

ZeaChem adds \$5 million to ledgers

Biofuel producer ZeaChem, which will open a demonstration biorefinery plant in Boardman this month, continues to woo investors with promises of low-cost fuel.

The Lakewood, CO-based company recently added another \$5 million in equity financing to its ledgers, bringing its total venture capital investment to \$64 million, according to a regulatory filing and a company spokesman.

According to ZeaChem spokesman James Cortese, the company is "moving forward with its business strategy, which includes additional investments such as this."

ZeaChem's claim to fame is technology that enables the company to turn wood and other materials into ethanol. While that may not sound like news, the company says its process produces high yields and lower carbon dioxide emissions than other methods, yet at a lower cost.

According to Sustainable Business Oregon, the Boardman factory will use "proprietary technology based on bacteria found in the stomach of termites to convert leftover plant materials from local tree,

row-crop and wheat farms into fuel at a cash cost currently estimated at about 96 cents per gallon."

It's a prospect that certainly has investors interested. The \$5 million investment comes on the heels of \$19 million in Series C financing in October. Backers include Birchmere Ventures, Firelake Capital and Globespan Capital Partners. In September, ZeaChem also said it was part of a consortium of companies and universities that received a \$40 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"As an industry leader in the advanced bio-fuels and bio-based chemicals industries, ZeaChem's proven capability to produce economical and sustainable petroleum alternatives is an innovation we are pleased to add to our portfolio," said Sean D. S. Sebastian, partner of one of the company's recent investors, Birchmere Ventures. "ZeaChem has an experienced team in place to successfully implement its business strategy and transform the fuel and chemical industries."

ZeaChem also operates a research and development laboratory facility in Menlo Park, Calif.

County Court news Christmas tree permits available

The following is provided by Commissioner Leann Rea.

The Morrow County Court met on November 16 in Boardman with Commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance.

The court reviewed and approved the minutes of Nov. 9. The court also reviewed and approved account payables and retirement taxes in the net amount of \$196,038.90.

Mid Columbia Council of Governments-Transportation Programs Presentation: Transportation Director Dan Schwanz presented information to the court regarding the transportation of Medicaid patients for medical purposes. Schwanz informed the court that when these patients are transported by the County Transportation Program, the county is eligible for a reimbursement from the state. The

primary drawback to participation in this program is the need to have background checks, other tests and ongoing training for all drivers. However, with the additional funds, there would be the possibility of a small compensation for the volunteer drivers.

Boardman Resident Comments: Local resident Lila Killingbeck addressed the court regarding the condition of Eastregaard Road.

The court conducted the following business: Reviewed and changed the expiration dates of all board members to December 31 of staggered years.

Reviewed miscellaneous correspondence and discussed upcoming meetings.

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

Permits to cut Christmas trees in Umatilla National Forest are now available at all forest offices and at several local businesses.

Permits can be purchased for \$5 each and are limited to one per household. Christmas tree permits and forest maps are available during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, at the supervisor's office in Pendleton and at the ranger district offices in Ukiah and Heppner.

South Morrow residents can purchase permits at the Heppner Shell station in Heppner. Other area businesses selling permits include Rhode's Supply and Granny's Store in Ukiah, Mentzer and Elliott in Pilot Rock, Lazy Wolf Resort in Spray, Dave's 12th St. Chevron and Southgate Mini-Market in Pendleton, and Ace Hardware in Hermiston.

Permits are valid on federal Forest Service lands only and do not authorize tree cutting on private, state or other federally-managed lands.

Logging activity in national forest

Logging operations have started on the 17 South Timber sale located near Rock Springs Campground in the Emigrant Creek ranger district. Crews will be working on the 170054 road and the 1705 road, on the south side of Forest Road 17. The log haul route will consist of Forest Road 17 and US Highway 395.

Log haul is also scheduled to begin, as road conditions permit, on the Curry 4 sale located ap-

proximately eight miles up Forest Road 31 in the Emigrant Creek ranger district.


As with all logging operations, visitors to the forest should expect heavy equipment traffic and increased activity in the area. Drivers are urged to use caution as forest roads are now snow and ice covered. Anyone in the area is asked to keep headlights on and slow down when approaching curves and blind spots.

Community lunch menu


Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, December 7 at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, cauliflower, mermaid salad, hot rolls and apple cobbler. Milk is served at each meal.

Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.



2 bedroom home on large lot in Lex Lots of room for a garden and other activities with this 2 bedroom 1 bath single wide mobile home in Lexington. Lots of upgrade including new flooring, new roof, insulation, new vinyl windows, water heater and much more. **\$60,000**



Mountain Cabin!
Have your own cabin in the mountains to live in or use for weekend get aways. Surrounded by Pine and Tamarack trees. Sit on the deck and look out at the forest. **\$70,000**



Good buy on this new Heppner listing. New listing. 2 bedroom 1 bath starter home or will make a good rental unit. New chain link fence, new electric wall heater, nice fixed up shop, good roof and foundation. 355 W. Linden Way Heppner. Priced right at **\$55,000**



\$105,000
Classic home near downtown Heppner. Enjoy the unique look of this classic home, including a covered upstairs porch and ornate wood designs. This 4 bedroom 2 bath is close to shopping, the city park and school. Nice neighborhood, well kept yard.

SALE PENDING

Home & Shop

72.21 irrigated acres with home - Boardman - Two irrigated parcels each with circles and solid set irrigation. 30.71 acre parcel has a 1974 doublewide with large shop, small barn and carport. 41.5 acre parcel has a well and septic system ready for a home. Good water rights from irrigation district. Irrigation equipment in good condition. Other features: 6 fruit trees around house, 30 X 50 ft shop with concrete slab floor and 14' door. Manufactured home sits on a foundation with crawl space. Corrals, grain feeding bins, small 4 stall barn and shade trees. 30.71 acre parcel is zoned Farm Residential for possible dividing and development. Owner would consider selling parcels separately.

Irrigated \$460,000



3 Bedroom 2 bath home in Lexington This home has metal roof, cement foundation & propane F/A. 128 X 121.66 lot. 2465 sq ft home has full basement and large fenced yard with apple, nectarine and cherry trees. Garage. **\$116,000**



Price Reduction \$129,000
4 bedroom 2 bath home in Heppner. You won't feel cramped in this 4 bedroom 2 bath 2146 sq ft home. It has a full basement with mini kitchen downstairs, and fully carpeted rooms upstairs. Enjoy barbecuing on the covered patio. And there's lots of room for a garden in the large backyard. Call now for an appointment to visit this home.



Price Reduction \$87,500
Cute 3 bedroom in Heppner. A nice fenced yard for the kids located on a quiet street. Storage shed outback and new lawn just planted makes this three bedroom one bath home ready to move into. Vinyl siding and windows, side deck, stove-refrigerator-washer-dryer included. Great starter home or pick it up as a rental. Has a carport too.



View lot at Lakeview Heights. Own one of the last view lots at Lakeview Heights. 84 X 120 approx. Water, sewer, phone and power available. **\$25,000**

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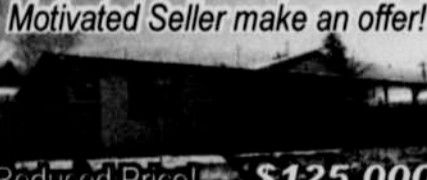
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Auto Repair Business in Heppner, OR This is a going concern which shows a profit each year. Includes real property, business, inventory and equipment. Loyal customer base and good reputation. **\$339,000**




\$38,000
New Listing!
4 bedroom 1 bath fixer upper Owner will carry contract on this fixer upper in Heppner. Needs work but would make good first home or turn into a rental. Make an appointment to see today.




Motivated Seller make an offer!
Reduced Price! \$125,000
2 bedroom 2 bath in Heppner. This nice 2007 Marlatt home is in excellent condition. Everything was done right when this home was put in. It has a deck, cyclone fenced yard and a 18 X 31 garage. Ceiling fans, along with the energy package will keep you warm in the winter and cool in the summer. There is a den/office, living room and lots of extras. Must see inside this one. Call and schedule an appointment today.



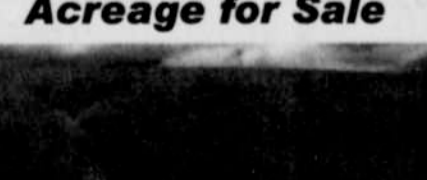
2 Building lots in Heppner
Reduced Price!
5,250 sq foot lot \$6,500
Nice views of town!
5,000 sq foot lot \$1,900




\$98,000
2 Bedroom near schools and downtown Heppner Just blocks from school and downtown shopping, this 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath charmer has a fenced yard for children and a separate small yard in the back. Enjoy your reading room, living room and kitchen with window looking out on the street.



3 Bedroom 2 bath near downtown This two story home is close to grade school and has fenced back yard. Central A/C and Electric F/A. Carpet, laundry room and large family room downstairs. Dishwasher refrigerator and stove included. **\$120,000**




Acresage for Sale
38.67 Acres inside Heppner city limits Has a good building spot and room for animals. Water and electricity located nearby. **\$65,000**



\$110,000
2 apartments and shop building for Sale in Lexington On the bottom floor is a former auto body shop and a 1 bedroom apartment newly remodeled renting for \$350. Upstairs is a 2 bedroom apartment that has been completely redone renting for \$375. Building has a good roof and owner says the shop has been completely rewired.

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