

Presidents Day closures

HR Pool will be open Sunday and Monday

Monday is a federal holiday observed by schools, banks and some businesses.

Schools are out for the day, and government offices will be closed.

Hood River Library branches will be closed.

There will be no United States Postal Service delivery on Monday.

Hood River News offices will be open regular hours.

Hood River Pool will be closed all day Saturday, Feb. 14 for the Columbia River Conference district meet.

The pool will reopen for normal business hours on Feb 15 at 10 a.m.

The Aquatic Center will be open Monday for a special open \$1 swim from 1-3:30 p.m. The slide, rope swing, basketball hoop will be open, and the party room is available for rental.

Swim lesson registration is underway. You can now register online at hoodriverparksanddrec.org, or you can register in person at the Aquatic Center. New classes are being added to accommodate full classes.

USFS fee waiver — Day-use fees at most U.S. Forest Service recreation sites will be waived on Monday, Feb 16, to celebrate Presidents Day.

The administrative fee waiver of recreation-use fees applies annually on Presidents Day at public recreation lands man-

aged by the U.S. Forest Service, as well as by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation.

This fee waiver applies to day-use fees at Forest Service recreation sites across Oregon and Washington. This includes many picnic areas, boat launches, trailheads and visitor centers.

Concession operations will continue to charge fees unless the permit holder wishes to participate. Fees for camping, cabin rentals, heritage expeditions, or other permits will not be waived.

For more information on specific fee sites, call your local national forest or visit their website through www.fs.usda.gov.

Elks Lodge names Bell, McLean January students of the month

Joy Bell and Lucy McLean have been selected as January Students of the Month by the Hood River Elks Lodge and were presented \$100 checks at a recent Lodge meeting. Both are seniors at Hood River Valley High School. They, along with the other monthly winners, will be honored at a banquet on May 31 of this year.



Joy Bell



Lucy McLean

Joy Bell is an honor roll student who is very self-motivated and someone who has strong leadership skills. She was a former player on the lacrosse team and a member of the HRVHS student panel for hiring new principals. She is also a member of the Health Media Club that focuses on improving the health and welfare in the community and a member of SOAR (Students of Apt Readiness), which helps make middle school students aware of what their high school experience will be like.

Joy is very involved with the Leos organization and she has done various activities, such as selling snacks at Movies in the Park, raising money for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, volunteering at the local FISH food bank and selling cookies at the Lions Follies show. She has also sold food at a HRVHS play, helped backstage at a fashion show, helped with the Hood River food bank and organized bottles and cans for the Recycling for the Community group.

In 2014, she was one of five students selected to attend the International Lions Convention in Toronto, Ontario. Other projects include sorting cans and bottles at Rosauers and being part of the school canned food drive.

With the Leadership for Tomorrow group, she gave out hot chocolate and cookies at the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and also during the Christmas season, she and others bought presents and gifted them to families that otherwise could not afford them.

Joy is the daughter of Van

Miley and Michelle Bell. This coming fall, Joy will attend a four year university and major in business and will then go on to attain an MBA in international business. She would like to pursue a career in international relations. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and cooking.

Lucy McLean is a high achiever and is very involved in a number of various activities. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has challenged herself throughout high school by taking many honors and advanced placement classes. Lucy was a high school champion ski racer in 2012 and an individual league champion from 2012-2014.

In 2014, she was a second place finisher in skier cross at Stake, won the most valuable skier award in 2014 and was on the league champion team in 2012, 2013 and 2014. She was a member of the junior varsity track team her freshman and sophomore years and has been other varsity soccer team since her sophomore year.

Lucy's volunteer work includes working with the Leos club, doing various activities such as recycling and helping with Movies in the Park. She also helps at the local FISH food bank bagging, stocking and carrying out food to customers. During the Christmas season, she

helped sort, box and deliver food to needy families in the community. The Challenge Day Club, which creates a safe environment for young kids, and Link Crew leader were two other groups that she has helped with. She has volunteered at two high school soccer camps, where she was a coach and mentor for 4-12 year olds and helped them with their soccer skills. Lucy has also volunteered at high school and middle school track meets, helping as a timer and to run the event.

Lucy is the daughter of George and Kathy McLean and has an older sister, Maddie, a sophomore at Bates College in Maine.

Later this year, she will enroll in a four year university. She is undecided about what career path she would like to pursue. Other interests include reading, shipping and working at Mike's Ice Cream.

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