

Photo of Ione Class of 1911 found, IDs needed



Pictured above are members of the Ione Class of 1911. The photo was recently found and submitted by Linda Bristow to the Heppner Gazette-Times. Anyone that can identify an of the people in this photo can contact Bristow at 541-422-2748. -Contributed Photo

COAL PLANT

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more than PGE's 2020 plan, which would result in higher cost to customers for just six years of operation with new controls.

PGE says at this time the only option both the company and the DEQ agree on is to keep the plant open, after installation of expensive new scrubbers, until 2040. "If we do not receive approval of our 2020 plan then we will install the scrubbers and operate until 2040," Buck said.

Over 110 people living in both Morrow and Umatilla Counties will lose their jobs when the plant closes. South Morrow County has about 10 people working at the plant.

Closing the plant is also going to effect electrical rates. Under the three DEQ plans rates would increase from between 3.2

percent to 4.6 percent per year. Under PGE's 2020 plan rates will increase 2.4 percent a year, and if the plant is upgraded and operated until 2040 electrical rates will go up 3.2 percent. "Closing earlier that 2020 could increase customer costs by hundreds of millions of dollars," Buck said.

In addition to the inexpensive electricity the plant produces, one other advantage to keeping it open is what is called load balancing. "On the coldest day of the year the windmills do not turn, and on the hottest day of the year they do not produce any electricity either," Buck said. The coal plant delivers constant reliable power whenever we need it," she said. Fifteen percent of PGE's total power is produced by the coal plant. Boardman is one

of about 1,400 coal plants nationwide.

Additionally Buck said PGE is exploring other fuel besides coal to fuel the plant. The company is looking at the potential use of Giant Cane as a replacement biofuel. The cane could be grown near Boardman, charred and used as a coal replacement.

The DEQ has been holding public hearings to gather input on the different plans on the table. The deadline for public comments to the DEQ is October 1, and those who wish to submit comments can send them to DEQ, 811 SW 6th Ave., Portland, OR 97204, ATT: Brian Finneman. The email for comment is newbart4pge@deq.state.or.us. The decision will be made by the six member DEQ board possibly at a December 9 meeting.

Mustang Football Schedule

- Oct. 1 - Elgin at home, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 8 - at Stanfield, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 22 - Pilot Rock at home, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 29 - Weston McEwen at home, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 5 - at Irrigon, 7 p.m.

Cardinal Football Schedule

- Oct. 1 - Dufur at home, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 7 - Condon-Wheeler at home, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 22 - at Arlington, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 5 - at Echo, 7 p.m.

Cardinal Volleyball Schedule

- Oct. 1 - at home vs. Dufur (JV/V), 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 2 - at home vs. Helix (JV/V), 1 p.m.
- Oct. 7 - at home vs. Condon Wheeler (JV/V), 4:30 p.m.

Heppner Volleyball Schedule

- Sept. 30 - at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 2 - 4-Way Tournament at Enterprise, noon.
- Oct. 7 - at home vs. Stanfield, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 9 - at Weston, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 14 - at Irrigon, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 16 - 4-Way Tournament at Weston Mc, noon.
- Oct. 21 - at home vs. Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 23 - 4-Way Tournament at home, noon.

HEALTH DISTRICT

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fore non-operating revenues, of \$963,128 in 2010, \$1,095,055 in 2009 and \$783,574 in 2008.

In non-operating revenues, the district brought in \$1,133,683 in property tax revenue, compared to only \$658,490, without serial levy funds, in 2009, and \$1,002,185 in '08.

Donations and non-capital grants in 2010 came to \$21,504 in '10, \$111,366 in '09 and \$23,981 in '08. Interest earnings were \$40,997 in '10, \$43,912 in '09 and \$81,239 in '08.

Total non-operating gains (net) in '10 were \$1,163,923, for a \$200,795 increase in net assets for the year; total non-operating gains in '09 were \$707,900 for a \$387,155 loss in net assets; and \$1,013,552 in non operating gains for a \$229,978 increase in net assets for '08.

Capeller told the board that one of the most pressing issues facing the district is the recently passed health care reform legislation. He said that increased coverage of citizens "will likely benefit the district; however there are also portions that may reduce reimbursement to providers and facilities." He also said that pending legislation that would change the requirements for physician supervision of some outpatient treatments is a concern to rural hospitals.

He also touched on the impending requirement for all hospitals to switch from paper to electronic health records by 2015. MCHD is currently in the process of researching vendors and systems toward that requirement.

He also cautioned

the district concerning AIG, which had received a Federal Reserve loan up to 85 billion and recommended that the district monitor the financial health of AIG and its subsidiaries with regard to employees' retirement funds. It was noted that "while -the district is "not legally responsible for the retirement funds on deposit, it shares a fiduciary responsibility with AIG."

Capeller also warned the district that the "IRS has gotten more aggressive" and may demand a new reporting requirement, filing a 990 form, that the district has not been required to do previously. "The rules say you don't have to," said Capeller. "The IRS says you do for a dual exemption status."

In other business at the meeting the board:

-learned from CEO Michael Blauer that the Pioneer Memorial Clinic reception area remodel is almost complete and will increase patient privacy. He said that as soon as the Pioneer Memorial Hospital patient room remodel is completed, work is expected to begin on the clinic's patient rooms.

-learned from Blauer that the district's community health program is in full swing.

-heard from Blauer said that work toward purchase of a CT scanner is still underway.

-received the following report for August: Pioneer Memorial Hospital had six admissions, two swing bed admissions, 13 patients admitted for observation, 452 total outpatients with 57 total emergency room encounters, 1547 lab tests, 118 x-ray proce-

dures, 21 CT scans, 23 EKG tests, four colonoscopy procedures, two endoscopy procedures, 16 respiratory therapy procedures; Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 422 patient visits with 35 new patients, 33 seen by a nurse and eight no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 209 patient visits with 19 new patients, 37 seen by a nurse and 23 no-shows; Heppner Ambulance had 11 total page-outs with 10 transports for \$12,315 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 35 total page-outs with 17 transports for \$19,196 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 24 total page-outs with 14 transports for \$15,311 in revenue; there was one flight; Hospice had 78 patient visits; Home Health had 103 patient visits; pharmacy had 507 drug doses for \$47,147 in drug revenue.

-received the following profit/loss statement for August: the district had \$515,010 in gross patient revenue and \$124,774 in revenue deductions with \$94,733 in tax revenue and \$37,052 in other operating revenue for \$522,022 in total operating revenue; \$581,098 in total operating expenses and a \$11,126 non-operating gain for a loss of \$47,950 for the month and a \$40,417 average monthly year-to-date loss. Chief Financial Officer Nicole Mahoney told the board that much of the loss could be directly attributed to the gross patient revenue.

-learned that the district received a \$11,000 education grant from Workforce Training through Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group in Heppner.

PAROLE & PROBATION

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of the problems in the past was people on parole in Morrow County had to travel to Umatilla County for counseling and other services, and sometimes they would use the traveling as an excuse to not continue

with the counseling. "If we have the services right here in Morrow County then there are fewer excuses."

"Our priorities are number one public safety, number two accountability (of those on parole) and three behavioral treatment,"

Matlack said. He had high praise for Kimberly Lindsay of Community Counseling Solutions whose department works closely to provide various counseling services to the parolees.

Robbins was hired in July to run the new department and he comes here with experience having previously worked in a similar position in Harney County. Working with Robbins will be Bowles who has eight years with the county as a patrol deputy. "John is an excellent deputy and has become certified as a probation officer," the Sheriff said.


Matlack also said the county has taken over the workforce program and people are now likely to see a Community Correction vans around with people doing work in the communities.

Robbins said he sees his job working with paroles as picking people up and pointing them in the right direction. "But different groups have different levels of success with supervision. He grew up on a family dairy farm and worked seven years as a correction officer. He went to Harney County in 2002 to work for six years in the parole department there, five years as the supervisor. "He is very knowledgeable and will be a great benefit to our program here in Morrow County," Matlack said.

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COMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 30th:
HUNTER'S NIGHT - RAFFLE
Rib Dinner: 6:30pm
For Information, Contact: The Lodge




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