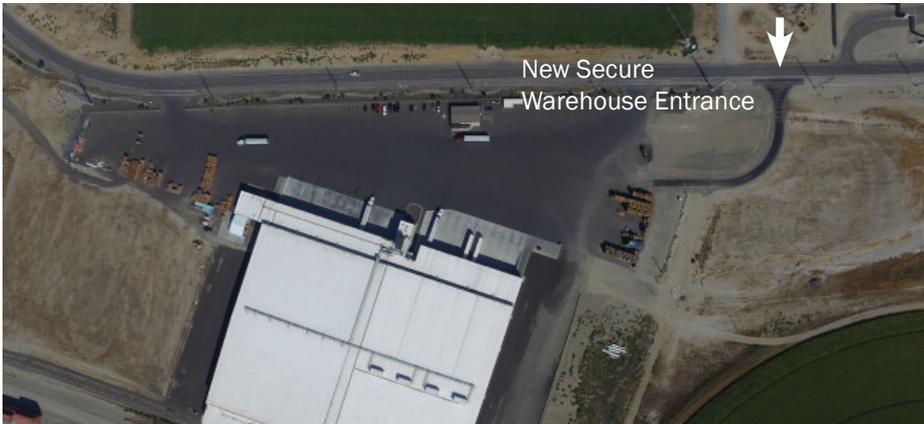


A benefit dinner and auction is planned for 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 17th at the Riverfront Center in Boardman. All proceeds will support agriculture education and FFA programs in Heppner, Lone, Irrigon, and Boardman.

“This is a unique way to combine our means and propel FFA programs and the youth they serve forward,” said auction chairman and facilitator, Greg Barron. “Our youth is our greatest resource and those in agriculture even more so.”

If you would like to contribute towards the event, contact Erin Heideman at 541-561-0081 or Greg Barron at 541-701-7311

Warehouse, Cont.



"A secure entrance will allow POM Warehousing to control who has access to the facility and will help us to meet our customers' expectations for security," reports Warehouse Services Manager, Marcine Brangham.

Separate entrances and exits, along with truck parking at the new access gate, will mean safer traffic flow to and from Lewis & Clark Drive. Visitors to the facility will also use the new gate. Employees will continue to use the existing entrance which will be accessible with their ID badge.

Manufacturing Day

Students from across Morrow County participated in the second annual event hosted by the Port of Morrow and BMCC on October 5

Participating students spent their day learning about employment pathways and career opportunities available right in their own backyard. Workforce Training Program Manager, Kalie Davis, said the goal is to introduce students to career options so they can make an informed decision. "Located within the Port of Morrow are a large number of diverse employers that provide thousands of family wage jobs. We want our future workforce to know these opportunities are available for them."

Hands-on sessions included setting up hydraulics, part of the Industrial Systems Technology Program, and disassembling and reassembling comput-



ers, part of the Data Center Technician Program. The morning ended with tours at Lamb Weston and Port of Morrow Warehousing. Staff discussed technology, career opportunities, and how students can prepare now for future employment.

Morrow County Harvest Festival

The Morrow County Harvest Festival entertained families at the SAGE Center the first Saturday in October with activities for kids, vendors, and food.

Thank you to this year's sponsors for their generous support: Threemile Canyon Farms, Kiwanis Club of Boardman, Lamb Weston, Tillamook, Boardman Foods Inc., Murray's Drug, and River Lodge & Grill.



New Staff at the Port

Lisa Patrick joins the Port as the SAGE Center manager. A background encompassing agriculture, construction, facility management, and tourism provides an advantage in her new role in Boardman. Her goal is to increase connections in tourism across the northwest. "There's an energy and excitement here," Patrick says of the SAGE Center and the Port. "I can feel the excitement about the good things happening and it's moving forward. If someone steps through these doors, they will leave having learned something amazing they didn't know before."



Erika Lasater fills a new communications position at the Port. "I spent years driving by Boardman and had no idea how much industry is located here. That changed a few years ago when I had the opportunity to help record and produce videos for the SAGE Center. I was impressed by what I learned," says Lasater. "I love the diversity here and the 'we can do that' philosophy. It's progressive and is growing." Lasater has a strong history of communications in web, video, social media, photography, and print.



At the Warehouse, Marcine Brangham will fill Ryan Neal's previous role as the Manager of Warehouse Services. Brangham's experience in warehousing is expansive, having worked in almost every job from receptionist to management. "I have knowledge of every department, contacts throughout the industry, and am capable of training staff in every department," she shared.



Upcoming Events

November

Thursday, November 8 - 5-8PM @ Riverfront Center
Retirement Open House for Gary Neal
Monday, November 12
Veteran's Day (Offices closed)
Saturday, November 17, 5PM @ Riverfront Center
Dinner & Support Auction for Morrow County FFA
Thursday-Friday, November 22-23
Thanksgiving Holiday (Offices closed)
Friday, November 30, Evening @ SAGE Center
Winter Market

December

Saturday, December 1, All Day @ SAGE Center
Winter Market
December 1 - January 5, 5-10PM @ SAGE Center
Christmas Light Show
Wednesday, December 5, 5-8PM
Boardman Community Christmas Tree Lighting
Saturday-Sunday, December 21-22, 7:15PM
SAGE Center Movie Weekend
Monday-Tuesday, December 24-25
Christmas Holiday (Offices closed)

January

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
New Year's Holiday (Offices closed)

Please join us in celebrating the

RETIREMENT

— *of* —

GARY NEAL

— *on* —

Thursday, November 8, 2018
5:00 to 8:00 PM
Riverfront Center, Boardman

Stop by and wish Gary a happy and wonderful retirement.

The Riverfront Center is located at Two Marine Drive.



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