

ENERGY

agreements. PGE will have the option of buying the whole project in 10 years. NextEra Energy Resources' subsidiary will build and operate the combined facility. PGE expects to invest approximately \$160 million for its owned portion of the project.

The battery storage was added to the project since wind and solar have problems with "load balancing" or providing a steady flow of electricity. These facilities only provide power when the sun is shining, and the wind is blowing. The batteries will help with this. Jenkins said PGE will also have online gas generating facilities and hydro dam power to help balance loads. The company currently operates a gas electrical generating plant at Boardman, but cancelled plans earlier to build another gas facility there in favor of more wind and solar generation for the future.

The wind component of the facility will be oper-

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ational by December 2020 and qualify for the federal production tax credit at the 100 percent level. Construction of the solar and battery components is planned for 2021 and will qualify for the federal investment tax credit. The tax credits help reduce the cost of the project over time, thus reducing costs to PGE's customers.

In other business at the WCVEDG meeting the membership voted to elect officers for the coming year. Kim Cutsforth was re-elected president, Nancy Snider, vice president, David Sykes, treasurer and Marcia Kemp, secretary. Dues for WCVEDG are \$25 per year and anyone who would like to become a member is welcome to email david@rapidsolve.net and a dues invoice will be sent. WCVEDG's mission is to maintain and improve the businesses and economics of Heppner, Lexington and Ione.

Low cost rabies clinic offered

A low-cost rabies clinic will be held in Boardman on Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Boardman City Park. The cost of the rabies vaccination is \$20 per pet. Along with the vaccinations, the city of Boardman will offer free dog licensing.

The rabies vaccination clinic will be given by Dr. Burgess of Country Animal Hospital. Rabies is a fatal disease of the brain and spinal cord, caused by a

virus carried by mammals. Vaccinating dogs and cats against rabies is essential in protecting loved ones and halting the spread of the disease.

All dog owners who reside in the city limits of Boardman are required to have their dog licensed for identification purposes. For more information, please call Boardman Animal Control Officer Jose Fernandez at 541-481-9252.

Marksmanship scores announced

The Heppner and Ione marksmanship teams have completed the fifth week of competition. Athletes must shoot at least 50 rounds each week, either on Sunday or Wednesday evening, at the Morrow County Gun Club.

Week five total shooting scores for the Heppner team were Tiffany Akers, 9; Madison Ashbeck, 34;

Tucker Ashbeck, 39; Xavier Bohanon, 38; Zachary Bredfield, 30; Hunter Greenup, 44; Justin McAninch, 30; Gibson McCurry, 39; Matt Orem, 30 and Kevin Rea, 30.

The Ione team's total shooting scores for the week were Jake Heideman, 33; Grace Ogden, 9; Calvin Rietmann, 21 and Evan Ferguson, 33.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday, June 20 at noon at the Heppner City Hall conference room. It will be all entities reports. This meeting will take the place of the regularly scheduled June 6 meeting.

Lunch will be provided for \$10 per person. The menu information will be provided at a later date. RSVP's are required.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other ac-

commodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Sheryll Bates at 541-676-5536.

Rape suspect in custody

Pedro Lopez Larios, 34, of Boardman has been taken into custody and lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on charges of Rape I (felony) and Sex Abuse I (felony). The Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report of the sexual assault



Pedro Lopez Larios

Exchange student attends school in Ione



Marie Chretien (left) plays softball with her host sister, Jessica Medina.

Marie Chretien, 18, looks like the all-American girl, making first team all-conference for her hometown basketball team, the Ione Cardinals. But Marie is from France and has spent the last school year as an exchange student in Ione.

Marie is from Esboz-Brest, a town of around 460 in eastern France. Esboz-Brest is about an hour from the Swiss border, around an hour and a half from Basel, Switzerland. In France she lives with her parents, Sophie, a nurse, and Michel, an engineer. She has three older brothers, Maxence, 25, Theo, 23, and Valerian, 21.

Several years ago Marie was able to take a trip to visit Boston and New York, which she loved, and gave her the idea of becoming an exchange student. Her parents said okay and last August she traveled from France to Ione.

While in Ione she played basketball and "was quite an outstanding player," said her ASSE exchange student coordinator Cathy Halvorsen. Marie had played six years in a basketball club in France. Students in Europe generally do not have sports programs through the schools,

but instead play for private teams.

Marie also played softball with the Heppner team. "It was a fun experience," she says.

Marie got along very well with her host family, the Obdulia and Martin Medina family. "I like my host family," said Marie, adding, "I love them, and thank them for the experience." The family also includes Jessica Medina, 16, her host sister, Ashley Medina, 19, who attends Blue Mountain Community College, Marty Medina, 12, and Stephanie (Medina) McElligott, who recently had a baby. Stephanie and her husband, Colin, named the baby after Marie.

Marie has one more year of school after she returns home where she attends Lycee Lumiere Luxembourg, a school of around 2,000 students. She plans to eventually become a physical therapist.

"I missed my friends and family, but I had so much fun here," says Marie, laughingly adding that she also missed the bread and cheese of France.

Marie's parents will travel to the U.S. before she leaves and the family has plans to visit San Francisco and Los Angeles before they return to France.

Daycare welcomes new director

Heppner Daycare has announced the hiring of a new director, Becky Cherry. Becky and her family have lived in Heppner for over 20 years and have been active community members.

Cherry graduated from BMCC with a degree in human services and has since worked in the mental health field as well as providing in-home early childcare.

According to a source, Becky is excited and looking forward to working at Heppner Daycare. "Her passion and love for children has already made an impact on the center. She is dedicated to providing a loving, safe educational environment for each child who enters through the door," they added.

New grain facility to be built

Mid Columbia Producers is building new grain receiving facility in Gilliam County. The new facility, Cedar Springs, will be comprised of three ground piles totaling 2.0 million bushels. The elevation capacity (unloading speed) will be rated at 50,000 bushels per hour. The facility will provide storage for overflow bushels at Jordan, Mikkalo and Condon as well as provide a faster unloading alternative for farmers who normally deliver to the Arlington elevator.

General Manager Jeff Kaser explains, "The ground piles provide the strategic advantage of keeping grain off the river during the peak harvest season and allow MCP to provide the grain to the market when it needs it as opposed to when the elevator reaches its stor-

ing capacity during harvest. Forced sales at harvest to leave room in bins for farmer deliveries are typically done at lower margin. New facilities provide a customer, farmer and company solution and should give MCP a strategic advantage in the marketplace."

MCP plans to finish this facility for the 2019 wheat harvest and it will receive soft white wheat and hard red winter wheat. During harvest 2019, hard red winter wheat will be received at Arlington, Cedar Springs and Jordan. Dark northern spring wheat and feed barley will be received at Jordan. Check with the Moro grain department prior to delivery to determine what classes of grain will be received at other MCP elevators.

Route 74

congratulates the
Ione and Heppner Classes of 2019.

Good Luck on your Future Endeavors.
Karen and Dustin, Route 74

Route 74

will be closed for regular business on
Saturday, June 1, 2019.

We will be hosting an open house for
the Ione Class of 2019 at 2:00 pm for

Gracie Jewett *Renee Peterson*

All are welcome. Food provided.

**ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE:
MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.**

deputies arrived to assist with the search, along with deputies from Umatilla County Sheriff's Office and two drones. After hours of searching, Larios was not found.

As Sergeants Snyder and Braun continued the investigation, Larios was found attempting to leave

the state on May 23. Morrow County deputies with assistance from Hermiston Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, finding Larios hiding in the trunk. He was taken into custody without incident, transported to and lodged at UCJ with bail of \$750,000.

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OF 52 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE PORT OF MORROW & MORROW COUNTY
BY **LARRY LINDSAY**

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE TO SAY THANK YOU!
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
AT THE RIVERFRONT CENTER
2 MARINE DRIVE
BOARDMAN, OREGON

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Registration

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To register for a class or Field Day, sign up at www.MyODFW.com to participate in a Field Day, students must first complete an **Online Course** or request a **Self-directed Workbook** by email at ODFW.info@state.or.us. There is no pre-requisite to participate in a classroom course.

NEXT CLASSROOM COURSE OR FIELD DAY OFFERED:

Date: June 11, 13, 18, 20 in class and 22 field day Time: 6-9 pm classes and 8am-12pm field day

Location: Heppner High School Instructor: Jim and Darlene Marquardt

Class Type Offered: Traditional Information: WALK IN'S WELCOME

For more information contact: Call Jim 541 969-4845 for information.

*The online course or self-directed workbook is a pre-requisite for the Field Day. ODFW charges a \$10 application fee for all hunter education students at the time of registration.

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