

Coalfire Plant returned to shutdown

Portland General Electric Co.'s (PGE) Boardman Coal Plant has been returned to economy shutdown. After 44 days of operation, the Boardman Plant was taken off line March 21 because demand for electricity had fallen off and surplus energy was available on the wholesale market at a lower price. Brought back into operation during the February cold spell, the 530,000-Kilowatt (kw) plant helped

PGE meet a record peak demand for electricity. The plant generated some 450-million kilowatt-hours and burned 300,000 tons of coal. Before going on line February 5, Boardman had been in economy shutdown since August 1985. Tom Kingston, Boardman Plant Manager, commended the 74 plant employees for getting the plant started within 72 hours and keeping up the pace for long hours during February and

March. In addition, he is also proud of the maintenance program that kept the plant's turbine generators fine-tuned over the past few years.

"I think we have the best preventive maintenance system in the country," says Kingston. While there are no immediate plans to restart the plant, there is a 50-day supply of coal in the Boardman yard should the plant resume operations.

Ione Elementary to hold Open House

The Ione Elementary School will hold an open house for kindergarten through fifth grade on Wednesday, April 26 at 7 p.m. Parents and community members are invited to visit the classrooms and see the student's projects and class work. 1989 has been designated the Year

of The Young Reader and classes have been emphasizing reading for enjoyment. A Walden Ed book fair will be held during open house. Students and parents may purchase current best seller titles in children's books at a 30% discount during the evening.

Parents Club elects new officers

The Heppner Parents Club met Wednesday, April 12 for the last meeting of the year. New officers were elected for next year. They are: Joyce Hughes, president, Nella Britt, secretary and Karla Waterland, treasurer. It was voted on to donate \$500 towards the purchase of a hard disk drive for the grade school and \$100 to the Impact Team. Ten thousand Campbell Soup

labels were collected to purchase equipment. Karen Beck's class collected the most labels. A heavy duty tunnel for P.E., Thesaurus, dictionary, five-gallon water cooler for field trips and soccer balls were purchased with the labels. The Junior High Spring Sports Dessert will be held Monday, May 15, beginning at 7 p.m. There are no dues for joining Parents Club. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to come to the meetings.

Irrigon Clean-Up Day scheduled

Irrigon is holding their Annual Clean-Up Day, Saturday, April 22, sponsored by the Irrigon Chamber of Commerce. People helping to pick up garbage are to assemble at the Fire Hall at 10 a.m. Come prepared by bringing pickups. Irrigon residents may pick up free garbage bags at City Hall prior to or on Saturday. Old cars or trucks will be picked up, but be sure to call Bonnie Clough

prior to Saturday to arrange a time. Her number is 922-4323. This includes refrigerators and stoves. People are asked to fill and tie their bags and place them on the street for pickup. A poster contest held in conjunction with clean-up day will be held at the grade school for grades 1-6. The theme is 'Clean Up for Company'. Friday, April 21, the grade school children will participate by picking up garbage.

Update needed on Tetanus immunizations

Many adults over the age of 50 years are at risk of exposure to tetanus because they have not kept their immunity up. The incidence seems to peak in the summer when people are outdoors more. Tetanus is an acute fatal disease caused by the tetanus bacillus, an organism that cannot survive in the presence of oxygen. Active immunization gives protection for at least 10 years. It is especially important for people in contact with soil, sewage or domestic animals and for policemen and others with greater than usual risk of traumatic injury. Active protection should be maintained by all adults by receiving booster doses

every 10 years. For major and/or contaminated wounds, a booster injection of tetanus toxoid should be given after injury if the individual has not received tetanus toxoid within the preceding five years. Puncture wounds are especially vulnerable. Morrow County Health Department provides this important protective immunization free of charge at the following locations: Health Dept. office in Heppner, every Friday, 8:30 a.m. 4 p.m.; Boardman City Hall, first and third Tuesdays, 1:30-4 p.m.; Irrigon County offices, second and fourth Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m.

Homemakers Council met April 4

The Morrow County Homemaker's Council met at the office in Heppner on Tuesday for their regular meeting. Isabelle Jones, the chairman presided at the meeting. Homemaker's Day was discussed and will be held at the Senior Center in Heppner, Friday April 14 starting at 11:30 a.m. The 'Pat on the Back' award from each study group will be given as well as the 'Extension Woman of the Year' award. A luncheon will be served at noon. Bingo will be played, with the prizes being food stuffs for the Neighborhood Center. Each one attending is asked to bring a food article for this. A good time is being planned, and all are urged to come join for an afternoon of visiting and enjoyment. The Needlemania update was heard and plans are going well. Quilts are needed for the quilt display, and these will be greatly appreciated. A style show is planned

with both adults and children. The District meeting was Tuesday, April 12 in La Grande. Sherman County Day for the Home Extension is announced for June 16-18. There will be a quilt show, and Sando Fox, Los Angeles Museum Curator, Instructor Craftsman and author will be the honored guest of 'Friends of the Sherman County Historical Museum' on June 17. A discussion on the Wheat League cake was held with suggestions on the different types of cake, and how the cake recipe came about. Perhaps one could be presented from this area in the near future. The next meeting will be a potluck luncheon May 18 and at this time the club will discuss a fair booth. Those attending were, Chairman Isabelle Jones, VC Juanita Martin, secretary Delpha Jones and Shirley Richards, Margaret Sutherland, Iretts Dooney, Cindy Osterlund, Nelle Madison and Carol Bennett.

Steelheaders to meet in Condon

The John Day River Steelheaders will be meeting Sunday, April 23, at 6 p.m. at the Condon Elks Lodge. Guest speaker will be Tim Undergardner, project director from the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department of The Dalles. He will discuss projects that the chapter will be involved with. There will also be a film shown on gill net fishing. The chapter consists of members

from Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler Counties. Anyone wishing to join may do so at the Sunday meeting.

Port holds Open House



Photo by Mindy Nix

The Port of Morrow held an open house at their office in Boardman April 13 from 4-6 p.m. The Open House was held in celebration of its 30th anniversary and in honor of Gary Neal, the new manager of the Port as of March 1.

Dawson to attend girls state

By Mindy Nix Each year, one junior girl is selected to attend Girls State. This year, Wendy Dawson of Boardman was selected as the delegate from Riverside. Wendy will be attending Girls State at the University of Oregon campus in Eugene from June 25-30, where she will have the opportunity to better understand how the government works through various activities during her week-long stay. Dawson is the daughter of John and Kay Dawson of Boardman and is very excited to have this opportunity. "I can't wait," says Wendy.

Plant sale in Ione April 25

Ione Garden Club members will be holding their annual plant sale on April 25 at the Ione Legion Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each year members use this means of sharing their surplus garden plants with their neighbors for the beautification of the community and to make enough money to carry on projects to better the town of Ione. This year they will have perennials, bulbs, geraniums, herbs, shrubs, house plants, berries and dahlias. Pie and coffee will be served during the day. Many plants will be half price after 2 p.m. For special orders contact Delta Huber, Jean Nelson or Phyllis Anderson.

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IWA to host speaker

Heppner Chapter of International Woodworkers Of America will be having a special speaker Monday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the union hall. Brad Witt, former WCIW Researcher will be speaking on the Oregon Log Export Ban. He is organizing Labor's central role in getting the ban on log exports passed. Oregonians will be voting on June 27 to ban log exports from State-owned lands. The public is welcome to attend this meeting.

Idaho choir to perform in Ione

The Caldwell, Idaho, High School Choir will put on a concert Friday, April 21 at 9 a.m. at the Ione High School Gym. This is an eleven member choir directed by Bill Buckendorf, a former Heppner teacher. This concert is free and everyone is invited to share in this event.

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