



THE FURROW

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SolWest is June 27th-29th!

This year's fair marks a change in SolWest Fair. After 15 eventful years in John Day sponsored by Eastern Oregon Renew, SolWest has moved to La Grande under the sponsorship of Oregon Rural Action.

However, much of the rich tradition of previous SolWest Fairs remains intact, with many of the key, highly-knowledgeable teachers returning to provide top-notch instruction in renewable energies education and information.

For those of you familiar with SolWest Fair — you will recognize many familiar, well-respected names who have returned to help with the new SolWest, along with new faces. We have solar workshops, small wind, small hydro and geothermal. We have advanced classes if you are already savvy about renewables, as well as plenty of 101 workshops, if all of this is new to you!

We also have an accomplished group of sustainable and green living practitioners who will familiarize you with subjects such as sustainable gardening, cooking with organic meats, helping bees, making lacto-fermented foods, tending orchards, keeping schools cool, working with students to build a thriving animal, vegetable & compost farm, raising small livestock, food safety, raising cart goats, conserving your land, off-grid living, modern homesteading, your carbon footprint and how you can reduce it.

SolWest Fair also has practiced green builders who can help you with building new green homes or remodeling existing homes. Please bring your plans, if you have them

— many of our instructors will be able to help you with them.

We also have emergency preparedness classes, electric cars, ham radio. and an Energy Info/Dollar Scramble to help save you money.

We are excited to have Cylvia Hayes, Oregon's First Lady, founder and CEO of 3EStrategies, a clean economy consulting firm, and author, as 2014 SolWest Fair's keynote speaker. Cylvia has 23 years of professional experience in sustainable energy, economic development, green jobs, green building and sustainable forestry and agriculture.

Cylvia co-chaired the Oregon Renewable Energy Working Group which developed Oregon's Renewable Energy Standard, Renewable Fuels Standard and other clean energy policies.

And lastly, some of our presenters will be able to help you make sense of some of the issues we face as we move toward a more sustainable, productive society and the solutions we can work together to put into action to make the earth a

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thriving, healthy home.

The 2014 SolWest Fair will also have four talented bands providing musical entertainment throughout the weekend. Red Hot and Blue jazz band plays Friday at 4-6pm with an exciting blend of jazz standards, contemporary jazz, Latin groove, and a hint of the blues. Bitterroot Band plays 7-9pm on Friday with blend of folk, rock, blues, soul, bluegrass, and roots that will take you from high mountain peaks to lonely desert plains, and back to the city streets. On Saturday, Homemade Jam plays 5-7pm with a diverse blend of instruments, including accordion, banjo, autoharp, fiddle, and guitar to bring old-timey, familiar tunes to life. Bag of Hammers follows 7-9pm. Luke McKern and Holly Sorenson will wow you as they create layers of improvised instrumental grooves and familiar vocal hooks with 5 instruments, a loop station and a dance party.

Come learn, connect and build with the SolWest community to create energy for sustainable communities. Relax with available massage therapy and take in some fresh air, food, beer and wine, and relax to the wonderful music provided by this year's four remarkable bands. **Please contact Emelie if your able to volunteer the event day. (541 963 3339, emelie@psmt.biz or <http://bit.ly/1gJL1pw>)** Your participation continues the success of past SolWest Fairs and helps to build a strong future for SolWest Fairs to come. On behalf of the entire SolWest Fair committee – welcome.

By Jan Alberts



Electric Car Show

Workshops

Friday, June 27th

- ∞ Advanced Solar Class, 2 hours
- ∞ Basics of Going Solar workshops:
- ∞ Solar Electric Systems
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- ∞ Hot Water Systems
- ∞ Choice, Care and Feeding of Your Battery Bank
- ∞ Come Watch the Health Care Movie Electric Cars
- ∞ Introduction to Solar Policy
- ∞ Orchard as a Forest Collector
- ∞ What is LEED?
- ∞ For Kids: What is Renewable? and 6th Grade Energy

∞ For plumbing contractors, or anyone interested in all aspects of solar water heating, there will be a 4-hour Solar Hot Water Heater Install class from 9:00am-1pm. This class, taught by John Patterson, will provide those seeking Oregon Building Code Division credits and/or Tax Credit Technician credits an opportunity to get 4 hours CE. (This class costs \$75 & includes lunch.)

Saturday, June 28th

- ∞ Automated Off-Grid Systems
- ∞ Beyond the Food Handler Permit: Food Safety for Food Processing Facilities,
- ∞ Conserving Your Land-The Nuts & Bolts of Blue Mountain Conservation Easements
- ∞ Cool Schools & Union School District Energy Project
- ∞ Emergency Preparedness on the Cheap
- ∞ GMOs



- ∞ Ham Radio for Emergency Communications
- ∞ High Performance Homes How To-From Beyond Code to Net-Zero Energy
- ∞ Principles of Passive Solar Buildings
- ∞ PV System Configuration
- ∞ Renewable Education Opportunities in Oregon
- ∞ Small Hydro Primer
- ∞ Solar Hot Water Theory & Design
- ∞ Energy Efficient Buildings
- ∞ Sustainable Gardening 101
- ∞ Sustainable Remodeling, The Top Seven Issues
- ∞ Think You Have Wind?
- ∞ Training Cart Goats
- ∞ And for kids: What is Renewable? 6th Grade Energy, Recycle Arts & Solar Circus!

Sunday, June 29th

- ∞ Agricultural Education Using Small-Scale, Sustainable Models
- ∞ Bees: Helping Pollinator Friends
- ∞ Biomass Boosted Geo-Thermal Electric Plants
- ∞ Calculating Your Carbon Footprint
- ∞ Cooking with Artisan Meats
- ∞ Distributed Energy
- ∞ Five Walls Compared
- ∞ Lacto-Fermented Foods
- ∞ Major Equipment in a PV System
- ∞ Modern Homesteading
- ∞ Principles of Residential Hydropower
- ∞ Raising Small Livestock
- ∞ Residential Geothermal Energy Solar Thermal Applications for Do-It-Yourselfers (Sun, Wind, Water, Muscles, Fingers & Thumbs – And a Brain That Knows How to Use Them
- ∞ Yes You Can Build Your Own Home/Shop/Studio/ADU

For a full program guide:
www.solwest.org

Outdoor Classrooms



Learn how do-it-yourself solar!



1st Time in La Grande will be at the Union County Fairgrounds

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7th & Every Saturday

Chef at the Market

10:30am (Demonstration)

Max Square, La Grande

Farmer's Market

June 7th

Oregon Rural Action

Board Meeting

TBA

June 10th

Snake River Chapter Meeting

6:30pm-8:30pm

Malheur Extension Office, Ontario

June 12th

Blue Mountain Chapter Meeting

5pm-8pm

Riverside Park, La Grande

June 17th & every

3rd Tuesday

Health Care Action Team Meeting

6pm-8pm

Oregon Rural Action Office

June 27th-29th

SolWest Fair (see article

and program guide)

Union County Fairgrounds

July 19th

Oregon Rural Action

Board Meeting

9am-2pm

TBA

September 13th

4th Annual Barn Dance-Blue

Mountain Chapter Fundraiser

6pm-10pm

TBA

Member Highlight: Chef Merlyn's Wizardry



Chef Merlyn is, like Merlin of mythology, a bit of a wizard and a passionate wizard at that. However he is not just passionate about how food looks and tastes but also about whether it's good for us.

ORA member Merlyn Baker is well-known throughout Northeast Oregon for a variety of enterprises. "After 40 years of cooking," he says, "it's my first love." He is probably best known as the chef who co-owned and operated Foley Station, a fine-dining restaurant in La Grande, for 15 years. Foley Station closed in November 2011. "I put a lot of my life into that restaurant," Merlyn Baker says.

But currently he is excited about the many uses of his wizardry at the Ascension School Camp and Conference Center in Cove. Recently, we caught up with him in the Ascension kitchen where he was elbow deep in the ingredients for Tuscan bread, Italian sauce for beef, and bread pudding for the senior meals which he cooks every other week.

Putting his talents to use at the other end of the age-spectrum, he delights in feeding the young campers and sharing with them his knowledge about the value of organic, local, and non-GMO foods. He says he is excited about the recent addition of a greenhouse at the school.

"My goal is to give them the best we can and give them exposure to nutrition and the importance of using local food and whenever possible organic and non-GMO food," he says.

And if that doesn't keep him busy enough, there are the weddings and conferences as well as the cooking classes he teaches via his independent business known as "Chef Merlyn--Chef for Hire." He also has been responsible for many regional culinary events, including the historical Titanic dinner using the menu from the last meal served

on the Titanic.

So when did he get interested in food? "When I was seven," he replied quickly, then said he planted his first garden "when I was five years old. I planted my first tree when I was four, a maple tree, and it's still alive!"

His training has been hands-on in a variety of places from Minnesota to the Southeast to New Mexico and Texas, on to Alaska to Jake's Famous Crawfish Seafood Restaurant in Portland. "I've worked with chefs from all over the world," he said. If cooking has been his profession, his hobby has been nutrition, he says. He has worked to teach people the difference between organic and local foods, and he advocates that all farmers markets have their vendors make clear whether their food is not just local but if it's also organic, if it's non-GMO, if it's heirloom if it's produce or heritage if it's from animals.

Baker says he is a strong advocate for labeling and for sharing with consumers all the facts about the food they buy. "I support this more than government regulations." He cites, as example of the unreliability of the government to protect the consumer, the number of Monsanto ex-employees now working in the government.

He believes we all need to be vigilant of the threats in our food chain. Merlyn advises people to learn how to read the codes on food to see whether the food is organic and to make our grocers tell us if produce is local. He advises people to learn whether foods they are buying are grown from genetically modified seeds. "Contact the company and ask them questions," he said.

Merlyn teaches people about the apps they can upload for free sometimes that help consumers learn what's in or on the food they buy, and he recommends sites such as <http://buycott.com/> to help determining whether food is GMO-free. "I believe in our connection to the earth," he said. "We need reverence and respect for it."

Asked if he is an optimist about our struggle to make food healthy again, he says, "I am in general an optimist, but I can see when things need to be changed." He calls this position "aggressive positivity."

"Convenience foods," he said, "are the highest priced leftovers you can buy." He says those foods "disrupt the flora in your gut" and do more to ruin our health than even lack of health coverage can. "GMO food is a loaded gun in our schools every day."

He concludes, "In the long run it is about respect for food—which is respect for yourself."

By Mike Shearer

Small Farm Course Offered, 1st Time in Eastern OR

With winter waning and spring planting getting into high gear, sixteen farmers, young and old, gathered during the month of April 2014, to attend the first ever Eastern Oregon Growing Farms Workshop. Created by the OSU Small Farms Program over a decade ago, Growing Farms has been well received for years in the Willamette Valley with multiple venues this year. The Eastern Oregon Community Food

System Collaboration of NEOEDD, OSU extension, and Oregon Rural Action, has been working with the OSU Small Farms Program for a couple of years to pull this off.

Growing Farms, the Successful Small Farm Management Course developed by Oregon State University Small Farm Program is a four part series designed for farmers in their first 5 years of farming, people seriously considering starting a farm business, and people considering major changes to their farm. The course helps provide farmers with the tools and knowledge to manage the biological and financial risks of farming as well as linking them to local experts in those same areas. A core part of the course required participants to evaluate both the physical assets on the

farm and just as importantly the farming skills and abilities they and their families possess. Pairing those qualities with three different cropping systems of annuals, perennials, and pasture based growing methods.

Building off the success of this workshop we anticipate an expanded course next year with more farmer lead learning opportunities that will transform into creating a chapter of

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the Rogue Farm Corp in Northeast Oregon in 2016. Rogue Farm Corp(RFC) programs combine hands-on training, classroom learning and farm-based experience on a diverse network of commercial family farms in Oregon. RFC offers real world opportunities for both the beginner and the aspiring farmer seeking in-depth training to launch their own farm business.

We want to give a shout out to our area farmers as their participation was key to success of this years workshop. Classroom presenters were: John Finley from Finley Fresh Produce in Hermiston; Beth Gibans from Backyard Gardens Produce and Catering in Joseph; Val Tachenko from Val's Veggies in Baker. Farm

tours were given by: Doug Lewis at Agristar Inc. in North Powder; Tony and Andrea Malmberg from Beyond Organic Beef in Union; and Susan Boyd from Dora's Garden in Union. Other presenters were Lisa Dawson from NEOEDD; Erin Barremore, Farm Loan Manager for FSA in Baker; Hanley Kennedy, Commercial Loan Officer with Community Bank in La Grande; Beau Reynolds, Agent with Northwest Farm Credit Services in Pendleton; and Mike Burton from NCRS in La Grande.

The course was funded in part by a Specialty Crop Grant from the Oregon Department of Agriculture to assist growers of vegetables, culinary herbs and spices, medicinal plants, fruits and tree nuts, nursery stock, horticulture, and other specialty crops to start and improve their farming operations and take advantage of market opportunities.

By Jeff Mathias



Susan Boyd, credit Jeff Mathias



Doug Lewis talks to class, credit Jeff Mathias

Oregonians Need Transparency on Trade

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), a trade pact with Mexico and Canada. NAFTA has fundamentally changed the way we do business in America. Since NAFTA, the United States has lost 170,000 family farms and ranches, and rural communities have lost population. Mexican farmers fled the countryside and crossed the border to escape the poverty caused by a flood of cheap American corn.

Despite NAFTA's failure, the Obama administration is negotiating another massive trade agreement, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). Supporters of the agreement say that farmers need this treaty to improve exports, this time to Asia, primarily. However, Asia is already one of Oregon's largest trading partners. Over 90 percent of Oregon wheat is already exported, primarily to Pacific Rim countries, according to the Oregon Wheat Grower's League. TPP supporters tell us that it will create jobs, but in the years after NAFTA began, from 1994 to 2014, Oregon lost 18,842 manufacturing jobs due to NAFTA, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. What's more, TPP supporters say this trade deal is needed, but very few people actually know what is in it because negotiations are secret.

What supporters don't tell people is that TPP will likely extend the "rights" and privileges of corporations under the "investor-state" system, which elevates foreign corporations to the status of governments. Under this system, foreign corporations can sue the U.S. government for cash damages (our tax dollars) over alleged harm to their companies due to the domestic laws and regulations. This could include laws like Country of Origin Labeling (COOL), which require labeling of where meat was born, raised, and slaughtered. Independent ranchers like us across the nation have fought hard for COOL so that U.S. meat can be differentiated as proudly American grown, higher quality product and so consumers can

know where their food comes from. But TPP would create an opportunity for foreign companies to sue for damages and stop COOL if they could show this labeling harmed their "expected future profits."

The investor-state system in trade agreements has already resulted in over \$3 billion paid to corporations over domestic food safety, health, labor, land use and environmental laws. The judges in these cases are the same private sector attorneys who also represent corporations, making us doubt the fairness and legitimacy of these bodies.

But regardless of a person's opinion on TPP and other "free trade" deals, we can probably all agree that the public, media, and Congress should have a thorough debate about what this trade deals means for the American people and rural communities. Instead, the Obama administration and some in Congress are pushing for Fast Track Authority, which would allow the president to sign TPP with limited debate and without the right for Congress to make any changes. Free trade deals have real-world consequences for how we run our ranching operations, yet, with Fast Track, we will not know what is in them until it is too late to change or stop them. This kind of secrecy and push for unconstitutional power is undemocratic and opaque. It denies the rights of citizens to know what our government is doing on our behalf and our right to self-determination when it comes to our livelihoods and way of life.

As the new chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Rom Wyden can stop Fast Track Authority for secret trade deals. We encourage our fellow citizens, farmers and ranchers to contact Senator Wyden and urge him to fight against Fast Track Authority and bring the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations out of the dark and into the light of day.

by Mabel Dobbs & Nella Parks



Mabel Dobb is a rancher from Weiser, Idaho, and board member of the Western Organization of Resource Councils.



Nella Parks is a farmer from Union, Oregon, and member of Oregon Rural Action.

WORC Ag & Food Campaign Team Meeting

In mid-April, WORC's (Western Organization of Resource Councils) Ag and Food Campaign team met face-to-face at the Home on the Range in Billings to strategize on regional campaigns, celebrate 2013 victories and build relationships across the seven member groups. Two members and one organizer from each member group participated in the weekend meeting. Oregon Rural Action members Austin Saunders and Nella Parks participated with ORA staff member Jeff Mathias. The Team is chaired by ORA board member Mabel Dobbs.

A highlight of the gathering was a mock press conference to introduce WORC's upcoming "Growing the 16%" meat market concentration report. Bill Bensel of Powder River acted as emcee of the mock press conference featuring livestock producers Gilles Stockton of Northern Plains, Brian Brent of IORC, and Nella Parks of ORA. The panelists discussed the impacts of livestock market concentration on independent and family producers and our shift in strategy toward growing the segment of the livestock market not controlled by four big meatpackers. A half dozen other members played the roles of news reporters (Austin Saunders), asking hard hitting questions of the panel; others took video and pictures, and played the role of organizers of the event. Some groups hope to stage similar panels in their community to generate interest in local 16% campaigns.

The group also took a deep dive into our regional trade campaign to stop Fast Track trade authority. Beginning with an intense game of International Trade Jeopardy to

learn about trade deals and their implications, members engaged in a messaging workshop, identifying opportunities to elevate our new ag narrative, and strategized what we could do to move our region's members of Congress.

In addition to trade and the 16%, Campaign Team members shared and celebrated 2013 accomplishments, heard stories of our 30 year history from veteran members, learned about the problems with GM wheat, and discussed 2014 priorities, how to move forward with the 10-state Food and Ag Justice Collaborative and set next steps for members and groups.

By Jeff Mathias



Nella Parks and Austin Sanders attending with Jeff Mathias

Struggling Coal Export Terminal Dealt Another Blow With Eighth Permit Delay

In May the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) announced that it will delay a permit decision for Ambre Energy's Morrow Pacific coal export project along the Columbia River until August 18, 2014. This is the eighth time that the permit has been delayed. On the heels of Ambre Energy's repeated failures to provide DSL with adequate information and analysis about the project scope and impacts, the decision represents yet another blow for Ambre's coal export proposal.

In March, the State of Oregon notified Ambre Energy that its controversial proposed coal export terminal requires a state land lease because the site is located on state-owned land in the Columbia. The requirement to obtain a state land lease for Ambre Energy's dangerous coal export project was the latest in a series of setbacks for the struggling company. Northwest leaders continue to show firm opposition to coal exports. In April, Governor Kitzhaber said simply: "it's time to say NO to coal exports in Oregon". Please write a Letter to the Editor today, saying that you agree with Governor Kitzhaber. Talking points included.

The Governor's statement reflects the risks posed to Northwest families, businesses, and health. We stand with the Governor on his leadership on coal exports – there is no place for coal in a healthy, prosperous future.

Oregon State agencies like the DSL need to continue to give these projects the full scrutiny they deserve – we're glad they're not taking this decision lightly, given the potential harms. Northwest families deserve and will accept nothing less than leadership that protects our health, safety, economy, and climate. The threats of coal exports are far too risky for Northwest families, our economies, our heritage and the precious natural resources we all share.

Over the past few months, more than 25,000 citizens, including many of YOU, have contacted Governor Kitzhaber

requesting a denial of the permit. Earlier this year, nearly 90 elected officials from Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Idaho urged Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber and the DSL to protect frontline communities throughout the Northwest by rejecting a permit for Ambre Energy's proposed Morrow Pacific coal export project. Additionally, over 3,000 medical professionals and public health advocates contacted Oregon decision-makers to urge rejection of the Ambre Energy permit. Close to 600 Northwest businesses and business leaders have also either expressed concern or outright opposition to coal export.

Many other permits in the DSL and DEQ are still being considered. We must continue to stay strong in backing the Governor and opposing these projects every step of the way. Please write a Letter to the Editor today saying you agree with Governor Kitzhaber in opposing coal exports.

As time goes by, public opposition to coal exports only grows. We're counting on strong leadership from Governor Kitzhaber and DSL to continue heeding the voices of thousands of Northwest families, local elected officials, businesses, health professionals, and many others to protect our families with a permit denial on August 18th. Thank you for all you're doing to power past coal and protect our quality of life.

By Tova Woyciechowicz & Joelle Robinson

LTE Talking Points

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∞ Northwest families deserve and will accept nothing less than leadership that protects our health, safety, economies, and climate.

The DSL is doing its duty under the law to make sure that fossil fuel projects that pose great risk and harm to NW communities, environment, and local economies, are given the thorough scrutiny they deserve.

∞ Ambre still has a long way to go before they can put a shovel in the ground, and that's because of the thousands of people who have raised their voices, and the hard working leaders who have made this movement against



Genetically engineered foods, also called GE or GMOs, are those created with plants or animals that have had their genetic material altered by adding DNA from different species in ways that cannot occur in nature or with traditional breeding.

SIGN A PETITION TO GET GMO LABELING!

coal exports one of the biggest and most powerful grass-roots forces in the country.

∞ We stand with Governor Kitzhaber together with hundreds of health professionals, local electeds, business leaders, tribal governments and thousands of Northwest families.

∞ Communities will continue to fight coal exports every step of the way – we will not have our health, homes, and quality of life harmed by these dirty and dangerous projects.

∞ The more time goes on, the more opposition to coal exports only grows. We're counting on this strong leadership from the Governor and DSL to continue to hear the voices of thousands of Northwest families, local electeds, businesses, health professionals, and many others to protect our families with a permit denial on August 18th.

Where to send your Letters?

Letters should be no more than 150 words. Please send your letters to all these papers and follow up. (Pasted in order of priority) Please also email letters to tova@oregonrural.org with Coal Letter in the subject line. Thanks!

The Hermiston Herald

editor@hermistonherald.com

Follow up with Jessica Keller, 541-564-4533

East Oregonian

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