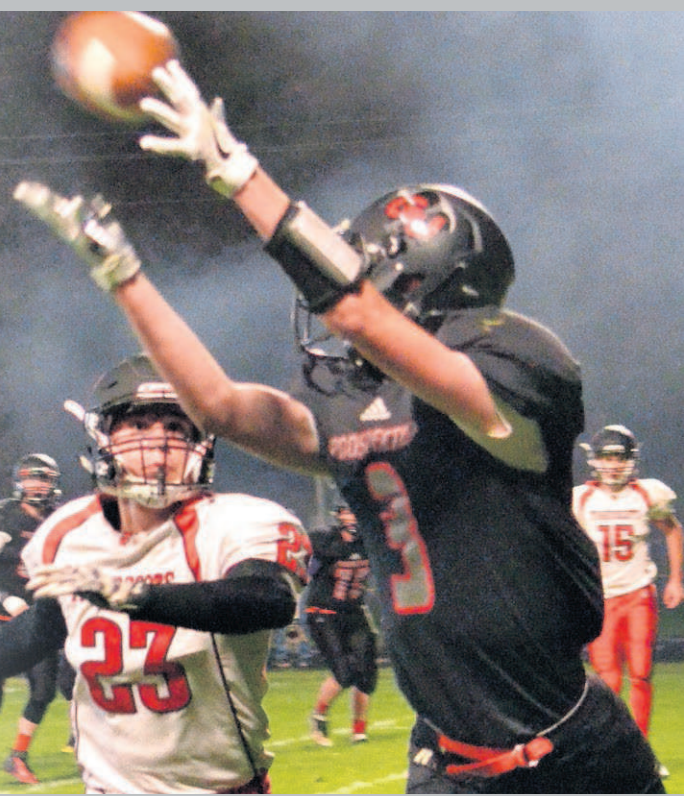


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## DR. MOSIER IS IN

### Native returns to John Day for family practice rotation

By Angel Carpenter  
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Life is making a full circle for Dr. Lincoln Mosier, a third-year osteopathic medical student, who returned to his hometown John Day for a family practice rotation at Strawberry Wilderness Community Clinic.

Mosier attends Pacific Northwest University's College of Osteopathic Medicine in Yakima, Washington, and worked

eight weeks at the local clinic.

His last day at Strawberry Clinic was Friday.

In John Day, he dealt with a full range of medical issues, from helping patients with diabetes and high blood pressure treatment to an appendectomy and delivering a baby.

"It was my second delivery," he said. "My first delivery was my daughter, Abigail."

Mosier and his fiancé, Brittany Pym, and their 7-month-old daughter stayed

with his mom, Brenda Mosier, while in town. His father, Dale Mosier, also lives in John Day.

A 2009 graduate of Grant Union High School, some may remember Mosier as the 2008-09 student body president, Grant County Safe Communities Youth Coalition president at the school and board chairman of Grant County Commission on Children and Families.

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Dr. Lincoln Mosier made a return trip to his hometown of John Day for an eight-week stint on a rotation at Strawberry Wilderness Community Clinic.

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Angel Carpenter

# BIOMASS OR COAL?

## Oregon's only remaining coal-fired power plant to test alternative fuel

### Company to supply 8,000 tons of material

By George Plaven  
EO Media Group

Cleaning up forest clutter might be good for more than just curtailing large wildfires in Oregon.

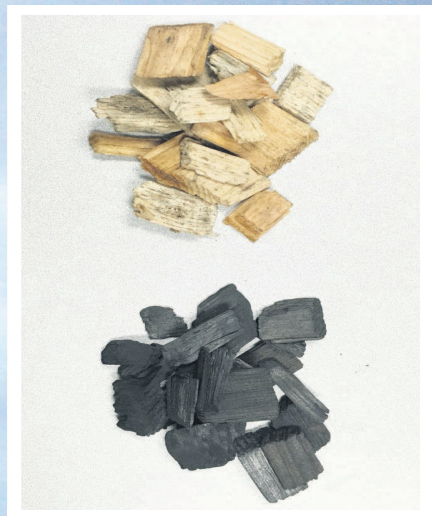
It might just be the answer Portland General Electric is looking for to convert the Boardman Coal Plant to 100 percent biomass.

Later this year, PGE will use nothing but woody debris to power the station for one full day as the utility continues to test alternative fuels at the 550-megawatt facility. A successful test burn was conducted last year at Boardman using a 10-to-1 mix of coal and biomass, which has project leaders feeling optimistic. But this will be the first time the plant is fed exclusively biomass for 24 straight hours, which will go a long way toward determining whether the plan is feasible long-term.

The future remains uncertain at Oregon's only remaining coal-fired power plant. Rather than install expensive new emission controls, PGE has decided to either convert the station to cleaner burning biomass, or shut it down entirely by 2020.

Wayne Lei, director of research and development for PGE, said biomass is an intriguing though challenging concept for Boardman. First, in order to feed biomass into the plant's pulverizers, it must undergo a process called torrefaction — similar to making charcoal, or roasting coffee beans.

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Contributed photo/Oregon Torrefaction

In order to use as biomass, woody debris must undergo a process called torrefaction, described as a "half-step below making charcoal."



EO file photo

Portland General Electric coal fire plant in Boardman.

## PGE has decided to either convert the station to cleaner burning biomass, or shut it down entirely by 2020.

## Grant County rodeo royalty prepare to ride

### NPRA Rodeo action on tap Friday, Saturday

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County Fair and Rodeo Queen Jessica Carter and Princess Trinity Hutchison will welcome the crowd at Friday and Saturday's Northwest Professional Rodeo Association Rodeo at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day.

Carter said she considers herself blessed to be a part of

"I really appreciate the culture and the heritage of



Contributed photo/Simmie Waddell

Queen Jessica Carter, left, and Princess Trinity Hutchison pose for a photo after the Aug. 22 tryouts.

it," she said. "I also appreciate rodeo, because it reflects my own life, somewhat, so I want to represent Grant

County throughout all of Oregon and my own lifestyle of ranching."

Carter is the daughter of Mat and Jennifer Carter of Seneca, and she is a senior at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School.

At the Aug. 10-13 Grant County Fair, Carter was awarded champion senior showman for steer and the grand champion market steer. She also won champion senior livestock judge and won reserve judgment for a 4-H educational display.

At school, Carter is vice president of Grant Union's FFA chapter and is treasurer of FFA's Strawberry Mountain District.

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## City seeks solution to dog problems

By Sean Hart  
Blue Mountain Eagle



The Eagle/Sean Hart

Wiley, a Corgie mix, was attacked by a much larger dog in John Day. City officials are seeking a solution to dogs as a public nuisance at the Sept. 13 city council meeting.

Dalena Norton was walking her dog, Wiley, a Corgie mix, in John Day when a pit bull that was loose jumped out from behind a hedge and attacked the small dog.

Her friend Cindy Bolman, Dayville, quickly jumped in and pulled the pit bull's jaws apart, saving Wiley, but the attack sent her to the hospital with a cut requiring four stitches.

Bolman said she is afraid to walk the little dog after the incident and that it could have been much worse.

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