

For Pierce, a focus on jobs in GOP primary

Salem oncologist also cites education and job training

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Bud Pierce, a Salem oncologist and Republican candidate for governor, stopped in Astoria on a campaign trip up the North Coast Friday, before a radio interview in Hillsboro and a Trail Blazers' game in Portland.

Pierce is seen as a favorite in the May 17 primary to face Gov. Kate Brown in the November election. But first he faces Allen Alley, a former technology company CEO and state Republican Party chairman, in the primary.

The visit is at least Pierce's third to Clatsop County, which went to Republican gubernatorial challenger Dennis Richardson in 2014 largely based on former Gov. John Kitzhaber's plan to phase gill-netting off the main stem of the Columbia River.

Pierce said he favors all the interested parties coming together to find an amenable solution, adding he has spoken with commercial fisherman like Astorian Steve Fick of Fishhawk Fisheries and friends of his in the sport fishing industry.

Oregon hasn't elected a Republican governor since Victor Atiyeh, who served from 1979 to 1987. Running on a moderate platform, Pierce likes to intone popular centrist Republicans of years past like Gov. Tom McCall, U.S. Sen.

Mark Hatfield and presidents Teddy Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.

"I think that's the Republican Party that has been successful in the past, that has done good things for our country," he said.

When faced with such long odds, Pierce said he focuses on meeting people around the state and learning what issues matter to them the most.

A focus on jobs

"The number one issue is jobs," Pierce said, adding education, training and the environment come next on people's list of priorities.

"If we can't create an economy with \$30, \$40-an-hour jobs, we're in trouble," he said, adding that the anchor of a good job can help alleviate housing, homelessness, health care, child care, mental health and other issues people face.

The government's first priority is safety, he said, followed by creating an environment in which good jobs can flourish.

"I think the missing piece in our economy are small business startups," Pierce said.

The government needs to help provide incentives to people going out of their comfort zone to start a business, he said, such as providing tax incentives to entrepreneurs and guaranteeing loans to encourage more lending.

Oregon needs to protect the environment but use



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Oregon Republican gubernatorial candidate Bud Pierce and his wife Selma stopped by The Daily Astorian office Friday.

more of its timber resources, Pierce said, creating more value-added products such as cross-laminated timber being used to construct large buildings, and taking advantage of facilities like Oregon State University's Forest Research Lab to create new products and jobs.

"Then we have to commit to building infrastructure" to create more jobs, he said.

Enter Alley

Alley, the former CEO of semiconductor company Pixelworks, filed a day before the March deadline for the primary. He has since gathered more than \$300,000 in a last-minute bid to supplant Pierce, while Pierce has spent about \$800,000 of his own money on the campaign.

"For me to have a realistic chance to beat Kate Brown in November, which is the ultimate goal, we need a competi-

tive campaign," Pierce said of the challenge.

At the Dorchester Conference in Seaside in March, Pierce said Oregon doesn't need a CEO strong-man type of governor, in reference to Alley.

"When you're dealing with opposition (legislators), they need to know that you share power," Pierce said, stressing the need for consensus-building in state government.

Pierce said there is a long-term stability in bureaucracy that makes it possible for someone who's spent their life in the private sector to make a run for public office, bringing fresh ideas. Regardless of the outcome, Pierce said he has enjoyed his first run for office.

"It's a great adventure to run for office, and I would encourage any citizen interested in this to get out and run," he said. "I really encourage citizens to step forward."

Study analyzes Washington coal-export plan

Unavoidable impacts on emissions, traffic and safety

By PHOUNG LE
Associated Press

SEATTLE — A coal-export terminal proposed along the Columbia River in southwest Washington state could have unavoidable, significant impacts on greenhouse gases emissions, vessel traffic and rail safety, according to an environmental review released Friday.

The analysis by the Washington Department of Ecology and Cowlitz County found that greenhouse gas emissions — from facility operations to when the coal is burned in Asia — would increase by 2.5 million metric tons each year when the project is fully running. While measures can be taken to significantly reduce those emissions, the impact "would still be significant and adverse," the study noted.

Other concerns include increased vessel traffic as 840 ships a year are added, and a potential for train accidents along rail routes in Cowlitz County and other parts of Washington as up to 16 mile-long train trips are added each day.

The study found the project could impact 21 of 23 areas reviewed, and that some of those consequences are significant, Ecology said in a statement. The review looked at fish habitat, water quality, local communities and other issues, and proposed ways for the project developers to reduce those effects.

Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview is proposing a terminal that would handle up to 44 million metric tons of coal a year. Coal would arrive by train from the Powder River Basin in Montana and Wyoming and the Uinta Basin in Utah and Colorado to be stored and loaded on ships for export to Asia. Construction could begin in 2018.

Lighthouse Resources Inc., formerly known as Ambre Energy, owns 62 percent of Millennium and Arch Coal Inc. the other 38 percent. Lighthouse owns the Decker Mine in Montana and the Black Butte Mine in southwestern Wyoming.

Millennium CEO Bill Chapman said in a statement Friday that the project is a step closer to creating family-wage

jobs in Longview while meeting the state's strict environmental standards.

Business and some labor groups also expressed support, saying the project would create jobs, boost the local economy and strengthen the state's trade capacity.

"This is an important project for Washington state, and for the people of Cowlitz County and southwest Washington searching for good paying jobs," said Kris Johnson, president of the Association of Washington Business.

But environmental, citizens and other groups said Friday that the review confirms their concerns about wide-ranging impacts from moving millions of tons of coal through the Northwest and burning it in Asia. Opponents said the review acknowledges the negative consequences of the project but falls short because it relies on mitigation measures that aren't proven.

The study said air pollution from coal dust at the site and along rail lines would be below federal air quality standards. It also said coal dust would exceed nuisance levels, but it would not be significant impact since state or federal standards do not apply. Regulators recommended coal loaded on trains be sprayed with a substance at the mine site and in Pasco, Washington, to reduce coal dust.

"The report paints a bleak picture for people who live near the coal terminal," Roy Staples, a Longview resident with Landowners & Citizens for a Safe Community, said in a statement. "It confirms what we know from coal export sites around the world. They're dirty. Coal dust hangs in the air and coating homes. The path forward is clear: Uncovered coal trains and stockpiles have no place in Longview, along the Columbia, or on the exposed BNSF railroad adjacent to traffic on both sides of Interstate 5."

Steve Charter, a Montana rancher, said in a statement that the Washington coal port is also bad news for his state. He said rail towns would have to deal with traffic

delays, diesel exhaust and other consequences.

The study found that without rail and road improvements, the increased train traffic would create long vehicle delays during rush hour at railroad crossings in Cowlitz County and beyond. It said crossings in Spokane County would have the largest increases in vehicle delays.

The public can comment on the study through June 13, and at three public hearings scheduled in May and June. Regulators plan to incorporate those comments into a final review, a process that could take a year or longer. The state and county got a record number of comments, more than 215,000, earlier in its review.

SPORTS RECAP

Banks blanks the Fishermen

BANKS — Banks pitcher Jake Evans tossed a one-hit shutout, while Astoria committed eight errors defensively — all of which led to a 7-0 win for the Braves Friday, in a Cowapa League baseball contest at Banks.

Evans threw 121 pitches and walked eight, but gave up only one hit, a two-out single to center by Trey Hagemen in the fourth inning.

The Braves held a slim 1-0 lead through three innings, before scoring six runs in the bottom of the fourth, with help from a string of Astoria errors.

Banks finished with six hits off two Astoria pitchers, while the Fishermen stranded nine base runners.

The same two teams meet again Tuesday at Aiken Field.

Ilwaco's Bell strikes out Warriors

ILWACO, Wash. — The Ilwaco and Warrenton softball teams took a break from league play with a nonleague contest Friday in Ilwaco, where the Fishermen scored five runs in the fifth inning on their way to an 8-7 win over the Warriors.

Warrenton outhit Ilwaco 7-5, but the Warriors hurt themselves with seven errors. Ilwaco pitcher Arianna Bell went the distance in the circle, striking out 11 batters with five walks.

Hanna Bentley had three of Warrenton's seven hits, while Bell helped herself at the plate, going 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Ilwaco eighth-grader Katie Glasson was 2-for-3 with a double and three RBIs.

Braves sweep Gulls in softball

SEASIDE — The Lady Braves of Banks racked up 32 runs and 27 hits in 10 at-bats Friday afternoon at Broadway Field, where the No. 2-ranked Braves posted an 11-1, 21-0 Cowapa League softball doubleheader sweep over Seaside.

Makenna Partain of Banks pitched a one-hitter

in the opener, and was also 2-for-3 at the plate with two runs scored and two RBIs.

Whitney Westerholm had Seaside's lone hit in Game 1, in which the Braves scored five runs in the second inning and four in the fourth.

Banks scored in every inning of Game 2, as the Braves built a 5-0 lead through two innings, then scored eight in the third inning and seven in the fourth.

Mary Schorn led the Braves' offense, going 3-for-5 with a double, triple, three runs scored and three RBIs.

Banks pitcher Michaela Shaw allowed two hits (Jetta Ideue and Sequoia Shand), and struck out six with two walks.

Knappa completes Nestucca sweep

CLOVERDALE — The Knappa softball team finished off a three-game series sweep over Nestucca last week, as the Loggers swept a Northwest League doubleheader, 17-1 and 24-2 over the Bobcats Friday in Cloverdale.

Knappa outscored Nestucca 51-3 in the three games.

The Loggers (10-2 in league) took batting practice against the winless Bobcats (0-9), as sophomore Paris Vanderburg alone was 6-for-8 on the day, with two doubles, a triple and 10 RBIs.

She also pitched all five innings of Game 1, allowing two hits with six strikeouts and two walks; and gave up two hits and two walks with five strikeouts in four innings of Game 2.

Freshman Hannah Hellberg was 3-for-4 in the opener and 4-for-5 in Game 2; freshman Jordan Walter had a triple in Game 1; and sophomore Emma Taggart was 4-for-5 in the second game.

Kaitlyn Truax had four hits and six RBIs on the day for the Loggers, who have nonleague games this week vs. Portland Christian and St. Paul.

Knappa (10-2) and Vernonia (12-0) begin a three-game series May 10 for the Northwest League regular season championship.

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