

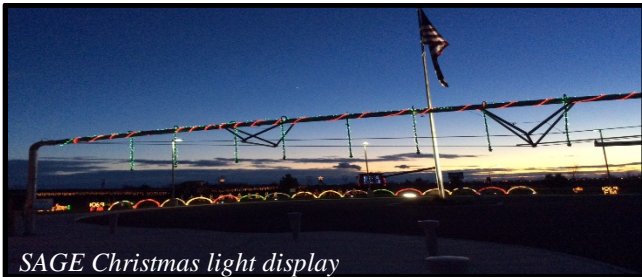
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Christmas Light Show at the SAGE

December 1st marks the start of our annual agriculture-themed Christmas light show. Each night the show will run from 5pm to 10pm through January 15th. The show is set to festive music and has several illuminated features including a spray rig, combine and tractor; all provided by Morrow County Grain Growers.



SAGE Christmas light display

This is the 3rd year the light show is available for viewing at the SAGE Center. The SAGE Center is located on a highly visible site that is easily viewed while traveling along Interstate 84. Load up your family and friends and drive to the SAGE Center. Park out front, tune your Radio to 106.9 FM and enjoy the show for as long as you like.

This year the SAGE Center hosted their first Winter Market. A ladies night was held the evening of December 1st. With lots of shopping

and door prizes available. December 2nd was a family day with many different vendors onsite. If you missed it this year be sure to check it out next year, it's a great way to kick off your holiday shopping and fun.



Equine Elegance Wagon Mules

The fourth annual Morrow County Harvest Festival was a successful one, with almost 1000 attendees braving the wind to enjoy the many family friendly activities. Attendees enjoyed covered wagon rides, kids' corner and shopping from local artisans and growers. New this year was our partnership with Threemile Canyon Farms and their Fall Harvest Bounty For Youth In Ag event. This provided an opportunity for attendees to "fill-a-bag" with locally grown organic onions, carrots and traditionally grown potatoes, for a minimum \$5 donation. Lots of yummy veggies ended up on local dinner tables.

We would like to thank all who attended, our sponsors, staff and volunteers who all helped make the event what it is. We look forward to seeing the Harvest Festival grow next year on the first Saturday in October.



If you would like more information regarding next year's Harvest Festival please contact the SAGE Center at 541-481-7243 or stop by and also enjoy looking around the SAGE Center Store at 101 Olson Road in Boardman.

Port of Morrow Warehousing Expands



Port of Morrow dry storage

In July, the Port of Morrow purchased the former Upper Columbia Planer Mill building located at 71410 East Columbia Ave. Crews have since been working diligently on retrofitting the former planer mill into 80,000 sq. ft. of warehouse space that is subdivided into 3 sections. Two of the sections, approximately 50,000 sq. ft. are being operated by Port of Morrow Warehousing while the third section is being leased to a long term client.

The additional dry storage provides Port of Morrow Warehousing the opportunity to offer more services to its existing customer base as well as provide opportunities for new relationships. Currently, Port of Morrow

Warehousing Dry Operations is operating Monday thru Friday 7am to 3:30pm.

HB2001 Road Project update

The Port of Morrow has been busy expanding and upgrading the various roads around the Port's industrial areas. Recently an acceleration lane on Hwy 730 off of Lewis and Clark Drive was completed and approved by ODOT, allowing easier and safer access to Hwy 730 from Lewis and Clark Drive.

Gar Swanson Drive is an access road that has been under construction. This road consists of a bridge as well as a roundabout. The contractor for the bridge has recently set the bridge decks, poured the concrete on the back walls and has started forming and pouring the concrete stem walls for the bridge decks. Protective fence installation is scheduled for mid-December with final completion of the bridge expected by the end of December.

The Gar Swanson street and path lighting project has been awarded to Upstream Electric and work is tentatively planned to start mid-December. Paving is still scheduled for early spring.

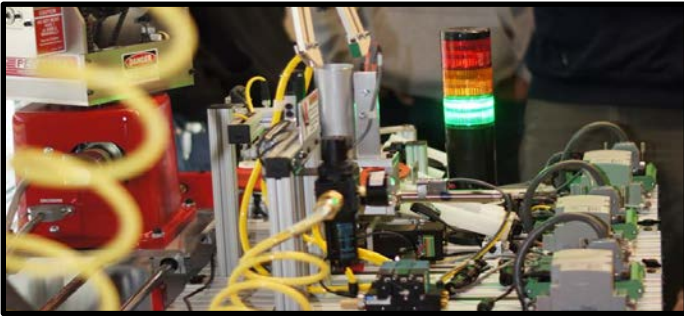


Intersection of Lewis & Clark Drive and Hwy730



POM Workforce Training Program

As industries located in the Port of Morrow continue to expand, so does the demand for a skilled workforce. The Port of Morrow



Industrial Systems Technology

recently established a new Workforce Training Coordinator position to help create a pipeline that will show students a direct path from high school to local careers. Kalie Davis was hired to take on this role starting this past August. “There is a tremendous amount of opportunity for students who would like to stay local for continued training and career opportunities,” Davis said.

The new Blue Mountain Community College Workforce Training Center is key to helping build a skilled workforce. Two new programs are being offered through the new training center that are helping close the skills gap. The Industrial Systems Technology Program is focused on offering a variety of maintenance career pathway certificates that can be combined to complete an Associate’s degree in two years. This gives students and employers the flexibility to take full time classes or one class depending on their need. In addition, a new Data Center

Technician Program is being offered to help students learn necessary skills required to work in data centers.

The new Workforce Training Program is helping students with soft skills, career exploration and hands on learning experiences through various settings. In October the first Manufacturing Day event brought in Morrow County high school students to learn about the Industrial Systems Technology Program and Data Center Technician Program. Students were able to take apart computers and learn about robotics in manufacturing. Students then departed the training center to visit Lamb Weston and the Port of Morrow Freezer Warehouse. “Manufacturing Day was a great opportunity for our business to connect with motivated students from Morrow County,” said POM Freezer Warehousing Manager, Ryan Neal. “This visit gave them a real-world perspective of the skills and technology being utilized in our workplace that will prepare them for post-graduation employment in industries like ours”.



Morrow County students participate in Manufacturing Day

Another goal is to attract new professionals into Morrow County. There are over 150 job opportunities available through industries



located in the Port of Morrow. Along with family wage jobs, there are other advantages to moving into Morrow County. Including a housing incentive for buying or building a home. There is a new Rec Center with an indoor pool. Morrow County School District is offering students the academic opportunities that allow them to get ahead and succeed after high school.

AEDs can save lives




An AED is the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during sudden

cardiac arrest and is an easy to operate tool even for someone with no medical background. Police chief and Port of Morrow Commissioner, Rick Stokoe want people to know that the machine will not shock someone who doesn't need to be shocked and that people should not be afraid to use them. "The machine is self-explanatory, once activated it will walk you through the process." "But the device needs to be used right away" Rick adds. For each minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival is reduced approximately 10%.

Happy Holidays!



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