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Lovgren-Nichol to wed June 12



Torri Lovgren and Kyle Nichol

Torri Raye Lovgren and Kyle Nichol, both Heppner, announce their engagement to be married.

Torri is the daughter of Patrick and Bobbette Lovgren, Heppner. She is employed at the MCGG Feed Store in Heppner.

Kyle is the son of Al-

bert "Abby" and Martha Nichol, Austin, TX, formerly of McMinnville, OR. He is employed with the Morrow County Road Department.

They plan a June 12 wedding at the Lovgren family ranch, Heppner.

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Coe and Jepsen awarded 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award

The Morrow County 4-H Leaders Association has awarded Nancy Jepsen and Jan Coe (posthumously) the Morrow County 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of the generous time and talents given to the youth of Morrow County.

Both Jepsen and Coe were long time leaders and supporters of all things 4-H related for many years and the association recognizes their efforts and work on behalf of the youth of our county.

Nancy Jepsen served as a cooking and sewing leader for many years in Ione teaching youth how to shop for, plan and create

masterpieces in the art of clothing and foods. All of her children also participated and excelled in 4-H activities.

Jan Coe was a leader in the Heppner area for equine and consumer arts. She shaped lives and future careers of many youth in our county. Like, Jepsen, her children all participated in 4-H through livestock and expressive arts.

Coe and Jepsen each had a gift for convincing others to go above and beyond as they themselves did to further education and positive youth development. "They are both the face of dedication," says Erin Heideman, Mor-



Morrow County 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Nancy Jepsen (right), with 4-H educator, Erin Heideman.



Members of Jan Coe's family accept the Morrow County 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of their mother, posthumously. Pictured L-R: John Lawrence, Paul Lawrence, Tricia Lawrence, Scott Coe, Jace Coe, Char Bracher and Addie Coe.

Coal plant demolition begins next year

Generated over 97 million megawatt hours and burned over 56 million tons of coal in 40-year run

By David Sykes

The Boardman coal fired plant is now going through final decommissioning with demolition of the facility expected to begin in January of 2022 and last until Dec. 2023, Portland General Electric, PGE, has announced. Chris Bozzini, Decommissioning Project Manager at PGE, gave a report at a recent meeting of the Morrow County Commissioners.

A history of the plant shows it began operation on August 3 of 1980 and ceased on October 15, 2020. The facility could have continued producing electricity, however, owner PGE decided to phase out coal burning electrical generation in favor of more renewable wind and solar power. The company con-



The Boardman Coal Plant has been operating for over 40 years

tinues to operate a gas-fired electrical generating facility next to the decommissioned coal plant.

During its 40-year run the plant produced over 97 million megawatt hours of electricity. A megawatt hour is equivalent to 1 mil-

lion watts of electricity being used for an hour. To produce this much power, it burned over 56 million tons of coal and operated for a total of 196,440 hours. The plant employed 110 workers while at full production. Employment is

row County 4-H Educator. "These ladies are the epitome of the heart and soul of Morrow County 4-H and their service is exemplary."

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults while participating in fun, hands-on learning activities. Youth can experience 4-H by becoming a member of a 4-H club, attending 4-H camp, or joining after-school programs. 4-Hers can compete with their projects at local, state, regional, or national levels and also attend conferences and events.

now down to 67 people who will be used to finish the decommissioning phase. According to PGE the laid off employees will receive "comprehensive retention and severance packages and educational opportunities."

The shutdown coal plant and the next-door Carty Gas generating facility share some infrastructure that must be separated prior to demolition of the coal plant, including septic, backup power, drinking water controls and fire water lines.

Reclamation of the large coal yard began in March of 2020 and concluded in October of last year. Over 40 thousand tons of coal were reclaimed

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Extra Lean Ground Beef (Value Pack)	\$2.69lb	Pork Spareribs (Whole In The Bag)	\$2.49lb	Octoberfest Sausage (10lb Box).....	\$3.99lb
Beef Rib Eye Roast (Whole In The Bag)	\$6.99lb	Pork Baby Back Ribs (Whole In The Bag)	\$3.69lb	Shredded Cheese (2lb Bag)	\$6.99ea
Beef New York Roast (Whole In The Bag).....	\$5.99lb	Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast (Approx 10lb Bag)	\$1.99lb	Bag Sliced Pepperoni (2lb Bag)	\$4.99ea
Boneless Beef Top Sirloin (Whole In The Bag).....	\$3.99lb	Boneless Skinless Chicken Thighs (Approx 10lb Bag)	\$1.99lb	Popcorn Chicken (10lb Box)	\$1.49lb
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Beef Sirloin Tip (Whole In The Bag)	\$3.79lb	Bone In Turkey Breast	\$1.79lb	Sugardale Superdogs (5lb Pkg).....	\$6.99ea
Beef Tri Tip (Whole In The Bag).....	\$5.99lb	Bone In Fryer Drums	\$0.99lb	Deli Sliced Ham (2lbs Or More)	\$4.99lb
Boneless Beef Chuck Roast (Whole In The Bag)	\$3.99lb	Bone In Fryer Thighs	\$0.99lb	Deli Sliced Turkey (2lbs Or More).....	\$5.99lb
Beef Bone In Back Ribs (Whole In The Bag)	\$2.29lb	Yellowfin Tuna Steaks (10lb Box)	\$4.99lb	Reser's Hash Browns	\$7.99cs
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Boneless Pork Sirloin Roast (Whole In The Bag)	\$1.79lb	Hill's Breakfast Links (5lb Box)	\$3.99lb		



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