

WITTY

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eager to have him start working on the transition right away.

Cronin said the District 3 board will have a special meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 9, to accept Witty's resignation letter and consid-

er options for hiring a new superintendent. The board also will look into forging an agreement with the Baker district regarding Witty's time over the next four months.

The district also has other staff changes in the works, with Monty Nash retiring and Kim Smith succeeding him in the principal's job at Humbolt Elementary School. The

board, meanwhile, has two new board members – Ben Holliday and Kelly Stokes – drawn from the ranks of the district budget committee. They were appointed to fill the vacancies left by resignations of Ryan Joslin and Andrew Janssen, and must face election in May if they are to continue on the board.

Cronin said both are welcome additions to the board,

coming with experience in the district.

Witty was one of three finalists for the Baker job. The others were Robert Vian, 67, a district superintendent in Orofino, Idaho, and Betty Palmer, principal of South Baker Intermediate School. The Baker board is promoting Palmer to assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

ROAD

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Geiger presented a separate letter to the Court, saying the board has worked hard to have a voice on forest issues and to represent the desires of the people.

He said it was clear the Court didn't want input from the board but has "farmed out the future use of our forest to people that have no stake in the outcome of these forest issues."

Judge Scott Myers thanked Geiger for his service.

The resignations came after the Court heard a presentation on the Malheur National Forest's Elk 16 Vegetation Management Project, the third major restoration project detailed for the Court in three weeks.

Pengelly told the Court that although he didn't sign the letter, he agreed with the sentiment. He expressed frustration about the timing of Forest Service presentations to the Court, saying several have come too late for the board to participate fully.

He said it was particularly unfortunate in the case of the Big Mosquito Project, discussed at the Feb. 18 Court meeting. He said he saw a lot of "give and take" in that project, which could have ended with the board saying, "this isn't so bad."

However, when the comment periods have already expired, they don't get that chance to participate, he said.

"We're just a bunch of people trying to find out if the Forest Service is doing the right thing, and we don't feel they are," he said.

Britton credited Pengelly for taking the time to attend the most recent Forest Partners meeting, noting his experience in mining could be valuable as the collaborative continues its work on future projects.

Nicky Sprauve, who was elected last fall to the Grant County Public Forest Commission, said it seems the Court "has sold out, or rolled over to the people of the forestry."

Saying it was just his personal opinion, he likened the Forest Service actions to cutting the people's throats.

"You're no worse than ISIS for your tactics on the people," Sprauve said, referring to the Islamic State terrorists. "You're no worse

than sitting the people down of Grant County, lifting their necks up and cutting their throats."

Britton broke in, saying "I'm sorry, that's enough. That's inappropriate."

Sprauve said he was just saying that was how it looked to him, "not that it's so," and that he had a right to express his opinion.

Commissioner Chris Labhart told people in the audience they should direct their comments and concerns to the Court, not to others in the audience.

The discussion calmed with a statement from Zach Williams, a member of the collaborative, who urged people to build on the progress of the past few years.

The collaboration process may not be perfect, he said, but it has given the community a voice in the process that didn't exist before. He said the participants have worked hard for years to create a relationship with the Forest Service and get past the agency-bashing and litigation that marked the past, tactics that weren't working for anyone.

With the accelerated restoration underway, the Malheur is headed for a harvest of 75 million board feet, up from lows of 10-20 million board feet. The John Day sawmill, once headed for closure, is still running and there is work in the forest, which Williams credited to commitments from the Forest Service at both regional and local levels.

He said there's "a pace and a scale of restoration" today that provides for hundreds of local jobs. The three projects outlined to the Court in February alone represent some 70 million board feet of timber.

"To say the Forest Service isn't doing anything would be disingenuous," he said.

He acknowledged the frustration felt by Pengelly and others, and said he appreciated seeing new people come to the most recent collaborative meeting to see how it works. He stressed that some projects coming to the Court now have been in process for a long time – Big Mosquito since 2011 – but several are just beginning. He urged people to follow the new projects.

"We've got to keep moving forward," he said.

The full text of the resignation letter is published online at www.MyEagleNews.com.

DOUGH

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Bake for Good: Kids Learn Bake Share, has each student giving one of their loaves of bread to the food bank.

Fifth-grader Aiden Taylor and sixth-grader Summer Keith helped with the demo, following the directions Sandel shared in front of about 90 of the schoolmates.

Taylor seemed to have the most fun as he tried throwing dough for a pizza, and Keith braided bread dough with ease.

The students also answered questions about bread-baking science.

Sandel, who gives presen-



Humbolt sixth-grader Summer Keith works on braiding a loaf of bread at the demonstration.



Humbolt sixth-grader Summer Keith tries her hand at kneading the dough, as Aiden Taylor, left, and presenter Nate Sandel look on.

The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

tations to students in Oregon and Washington, was also scheduled to visit Burnt River School in Unity for a demonstration.

"The students learned science, math and language arts – and we had fun," Boethin said.

Grant Court sets meeting

Blue Mountain Eagle

CANYON CITY – The Grant County Court will hold a special meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday to hear information about Zone 1 lands from George Ponte, Oregon Department of Forestry district forest-

er Mark Webb, local landowner and contractor, is scheduled to discuss related issues at 3 p.m.

The Court will not hold a morning session that day, but will resume its regular meeting time of 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11.

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Dist. 3 sets meeting

Blue Mountain Eagle

CANYON CITY – The Grant School District No. 3 board of directors will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 9, at the District office, to discuss upcoming administrative changes.

Topics include appointing an interim principal for Humbolt Elementary for the rest of the 2014-15 school year, accepting a letter of resignation from Superintendent Mark Witty, and discussing the hiring of the next superintendent.

The meeting is open to the public.

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