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BEO dons aprons for Snack Shack duty



Bank of Eastern Oregon's Morrow County 4-H Snack Shack team takes five before they perform their grilling and serving at this year's county fair. The bank staff reminds everyone to be sure to stop at the snack shack on Thursday during the fair and have something good to eat and drink. This is the fifth year BEO employees have volunteered to get the job done so 4-H parents and members can take time to watch the 4-Hers show and demonstrate. This year's team includes (L-R): Mark Lemmon; Gary Prophet, Debbie Young, Shelli Britt, Dawna Dougherty, John Qualls, Janet Dezellem, Anna Wedding, Joe Perry and Arletta Arnsperger. Not available for the team photo were Cherisse Lemmon and Bev Crum. BEO encourages everyone to come to fair and rodeo every day they can. -Contributed photo



16th ANNUAL BEER & WINE TASTING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16TH
6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

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JOIN US AT OUR FUN OSU TAILGATE THEME EVENT!
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6:00-6:30 JOE LINDSAY

6:30-8:30 TILLER'S FOLLY

8:30-10:00 JAMIE NASARIO & LUKE BASILE



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Local woman earns grad degree

Joselyn Piper of Heppner has received a Master of Science degree in special education from Western Governors University, the university announced this week.

On July 14, the online, nonprofit university held its semi-annual commencement ceremony in Salt Lake City, UT, and celebrated the graduation of more than 3,200 graduates. The university conferred 2,036

undergraduate degrees and 1,199 graduate degrees in four disciplines: business, information technology, teacher education, and health professions, including nursing.

WGU founding governor, The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt, former Utah Governor and former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, delivered the commencement keynote address.

Ione girl graduates from basic training

U.S. Air Force Airman Mariah S. Bradfield graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX recently.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and

basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Bradfield is the daughter of Adena Johnson-Rea of Ione. She is a 2011 graduate of Ione High School.

Mud lovers count down to fair



Kael and Emma Osmin, members of the Mud-Lovers 4-H group, get their pigs ready for the Morrow County Fair this week. This will be Kael's first year showing and Emma's eighth year. The kids say they hope to see everyone out at the fair and rodeo. -Contributed photo

Heppner High to hold registration

Heppner High School will hold student registration for new and returning students in grades seven through 12 on August 22 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Parents and students are invited to pay fees, turn in paperwork and pick up class schedules during this time.

HHS Associated Student Body officers also will provide tours for new students during this time.

Ione library district to meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Ione Library District will be held on Thursday, August 23, at the Ione Public Library beginning at 2 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend.

Practice, practice

By Aaron Smythe

The Ione Community 4-H Foods Group held a meeting on August 7, 2012 at the Ione Community Church. The meeting was dedicated to getting ready for fair. The group practiced My Plate, fruits, whole grains, measuring and knives judging. The only upcoming events planned for the group are during fair.

Need a church home? We have space!

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~ Op/Ed ~

Coal project good for Oregon

The following is an excerpt from an address given by Commissioner Leann Rea before Senator Wyden and others during a listening session on the Trans Pacific Partnership Monday, August 13, in Portland.

My roots in Morrow County run deep. I grew up with the mentality that, "If you take care of the land, the land will take care of you." So, I have no intentions of doing or approving any project that I feel would harm the county I love.

When I decided to run for the position of county commissioner I did so because I felt I had a lot to offer and I only want what is best for my county.

Morrow County is doing its part to protect our nation and to generate power for the region as well as accepting the refuse from the northwest. We have been able to accomplish all of these tasks with minimal negative impact to our county. In Morrow County, we regularly demonstrate our ability to balance the needs of the environment while creating good family-wage jobs. In Eastern Oregon we believe this is the "Oregon way."

As one of three commissioners, I can assure you that we all care deeply about our heritage, our economy and our communities. We feel the Morrow Project will be a balance to economic development while protecting our environment.

It should be noted that Boardman is accustomed to having coal cars traveling through the city on its way to the Boardman Coal Fired Plant. So the only thing new about this project is that the cars will be exiting on the Port of Morrow side rails and will not be going through town. The coal will be coming in from the Spokane area to the Hinkle switching yard and then on to the Port of Morrow for approximately a total of 30 miles in the state of Oregon. The approximately 80-car trains will only be on the main line until they reach the Port of Morrow.

The coal will then be transferred from the coal cars by an enclosed auger system either into one of the storage sheds or directly onto the specially built enclosed barges. This entire process will be accomplished with zero air emissions.

The coal will then move down the Columbia River to the Port of St. Helens in Columbia County. In Columbia County, the coal will be transferred to an ocean liner in much the same way. Again, with zero air emissions.

The Pacific Project is committed to being a good neighbor, not just in Morrow County, but for all of Oregon. Some of the activities the Pacific Project is doing to help the region is as follows:

A. Pacific Project is not requesting an enterprise zone exemption (even though they would probably qualify.)

B. Pacific Project will be donating 10 cents per ton to the Morrow County Educational Foundation. At full production, this will be an investment of nearly \$800,000 per year for the education of our children. They will also make a similar investment in Columbia County.

C. The company will be a good corporate citizen through encouraging their employees to volunteer for community activities and services, and donating financial resources to FFA, 4-H and the local chambers of Commerce.

Pacific Project is investing in Oregon-based companies by hiring Gunderson and Vigor to build the covered barges. They are also working with the AFL-CIO to ensure that they employ the best craftsman in the construction process. Once the construction is completed, Morrow and Columbia counties will each gain 25 to 30 family-wage jobs, with salary ranging from \$50,000 to \$90,000 per year.

It should be noted that the increased traffic on the Columbia River will be very minimal, with one additional barge going west and one additional barge going east each day. This will bring the river traffic back up to the 1995 levels.

Now let's talk about the coal. The coal from the Powder River Basin is a low-sulfur, low-mercury and a very clean-burning product. It is very apparent that Japan, South Korea and Taiwan are going to be using coal for power generation for the next several years.

So, one needs to ask, "Do you want them burning clean coal or coal they purchase from China or Russia?" We also need to ponder, "Do we want this coal to go through ports in Canada or do we want to keep the benefits in Oregon and Washington?"

I would like to close by restating one of my opening statements. I have no intentions of doing or approving any project that I feel would harm the County I love. That being said, I am giving my endorsement of the proposed Pacific Project whole-heartedly.

Thank you,
Morrow County Commissioner Leann Rea

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court Report.

-Laurel Ivy Lynn Toavs, 22, of Heppner was found guilty of maintaining a dog as a public nuisance. She was fined \$350.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk has issued the following marriage licenses:
August 8: -Aaron Daniel Haak, 32, of Heppner and Amy Nichole Lewis, 30, of Heppner.