

The road less traveled

PacifiCorp begins education campaign as Oregon shifts from coal

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Back in March, Gov. Kate Brown signed into law a new energy policy for the Oregon — Senate Bill 1547. Part of that energy policy requires electrical power providers like PacifiCorp (Pacific Power) to transition to “clean electricity,” end dependence on coal-fired plants and promote and use electric vehicles for work and travel.

With that in mind, Pacific Power Communications Manager Ry Schwark and plug-in energy specialist Tom Gauntt headed out across Eastern Oregon in a Ford Fusion hybrid to meet with media and other community leaders to discuss how they would establish a useful grid of plug-in power stations for electric vehicles in the area.

Their trip came on the heels of an Aug. 4 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the largest solar array in Eastern Oregon at the National Guard Center Army Aviation Support Facility in Pendleton.

Electric vehicle stations: cost and location

Drive Oregon, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting electric vehicles, has published a map of the plug-in power stations available in Eastern Oregon and Wallowa County has one. That power station is installed at Bronze Antler Bed and Breakfast in Joseph. Tesla company installed it for free, according to owner Heather Tyreman, and they installed another station for cars that require a different plug-in as well. Tyreman charges a small fee for use of the device.

Normally the cost for installation of such a device is \$10,000 to \$50,000, but Tyreman scored the free installation because her bed and breakfast is a Select Registry business.

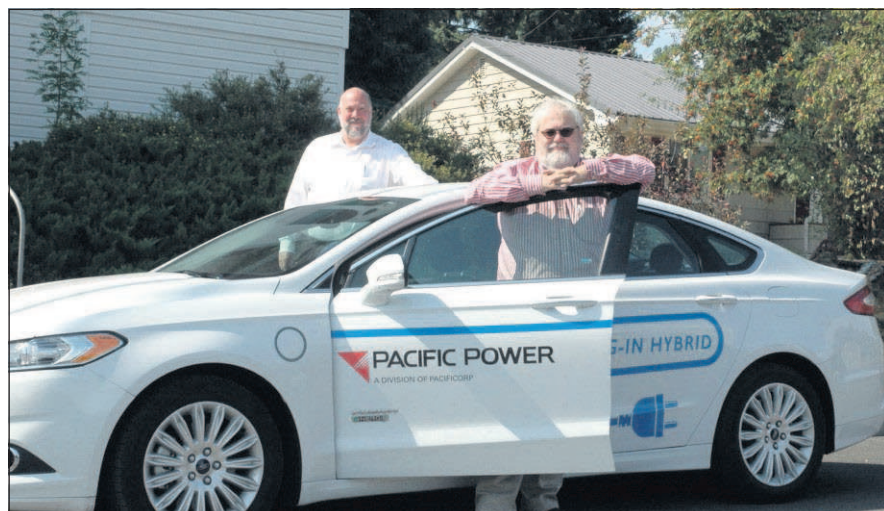
Schwark and Gauntt said PacifiCorp is examining ways in which grants, low-interest loans or agreements with power device suppliers could mitigate costs.

Another potential hurdle is whether or not existing transformers can support the devices.

“You can’t just run the wire up there to the transformer,” Gauntt said. “You have to have some planning.”

How would it work?

Stakeholder workshops are being



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PacifiCorp employees Ry Schwark, left, and Tom Gauntt recently traveled through Wallowa County while promoting the use of electric and hybrid vehicles.

Clean energy

Additional benefits also accrue. “The value of an electrical vehicle application is also cheap and lower emissions,” Schwark said. “It’s not going to happen tomorrow, but electrical vehicles are going to be an issue. We’re putting a bug in the ear of business about this. ODOT is involved because they are part of the network of concern about road usage.”

Ideally, the duo said, owners of electric cars would be able to drive across Eastern Oregon and be able to rely upon frequent charger stations.

Corporate leadership goals

For their part in the transition to “clean electric” production, PacifiCorp has agreed to be coal-free by 2030. It’s already among the nation’s largest utility owners of wind power and hydropower (including a small power plant on a fork of the Wallowa that provides energy for 500 homes). In an effort to expand that portfolio of clean energy, PacifiCorp has selected 12 new projects from 66 energy proposals. Eleven of the 12 involve new solar-generation plants expected to be completed in 2017. The other is a wind-generation plant.

The cost of the change from coal to clean energy will mean a one-time increase to customers of one-tenth of one percent on their bills, Schwark said.

PacifiCorp is not leaving itself out of the electrical vehicle push, they have committed to investing 5 percent of their annual fleet budget to plug-in technologies, and they currently are operating two hybrid bucket trucks and plan to acquire another one this year.

scheduled statewide with the first taking place in Portland last week.

Stakeholders include government agencies, NGOs, electric vehicle manufacturers, charging equipment manufacturers, charging network providers and companies with customer education solutions.

One thing already has been decided: system-wide costs related to developing a statewide system will not be charged to individual communities, according to Schwark and Gauntt.

Dealing with distance

Schwark and Gauntt understand the unwillingness of many Eastern Oregon residents to buy an electric car, but the issue of driving distance has been minimized with the proliferation of hybrid vehicles, including work trucks.

The duo chose the Ford Fusion as an example of what sort of car might work for Eastern Oregon residents. The Fusion has a 50-mile range on electricity alone and gets about 55 miles per gallon on electricity and fuel combined. It can be plugged into a normal house outlet overnight for a charge at a cost of approximately 5 cents per mile in electrical use.

A charger station can produce a full charge in 90 minutes. So, a Wallowa County resident who drives to La Grande would need to use just a little gas to get there. And if a charger is available at a convenient location, shopping could be done while the car completely recharges for the return trip.

If a charger was available in downtown Enterprise and downtown Wallowa, an electric car owner could drive pretty much anywhere in the county.

OBITUARIES

Nancy Lynn Chesley
Jan. 17, 1940 to July 22, 2016

Nancy Lynn Chesley (nee Worthy) passed away July 22, 2016 at the Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Wash., after a month-long battle with pneumonia. She was 76.

Nancy was born Jan. 17, 1940 in Whittier, Calif. Her parents were the Rev. Arthur Worthy and his wife Irene. She grew up in Bell, Calif., and graduated from Bell High School in 1957. In 1960 Nancy married Ross Chesley, and together they enjoyed a long and fulfilling life together. She was the mother of two children — Crystal Lynn (1961-2007) and Steven Ross (1965-). The family resided in Southern California and then the Bay Area before moving to Maine in 1972.

Nancy and her family attended the United Methodist Church in East Corinth, Maine, where she was instrumental in establishing and directing a nursery school for local children. In 1982, Nancy earned a bachelor’s degree in childhood education from the University of Maine and went on to teach kindergarten for several years, followed by a long stint as a frequent substitute teacher.

During her years in Maine, Nancy earned her private pilot license and flew with her husband around the country in their airplane, sight-seeing and visiting friends and relatives. One of her favorite places to visit during those years was Joseph. In 2004 Nancy and her husband bought a home on Hurricane Creek Road and moved to Joseph.

Nancy was an active member of Enterprise Christian Church and a dedicated community volunteer. She served as vice president of the Wallowa Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, running the hospital gift shop for the last several years.

Nancy is survived by Ross, her husband of 56 years, her son Steven and his wife Jana, her sister Bonnie Alloy, and six grandchildren, ages 8 months to 24 years.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Enterprise Christian Church. Interment is planned for a later date at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, Calif.

Eldon Hawley

Nov. 3, 1954 to Aug. 1, 2016

Eldon Albert Hawley, 61 passed away Aug. 1 in Stanfield at age 61 after a fire in the home he shared with his wife Susan.

Eldon was born on Nov. 3, 1954 to Vern and Bernadine Hawley of Enterprise. He was a police officer, paramedic and CNA throughout his life, but his passion was driving logging truck.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and wood-cutting, but spending time with his family and friends was the most important thing to him. He had a smile and laugh that was contagious and his heart was made of pure gold. There will forever be a part of us missing without him.

He is survived by Susan, his wife of 29 years; daughters Cristi Hawley and Cassie Conant, and son Tanner Mobley; sister Pam Hawley; and eight grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Stanfield Baptist Church in Stanfield. Donations can be made to the family to rebuild their lives after the devastating fire. Call Cristi at 541-905-9189.



WALLOWA COUNTY FAIR

Sunday’s 4-H Results

4-H Horse Results, Sunday Aug. 7

Trail:
1st Yr Junior Champion: Lily Royes
Junior Champion: Eva Anderson
Junior Reserve Champion: Destiny Barney
Intermediate Champion: Brianna Micka
Intermediate Reserve Champion: Chance Arbogast
Senior Champion: Ally Cooney
Reserve Grand Champion: Brianna Micka
Grand Champion: Ally Cooney
Reining:
Junior Champion: Libby Fisher
Intermediate Champion: Brianna Micka
Intermediate Reserve Champion: Deidre Schreiber
Senior Champion: Ally Cooney
Reserve Grand Champion: Ally Cooney

Grand Champion: Brianna Micka

4-H Dog Show Results, Sunday, Aug. 7

Agility Dog, 1st-year Junior
Tegan Evans, Champion
Kaesie Melville, Champion
Agility Dog, Intermediate
Craig Burch, Reserve Champion
Trace Evans, Champion
Jacob Falk, Champion
Agility Dog, Junior
Caylynn Beck, Champion
Greta Carlsen, Blue ribbon
Dakota Delyria, Reserve Champion
McKenzie Keffer, Champion
Devin Schreiber, Blue ribbon
Bailey Vernam, Reserve Champion
Agility Dog, Senior
Claire Beck, Champion
Gracie Carlsen, Reserve Champion

Whitney Evans, Champion
Costume Dog, 1st-year Junior
Tegan Evans, Champion
Kaesie Melville, Reserve Champion
Costume Dog, Intermediate
Craig Burch, Champion
Trace Evans, Reserve Champion
Jacob Falk, Reserve Champion
Costume Dog, Junior
Caylynn Beck, Reserve Champion
Greta Carlsen, Reserve Champion
Dakota Delyria, Reserve Champion
McKenzie Keffer, Reserve Champion
Devin Schreiber, Champion
Bailey Vernam, Champion
Costume Dog, Senior
Claire Beck, Reserve Champion
Gracie Carlsen, Champion
Whitney Evans, Reserve Champion
Dog Showmanship, 1st-year Junior
Tegan Evans, Red ribbon

Kaesie Melville, Champion
Dog Showmanship, Intermediate
Craig Burch, White ribbon
Trace Evans, Champion
Jacob Falk, Reserve Champion
Dog Showmanship, Junior
Caylynn Beck, Blue ribbon
Greta Carlsen, Reserve Champion
Dakota Delyria, Red ribbon
McKenzie Keffer, Red ribbon
Devin Schreiber, Red ribbon
Bailey Vernam, Champion
Dog Showmanship, Senior
Claire Beck, Reserve Champion
Gracie Carlsen, Reserve Champion
Whitney Evans, Champion
Graduate Novice Dog
Whitney Evans, Red ribbon
Novice Dog Obedience, Senior
Claire Beck, Red ribbon
Gracie Carlsen, Red ribbon
Pre-Novice Dog Obedience, 1st-year Junior
Tegan Evans, White ribbon
Kaesie Melville, White ribbon
Pre-Novice Dog Obedience, Intermediate
Craig Burch, White ribbon
Trace Evans, Red ribbon
Jacob Falk, White ribbon
Pre-Novice Dog Obedience, Junior
Caylynn Beck, White ribbon
Greta Carlsen, Red ribbon
Dakota Delyria, White ribbon
McKenzie Keffer, Red ribbon
Devin Schreiber, White ribbon
Bailey Vernam, Champion
Pre-Novice Dog Obedience, Senior
Claire Beck, White ribbon
Shelby Huffman, no show
Trick Dog, 1st-year Junior
Tegan Evans, Reserve Champion
Kaesie Melville, Reserve Champion
Trick Dog, Intermediate
Craig Burch, Blue ribbon
Trace Evans, Champion
Jacob Falk, Reserve Champion
Trick Dog, Junior
Dakota Delyria, Reserve Champion
McKenzie Keffer, Champion
Devin Schreiber, Champion
Bailey Vernam, Reserve Champion

BULL AND BUCK TAGS

To be donated to local charities

by the Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy is currently seeking applications from Wallowa County charitable organizations interested in receiving a Landowner Preference Tag (LOP) for Bull Elk or Buck Deer on the Zumwalt Prairie Preserve property for the 2017 season.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of community members and ranked based on the following considerations: the benefit to the community; the marketing plan for raising funds with the LOP tags; and the ability to use the tags to leverage additional funds or support.

Interested organizations should request an application from Justin Jones at 850-982-9224 or e-mail jjones@tnc.org. The application deadline is August 14th, 2016.

Each year The Nature Conservancy donates LOP tags to qualified local organizations. The LOP tags for the 2016 season were donated to Community Connections, Friends of the Wallowa School Foundation, Rotary Club of Wallowa County, and Wallowa County Search and Rescue. Since 2002, this program has raised over \$375,000 to support charitable organizations in Wallowa County.



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Weather Forecast

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	High	Low	Conditions
Aug. 11	81	51	Clear
Aug. 12	86	53	Clear
Aug. 13	89	56	Clear
Aug. 14	84	53	Partly cloudy
Aug. 15	84	51	Clear
Aug. 16	84	50	Clear

Phases of the moon

Aug. 18	Aug. 24	Sept. 1	Sept. 8
Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET AUG. 10-16

(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Aug. 10	Aug. 11	Aug. 12	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Aug. 16
Rise: 5:45	Rise: 5:46	Rise: 5:47	Rise: 5:48	Rise: 5:49	Rise: 5:51	Rise: 5:52
Set: 8:03	Set: 8:02	Set: 8:00	Set: 7:59	Set: 7:57	Set: 7:55	Set: 7:54

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