

# PGE to host March 10 open house on upcoming Boardman-area projects

Projects include improvements to Boardman Plant, biomass pilot project, proposed natural gas-fired plant and proposed transmission line

Portland General Electric will hold an open house Thursday, March 10, at the Port of Morrow conference center to discuss next steps for the Boardman Power Plant and proposals for a new transmission project and a new natural gas-fired plant in the Boardman area.

The open house will be held from 4-7 p.m. at the Port offices, 2 Marine Drive. Presentations and time for follow-up questions will be offered at 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. PGE staff will be available to answer individual questions throughout the event.

### The Boardman Plant

The Oregon Environmental Quality Commission decided in December that PGE may continue to operate the Boardman Plant for 10 more years, providing that the company installs new controls to reduce certain air emissions. At the open house,

PGE staff will explain the controls being installed and the construction schedule. In addition, they will discuss plans to test the possibility of using biomass to replace coal as the plant's fuel, which could allow the plant to continue operating past 2020. As part of that project, local farmers will be growing Giant Cane as the test fuel.

### Proposed Cascade Crossing Transmission Project

PGE is proposing a new transmission project to enhance reliability of the region's electrical grid, enable development of more renewable power projects and help meet Oregon's growing energy needs. The proposal includes a 500-kilovolt transmission line that would begin in Boardman and end east of Salem. It also includes a new substation near the Boardman Plant.

PGE has identified two study corridors in the

Boardman area; both begin at the Coyote Springs Plant and connect to the Boardman Plant before heading southwest toward Salem. At the open house, PGE will share maps of study corridors and gather feedback from property owners and community members as it works to identify more specific routes within the corridors.

### Proposed Carty Generating Station

PGE's 2009 Integrated Resource Plan calls for the company to build or buy power from a baseload natural gas-fired plant by 2015. Later this year, PGE expects to issue a request for proposals, which will allow PGE and other parties to propose different options to meet this need. As part of this process, PGE will propose building the Carty Generating Station, a 300-500 MW natural gas-

fired plant adjacent to the existing Boardman Plant. The Oregon Public Utility Commission will review final resource decisions to confirm the options selected are in the best interests of PGE customers.

If the Carty proposal is chosen, the plant's construction would create up to 500 jobs over three years, with 20 new permanent positions once completed. It also would add significant capital investment to the Morrow County tax base.

PGE has set up toll-free numbers where anyone can call and leave a voice mail with questions or comments on the projects. Voice mails will be returned no later than the following business day. For Cascade Crossing, call 1-877-268-2287; for the Carty Generating Station and Boardman Plant projects, call 1-866-933-9189.

# Baked potato fundraiser to be held March 19

A baked potato fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 19, in front of Hair I Am.

Cidney Coster, a sophomore at Heppner High School was recently elected to the National Youth Leadership Forum of Medicine in San Francisco, CA July 9-19. Proceeds from the sale will help pay her tuition.

# Pine Butterfly workshop to be held in Island City and John Day

A workshop about the Pine Butterfly will take place from 6-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, at the Ag Service Center in Island City, and from 6-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, at the Grant County Regional Airport conference room in John Day. If you are a woodland owner, logger or just interested from the general public, this informational workshop will help answer many of your questions.

Last year saw large numbers of pine butterflies fluttering in and around forests, especially (roughly) the south half of the Blue Mountains. Historically, there have been several reported pine butterfly outbreaks in the Inland Northwest but none have occurred more recently. Over the past couple of years there has been an expanding outbreak on the Malheur National Forest south of Prairie City and last summer adults were seen more widely. Also, the western spruce budworm has been defoliating firs mainly north of the pine butterfly outbreak area. This insect feeds primarily on grand fir (white fir) and

Douglas-fir. This program is intended to help better understand the pine butterfly, such as what the trends are, how to identify the insect and its damage, what the outbreak cycle/life cycle patterns are and what silviculture and management practices are recommended, as well as the challenges. Some brief comments regarding the western spruce budworm situation will also be provided.

Instructors are: Rob Flowers, entomologist, Oregon Department of Forestry; Lia Spiegel, entomologist, Forest Health Service Center, US Forest Service; Dave Shaw, forest health specialist, Oregon State University Extension Service; Paul Oester, OSU Extension Service; and Bob Parker OSU Extension Service.

For more information please call either the OSU Extension office in La Grande (541-963-1010) or Baker City (541-523-6418). Sponsors are OSU Extension Service, Oregon Department of Forestry and US Forest Service.

# Oregon High School Rodeo Association standing released

The Oregon High School Rodeo Association recently released the 2010-11 standings as of March 7. They are:

### Barrel Racing

-Blake Greenup, 6<sup>th</sup> place (22 points).

-Taighler Dougherty, 17<sup>th</sup> place (5 point).

### Pole Bending

-Blake Greenup, 1<sup>st</sup> place (47 points).

-Taighler Dougherty, 10<sup>th</sup> place (12.5 points).

-Whitley Reece, 13<sup>th</sup> place (10 points).

### Breakaway Roping

-Blake Greenup, 6<sup>th</sup> place (16 points).

-Taighler Dougherty, 22<sup>nd</sup> place (6 points).

### Goat Tying

-Blake Greenup, 17<sup>th</sup> place (4 points).

### Girls Rookie

-Blake Greenup, 2<sup>nd</sup> place (89 points).

### All Around

-Blake Greenup, 3<sup>rd</sup> place (89 points).

-Taighler Dougherty, 22<sup>nd</sup> place (23.5 points).

-Whitley Reece, 32<sup>nd</sup> place (10 points).

### Bull Riding

-Willy Gentry, 5<sup>th</sup>

place (9 points).

### Tie Down Roping

-Devin Robinson, 3<sup>rd</sup> place (27 points).

-Garrett Robins, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> place, (11 points).

### Steer Wrestling

-Garrett Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> place (25 points).

-Devin Robinson, 4<sup>th</sup> place (24 points).

-Willy Gentry, 10<sup>th</sup> place (8 points).

### Team Roping

-Devin and Garrett Robinson, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> place (16 points).

-Kaci Kamm and Tate Gentry, 37<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> place (6 points).

### Boys Rookie

-Tate Gentry, 7<sup>th</sup> place (6 points).

### Boys All Around

-Devin Robinson, 6<sup>th</sup> place (67 points).

-Garrett Robinson, 10<sup>th</sup> place (52 points).

-Willy Gentry, 21<sup>st</sup> place (17 points).

### Boys Team

-1<sup>st</sup> Intermountain (252.5 points)

### Girls Team

-1<sup>st</sup> Intermountain (317 points)

-6<sup>th</sup> Columbia Basin (69.5 points)

# Heppner Elks hold Old Timer's Night



The Heppner Elks Lodge #358 recently held their annual Old Timer's Night. A dinner was held prior to the Lodge meeting, and in attendance were many long-time Elks members. Many a tale was told and stories embellished. Pictured above with Exalted Ruler Mike Doherty (center) are left - Don Evans (67 year member) and right - Ernie McCabe (64 year member). -Contributed Photo

# Community members advise on health improvement

Community members representing all areas of Morrow County convened at the Port of Morrow on February 28 to make recommendations and help to create a vision of health that will affect residents, the health care system and the economy of Morrow County as part of an on-going effort by the Community Health Improvement Partnership of Morrow County (CHIP).

Community members provided their opinions about system improvements, prevention of health problems and what matters most to those who live, work and play here. CHIP received grant funding from the Regence and Pacific-

Source Foundations to help identify the health needs of the county and implement strategies to address the needs.

The priorities for wellness included: develop activity and fitness infrastructure and facilities, develop programs and services to support healthy lifestyles and enhance school-age and adult health education. The priorities identified for system changes included: improve communication and coordination of health services and system, extend hours services are available, create an information clearinghouse with outreach and health reporting and expand transportation options.

The advice obtained from the county-wide meeting will be combined with information collected in one-on-one community interviews and health and population data previously collected by the partnership. The next step for the Partnership will be to examine the combined results and develop options that will strengthen the health of Morrow County.

For more information contact Andrea Fletcher at (541) 989-8232.

# EOU's first-year experience program receives national attention

The success of Eastern Oregon University's efforts to engage first-year students is gaining recognition from the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

The organization's online newsletter, AAC&U News, features an article about EOU's First-Year Experience curriculum and its involvement with the tri-state initiative to "Give Students a Compass."

"This recognition of our work on high-impact practices underscores yet again the commitment of EOU faculty and staff to providing a high-quality and value-added education to our students and their communities throughout eastern Oregon," said Steve Adkison, provost and senior vice president of Academic Affairs at EOU.

AAC&U News editor Laura Donnelly-Smith interviewed EOU faculty and administrators for the piece. Sarah Witte, associate vice president of Academic Affairs and acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, spearheaded development of the First-Year Experience program in 2008.

The article highlights EOU's attention to high-impact teaching and learning practices through core courses, including the humanities.

"We wanted our first-year program to be a three-legged stool," Witte is quoted in the article. "It needs to provide academic support features, social opportunities for students to get to know each other and make EOU their home away from home, and also connect students to resources on campus that they might not know about."

Others interviewed include Christy Oliveri, First-Year Experience coordinator, Colleen Dunne-Cascio, director of Student Relations, and Nancy Knowles, associate professor of English and writing.

The electronic publication has a circulation of about 30,000 among AAC&U member campuses and is available at [www.aacu.org](http://www.aacu.org).

# Intermountain High School Rodeo Team results announced

The Intermountain High School Rodeo Team recently participated in the Umpqua Valley High School Rodeo February 25-27 in Eugene. The results

are as follows:

### Rodeo #1

Breakaway - Blake Greenup, 9<sup>th</sup> place (13.25)

Pole Bending - Blake Greenup, 3<sup>rd</sup> place (22.171)

Tie Down Roping - Garrett Robinson, 3<sup>rd</sup> place (11.90)

### Rodeo #2

Steer Wrestling - Garrett Robinson, 1<sup>st</sup> place (5.78); Devin Robinson, 4<sup>th</sup> place (15.18)

Breakaway - Blake Greenup, 1<sup>st</sup> place (3.80)

Team Roping - Garrett/Devin Robinson, 3<sup>rd</sup> place (9.16)

Tie Down Roping - Devin Robinson, 4<sup>th</sup> place (14.06); Garrett Robinson, 8<sup>th</sup> place (26.35)

Pole Bending - Blake Greenup, 2<sup>nd</sup> place (20.980)

Blake Greenup won the average coat for the two rodeos combined in the pole bending.

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