

State seeks bidders for county warning system

The state is seeking bidders to construct a multimillion dollar warning and communication system for Morrow and Umatilla Counties, Myra Thompson Lee, director of Oregon Emergency Management, has announced. The system will provide for the installation of sirens, tone-alert radio sets, and electronic highway reader boards in an area surrounding the Umatilla Army depot.

Lee said that other improvements to public safety are underway or are being planned in the two counties. Work is nearly complete on a new Emergency Operation Center (EOC) at Heppner and the location for a new EOC in Pendleton is being sought. Both facilities will also house facilities for 911 answering points.

The Umatilla depot is the repository for nearly 12 percent of the nation's stockpile of toxic nerve agents, which, under a Congressional mandate, will be destroyed over the next decade. Congress also ordered that until

the stockpiles are eliminated, maximum protection must be provided to installation workers, the public and the environment. The warning and communication system will provide local authorities with the means to alert residents to any potential threat caused by an accidental release of toxic materials.

OEM has already received approval from the US Army to expend over \$7 million for the project, which will be provided through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Advertisements to solicit qualified bidders are appearing this week in a number of publications. Components of the system include: 42 electronic sirens with public address capacity; 10,000 radio-activated tone alert radio sets; nine electric reader boards, which will be located on major freeways and at traffic control points; and enhanced communications systems to provide better response capability.

Booster tailgate party Sept. 17

The Heppner High Booster Club has planned their annual Tailgate meal on Friday, Sept. 17 from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at the fairgrounds prior to the first home football game between the Mustangs and Elgin. The menu will consist of chili, baked potatoes, hot dogs and corn on the cob.

The week of Sept. 13-17 has been set aside for the Spirit Drive. Families are invited to

contribute \$10 per family to help with school related projects for the year. Projects include FFA, drama, scholarships and athletics. To contribute send your check to Heppner Booster Club, PO Box 282, Heppner.

Mark your calendars for Reno Nite Oct. 17, to be held upstairs at the Heppner Elks Club. There will be games, prizes to bid on and the Country Store. All proceeds from this year's Reno Nite will go to the new baseball field.

Cross-Country golf tournament set

The annual Cross-Country Golf Tournament will be held this Sunday, Sept. 19 at Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner. The golf course layout will be changed and par will be 68 instead of 60.

Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. followed by a shotgun tee-off at 8 a.m.

A trophy will be awarded to the first three places gross and net with other special events. The cost is \$5.

High school rodeo team does well at Condon rodeo

The Umatilla-Morrow High School Rodeo team competed at the Condon High School Rodeo September 4 and 5.

Following are team results: Breakaway roping: second-Tiffanie Munkers; 10th-Mandi Doby.

Barrel racing: fifth-Holli Eckman; eighth-Tiffanie Munkers.

Goat tying: second-Mandi Doby, fourth-Tiffanie Munkers.

Girls' cow cutting: first-Jamie Bealer.

Boys' cow cutting: fourth-Seth Hopper.

Steer wrestling: first-Ty Campbell, second-Seth Hopper.

Calf roping: 10th-Travis Doby. Team roping: seventh-Ty Campbell, 10th-Travis Doby.

Wheat League office stays in Pendleton

The Oregon Wheat Growers League office will remain in Pendleton at the heart of the state's major grain-producing region.

The decision to remain in Pendleton was made at the September 2 board of directors meeting. The OWGL will vacate its current rental space in the Pendleton Grain Growers building within the next six to eight months. The new location of the office has not yet been determined.

"By announcing the board's decision at this time, we hope to quell potentially harmful rumors," said Scott Hutchinson, executive vice president. Area growers had voiced concern that the Wheat League offices might follow the lead of the Oregon Wheat Commission, which moved its office from Pendleton to Portland some years ago.

The decision came after board members heard a report from a task force appointed to study the move. Options studied by the task force included remaining in Pendleton, moving to the Salem/Portland area, or splitting operations between two locations. The board said they will continue

to explore establishing a "satellite office" in the Salem area.

The League has five full time employees and serves a membership of approximately 2,000 wheat producers statewide.

Potluck planned at All Saints

Sunday Sept. 19 will be a special day at All Saints Episcopal Church, announces Father Al Miller.

The adult Christian education classes will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the children's Sunday School classes will begin at 10 a.m.

The morning church worship service will start at 10:30 with Holy Communion celebrated.

Everyone is invited to stay for a potluck in the parish hall at noon. Meat will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a dish of their choice.

Cub Scouts to organize for year

Cub Scout Pack 661 is organizing for a new school year and inviting boys 10 to 18 years to attend school night on Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Heppner Elementary School multipurpose room.

First grade boys will join the Tiger Cubs; second grade-Wolf; third grade-Bears and fourth and fifth grade-Webelos. Current Cub

Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

"Leaders are preparing for a fun and exciting year," said organizer Sandra VanLiew.

Troop 661 will lead the flag ceremony and play games with the younger boys. New boys are encouraged to join.

For more information call Bruce Young, 676-5309 or Dan or Sandra VanLiew, 676-5050.

Thanks to the people of Morrow County
- the many who helped me with my wagon,
- without you I would not have had the opportunity to take the trip of my lifetime.

The celebrations at Hawkins and Krebs were the best of the whole trip.

**Thanks
Joe Yocom
Teamster**

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

DOCKET NO. AB-33 (SUB-NO. 83)
NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ABANDON AND DISCONTINUE SERVICE

Union Pacific Railroad Company gives notice that on or about September 30, 1993, it intends to file with the Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20423, an application for a certificate permitting the abandonment and discontinuance of service on a line of railroad known as the Heppner Branch extending from railroad milepost 0.0 near Heppner Jct. to the end of the line at railroad milepost 45.4 near Heppner, a distance of 45.4 miles in Gilliam and Morrow County(ies), Oregon. The line for which the abandonment and discontinuance application will be filed includes the stations of Heppner Jct. (milepost 0.0), Morgan (milepost 19.8), McNab (milepost 25.2), Ione (milepost 28.3), Jordan (milepost 31.0), Lexington (milepost 36.3), and Heppner (milepost 45.2).

The reasons for the proposed abandonment and discontinuance are (1) freight traffic revenues do not justify the costs of operation and maintenance, and (2) there are no reasonable prospects that traffic and revenues would increase sufficiently in the foreseeable future to justify continued operation of the line.

Based on information in our possession, the line does contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

This line of railroad has appeared on the system diagram map in category 1 since August 22, 1988.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by Oregon Short Line Railroad Co.--Abandonment--Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Any interested person, after the application is filed on September 30, 1993, is entitled to file with the Interstate Commerce Commission written comments concerning the proposed abandonment and discontinuance or protests to it. Protests must contain the following:

- (1) Protestant's name, address and business.
- (2) A statement describing protestant's interest in the proceeding including:
 - (i) A description of protestant's use of the line;
 - (ii) If protestant does not use the line, information concerning the group or public interest it represents; and
 - (iii) If protestant's interest is limited to the retention of service over a portion of the line, a description of the portion of the line subject to protestant's interest (with milepost designations if available).
- (3) Specific reasons why protestant opposes the application including information regarding protestant's reliance on the involved service [this information must be supported by affidavits of persons with personal knowledge of the fact(s)].
- (4) Any rebuttal of material submitted by applicant.
- (5) If an oral hearing is desired, a request for and reasons why an oral hearing is necessary.

In addition, a commenting party or protestant may provide a statement of position and a summary of evidence regarding:

- (i) Intent to offer financial assistance;
- (ii) Environmental impact;
- (iii) Impact on rural and community development;
- (iv) Suitability of the properties for other public purposes;
- (v) Recommended provisions for protection of the interests of employees; and

(vi) Prospective use of the right-of-way for interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. 1152.29.

Written comments and protests will be considered by the Commission in determining whether an investigation is needed to assist in determining what disposition to make of the application. The Commission will automatically direct investigation if a protest is filed which demonstrates: (1) The protestant filed a feeder line application under 49 U.S.C. 10910; (2) the feeder line application involves any portion of the rail line involved in the abandonment or discontinuance application; (3) the feeder line application was filed prior to the date the abandonment or discontinuance application was filed; and (4) the feeder line application is pending before the Commission. If an investigation is conducted, the commenting party or protestant may participate in the proceeding as its interests may appear.

Those parties filing protests to the proposed abandonment and discontinuance should be prepared to participate actively in either oral hearing or through the submission of additional material in the form of verified statements. Parties seeking information concerning the filing of protests should refer to 49 C.F.R. 1152.25.

Written comments and protests should indicate the proceeding designation NO. AB-33 (Sub-No.83) and should be filed with the Secretary, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20423, no later than October 30, 1993. Interested persons may file a written comment or protest with the Commission to become a party to this abandonment and discontinuance proceeding. A copy of each written comment or protest shall be served upon the representative of the applicant, Joseph D. Anthofer, General Attorney, 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68179. The original and 2 copies of all comments or protests shall be filed with the Commission with a certificate of service.

If no protests are received within 30 days after the application is filed, the Commission will grant the abandonment and discontinuance request and issue a certificate which permits the abandonment and discontinuance to occur within 75 days after the application is filed.

The line sought to be abandoned and discontinued will be available for subsidy or sale for continued rail use, if the Commission decides to permit the abandonment and discontinuance, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations (49 U.S.C. 10905 and 49 C.F.R. 1152.27). Applicant will promptly provide upon request to each interested party an estimate of the subsidy and minimum purchase price required to keep the line in operation. The carrier's representative to whom inquiries may be made concerning sale or subsidy terms is Joseph D. Anthofer, General Attorney, 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68179.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Interstate Commerce Commission's Office of Proceedings or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Commission's Section of Energy and Environment.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection on or after September 30, 1993, at each agency station or terminal on the line proposed to be abandoned or discontinued. If there is no agency station on the line, the application shall be deposited at any agency station through which business for the line is received or forwarded which is Union Pacific's National Customer Service Center, 210 N. 13th Street, St. Louis, MO 63103. Telephone number 1-800-272-8777. Business hours are 24 hours a week, seven days a week. The carrier shall furnish a copy of the application to any interested person proposing to file a protest or comment, upon request.

An environmental assessment (or environmental impact statement, if necessary) prepared by the Section of Energy and Environment will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Any other persons who would like to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS) may contact the Section of Energy and Environment. EA's in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 33 days of the filing of the application. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service. The comments received will be addressed in the Commission's decision. A supplemental EA may be issued where appropriate.

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