

BEO employees to cook, serve at Snack Shack



Snack shack volunteers

Bank of Eastern Oregon employees are ready to cook and serve at the Morrow County 4-H Snack Shack during Mor-

row County Fair & Rodeo week. "BEO staff volunteers annually on Thursday of fair week and they look forward to seeing you

there," said a bank spokesperson. "Be sure to come by for something to eat and drink and support your Morrow County 4-H'ers."

Century Link to speak at Chamber lunch

CenturyLink will be the speaker for Thursday's chamber lunch meeting. They will be making giving a presentation about CenturyLink and talking about the mergers with Embarq and Qwest and community involvement in the communities they serve.

Lunch will be served at 12 p.m. and the cost will be \$9. Murray's will be catering the lunch and will be serving barbecue beef sandwiches, salad and dessert.

Those planning to attend should RSVP their attendance no later than Wednesday, July 28, so enough lunch and seating can be accommodated

DEQ seeks comments on Boardman coal-fired plant operation

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking comments from the business community regarding proposed controls and continued operation of PGE's Boardman coal fired electricity generating facility.

The facility is facing several sets of regulatory requirements to control various emissions plus unknown future expenditures to meet possible federal or state greenhouse mandates. "Because of the associated high capital and operating costs for such a wide range of controls, PGE has proposed to install a subset of the controls and operate the plant until 2020, after which time the load would be replaced by a new natural gas fired facility and other sources," said a PGE news release.

Additional options include installation of the full set of controls and operate until 2040 or, as being strongly pushed by the Sierra Club, close the facility in 2014. PGE's offer to the DEQ, <http://broadcast.aoi.org/go2.shtm>

www.2020Boardman.com which entailed the installation of millions of dollars of new controls prior to its 2020 shutdown, was rejected.

The DEQ has countered with a much more expensive plan requiring not only \$300 million of additional expenditures, but closure two years earlier, in 2018. The extra cost for controls and alternative sources of power can be expected to be borne by rate payers. The AOI Board of Directors has gone on record as opposing a pre-2020 shutdown. For more information and to register your support with the DEQ in favor of PGE's Boardman *2020 Plan*, please go to [www.2020Boardman.com](http://broadcast.aoi.org/go2.shtm) or <http://broadcast.aoi.org/go2.shtm>

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Chinook season on Imnaha and Wallowa rivers to close after July 25

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife today announced an emergency closure of the spring chinook fishery on the Imnaha and Wallowa rivers effective at sundown on Sunday, July 25. Both fisheries had been extended since July 12 because of high water levels that reduced fishing opportunities and larger-than-expected returns to both rivers.

The closure was recommended because harvest quotas are close to being met, and high water

temperatures make it difficult to catch and release fish safely, says ODFW. In addition, according to ODFW, biologists have observed anglers catching fewer fish because of the low flows and elevated water temperatures. "We've seen great catch rates during the fishery extension, and we're happy anglers were able to take advantage of the additional opportunity," said Jeff Yanke, ODFW district fish biologist. "But now it's time to take the fishing pressure off these salmon for the upcoming spawning season."

Arlington man wins Lions Club Gun



Joe Claughton with gun

Joe Claughton of Arlington was winner of the Heppner Lions Club gun. The gun was a Winchester srx 270 with a variable scope.

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with the dust abatement, and should have it finished by Thursday. A grader has been grading on some rough portions of the Penland Lake Road and the Ditch Creek Road. The crew is in the process of moving the crusher units from the Clarks Canyon pit to the OHV pit. On July 20 the crew had their annual mine safety training for the entire crew. This training covers mine safety as well as first aid, CPR and AED usage. Signs on Tower Road, Kunze Lane and Columbia Avenue were replaced or repaired. Burke O'Brien, public works director provided the court with an amended work schedule for July, August and September. O'Brien then reported that at this time there is no plan to do any paving projects. Instead the paving dollars will be spent on doing patching work on several roads. O'Brien also stated that the Road Committee was to meet on July 27th at the Port of Morrow where they will be working on some long range planning for road improvements.

Public Hearing:

A public hearing was held for the Willow Farms Aggregate Site. The court upheld the planning commission's recommendation to approve this application. The approximate 30-acre site will be deemed by the county to be a significant source of aggregate site and to approve the mining of the aggregate. The comprehensive plan and map will be amended to include the site and a "significant resource overlay zone" will apply to this area.

Planning: Carla McLane, planning director, provided the second reading for the Sidney and Randy Britt aggregate site ordinance. The court then adopted and signed the ordinance for the approximately 40 acres aggregate site in the Big Butter Creek Road area. McLane announced that newly sworn in Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has submitted his letter of resignation from the planning commission. McLane then informed the court that there will be an effort to fill the position with someone from the greater Boardman

area.

The court conducted the following business: Reviewed and signed an order designating the Heppner Gazette Times as the official newspaper for the publishing of the 2010 foreclosures. The court approved a job description and pay range for a "Public Health Capacity Building Coordinator" position being funded with grant funds. This is a part time position and when the funding is gone the position will be terminated. The court reviewed, approved and signed the statement of investment policy and objectives for the county's retirement fund. The court reviewed and signed amendment #3 for the IGA with the State of Oregon for the Healthy Start Program in the amount of \$64,862.00.

Various correspondences and upcoming meeting notices were reviewed and discussed.

If you would like to be placed on the list to receive county minutes, please contact Karen Wolff at (541)676-5620.

Boardman Rural Fire District uses social network sites to improve communication

In an effort to communicate better with the population it serves, the Boardman Rural Fire District has launched Facebook and Twitter pages to reach as broad a segment of Boardman residents as possible.

In addition to the fire district's website (www.boardmanfire.com), anyone interested in getting the most up to date information may subscribe to their social networking sites. "Become a 'fan' on Facebook (Boardman Rural Fire District), and become a 'follower' on Twitter (BoardmanFD). There will also be links from the website to the other accounts, said

Chief Marc Rogelstad.

"The use of these sites to communicate has gotten to the point that we thought it was important for the fire district to be part of that," said Rogelstad. "Our goal is to keep the Boardman community informed about not only what the fire district is doing, but also to get important messages about fire safety to the public. This seems to be an effective method to do that, and it doesn't cost anything."

The fire district plans on posting updates on such things as events involving the fire district, answers to commonly asked questions, and fire safety tips.

Sally Cohn's TV schedule

Former Heppner resident Sally Cohn, who recently went to the America's got talent finals with her hand whistling act, did not appear on the Today Show as previously reported in The Gazette. In an email to the Gazette, Cohn said she was on Channel 2 AM Northwest show. She also said "I'll also be appearing on an afternoon show on Channel Six Thursday, July 29, between 4 and 5 p.m."

Parks Committee to meet in Boardman

The Morrow County Parks Committee will meet for their semi-annual meeting on Monday, August 2, at noon at the Port of Morrow Building in the Sand Hollow Room.

It is a working lunch meeting so those attending are asked to bring their own lunch; drinks will be provided.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by August 1 to 541-989-8214.

The public is welcome and their input is welcome, said a committee spokesperson. Agenda items include the review and approval of the Parks Master Plan, updates on park projects, scheduled events and grant updates.

Bucknum's Catering
 Serving BBQ Brisket & Pulled Pork Sandwiches plus Homemade Potato Salad, Coleslaw & Cowboy Beans

In conjunction with Murray's Wine Tasting August 5, 6:00 p.m. At the Fairgrounds



Host an Exchange Student Today!



Hanna from Norway, 16 yrs.
Likes skiing, swimming, dancing and art. Hanna hopes to join a drama club while in the USA.



Klaus from Germany, 17 yrs.
Loves camping and playing soccer. Klaus' dream has been to spend a school year in the USA.

Make a lifelong friend from abroad.
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Senior Center Menu

United Methodist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, July 28. The menu will include Caesar chicken, rice pilaf, green salad, three-bean salad, fruit cocktail, hot rolls, and turtle pie.

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