

Oregon East Symphony to present season opening concert

The Oregon East Symphony will start its 2009-2010 concert season with a very special "Farewell to Kenneth Woods" concert.

On Saturday, October 24th at 7:30pm in the historic Vert Auditorium (400 SW Dorion Avenue), outgoing conductor and music director Kenneth Woods, will conduct the Symphony for the last time. World renowned pianist James Dick will grace the Vert stage to present Mozart's Piano Concerto in A Major # 23. Rounding out the repertoire will be Schumann's Symphony #2 and a performance of Mozart's Paris Symphony # 31 in D major. The concert is sponsored by a grant from the Kinsman Foundation of Milwaukie.

This concert is a celebration of the accomplishments of Ken Woods during his service as conductor and music director of the Oregon East Symphony from 2000 to 2009. After relocating to Wales in 2003, Woods maintained his connection to the symphony, commuting across the At-

lantic for concerts and other events. Woods announced his decision to pursue his career in Europe in October of 2008. "It wasn't an easy decision to make, or to announce," said Woods. "I've genuinely loved every concert and project we've done throughout these nine years, and I've made many life-long friends here. But, moving ahead is important for all artists, and, much as I'll miss my friends in the orchestra and the community, it's time to move on to new projects and new challenges."

The concert will be followed by a reception for Ken Woods where all symphony patrons are invited to wish him well.

Tickets for the Saturday concert are \$20/\$16 for adults and \$17/\$13 for seniors. Children, student and family rates also available. Tickets for both these events are available through the Oregon East Symphony office (345 SW 4th Street, call (541) 276-0320, or email info@oregoneast-symphony.org, Armchair Books, or at the door.

OWGL to hold meeting

The Oregon Wheat Growers League Marketing Committee invites all growers and interested persons to attend the October Statewide Marketing Education Series meeting Thursday, October 15. The meeting will be held via video conference at locations throughout the state to provide the latest, pertinent marketing information to benefit all Oregon producers.

This month, Dan Steiner will present the latest supply and demand numbers, and Darren Padgett, OWGL vice president will cover current grain price information.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to the location you plan to attend for the meeting to confirm your attendance and their participation on the call.

Heppner football program to host soup feed

The Heppner football program will be hosting a soup feed tailgate party at the Heppner vs. Pilot Rock game on Friday, October 16. Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. through halftime of the game. The cost will be \$5 for soup, roll, dessert and drink.

Wind farm quarry & cement plant gets OK from planning commission

303-turbine Shepherds Flats once called 'world's largest'

The Morrow County Planning Commission on September 29 approved a cement batch plant to be used in the construction of the 303-turbine Shepherds Flats Wind Farm, once touted as the biggest wind farm in the world, planned for Morrow and Gilliam Counties.

Construction of the facility was given the okay by the state on September 11 and the construction company is moving forward quickly on the 909 megawatts facility.

Construction company WI, Inc of Arlington will operate the cement plant on property owned by Dana and Tonya Heideman off Fourmile Canyon Road near Morgan in Western Morrow County.

At the same time the commission approved a quarry to supply rock for the cement plant.

According to the license the cement plant will operate for no more than 45 days. The quarry is okayed to produce less than 500,000 tons of rock

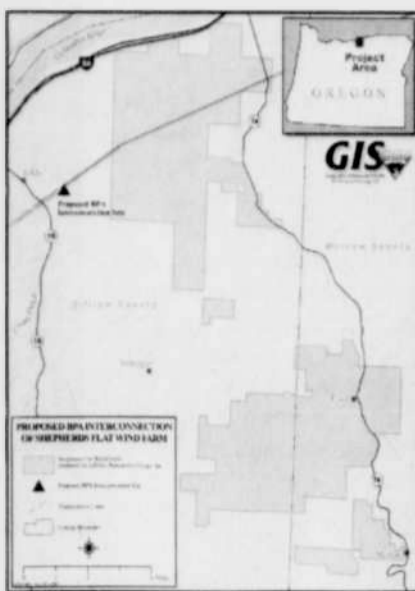
OWGL and OWC to hold joint meeting

Oregon Wheat Grower's League President Jeff Newton and OWC Chair Chris Rauch invite the grower community to actively engage in the activities planned for October 19, beginning with Task Force Recommendations regarding the "Vision and Next Steps for the Industry" at 10:30 a.m., followed by the lunch scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Shilo Inn in The Dalles.

and according to the construction company the wind facility development will require 250 tons per hour of crushed rock, which translates to about 10.5 trucks per hour utilizing Fourmile Canyon Road and Palmateer Road. The company is required repair and maintain roads used in construction of the facility.

The quarry will use about 10 acres of ground for the rock which will be made into cement for the footings of the large wind towers and for road construction on the wind farm site.

The wind farm is being developed by Life-Line Development Group, LLC of Sacramento, CA.



Oregon wind farm could be world's largest

Editor's Note: The following article ran in the Portland Business Journal on Monday, July 28, 2008.

The Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council gave its approval of the site of a wind farm billed to be the largest in the world.

The Shepherd's Flat Wind Farm, which would span Gilliam and Morrow counties in north-central Oregon, is proposed to have 303 wind turbines with a peak capacity of 909 megawatts -- instantly doubling the state's current wind-generated capacity of 889 megawatts, making it one of the largest wind farms in the country.

"This is a tremendous day for renewable energy in Oregon," Michael Grainger, director of the Oregon Department of Energy, said in a news release. The project is being developed by Caithness Shepherds Flat, LLC of Sacramento, Calif., which says Shepherds Flat will be the largest single wind farm in the world. Currently, the largest operating wind farm in the United States is Horse Hollow in Texas at 736 MW.

The Shepherd's Flat project area is between highways 19 and 74 on privately owned land, about five miles southeast of Arlington. The power output of the facility would enter the Federal Columbia River Transmission System through Bonneville Power Administration's Slatt Substation. Other renewable energy projects currently under review by the Oregon Department of Energy include the 400 MW Golden Hills Wind Farm in Sherman County and the 143 MW Newberry Geothermal Project in Deschutes County.

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sure is surtax on families making \$250,000 or more a year or individuals making \$125,000 or more. The other is a corporate income tax. Burrows said the district could lose a million dollars if those referendums are passed. He also said that PERS (public employee retirement) costs for the district could go up six percent next year and another six percent the following year.

Also at the meeting, the board heard a presentation on replacing the aging and inefficient heating and air conditioning system and installing an ADA elevator at Riverside High School in Boardman. Mitch Crowe with Absolute Engineering told the board that costs for a new system are estimated in the \$1.6 million range. He said that his company is exploring obtaining grants and stimulus monies to help offset some of the costs.

In other business, the board:

- viewed a presentation from Umatilla-Morrow ESD by Eric Yolger on "Elluminate" "an alternative delivery learning program" which could facilitate interactive on-line courses.

- heard a presentation by Jacque Johnson, Sam Boardman Elementary School principal, on the school's emphasis on English language learning in all aspects of the curriculum.

- approved revised policy concerning criminal records checks and fin-

gerprinting as required by state law.

- received the following attendance report as of October 1: A.C. Houghton Elementary (grades kindergarten through three)-265; Heppner Elementary School (grades K-six)-196; Heppner Jr./Sr. High School (grades seven-12)-224; Irrigon Elementary School (grades four-six)-198; Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School (grades seven-12)-336; Riverside Jr./Sr. High School (grades seven-12)-428; Sam Boardman Elementary (grades K-three)-324; Windy River Elementary School (grades four-six)-218; Morrow Education Center (Morrow County School District students)-21; MEC (Umatilla School District)-49; for a total of 2259.

- accepted the following resignations: Wendy Cannin, HHS business and math teacher and Heppner Junior High School head volleyball coach; Martha Carmona, SBE four-hour assistant cook; Eric Keller, IJSH assistant wrestling coach; David Norton, HJH head football coach; Dawn Callow, RJH head track coach; Kyle Carpenter, RHS assistant baseball coach.

- approved the following employment: Matt Caldwell, HHS math and business teacher temporary contract.

- approved the following extra duty contracts: Madison Rosenbalm, HJH .6 time assistant volleyball coach; Megan Asuncion, RJH .7 time assistant volleyball coach; Vern Gumbert IJH head football coach; Jason Dunten, IJSH head wrestling coach.

- heard the following announcements: Oregon School Board Association fall regional meeting, Blue Mountain Community College, October 29, 6 p.m.; next board meeting, Morrow Education Center, November 9, 7 p.m.; Veteran's Day holiday, November 11; OSBA convention, Portland, November 12-15; Thanksgiving holiday, November 26, 27.

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