

## Jr. golf tournament held in Heppner



Top Photo: Greg Grant instructs the 49 Jr. Golfers at the Northeast Oregon Junior Golf Association (NEOJGA) Tournament in Heppner last Thursday.

Bottom Photo: Jake Lindsay waits his turn before putting at the Northeast Oregon Junior Golf Association (NEOJGA) tournament. The association sponsors tournaments at the Wildhorse, Heppner, Pendleton Country Club, LaGrande Country Club, Buffalo Peak in Union and the Quail Ridge in Baker City. -Photos by Sandy Matthews



## Oregon East Symphony holding summer music camp

The Oregon East Symphony's Summer Music Camp began Monday, July 6, at BMCC Pendleton Campus. Summer Music Camp is a week-long day camp for all musicians ages 7 and up. Campers join a choir or orchestra, and also have the chance to learn a new skill, such as film scoring or fiddling, and take part in other fun activities, such as Musical Theater or the Music Olympics.

Camp also features three free concerts at 7

p.m. in the BMCC Pioneer Theater. Wednesday, July 8, is the Rising Stars Student Recital, highlighting student musicians. Thursday, July 9, is the All-Stars Faculty Recital, which is one of the most exciting and eclectic evenings of music all year, with a wide variety of genres and often featuring premieres of brand new works. The Finale Concert on Friday, July 10, includes all camp ensembles.

The Oregon

East Symphony received a \$4,500 grant from the Union Pacific Foundation and a \$5,000 grant from the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation for Camp. Grant funds were used to support full and partial scholarships for every camp participant.

For more information about camp and other Oregon East Symphony activities for area young people, email programs@oregoneastsymphony.org.

## CenturyTel and EMBARQ complete merger

CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) and Embarq Corporation (NYSE: EQ) recently announced that they have completed their merger. The combined company, which will be known as CenturyLink, serves more than 2.1 million broadband customers, more than 440,000 video subscribers and approximately 7.5 million access lines in 33 states, based on operating results as of March 31, 2009.

The Western Region includes service areas in 10 states of the combined company's 33-state territory: California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. Western Region headquarters is located in Las Vegas.

While the company's corporate identity will immediately change to CenturyLink, customer-facing operations and communications will continue under the CenturyTel and EMBARQ brand names until a full brand conversion occurs later this year. The company intends to formally change its name to "CenturyLink, Inc." upon receipt of shareholder approval, which it expects to solicit in May 2010. The company's stock continues to trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "CTL."

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## Boardman receives \$341,840 for new clinic furnishings

Columbia River Community Health Services announces the receipt of \$341,840 funding from HRSA Health Resources and Service Administration.

The 14,000 square foot clinic designed by Pinnacle Architecture, Inc. is in response to the rapid growth in Boardman, which includes refugees from Africa, Iraq, Iran, and Nepal in addition to the already existing migrant/seasonal population.

The clinic is a crucial addition to North Morrow County's health care safety net and provides affordable health care to those most in need.

"Addressing our

nation's health care crisis is an essential element in having a healthy nation and a healthy economy," said US Senator Ron Wyden. "This money will be used to expand health care services throughout Oregon, including hiring new doctors and other health care providers, expanding hours of operation and increasing services."

"These funds will both create jobs and allow clinics to serve the growing number of families that need their services," said Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley. "Creating a 21st century health-care infrastructure is a major part of the solution to fixing the American health-care system."

## NOAA issues monthly climate summary for Heppner

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged slightly warmer than normal during the month of June.

The average temperature was 64.6 degrees which was 1.9 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 77.9 degrees, which was 0.9 degrees above normal. The highest was 91 degrees on the 25th. Low temperatures averaged 51.3 degrees, which was 2.8 degrees above normal. The lowest was 41 degrees, on the 23rd.

On one day, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 1.03 inches during June, which was 0.05 inches below normal.

Measurable precipitation -at least .01 inch- was received on 6 days with the heaviest, 0.72 inches reported on the 5th.

Precipitation this year has reached 6.92 inches, which is 1.51 inches below normal.

The outlook for July from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near normal temperatures and near to below normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during July are 85.7 degrees and normal lows are 53.1 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 0.35 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

## Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on June 24 in Heppner with Judge Tallman and Commissioner Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of those meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court approved the minutes of June 17. The court reviewed and approved accounts payable in the amount of \$538,366.14.

There was no report from the Road Department this week. **Permits:** On the recommendation of the Road Department approved a permit for CenturyTel along Sandhollow Road.

The court conducted the following business: Reviewed and

signed grazing contracts with Horseshoe Hereford Ranch, Inc. and Triangle Ranches for the portion of the OHV Park located in Grant County; Heard the second reading by title and adopted the Amendment of Zoning Ordinance for Space Age Industrial Zone, and minor amendments to the Transportation System Plan; Continued an appeal of a Planning Commission decision to August 12; Held a meeting with Nancy Snider, Wheatland Insurance Agent, regarding worker's comp coverage for community service individuals; Extending a Needs and Issues request for the Heppner Volunteer Fire Department; Made the following awards from the Court Discretionary Fund: Heppner High School Basketball Program, \$1,000 for a basketball gun; Umatilla Basin Water Coalition \$1,000; Heppner American Legion Auxiliary \$200 for Girl's State registration; Neighborhood Center \$5,000 to pave parking lot; Willow Creek Water Park \$800 for umbrellas and stands; Irrigation/Boardman Emergency Assistance Center \$1,000; Boardman Senior Center \$1,000; Stokes Landing Senior/Community Center \$1,000; Approved a purchase pre-authorization for miscellaneous tools and small equipment in the amount of \$4,200 for the General Maintenance Department; Heard a report from the Public Health Department and the Planning Department.

The court reviewed miscellaneous correspondences and discussed upcoming events.

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