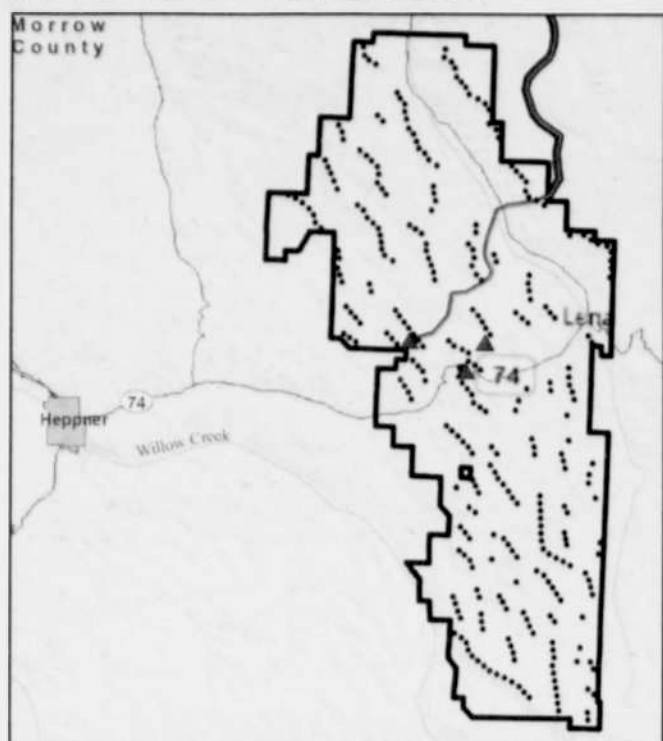


WIND FARM ON HOLD

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Shepherds Flat, is a 333-tower, 845-megawatt wind farm located in both Morrow and Gilliam counties, near Arlington. One hundred percent of its power output goes to Southern California Edison, and mainly the city of Long Beach. The renewable energy satisfies a California law that around 20 percent of power consumed in the state be produced by renewable sources. A new law requires the percentage will increase to 33 percent by 2020; however, California has also tightened up a requirement that a larger share of the power be produced inside the state, which would remove a large potential customer for the power produced by the Heppner project.



A map of the proposed 40,000 acre Heppner Wind Farm project currently on hold for lack of customers for the power it would produce.

According to Oliver, Invenery also said that "it remains confident in the project and continues to actively seek PPA (purchase power agreement) opportunities in order to move the project forward."

According to Invenery the Heppner Wind farms would "provide substantial, long-term economic benefit" to this area,

including an expected 200 construction jobs and then up to 20 to 25 full time operations and maintenance jobs.

"In addition, the fully developed project is expected to generate several million dollars annually for the local economy in the form of property tax revenue and lease royalty payment

to project landowners," Invenery said.

The Heppner Wind project is separate from the other Heppner project, the 500 mega watt Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility proposed by an Ione-based company to be built north of Heppner. That project has also been permitted but not yet started.

County farmers support local 4-H through America's Farmers Grow Communities



Last Thursday, Morrow County 4-H members and ambassadors were presented with a check for \$2,500 from America's Farmers Grow Communities, on behalf of local farmers Joe and Cheryl Taylor of Double T Farms, who recently won the Monsanto contest and chose to donate the prize money to Morrow County 4-H. Front (L-R): Cheryl and Joe Taylor with Morrow County 4-H Ambassadors Emily Taylor, Morgan Orem, Tim Gould, Miranda Taylor, Macy Gibbs and Kane Sweeney, and Monsanto representative Joseph Dahmen. Not pictured: Sydney Qualls. -Contributed photo

Local farmers Joe and Cheryl Taylor have directed a \$2,500 donation to the Morrow County 4-H Leaders Council. Funded by America's Farmers Grow Communities, the donation will help the group send 4-Hers to regional and statewide events, along with funding scholarships for senior 4-H members.

"We are absolutely thrilled to receive this donation from the America's Farmers Grow Communities fund," said Ashley Jones, Morrow County 4-H representative. "This donation will provide support and scholarships for Morrow County 4-H members to attend local and regional 4-H leadership and learning events. It will also provide support for future programming

efforts for youth within the county. We are extremely thankful for this monetary support that will go directly to providing to the 4-H program in Morrow County and the youth we serve. We are extremely thankful to Joe and Cheryl Taylor of Double T Farms for selecting Morrow County 4-H as their chosen recipient."

America's Farmers Grow Communities works directly with farmers to support nonprofit organizations like Morrow County 4-H, who are doing important work in their communities. The program offers farmers the chance to win \$2,500, which is then donated to the farmer's nonprofit of choice.

The search for funding to sustain and enhance

programs is a year-round job for nonprofit organizations across the country. Through America's Farmers Grow Communities, farmers have been able to support a variety of groups, such as schools, fire departments, community centers and youth organizations like 4-H and FFA.

America's Farmers Grow Communities launched in 2010, and has since donated over \$13 million to more than 5,200 nonprofit organizations across the country. America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, is part of the America's Farmers initiative, which highlights and celebrates the important contributions of farmers like Joe and Cheryl Taylor.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Travis Edmond Samson, 32, was convicted of Felon Possess Firearm, a Class C felony. The seized weapon, a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol, was to be returned to the owner upon request within 90 days or be forfeited to the state. The defendant was sentenced to 16 months jail time with

credit for time served, and to run eight months consecutive with other time serving and eight months concurrent with other time serving. Samson was also given two years post-prison supervision. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$200.

-Travis Edmond Samson, 32, was further convicted of Theft II, a Class A misdemeanor. Fines, fees, assessments and restitution totaled \$850.

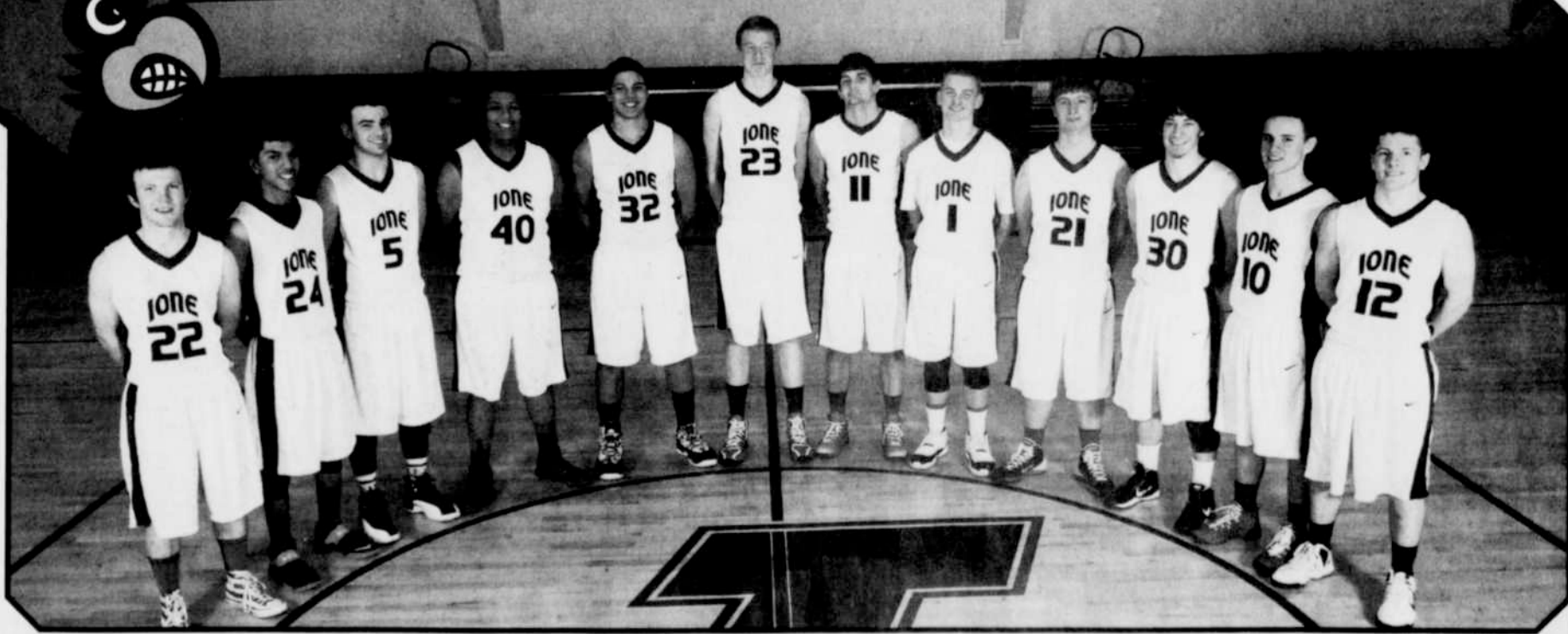
-Jorge Gameros Rodriguez, 19, was convicted of Burglary I, a Class A felony, and sentenced to 18 months prison time with credit for time served; the defendant was also given three years post-prison supervision, terms to include no contact with the victim. Further counts of robbery and theft were disposed without conviction. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$691.

GOOD LUCK LADY CARDINALS!

BIG SKY DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

@ HERMISTON HIGH SCHOOL FEBRUARY 20-22

IONE CARDINALS BOYS PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT AT 7:30 PM VS. TBA



Team from left to right: Joe Doherty, Jason Juarez, Dalton Hughes, Jorme Aguilar, Tre Neal, TJ Patton, Bailey Haguewood, Jailin Conboy, Zane King, August Peterson, Luke Jobes, Joel Stillman

Allstott Construction, LLC
BPOE #358 Elks Lodge
Bank of Eastern Oregon
Boardman Foods, Inc.
Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Columbia Orthodontics
Community Bank
Dances With Mules
Dean's Pendleton Athletic Company
Devin Oil Company, Inc.
Dobyns Pest Control
Family Dentistry
Gar Aviation, Inc.
Gentry Homes Construction
Heppner Family Foods
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J Keithley Construction
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Mark Anderson Construction
Mid Columbia Producers, Inc.
Morrow County Fair & Rodeo
Morrow County Grain Growers
Morrow County Recreation District
Murray Drugs and Country Rose
Pea Ridge Embroidery & Signs Inc.
Peterson's Jewelers
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Sand Hollow Ag Supply
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Wright Chevrolet
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Allen and Nancy Anderson
Arletta Arnsperger
Gary and Lani Bass Family

John and Linda Bristow
Loyal and Betty Bums
John and Barb Collin
Sarah Crane-Simpson Family
June M. Crowell
Chris Devens
Brian and Peggy Doherty Family
Arthur and Stacie Ekstrom Family
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Loren and Della Heideman
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Bob Hubbard

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Andre and Susan Kendrick Family
J.L. Kincaid Ranch
Skye and Penny Krebs
Del and Linda LaRue
Buzz and Jeanette Logan
Kathy Martin
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Perry and Kathy Morter
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