

~ Letters to the Editor ~

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR  
QUALIFICATIONS FOR  
Logging Services  
Contractor**  
Morrow County Public Works Projects - Morrow County, Oregon  
Morrow County, Oregon, requests proposals for a qualified Logging Services Contractor to provide logging services for various County Public Works projects. Contractors submitting qualifications shall be considered based upon the following general evaluation criteria:

1. Fee schedule.
2. Experience.
3. Method of approach.
4. Availability of labor and equipment.

Copies of the Request for Qualifications may be obtained from Morrow County Public Works, P.O. Box 428, 365 W Hwy 74, Lexington, Oregon 97839, (541) 989-9500. Complete proposals will be accepted at the same address no later than 4:00 p.m., July 23, 2010. Any questions or concerns may be addressed to Sandi Putman.  
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*Deadline  
for Classified  
Advertising:  
Monday 5:00 pm*

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

**The incredible 'Heppner Hospitality' Out of communities' control?**

My name is Jeff Ferguson and I'm the Promotions and Visitor Center Director for Gold Beach.

I'm compelled to write about the incredible 'Heppner Hospitality' I received during my visit to your city last Friday, June 25. The last time I was there was nearly 30 years ago.

I spent a fair amount of time in Heppner as a young boy and have some great memories of visiting my grandparents (Gene and Fay Ferguson). My Dad was C.E. Ted Ferguson, who was 'born and raised' in Heppner. My grandparents had the stucco house right there on Willow Creek, a ranch in Sand Hollow and the Shell service station and Chevy dealership. The house still looks to be in great shape and the Forest Service building now stands where the station and dealership once was.

While distinctly different, Gold Beach and Heppner are both located in beautiful 'country' and have much in common. Both communities appear to be filled with friendly, hard-working people. In fact, it's the people of Heppner that inspired me to write.

While wandering around town on my 'trip down memory lane', I met a nice lady who was walking her dog. She took the time to stop and visit. Then I filled up at the Shell station where I received great service and friendly conversation.

I then stopped at your Chamber of Commerce and met Sheryll Bates. She was wonderful and introduced me to a couple of other ladies in the same building who knew of my family. Ms. Bates then got on the phone and arranged for someone to meet me at your great museum, which was not set to open for three hours. Even though I told her not to bother anyone on my account, she insisted that "this is what we do".

At the museum, I was greeted by a gentleman by the name of Cliff Green who opened up just for me. What a 'treasure' this man is. Mr. Green was incredibly patient with all my questions and ramblings stories about my trips to Heppner in my youth. He was a wealth of information about my family.

If I could convince Sheryll and Cliff to relocate to Gold Beach, I would put them to work right here in the Gold Beach Visitor Center. They were exceptional.

Ironically, your Heppner Mustangs will meet my Gold Beach Panthers in the season-opening football game here in Gold Beach September 3. On this night, my dad will be amongst the first to be inducted into the 'Gold Beach High School Athletic Hall of Fame'. He played for the Mustangs and was instrumental in starting our 'Booster Club' and bringing football to Gold Beach. He was big on 'sportsmanship', so my family will be cheering for both teams but you can tell Coach Grant that I said, "Bring on the Mustangs".  
Jeff Ferguson  
Gold Beach

Time and time again we in eastern Oregon have to fight for what we believe in and value.

Sometimes it is an issue of political importance, sometimes it's an economic, ethical or moral issue and other times it is our cultural way of life as compared to Washington D.C. or western Oregon. We in eastern Oregon have much to be proud of and to fight for. I believe our communities are some of the best anywhere; for raising families, for working, for educating, for volunteering and for participating in caring, close knit communities whose citizens value, support and help each other. We can, and at times do, become complacent (or weary) and take these qualities for granted. Now however, is not the time.

Today the threat to our communities comes in the form of a hostile, unwanted takeover attempt of a long-time community member, the Bank of Eastern Oregon. A well managed, local company that has recently been recognized as one of the top 200 community banks for performance in the nation (#25 to be exact, out of 7607). No doubt why it is attracting unwanted, out-of-state attention from Community Bank. Why is this any concern to us? Why should this 'business decision' worry us?

Because of the tremendous amount of business and community support from the Bank of Eastern Oregon that would be lost if Community Bank manages to take over control. Community Bank, a bank started in eastern Oregon, recently moved its primary, corporate offices to Washington state, out of Joseph, out of eastern Oregon, out of Oregon. How is this good for its original supporters and employees? How is this good for Joseph and Wallowa County? Why would Community Bank treat the Bank of Eastern Oregon's corporate offices any differently? A 'top 200' bank merged into one of lesser ranking? How would this help us?

The Bank of Eastern Oregon's support takes many, many forms and is felt in all of our communities, none more so than the Willow Creek Valley. The bank's mission of providing quality banking services to small eastern Oregon towns that might not otherwise have a local, in-town bank is only the beginning of these benefits. The importance of jobs, over 100 company wide and 40 locally, and the contributions of their employees' work and volunteering is of immense benefit to the vitality of our towns, businesses, schools, districts, teams, clubs, charities and projects. The loss of local, in-state, eastern Oregon control of this bank would cause irreparable and likely irreversible damage to our communities. I believe the take-over would have the very same devastating economic and social effects on our lives as did the loss of the Kinzua sawmill; loss of jobs, loss of employees, loss of volunteers, loss of community service, loss of economic viability, loss of families and loss of students.

I welcome healthy banking competition in our towns, I do not, however welcome or believe that the unwanted take-over of the Bank of Eastern Oregon would be anything but detrimental to our quality of life. If you feel similarly, please take a moment to contact your local branch of the "Bank of EO" and find out how you can voice your concern and support.  
John Murray  
Heppner

**Ione Minors post winning season**

The Ione Market Minors posted a winning season of 9-1-2 behind the leadership of third year starting pitcher Aaron Smythe, who had a 48.8% strike out rate, with solid relief from Logan Burright and closing pitchers, Jake Heideman and Syd Stefani. Adding depth to the pitching squad was JR Verduzco. The pitchers threw to the rock solid glove of Maggie Flynn who worked 62 of 66 innings behind the plate this season.



Pictured are: Back Row - JR Verduzco, Ashley Medina, Hannah Flynn, Syd Stefani, Yaneri Calvillo, and Hannah Jo Padberg. Front Row - Maggie Flynn, Matt Orem, Hunter Padberg, Aaron Smythe, and Logan Burright. Not Pictured: Jake Heideman and Emma Rietmann. -Contributed Photo

The Cardinals held their opponents to 39 runs this season while scoring 76. Syd Stefani, at first base, led the team in outs followed by second baseman, Hannah Jo Padberg, who also contributed several assists. All the pitchers did their part, with Smythe leading the team in assists followed closely by Burright, both contributing their share of outs as well. Burright, Heideman and Verduzco split the duties at third base when they weren't on the mound. At age 7, the youngest member of the team, Hunter Padberg, worked hard to earn the start at shortstop, proved his mettle by capping off the infield stats.

In the outfield, first year walk on Yaneri Calvillo, at 11, the oldest member of the team, earned the start at left while veteran Hannah Flynn manned right. JR Verduzco played a wide center commanding the outfield with his speed and providing backup and a long arm to the ladies when needed, earning top outfield

honors. Hunter Padberg and Syd Stefani provided relief out the top five. Burright led in triples and Smythe had an infield homerun. Hunter Padberg hit a respectable .409.

Every member of the team had at least two RBIs with JR Verduzco taking top honors with 15, despite a late season hitting slump. Smythe, Medina and Burright, with H.J. Padberg rounding out the top, followed him in double digits.

Scott Smythe coaches the Ione Market Minors with assistance at first base by Dustin Padberg. Don and Willa Coe of Ione Market for sponsored the team, Tony Bolin and Loren Heideman umpired the games, Claudia Smythe kept score, Kemery Burright was the dugout mom, Karen Padberg managed the snack shack, and Marlinda Flynn, Dennis Stefani and Deacon and Erin Heideman helped with practice.

**FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

A meeting of the Heppner Rural Fire Protection District will be held on July 06, 2010 at 5:30 pm at 180 Rock Street, Heppner, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, as approved by the Heppner Rural Fire Protection District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 180 Rock Street Heppner, Oregon between the hours of 5:15 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is consistent with the basis of accounting used during the preceding year.

Major changes, if any, and their effect on the budget, are explained below. This budget is for an Annual Period.

County	City	Chairperson of Governing Body	Telephone Number
Morrow	Heppner	Don Bennett	541-676-9771

	TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	
	Adopted Budget This Year 2009-2010	Approved Budget Next Year 2010-2011
1. Total Personal Services	\$750	\$750
2. Total Materials and Supplies	34,775	39,475
3. Total Capital Outlay	87,800	85,047
4. Total Debt Service		
5. Total Transfers	10,000	1,675
6. Total Contingencies		
7. Total Reserves and Special Payments		
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	883	0
9. Total Requirements - add Lines 1 through 8	134,208	126,947
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	93,400	87,047
11. Total Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	40,808	39,900
12. Total Resources - add Lines 10 and 11	134,208	126,947
13. Total Property Taxes Estimated to be Received (line 11)	40,808	39,900
14. Plus: Estimated Property Taxes Not To Be Received		
A. Loss Due to Constitutional Limits	0	0
B. Discounts Allowed, Other Uncollected Amounts	2,329	4,347
15. Total Tax Levied	43,137	44,247
	Rate or Amount	Rate or Amount
16. Permanent Rate Limit Levy (rate limit)	0.7906	0.7906
17. Local Option Taxes	0	0
18. Levy for Bonded Debt or Obligations	0	0

**STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS**

Debt Outstanding:  None  As Summarized Below  Debt Authorized, Not Incurred:  None  As Summarized Below

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Long-Term Debt	Estimated Debt Outstanding at the Beginning of the Budget Year		Estimated Debt Authorized, Not Incurred at the Beginning of the Budget Year	
	July 01, 2010	July 1, 2010	July 01, 2010	July 1, 2010
Bonds				
Interest Bearing Warrants				
Other				
Total Indebtedness	0	0	0	0

**FORM LB-2 FUNDS NOT REQUIRING A PROPERTY TAX TO BE LEVIED**

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Name of Fund:	Actual Data Last Year 2008-09	Adopted Budget This year 2009-10	Approved Budget Next Year 2010-11
Heppner Rural Fire - Equipment Fund			
1. Total Personal Services			
2. Total Materials and Services			
3. Total Capital Outlay	26,421	87,800	85,047
4. Total Debt Service			
5. Total Transfers			
6. Total Contingencies			
7. Total Reserves and Special Payments			
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	0		
9. Total Requirements	26,421	87,800	85,047
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	103,170	87,800	85,047

**FORM LB-3 FUNDS REQUIRING A PROPERTY TAX TO BE LEVIED**

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Name of Fund:	Actual Data Last Year 2008-09	Adopted Budget This year 2009-10	Approved Budget Next Year 2010-11
Heppner Rural Fire - General Fund			
1. Total Personal Services	\$750	\$750	\$750
2. Total Materials and Services	33,210	34,775	39,475
3. Total Capital Outlay			
4. Total Debt Service			
5. Total Transfers	8,000	10,000	1,675
6. Total Contingencies			
7. Total Reserves and Special Payments			
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance		883	0
9. Total Requirements	41,960	46,408	41,900
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	9,404	5,600	2,000
11. Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	40,080	40,808	39,900
12. Total Resources (add lines 10 and 11)	49,484	46,408	41,900
13. Property Taxes Estimated to be Received (line 11)		40,808	39,900
14. Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received			
A. Loss Due to Constitutional Limit		0	0
B. Discounts Allowed, Other Uncollected Amounts		2,329	4,347
15. Total Tax Levied		43,137	44,247
		Rate or Amount	Rate or Amount
16. Permanent Rate Limit Levy (rate limit = 0.7906)		0.7906	0.7906
17. Local Option Taxes		0	0
18. Levy for Bonded Debt or Obligations		0	0

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