

LOCAL TV

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McHaddad also has other shows in development to offer on the streaming service.

“I’ve got like 120 television shows in development all together,” he said. “We’re looking at some local programing created in the Pacific Northwest, things like travel shows that we think a lot of people in the area are really going to enjoy watching.”

The District has also discussed with Baker High School officials the option of broadcasting Bulldogs sporting events.

“The big reason we’re trying to go forward in making a channel, one that you can watch over the air, stream online, and watch on cable is to get a different source of revenue going for the district,” McHaddad said. “Over the last 40 years we had the same system of collecting revenue and a lot of people really don’t like it.”

Each year the District sends letters to residents in Baker Valley and other areas outside city limits, as well as to residents who, based on the presence of a TV antenna, might be using the District’s signals.

Residents who return the letter and say they don’t use the signals aren’t required to pay the \$100 annual fee.

Residents who fail to do so can have the

fee added to their property tax bill.

The District broadcasts more than 20 HD channels.

McHaddad said the District will be seeking sponsors for the new low-power local station.

“They’ll be able to sponsor the online streaming and the goal of that is to generate enough revenue to support our operations so that we can reform the way that we make money,” he said.

The request for proposals seeks a firm that has experience in ad sales.

While a local firm would be preferred, the District will also consider proposals from Boise, Walla Walla, or the Tri Cities.

“We want somebody who’s able to get sponsors for this channel from this area so that local businesses are sponsoring local television,” McHaddad said.

The District is also interested in proposals from local residents about producing shows that could be shown on the new channel.

“Our goal here is to use television to reinvest in the community,” McHaddad said. “Part of our model is that we don’t want anything that’s created here just to be broadcast here, we’re going to be building syndication partnerships with other TV stations around the region and the country.”

BILLS

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In addition to the proclamations, Harvey wrote a separate letter to the Legislature that starts: “Baker County strongly opposes all of the bills relating to Cap and Trade, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and that are based on climate change and all of their economic crushing facets.”

Harvey describes the bills as “a budgetary nightmare” that will force citizens “to choose which to pay for; food, medicines, housing, transportation, or electricity.”

Harvey’s letter also brands the climate bills as “a thinly veiled attempt to usher in policies that create a socialist society. It is a blatant attempt by the supermajority and the governor that the will of the

people will be ignored.”

Harvey concludes the letter by calling on lawmakers to refer any climate-related bills to Oregon voters.

“Please do what’s right and not pass these bills,” Harvey concluded his letter. “Such major public policies that affect every Oregonian should go through a referral to ballot allowing all Oregonians to have a voice in this issue.”

Sports

CLASS 1A GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS



Kathy Orr/Baker City Herald

Autumn Davis made seven 3-point baskets Tuesday to lead the Powder Valley Badgers past Jordan Valley.

Powder Valley races past Mustangs, one win from trip to state tournament

By Ronald Bond
The (La Grande) Observer

What a difference two months can make.

The Powder Valley girls basketball team, which earlier in the season was blasted by Jordan Valley by 40 points, turned the tables Tuesday at North Powder in the first round of the 1A state playoffs as they rolled to a 47-31 win over the Mustangs behind the hot shooting of Autumn Davis, who drained seven 3-pointers — six in the first half.

“She was getting some open looks, but she can get

really hot, and I’ve seen that numerous times,” head coach Allen Bingham said of Davis’ 3-point prowess as she finished with 22 points and six rebounds. “At district in the title game against Joseph she couldn’t buy one. She was dialed in tonight. Some nights the basket’s really big.”

The Badgers led 10-4 after one, then put the game away with a 20-point second quarter, which Davis ended with a buzzer-beating 3 for a 30-11 lead at the break. The lead reached 22 after three quarters.

“We’re a better team

(than we were) by far, and our defense has come a long way,” Bingham said of the difference between Tuesday’s outcome and the Mustangs’ 60-20 win Dec. 21. “We played really good defense.”

Keanna Bingham added 13 points and hit three 3-pointers for the Badgers, and Belle Blair added 10 rebounds and four steals.

The Badgers (15-10 overall) visit North Douglas at 6 p.m. Friday in the second round, with the winner reaching the state tournament in Baker City, which starts March 4.



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