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## Cecil windmill project to offer new opportunities

By Katie Wall

A new project, offering new jobs to the area is on the horizon. LifeLine Energy, Inc., is in the process of creating the "Shepherds Flat Wind Farm," a project that will be putting an estimated 510 windmills in Morrow and Gilliam counties. The Morrow County site is located near Cecil, and the separate Gilliam County site lies northwest of the Morrow Co. site extending north towards the Columbia River.

According to Patricia Pilz, vice president of development for LifeLine, it is soon to give out detailed information but general information is available.

Even though the number 510 is circulating around as the total number of windmills to go up in Gilliam and Morrow counties, the actual number is not as important as the total rated capacity of the windmills, informed Pilz. Currently, three sizes of windmills are being looked at, 1.8 megawatts, 2.0 megawatts, and 2.5 megawatts. The company is looking for the project to be between 750-1500 megawatts. Pilz said the wide range in number comes from the difference in the windmill megawatt size.

Right now LifeLine is looking at two options: take the time at the state level, possibly a year or more, to get the permits and other necessary leg work done for the larger 750-1500 megawatts project; or pursue a 100 megawatt project that would be dealt with at the county level now, and pursue the larger project later. Due to the level of excitement the initial project has generated, LifeLine is considering the smaller project because it feasibly could be in the construction stage by mid-2003 and in production by the end of 2003, according to Pilz. At this time, however, no decision has been made.

This project is not only important for the energy it would create, but also for the jobs that would stem from it. According to Pilz, the company is estimating

that with the larger project, some 200 jobs would be created during the construction phase and about 30-40 permanent full-time jobs after construction. Pilz also said that the company sees this project as "highly local" and said jobs would be filled by local people. Some of the jobs would require specialized skilled workers, but other jobs would not require as much training. These jobs include positions such as security personnel, truck driving, and regular mechanics. "It is a great starting opportunity to learn the industry," added Pilz.

Each windmill's height is about 255 feet. The rotator (windmill arm) diameter is about

## Community members invited to decorate trees

"Christmas at the Courthouse" a special community event to be held Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. will be the conclusion the Morrow County Courthouse 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The Heppner Chamber of Commerce invites everyone, countywide, to decorate a tree for the auction to be held.

The evening will offer music, refreshments, tours, and the opportunity to bid on trees. A plaque will be presented to the organization or individual whose tree is voted "favorite" by the people in attendance.

Nine artificial trees will be decorated for the event and will be placed in assigned Courthouse offices during the first week of December. Proceeds from the tree auction will go to help with projects in Heppner, such as community Christmas decorations, hanging baskets, etc.

Those wishing to decorate a tree need to respond to the Heppner Chamber by Nov. 15. You can reach the Chamber at P.O. Box 1232, Heppner, OR 97836, or by calling 676-5536.

260 feet. The environmental effects of this project have also been studied as to the four-season land and wildlife impacts. As an example, Pilz said that the Gilliam Co. site has about 15,000 acres, which is currently used for sheep grazing half of the year, and when the full project is completed only 200 acres will hold permanent structures and roads. Pilz added that some impact would be seen during construction but that once the construction was completed, it would be safe for the sheep to graze right up to the base of the windmills. Overall, the land will increase its productivity, while still maintaining its original use, she said.

## HCMF adding international flair to Thanksgiving

Alvin Liu, manager of the Northwestern Motel and member of Heppner Christian Missionary Fellowship, has invited some of his international friends to come and share in the community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner.

"Once again it is time for all of us to get together giving thanks to God for the abundances He's given to us. Thanksgiving gives us a chance to share the values of family and love," commented Liu. He and his friends will be providing the entertainment for the dinner.

"Remember to invite your families, friends, neighbors, and others to share and enjoy this wonderful meal with us," added Liu.

The community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner will be Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28, at 1 p.m., at the Episcopal Church parish hall.

## Mustangs off to quarterfinals

The Heppner Mustangs will play the Dayton Pirates, Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m., in Dayton. The number two ranked Pirates defeated Harrisburg 21-6 in their first round game on Friday night. Bracket Page 4.

## HHS presents diploma to local veteran



Bill Lowe, 102, a WWI veteran was able to attend the ceremony



Larry Mills presenting honorary diploma to Robert E. Kelly

At a special school Remembrance Ceremony honoring veterans, veteran Robert E. Kelly, was presented an honorary diploma by HHS assistant principal Dick Allen and Morrow County School Board member Larry Mills.

Kelly chose at age 18 to quit school and join the Navy. He served his country as a Navy Sea Bee. The Navy offered two school credits for signing up, yet Kelly needed four credits to graduate. It was decided that after raising a family and working for years as a truck driver and rancher that Kelly had earned his last two credits.

HHS students Kyle Huddleston, Linsey Mitchell, and Blair Keithley orchestrated the remembrance ceremony as part of a leadership class.

The ceremony opened with the Color Guard entrance and the HHS band played "The Gallant Marine," and "SSB."

Mrs. Osmin's third grade class presented a song and a

group of sixth graders presented a poem.

A roll call of the veterans was read. The veterans honored included: in attendance: Billy Adams, Arnold Appleton, Edward Baker, Grace Baker, Leon Ball, Clarence Baker, Cecil Barlow, Raymond Batty, Dale Conklin, Francis Connor, Nelson Connor, Bob DeSpain, L.E. Dick, Earl Fishburn, Raymond French, Billy Gentry, Eddie Gunderson, Francis Herbert, Dean Hunt, Wilbur Jackson, Earl Jenks, Robert E. Kelly, Randy Lott, Ernie McCabe, Tad Miller, Rod Murray, Charles Nelson, James Norene, George Norris, Kenneth Norris, James Pappas, C.K. Peck, Stephan Peck, Irvin Rauch, Robert Reaney, John Renfro, Creston Robinson, George Steagall, Michael Sweek, David Sykes, Robert Taylor, Glen Ward, Mark White, Dick Wilkinson, James Wishart, Loren Woodside, Dave Zachary, Betty Jean Brown, Clarence

Buchanan, Jerry Hamer, Keith Lewis, Don McElligott, Frank Denton, Roger Schoonover, and Keith Brudevold; those not in attendance included: Gary Ball, Don Bennett, Delbert Dungan, Lester Grasser, George Griffith, George Gutierrez, Melvin Hammons, Edward Hiemstra, J.D. Hudson, Carl Martin, Roger Mortimore, Jane Richards, Gary Richards, Al Riney, Albert Wright, and Marlin Donahoe.

Also in attendance was Bill Lowe, age 102, a WWI Canadian Army veteran. Lowe served in WWI during 1914-1915.

The ceremony closed with the singing of Taps, the exiting of the Color Guard, and the HHS band ended with "America the Beautiful."

The words of Taps: "Day is done, gone the sun, from the lakes, from the hills, from the sky. All is well, safely rest, God is nigh." The veterans who served and those military men and women who currently serve will always be remembered.

## Veteran's Day annual observance held



Bob Taylor raises the American flag at the Heppner Veteran's Day observance

The City of Heppner held a Veteran's Day observance, Monday, Nov. 11, at the Heppner Memorial Park.

The observance lasted an hour and included the flag raising, singing, remembrance stories, the reading of the names on the memorial monument and the recital of Taps. The time ended with a fly-over at noon.

## General Election vote results for Morrow County

Election results from Morrow County for the Nov. 5, 2002 general election vote. Please remember these are only the numbers from Morrow County.

**Governor:** Kevin L. Mannix- 1701; Tom Cox- 133; and Ted Kulongoski- 985.

**U.S. Senator:** Lon Mabon- 54; Bill Bradbury- 644; Gordon H. Smith- 2106; and Dan Fitzgerald- 57.

**U.S. Representative-Dist. 2:** Mike Wood- 59; Greg Walden 2148; and Peter Buckley- 602.

**State Representative-Dist. 57:** Greg Smith- 1826; and Elizabeth Scheeler- 983.

**Oregon Tax Court Judge:** Henry C. Breithaupt- 1720.

**MC Commissioner-Pos. 2:** Ray Grace- 1550; and Barbara Bloodsworth- 1260.

**Soil & Water Conservation Dist.- Zone 1:** Pat Suter- 586; and Joe Taylor 1598.

**Soil & Water Conservation Dist.- Zone 4:** Brian Doherty- 1923.

**Soil & Water Conservation Dist.- Zone 5:** Judy Barber- 1978

**Boardman City Councilor (Elect 3):** Ed Glenn- 213; Curtis J. Mosman- 53; Pam Neal- 146; William (Bill) C. Brown- 94; T. Michael Tallman-

224; Gene Allen- 97; and Don Vandeventer- 122.

**Heppner City Mayor:** Bob Jepsen- 365.

**Heppner City Councilor-Pos. 1:** Cynthia R. Doherty- 385.

**Heppner City Councilor-Pos. 2:** Marian F. Murchison- 381.

**Heppner City Councilor-Pos. 4:** Tim VanCleave- 428.

**Heppner City Councilor-Pos. 5:** Thomas F. Wolff- 433.

**Heppner City Councilor-Pos. 6:** No Declared Candidates.

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