

WIND FARM

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When asked what will happen to the turbines at the end of their useful life of 20 years, Miner said it is up to the jurisdiction where they are located.

"There is lots of salvage value to the turbine," Miner said. She added that it is unlikely the concrete bases will ever be removed, but the towers will either be upgraded or scrapped out as they are now doing at some of the earlier wind farms in California. "Inverness (which operates 15 wind farms in the U.S. and more around the world) is long-term owners and

operators." Miner said the turbines, which are General Electric 1.5 megawatts and can power 350 to 400 homes each, are made throughout the world. She said GE is a multinational company so they cannot guarantee the turbines are built in the U.S.

"They are built in Germany, Mexico and Florida," she said. Miner said all the power produced from the Willow Creek project will be sold in California and Washington under long-term power contracts.

She said the benefit to developing wind power is

that there is no "fuel risk" like there is with coal, gas, etc. The fuel prices do not fluctuate and there is no damage to the environment.

Miner said transmitting the power out of the area should not be a problem as the Bonneville Power Administration is planning on building a new substation to handle the capacity. The Willow Creek project is about a 500 MW facility.

On other subjects, she said studies have shown that wind farms do not lower property values, and do not cause health problems to people living nearby.

HHS announces honor roll

Heppner High School announces that the following students have been named to the 2011/12 semester two honor roll

12th Grade
Justin Pranger 4.0
Carrie Haguewood 4.0
Zech Hintz 4.0
Natalie Rauch 4.0
Seth Palmer
Cody Orr
Conner Pappas
Justin Bailey
William Brannon
Camron Day
Taylor Gould
Mayci Garrett

11th Grade
Bryce Fowler 4.0
Earl Propheter 4.0
Maggie Collins 4.0
Katharina Bahl 4.0
Shan Shan Chen 4.0
Jorge Gomez 4.0
Stephen Thompson 4.0
Sukrit Itarasiri

Patricia Nagy
Garrett Robinson
Junhan Zhu
Cidney Coster
Elizabeth Rill
Savannah Seewald
Austin Gutierrez
Kyle Harrison
Yiming Liu
Jordan Jones
Tessa Gould

10th Grade
Blake Greenup 4.0
MeKayla Kindle 4.0
Lillian Sanford 4.0
Micha Hintz
Ryan Dougherty
Mallorie Jones
Alyssa Wizner
Jared Lemmon
Samantha Lemmon

9th Grade
Paige Grieb 4.0
Maddie Lindsay 4.0
Cade Arbogast
Jenny Marick
Joseph Schmidt

Alexis Victorio
Jasmine Garcia
John Propheter

8th Grade
Alexis Bray 4.0
Skyler Palmer 4.0
Emily Pappas 4.0
Caitlynn Bailey
Rylee Kollman
William Lutcher
Ethan Barnes
Tommy Bredfield
Kaden Clark
Patrick Collins
Kaelyn Lindsay
Ryan Smith

7th Grade
Kolby Currin 4.0
Kellie Eadler 4.0
Bryan Fowler 4.0
Logan Grieb 4.0
Kevin Murray 4.0
Sydney Qualls
Demitra Schmidt
Kane Sweeney
Caden Hedman

Extension service offers food preservation safety info

Don't assume that all home-canning recommendations on the Internet are safe, warn staff at Oregon State University's Extension Services. They say to be especially wary about personal websites, recipe sites and cooking exchanges, since they may not be based on research.

The Extension Services in Oregon, Washington and Idaho have included USDA canning recommendations in their Pacific Northwest

publications. Most of these are available online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/fch>. Publications are available on canning fruit, vegetables, tomatoes, salsa, meat and poultry, seafood and smoked fish as well as pickled vegetables.

The current version of the "Ball Blue Book Guide to Preserving" is also based on USDA recommendations. Because home canning recommen-

dations have changed over the years, only up-to-date editions should be used.

The OSU Extension Food Safety/Preservation hotline will be available June 25 to October 12 at 1-800-354-7319. The hotline is staffed Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., except Wednesdays, when it is open 1-4 p.m.; it is closed on holidays. Trained volunteers and Extension staff will be on hand to answer questions.

FSA county committee nominations open

The nomination period for local FSA county committees began June 15. The nomination deadline is Aug. 1. Elections will take place this fall.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a

program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. The nomination form and other information are avail-

able online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>.

FSA will mail ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 5. The ballots are due to the local office by Dec. 3. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2013.

Kinzua reunion held

The 38th annual Kinzua Reunion was held June 16 in Fossil, OR.

A smaller group than usual attended due to several college graduations, a memorial service for Mark Jellick in Prineville and other family obligations. Approximately 100 people enjoyed the turkey dinner prepared by Flora Herrera and daughter Lilly Harig. The attendees provided many wonderful side sides and desserts.

Master of Ceremonies John C. (Jack) Palmer read short history of Kinzua written by Lyle Ostrander. He then introduced Morris Wilson, the oldest person present at 99 years old.

Wilson gave the group a brief history of his time at Kinzua, starting with his work in the office at the age of 18 and a wage of 38 cents an hour, through the changes he saw until 1947, and an update on his family at the time.

Several people also interjected their memories as Wilson spoke. Clayton

Clauton and Rudie and Kathy Rhodes shared their stories. Don Ostrander and Charles Nelson spoke of their time with Mark Jellick. Nancy Wilson (daughter-in-law of Wilson) mentioned that Wilson finally finished college 10 years ago and was awarded a diploma from University of Oregon.

At that time, John Palmer requested a moment of silence in memory of all of those who passed away this past year. David Prindle then gave the blessing for the meal.

During and after the meal it was noted that Marilyn (Mel) J. Bailey of North Carolina came the furthest. Pat Hyatt had the most family members attending. Marilyn Garcia was born in Kinzua and several couples had been married more than 50 years. To mention a few: Morris and Viola Wilson, Duane and Nellie Bledsoe, Gene and Florence Roark, and Don and Jean Ostrander.

Valorie Webster, a re-

porter with the Prineville Territory magazine, attended and interviewed folks for a forthcoming article.

A few folks donated articles to be sold at auction. Otis Cody gave a picture from the Kinzua Pastime and a choker spoon (high bidder, Jim Eakins). Other items included a spittoon (high bidder, Nancy Wilson), a pick-a-roo (high bidder, Janet Christensen), two necklaces made by Dorothy Worlein (high bidders Kathy Rhodes and Teresa Morris), and a night's lodging at Wilson Ranches Retreat B&B (high bidder, Deena Myers). The monies go to the Kinzua Reunion fund for expenses such as hall rent, cooks' salaries, groceries, etc.

In addition to John Palmer, Flora Herrera and Lily Harig, other volunteers were James Craig; Dannie, David and Cerrea James; Marilyn Mabe; Rollene Allen and Marilyn Garcia.

The next reunion is June 15, 2013; same place, same time, same menu.

Relay for Life just around the corner

The Morrow County Relay for Life event is just around the corner; lots of planning and coordination have been put in place and all that's needed now is participants, whether to put a team together and be involved in the walk or just want to come and participate in the planned activities.

Morrow County's first Relay for Life will begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, with closing ceremony on Sunday, July 1 at 9 a.m. The event will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Schedule of events is as follows:

- 12-3 p.m.: Team set-up/registration
- 3-4:30 p.m.: Survivor registration
- 3-10 p.m.: Quality concessions will be open and

4-8 p.m.: Silent auction in the "Spur 'em Barn." Everyone is welcome to come on down and bid on baskets. We are still accepting items if you are interested in donating something or would like to put a basket together.

5 p.m.: Opening ceremonies on the football field

6-7 p.m.: Survivor dinner will be held for all cancer survivors and their caregivers. Come down and enjoy a hot dog or hamburger.

9:30 p.m.: Luminaria ceremony. Relay for Life participants, survivors and caregivers gather together to remember loved ones lost to cancer and to honor those who have battled the disease. Bags are available for a \$10 donation; bring a

can of food to hold the bag. All cans will be donated to the Heppner Neighborhood Center after the event. Bags will be available at the event or they can be picked up at Community Bank.

Other entertainment and fundraising activities will be going on throughout the event. Come and check it out and support your friends and neighbors.

Wednesday, June 27th has been selected as the Power of Purple Day. Morrow County businesses and community members are encouraged to "purple up" the town to show support for Relay for Life.

Anyone with questions can contact event chair Becky Sparks at 541-676-5131, or the Heppner Chamber of Commerce at 541-676-5536 or heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

Heppner native distinguishes himself through service

Information submitted by Bill Jones of Beaverton, OR.

Michael, or Mike, Graves may no longer live in Heppner, but his reputation for dedication and service has stretched back to his hometown all the way from Aloha, OR.

The 55-year-old was born and raised in Heppner, the son of J. Deane and Patricia Graves and brother to Eric Graves. Graves attended Heppner High School as a youth, where he played basketball and football.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1973 and served during the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of Petty Officer before he was honorably discharged.

Graves is a long-standing member of Aloha's American Legion Post #104 honor guard and is currently serving as commander of the post. According to his



American Legion Commander Mike Graves conducts the "Four Chaplains" service honoring the four chaplains who gave up their life jackets for others and drowned when the S.S. Dorchester was torpedoed in the North Atlantic during World War II. -Contributed photo

fellow Legion members, he is active in community service. He works with students in the elementary through high school, teaching them "Americanism." He also works with seniors at local retirement homes and serves weekly at the area veterans' hospital, serving the needs of hospitalized

veterans with hundreds of hours of accumulated service. Finally, he is active with the Boy Scouts' Eagle Court of Honor.

"Our community is very proud of Mike, and I am sure Heppner would be, also," said Bill Jones, himself a 65-year member of the American Legion.

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