

# Morrow Re:Port

## Cultural Alliance Training Center at SAGE

The Port of Morrow is pleased to announce the development of a new training center in Boardman. The Cultural Alliance Training Center at SAGE will add an approximately 15,335 square foot expansion at the SAGE Center. The future facility will provide ample room for job fairs, training, women and minority leadership conferences, health education, small business development enrichment, and events focused on community inclusiveness.

“We are excited to be adding this new venue space,” says SAGE Center Manager Torrie Griggs. “This addition will provide increased meeting room capacity that will make large seminars and group events a success right here in Boardman.”

“The SAGE Center expansion will provide a beneficial community-based development center to assist our regional education and industry partners with programs and events that support continuing education, workforce initiatives, and youth programs,” says Port of Morrow CEO Ryan Neal. “We want to thank Greg Smith for his budgetary leadership for Morrow County and District 57. The Port is excited to continue to make Morrow County a great place to live and work.”

The Oregon Legislature ended their 2021 session with the passing of House Bill 5006, which appropriates funds for projects around the state. The Port of Morrow will receive \$4.3 million for the construction of the Cultural Alliance Training Center at SAGE.



*A conceptual rendering of the Cultural Alliance Training Center at SAGE. LKV Architects in Boise, Idaho is working with the Port of Morrow to design the new facility.*

## CDA Meets with Army and BRAC

The Columbia Development Authority (CDA) 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. Mr. Smith gave an historical timeline of events to date, as well as continued interest in development at the location.



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## CDA, Cont.

General Evens, BRAC and CDA discussed the remaining steps which include a 30-day comment period for both the Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) and the Environmental, Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Once comments have been received on those two key documents, the Army will review, edit, and make any changes that would be applicable. Next will be the Conveyance Package and Closing Documents which includes the deed to the property.

The CDA Board appreciated the opportunity to meet with General Evens and BRAC and their continued support to transfer the property to the CDA by early 2022.

The CDA created a timeline that they believe is attainable by all parties.

### *Timelines Impacting Property Transfer*

Jul. 15 - Aug. 16, 2021

Amendment #1 to Programmatic Agreement 30-day public comment period, completed August 16, 2021.

Aug. 17 - 30, 2021

Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) – Environmental Law (ELD) final review and edit

Aug. 31 - Sep. 29, 2021

Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 30-day public comment period

Sep. 30 - Oct. 20, 2021

Environment, Safety & Occupational Health review and signature

Oct. 21 - Nov. 19, 2021

Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) 30-day public comment period

Sep. 1 - Dec. 7, 2021

Deed draft, review, edit (USACE Seattle, HQ USACE, OGC, ELD, CDA)

Dec. 28, 2021 - Jan. 17, 2022

Closing

## Purcell completes apprenticeship

The Port of Morrow is proud to announce that Jared Purcell has completed the requirements to earn an Oregon General Journeyman Electrician's license. This is a special achievement that can only be obtained through Oregon's Bureau of Labor and Industries Apprenticeship Program. It requires many hours of classroom time and supervised work under a master electrician.



*Left to right: Falland, Ezell, Purcell*

Purcell was already skilled as an electrician, having graduated from Perry Tech in 2002, and had experience working in industrial facilities from a tenure in California. "Jared has been an integral member of the Port of Morrow team for many years and already had a wealth of knowledge and experience," says Port Automation Engineer Scott Ezell, who is also a Master Electrician. "Obtaining this level of licensing allows him to independently work on all aspects of our electrical needs, including new installations."

"Electricity will always be around, and the electrical field is always changing and advancing in technology," Purcell says regarding his chosen career.

The apprenticeship program is a proven method of bringing people up to a higher level of ability. When Purcell completed the program, it did not take long to fill the apprenticeship. Cornel Falland, who has been with the Port since 2018, is working towards obtaining his licensure.

"The three of us are moving forward to update the existing systems and to install many new technologies within the Port of Morrow. We are excited to work within the Port and all our partners to make this a world class facility, and to provide the best systems for our growing community," Ezell concludes. "I would like to congratulate Jared on this outstanding achievement and wish Cornel great success in his future as an Apprentice Electrician."

*Scott Ezell contributed to this article.*



*Purcell and Ezell feed wire through conduit for lighting along Gar Swanson while Falland pulls it through at the other end.*

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## New staff in the spotlight

Breena Beck started as the assistant manager at the SAGE Center in July. Beck saw the position posted on Facebook and decided to apply for it. “It was a great opportunity,” she says. “I’m excited about everything that is happening at the SAGE Center and I’m grateful to be a part of it.” Beck’s professional background includes production, customer service, and quality assurance but her two favorite hobbies, gardening and canning, contribute a special passion to her new role. “I’ve been straw bale gardening for 6 summers now and I love encouraging people to grow their own food in whatever capacity they can.”



Jason Hendricks started in May as a Senior Accountant on the Port’s financial team. Hendricks grew up in Boardman, graduating from Riverside High School before pursuing bachelor and master’s degrees at EOU and BSU. He earned his CPA license in 2018. After spending 5 years in public accounting, Hendricks says that he is thankful to return to his hometown. “I had an internship at the Port for three summers while in college,” he shares. “It’s good to be back to raise my family here, be a bigger part of the community, and participate in the economic growth of the region I grew up in.”



Forrest Dyer is responsible for maintaining the South Morrow Industrial Park in Heppner. Dyer moved to Heppner in 1992 to work at the Kinzua Mill. When it closed, he worked at Boardman Chip and then the UP Railroad. “I started work right here [at the mill] and it’s interesting that I’m back here full circle,” he says. After more than 20 years of commuting, Dyer enjoys the short commute and the diversified team he works with.



*The Port also welcomes new staff at the Warehouse and Shop: Norma Ayala, Sam Bither, Ai Cemore, Luis Chavez, Jake Coffman, Jose Cruz, Salvador Gonzales, Zeke Hernandez-Tadeo, Brian Luna Franco, Jose Romero, Chris Lomeli, Alex Montalvo, Alexis Ramos, Clemente Rodriguez*

## 2021 Summer Interns

Ruby Barrera is an intern at the Marker 40 Golf Club and has worked several summers for the Port. Barrera is studying Business Marketing and Sociology at the University of Portland and will graduate in 2022.



Barrera

Daniel LaBeau is a third-year veteran of the summer landscape crew at the Port of Morrow. He is studying engineering at WSU Tri-Cities.



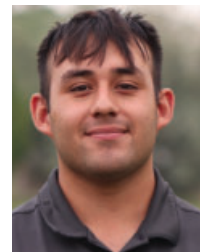
LaBeau

Jessica Medina is a first-year summer intern on the landscaping crew. Medina is a 2021 graduate of Lone Community School and will be studying Criminal Justice at Oregon State University. She reports that she is enjoying working for the Port and has learned many new things.



Medina

Christian Murguia is enrolled in BMCC’s Diesel Technician Program. This is his third summer working at the Port. This year he is part of the golf landscaping team. Murguia states that he’s thankful for the opportunity and the connections he has made.



Murguia

America X. Pacheco is a 2021 graduate of Riverside Jr/Sr High and is the workforce training intern. Pacheco appreciates the opportunity this summer to learn about Workforce Development, tackle challenging projects, and networking opportunities. She will attend Oregon State University studying Computer Science and Business Administration.



Pacheco

Brooke Tolar is an intern at the SAGE Center. She is attending Grand Canyon University online studying Elementary Education and Education Leadership. Tolar says “I am grateful for the opportunities, resources, and the relationships I have made while working at the SAGE Center.”



Tolar

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**SAGE CENTER**




**Movie Night at the SAGE Center**

Nov. 19	Jumanji: The Next Level
Dec. 17	Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas
Jan. 21	Jungle Cruise

*Doors open at 5:30 PM. Movies start at 6 PM.*



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## Water Infrastructure Updates

The South Lift Station, originally constructed in the 1970's, is responsible for processing wastewater from the Boardman Industrial Park. A new bypass station was recently installed and approximately 11,000 feet of existing line is scheduled to be replaced during 2022. Additionally, crews have installed over 14,000 feet of new pipeline for potable water in the East Beach Industrial Park along Gar Swanson Drive and Columbia Boulevard.

The Port is implementing a long-term project to upgrade control centers for existing pumps and stations. Programable Logic Controllers are a key piece of technology that adds remote access for monitoring and enabling real-time notification for alerts. Variable Frequency Drives are another element that reduces energy usage for pumps by adjusting the rate of flow based on demand.



*The South Morrow Industrial Park well at Heppner was recently updated with a VFD and PLC.*

The updated technology streamlines management of water systems throughout all Port industrial parks. The updates are part of the Port's goals to improve efficiency, expand capacity, and increase availability of utilities to support business and industry growth in the region.