

NO BMCC BOND FOR PLANTS

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However, because these companies negotiated tax exemptions with CREZ, neither is obligated to pay for the bond levy. Lamb Weston is exempt from \$65,534 in taxes per year and Tillamook will avoid \$27,900 for a total estimated tax savings per year of \$93,434.

In addition, being in the Enterprise Zone also exempts the two companies from BMCC's yearly tax levy of .661 per thousand of valuation, used to fund the college's annual operating expenses, for an additional \$199,225 in yearly property tax breaks for the businesses. Between the bond levy and the operating levy exemptions, the total yearly BMCC property tax exemptions for the two companies will equal an estimated \$292,659. The duration of the tax-exempt agreement for Lamb Weston is 15 years, and for Tillamook 10.

If BMCC's bond levy would have been voted on and approved after July 1, 2014, however, it would have been a different story, with both Lamb Weston

and Tillamook obligated to pay the bonded debt tax on 75 percent of the new facilities' construction costs.

Locating in the Enterprise Zone—which is made up of a 12-square-mile area encompassing the Port of Morrow at Boardman—businesses that meet certain employment and pay targets are exempt from paying any property taxes. Instead they pay lower "fees" to the CREZ, which then distributes the money to "affected" special taxing districts, such as fire and police, twice a year. How the money will be spent is voted on by the six-member CREZ board. The board, which is made up of two representatives each from the Port of Morrow, City of Boardman and Morrow County, has little written guidelines on how it will disburse the funds, and there is no guarantee any of money will find its way into BMCC's coffers.

As an example of the amount of fees to be received by the CREZ: Lamb Weston will pay \$950,000 per year for 15 years, a total of \$14,250,000.

In Tillamook's CREZ agreement, it will pay different amounts per year for a total of \$4,875,000 over the 10-year agreement. The fees could be even higher if construction costs exceed by five percent the estimated investment amounts provided by the companies.

The enterprise zone is an investment tool to attract new business and employment to Morrow County, and Lamb Weston agreed as part of its CREZ deal to employ at least 35 new employees at the facility, with those employees earning at least 150 percent of the county average wage. However, according to a news release from Con Agra Foods, Lamb Weston's parent company, the 192,000-square-foot "state-of-the-art facility making french fries and other potato products, is expected to employ 100 people. The plant is expected to be in production by 2014," the company said.

Columbia River Technologies, or Tillamook Cheese, says their new 63,000-square-foot whey

facility is also expected to be in production by 2014. Their agreement with CREZ also has the same employee and wage stipulations as Lamb Weston and both companies have the same excess investment clause whereby if construction costs increase by five percent or more than the estimated amounts, CREZ payments will go up by the same percentage.

Port of Morrow General Manager and CREZ board member Gary Neal, who has been very successful attracting new investment to the Port of Morrow, says enterprise zones are here to stay and also a necessary recruitment tool. Neil has said that without the enterprise zone the Port would be at a disadvantage when recruiting new businesses. He says there are close to 60 enterprise zones in Oregon with which he must compete, and has emphasized there is no guarantee either Lamb Weston or Tillamook would have located at the Port if the enterprise zone had not been there to offer the companies property tax exemptions.

Greenup wins saddle at King Mountain



Hunter Greenup, 10, and mare Barrelin Biankus won the 1D saddle at White Swan, WA. -Contributed photo

Ten-year-old Hunter Greenup and his 19-year-old mare "Barrelin Biankus," owned by Munkers Farms, walked away with the big check and a 1D saddle for having the fastest time of the event in the youth barrel race in White Swan, WA, held June 28-30. There was \$3,000 added to the purse and nearly 80 entries. Entrants from Oregon,

Washington, Idaho and Canada competed.

Hunter is the son of Travis and Tiffanie Greenup, and Grandson of Barry and Mary Ann Munkers, all of Lexington. Hunter and his sister, Blake, along with their mother and grandmother, all came home with checks for their barrel racing efforts in White Swan.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

August 1, 2013: -Travis Michael Martin, 19, of Boardman and Kasandra Larie Kaneaster, 18, of Boardman.

Community lunch menu

United Methodist Church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at St. Patrick's Senior Center, menu to be announced. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161

We'll see 'ewe' there At the MoCo centennial fair



Morgan and Matt Orem prepare their lambs for the Morrow County Fair. Morgan will be an eighth grader and Matt a sixth grader at Ione Community School. They are the children of Eric and Brandi Orem of Ione. -Photo by Erin Heideman

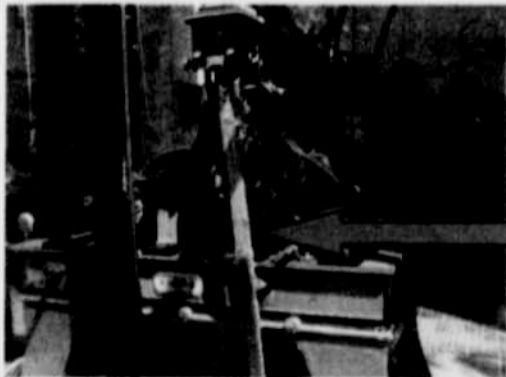
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Searching for Tower Clock Parts

Morrow County is searching for some very important parts of the Morrow County Tower Clock. Some time around 1955, the clock was converted to run on electricity and some parts were removed in the conversion. These parts are very critical to restoring the 111 year old clock to its original condition. Have you seen any of the items listed below sitting in the back corner of a garage or barn or shop?

- A. **Pendulum:** This is a steel (or maybe wooden) rod about 48 inches long with a large weight at the bottom (very heavy).
- B. **Weights (2):** The weights are steel or lead cylinders about 5 inches in diameter and possibly 14 inches long and very heavy (They are several hundred pounds.)
- C. **Gears:** Any gears that are round brass gears with 5 spokes in the gear and range from 4 inches in diameter to 8 inches in diameter.
- D. **Verge:** There is a very critical part called the Verge and it is two steel fingers cast in a slight "U" shape with a brass rod connected to them.
- E. **Spring:** The pendulum suspension spring is a flat steel spring about 2 inches wide and 5 inches long and is flat dark steel.
- F. **Regulator Nut:** The spring would have a regulator nut which looks like a large sink faucet handle with four arms.
- G. **Solid silver badge:** It was applied to the clock frame....it is about 7 inches wide and 3 inches high and inscribed in old English Script withSETH THOMAS CLOCKS....THOMASTON, CONN...USA.....it has curved corners and is a very nice badge.

Have you heard any stories about the clock? Morrow County is interested in hearing stories about the Tower Clock. Call or email Sandi Putman with your stories. They may provide clues, and will most definitely provide history of this historic Tower Clock. 541-989-9500 or sputman@co.morrow.or.us.



This shows the clock gears. These have 5 spokes and range from 4 inches in diameter to 8 inches in diameter. Missing several of these.

This is the pendulum wood "stick" in the center of the clock. Also missing is the lead cylinder at the bottom of the stick, about 5 inches in diameter and possibly 14 inches long and this would be VERY heavy.



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