

## Cardinal Booster Club announces January activities

The Cardinal Booster Club met on Monday, Jan. 3 at the school library.

It was reported that Lynn Dee Ramos is checking on paint prices for the cafeteria. A sports design will also be created for the hallway.

The community band has been practicing and is ready to play at home games.

Dean Robinson took the Oregonian Gold Cup sign to Hermiston to have it remade and the Big Sky sign to be repaired and the two new teams added. High Performance Signs is doing the work.

Karen Padberg will be in charge of the sack meals for basketball teams

traveling to Ione for games. Team members will be given the meals as they board their bus to return home.

It was announced that the club would sponsor a lasagna dinner on Saturday, Jan. 15 during the Condon games.

For his help recycling cans and bottles, the club gave Wayne Hams a basketball season pass. So far the group has raised over \$600.

It was agreed the club would continue the practice of thanking and honoring businesses that support Ione Schools at home basketball games.

The next meeting of the Cardinal Booster Club will be on Monday, Feb. 7 at the school library.

## IMS girls' basketball "B" team win over Helix

The Ione Middle School girls' basketball "B" team finally got to take the court on Saturday, Jan. 8 against Helix after being disappointed about the cancellation of the Sherman County game the day before due to the snow storm.

The score was tight after one quarter with Ione leading 4-2. The Cardinals lengthened their lead by halftime, holding an 8-2 advantage. Ione was tough on defense, stealing the ball and heading for the basket.

In the second half, Ione held a commanding

lead of 15-4 after three quarters. The team then finished strong to win the game, 21-6.

Mariah Bradfield led the Cardinals with nine points. Kara Clay was not far behind with eight points and Beth Morter and Tyree Svetich both scored two points each.

"The girls came out and played with a lot of heart," said Coach LynDee Ramos. "They worked hard and I am pleased with their performance."

## Mustang JV boys hold on to beat Vikings



Tony Haguewood goes up for a shot against Umatilla. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

By Rick Paulus

A 19-5 advantage in the third quarter helped the Heppner Mustang JV boys to a 45-44 win at Umatilla on Friday, Jan. 7 as the Vikings rallied in the fourth but couldn't overtake them. The Mustangs, whose game Saturday against Sherman County was cancelled, improved to 4 and 3 on the year and will be at Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 14 and back at home on Saturday, Jan. 15 against the Culver Bulldogs.

The Mustangs took a 6-4 lead after one as Quinn Peck scored four points, but trailed 17-12 at the half,

despite four points from Andre Rauch. RJ Farrrens had seven points, including a 3-pointer, Matt McCabe four points and Tony Haguewood three during their third period run as they took a 31-22 lead after three. Farrrens had six points, Justin Delveaux hit four of four free throws and Lane Bailey had three points as the Mustangs held on to their lead and took the win.

Farrrens led the Mustangs with 15 points, with Rauch adding nine and Peck adding seven.

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Umatilla 4 13 5 22-

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Heppner- RJ Farrrens 6 2-3 15, Andre Rauch 4 1-2 9, Quinn Peck 3 1-1 7, Justin Delveaux 0 4-4 4, Matt McCabe 2 0-0 4, Tony Haguewood 1 1-4 3 and Lane Bailey 1 1-3 3. Team: 17 10-17 45. 3-pts: Farrrens.

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Public health officials in the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) announced Jan. 6 that restrictions on influenza vaccine are lifted, effective immediately.

This means that providers will be free to give flu shots to the general population, as demand for vaccine has fallen short of supplies.

As a result of a national vaccine shortage, DHS previously invoked an emergency rule to assure flu vaccination was available for those people in certain high priority groups who are at increased risk of serious complications from influenza. Last month, that rule was loosened to allow vaccination of people age 50 and older, out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of people who are at risk.

"Even with these loosened restrictions, we are at a point where our supply of vaccine is exceeding demand," said Grant Higginson, M.D., state public health officer in DHS. "Allowing broader dispersal of vaccine to any Oregonian who wants a flu shot will help ensure that all doses are used and will benefit the entire population by reducing disease transmission."

Higginson said it appears that about half of high-risk persons have received their shots to date. He notes these individuals still have the greatest need for protections and he

advises them to seek vaccinations immediately.

In Oregon, flu season typically does not peak until February, which means getting a flu shot now still provides a timely safeguard against influenza, according to Higginson. Normally, it takes two weeks from the time of inoculation for vaccine to become effective.

"We've been fortunate that, so far, the flu season has been mild," Higginson said. "Of course, we can't predict how this year will play out, so this is an opportunity for those who wanted to get vaccinated before to do so now."

Higginson said that Oregon still has access to about 30,000 doses of flu vaccine from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but they will need to be ordered soon.

"We continue to work closely with county health departments and other vaccine providers. If any of our partners see new demand and want us to order some of those additional doses, we will do so," Higginson said. "We are really relying on our partners who have direct contact with clients to dictate the need for bringing more vaccine into Oregon."

Persons seeking information about vaccinations should check with their health care provider or they may call the statewide flu hotline at (800) 978-3040 statewide or (503) 872-6900 in the Portland area, or (800) SAFENET.

## "B" team Ponies lose season finale to Mt. Vernon

By Larry Palmer

The "B" team Ponies took on the Mt. Vernon Mustangs in their season finale. The Ponies came out cold and stayed that way throughout the contest, losing 43-12. Even the pressure defense fizzled, which was so successful during the first meeting of Ponies and Mustangs.

In the first quarter, the Ponies could only muster a single basket and they fell behind early 2-9. The second quarter didn't get much better as the Mustangs were in a groove and the Ponies were just trying to stay out of the gutter, leaving a halftime score of 22-5 Mustangs.

The second half was a continuation of the first. The Ponies couldn't muster

anything up and were forced to play catch up ball with the final score, Ponies 12, Mustangs 43.

Scorers for the game were Luke Young with six points, Brian Holland with three, Jordan Hatfield with two and Chris Wellington with one.

The "B" team Ponies consisted of Justin Key, Wellington, Tomas Elguezabal, Holland, Lane Wright, Brent Eckman, Hatfield, Zach McCarl, Young, Drew Johnson and Grant Smith.

The team finished the year with eight wins and five losses.

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## "A" team Ponies fall to Mt. Vernon

By Larry Palmer

The Mt. Vernon Mustangs came to town to take on the "A" team Ponies. The Ponies put up a good front against their towering opponents, but in the end lost the battle, 49-33.

In the first quarter, the Ponies held their own, down by only five, 12-7. The Ponies still had them in reach in the second, with the score at halftime, 22-16 Mustangs.

Yet, in the third, the Mustangs went to work and outscored the Ponies 17-6. The fourth saw the team battle to a stand still, with the Ponies getting the upper hand, 11-10, but it wasn't enough to win the game, leaving the final score-Ponies 33, Mustangs 49.

Scorers in the game were Jared Huddleston and Brent Eckman with seven points each, Josh Shank with six points, Dalton Wellman with five, Spencer Palmer with four and Braden Britt and Joe Pranger with two each.

The team consisted of Huddleston, Shank, Wellman, Britt, Palmer, Sam King, Eckman and Pranger.

The team finished the year with nine wins and seven losses and placed second in their league tournament.

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## Morrow County Gun Club news

On Sunday, Jan. 9, on a snow-covered field, 10 shooters withstood wind, fog and low temperatures to shoot singles and handicap.

Harvey Childers was first in singles with a perfect score of 25 out of 25. Following him was Rob Ashbeck with 24 and Lowell Turner with 21.

Childers also took first in the handicap shoot with a score of 21 out of 25.

Turner followed with 16 and Mark Schlichting landed 14.

The next shoot will be held Sunday, Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. This will be a kickoff weekend for the winter league. Names will be drawn for teams. If you plan on shooting in the league but cannot make it to the Gun Club this coming weekend, please call Mark Schlichting at 989-8525 or Harvey Childers at 422-7412.

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