

Op/Ed

Continued Progress on Boardman to Hemingway

Written by Mitch Colburn, leader of Idaho Power's 500-kV projects group.

The Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project (B2H) is moving forward to meet the energy needs of the Pacific Northwest region. Since 2002, Idaho Power has regularly analyzed the need for this regional transmission connection. Analysis shows the need for the project is still strong and the project will benefit the entire area by allowing more electricity to move throughout the Pacific Northwest. In fact, B2H was identified as a priority project by the Obama Administration as part of the Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission.

Major permitting milestones are on the horizon for B2H. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) expects to release its final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) this year. Following the federal Record of Decision, which is the next step after the final EIS, we will continue to gather information on the selected route to develop the detailed design needed for Oregon's Energy Facility Siting Council Process.

Idaho Power continues to work with local communities, permitting agencies, and other partners and stakeholders. For example, routing variations were developed for analysis in response to comments on the draft EIS received

from Union County and the County's B2H Advisory Committee in January 2016. Similar efforts have occurred throughout Malheur, Baker, Umatilla and Morrow counties since the BLM issued their draft EIS in December 2014.

Idaho Power and its contractors are out in the field surveying plant species, bird and wildlife habitat, and cultural resources. Federal and state permitting requires this data to assess potential environmental impacts of each route alternative. We are not conducting engineering surveys to finalize locations of transmission towers or other related facilities such as roads at this time. We are also not seeking to negotiate easements with landowners right now, but will begin those conversations once necessary permits are in place.

Idaho Power sends requests to enter property to survey lands potentially crossed by the project. We rely on each county Assessor's office for information necessary to send requests to landowners. We respect landowners and other stakeholders and partners and do not share any information that may be considered private.

You can find more information on B2H at boardmantohemingway.com or by contacting the project team at ipc@boardmantohemingway.com or 1-877-339-0209.

Class of '76 holds reunion



The Heppner High School class of 1976 held its 40th class reunion this past weekend at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. L-R front row: John McLean, Suzanne Cutsforth, Tim Skow, David Campbell, Kelly Harrison Boyer, Steve Malcom, Danny Marshall, Sandy Bennett-Matthews, Greg Clow. L-R second row: Kyle Buschke, June McLean, Dr. Steven Jones, Bill Van Schoiack, David Brandhagen, Pat Baker. L-R back row: Mary Ann Greenup Davis, Jim Boyce, Rusty Estes, Ginger McDaniel Carr, Molly Pierce Rhea, Karen Winter Olson, Clayton Wilson, Tami Toll Johlke, Doug Harris, David Worden and Kimee Haguewood. -Contributed photo

Elks' support continues for higher education

The Heppner Elks Lodge #358 continues to support students' achievements and academic aspirations by awarding scholarship money at various educational levels.

A total of 10 high school seniors were awarded scholarships, as well as nine college students.

This year alone,

19 students have received money from the Buchanan Scholarships and Elks Scholarship for a total of \$24,800.

The following scholarships were established upon the passing of Clarence Buchanan a few years ago and continue to support young people in their endeavors.

Students who received money for their second through fourth year of col-

lege were Mekayla Kindle, Makenzie Hughes, Stacey Halvorsen, Ryan Dougherty, Makenzie Correa, Maggie Collins, Paige Grieb, and Julianne Carlson. Each of these recipients received \$1,000.

The Clarence Buchanan Post Graduate School Scholarship, \$2,000, was awarded to Beth Morter.

No applicants applied for the Junior College/

Trade School Scholarship.

The scholarship applications for high school seniors were due on or before May 15. The Trade School, second through fourth year, and post graduate scholarship applications were due on or before June 30.

For information about future scholarships, contact Tim Dickenson at dickensonchiro@centurytel.net.



Mekayla Kindle



Makenzie Hughes



Stacey Halvorsen



Ryan Dougherty



Makenzie Correa



Maggie Collins



Paige Grieb



Julianne Carlson



Beth Morter

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court report:

-Amber Dawn Best, 35, of Bakersfield, CA was found guilty of Failure to Use a Seat Belt and was fined \$110.

-John Callahan Doherty, 38, of Lexington was found guilty of Driving

While Suspended - Violation and Failure to Drive within Lane and was fined \$695.

-James Wayne Ayers, 64, of Lexington failed to appear and was found guilty by default of No Operator's License and Driving Uninsured and was fined \$520.

-Jessica Lyn Bork, 27, of Heppner failed to appear

and was found guilty by default of Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance and was fined \$260.

-Ryan L. Cecil, 18, of Heppner was found guilty of Failure to Wear Seatbelt and failed to provide proof a seatbelt class and was fined \$110.

-Gustavo Caballero Camacho, 22, of Ione failed to appear and was found guilty by default of Violating the Basic Rule (VBR) 67/55 and Driving Uninsured and was fined \$320.

-Terrisa Kay Dixon, 31, of Heppner failed to appear and was found guilty by default of No Operator's License and was fined \$260.

-Barbra Jean Keslar, 39, of Heppner failed to appear and was found guilty by default of VBR 78/55 and was fined \$260.

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CHECK OUT OUR NEW MERCHANDISE!



We will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 5th

PUMPKIN FRAPPES COMING SOON!

Wedding Tables

Hanna Lovgren & Cammeron Rinehart
September 3, 2016

Adam Bergstrom & Nikki Meyers
September 10, 2016

Kathryn Garrett & Patrick Keely
October 22, 2016



SWCD board to meet Tuesday

The Morrow SWCD will hold a regular board meeting Tuesday, Sept. 6, in the Ag Service Center Conference Room beginning at 6 p.m.

Agenda items include minutes of the June 15 meeting, bank statements and reconciliation review for June, July and August, staff and partner reports, and policy review.

Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public and comply with disability requirements.

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