

Successful Colt Basketball season comes to an end



Top: Colt Group 1 third and fourth grade (left to right): front row-Blane Mahoney, Conor Brosnan, Jace Coe; middle row-Joseph-Sherman, Brock Hisler, Jett Stewart, Derrick Smith; top row-Kaden combe, Kason Cimmiyotti, Trevor Nichols. Middle: Colt Group 2 third and fourth grade (left to right): front row-Roen Waite, Bryan Collins, David Cribbs, Trevor Nichols; middle row-Zander Fisher, Dillan Doyle, Adan Guerra, Kegan Steagall; top row-Brian Lindsay, Tyson Vawser, Ty Boor, Tucker Ashbeck. Bottom: Colt fifth grade (left to right): front row-Kenneth Troxell, Jayden Wilson, Roy Collins; middle row-Hunter Greenup, Joseph Sherman, Gaige Futter, Jackson Lehman; top row-Kason Cimmiyotti, Brock Hisler, Derrick Smith, Kaden Combe. Not pictured are: Anthony Rankin, Johnny Resch, David Cribbs, Brandon Comstock, Cody Fletcher, Hunter Greenup, Roy Collins, Daron Comstock. -Contributed photos

Colt Basketball players had another enjoyable and successful season. Thirty-two boys from third, fourth and fifth grade made up the three teams. Games were played against other schools in the area. The boys worked very hard in practices, and it paid off in their multiple victories in the games they played throughout December and January. Boys who participated were Adan Guerra, Trevor Nichols, Anthony Rankin, Johnny Resch, Dillan Doyle, David Cribbs, Brandon Comstock, Ty Boor, Tucker Ashbeck, Kaden Combe, Jace Coe, Cody Fletcher, Conor Brosnan, Jett Stewart, Blane Mahoney, Kegan Steagall, Brian Lindsay, Joe Sherman, Derrick Smith, Brock Hisler, Zander Fisher, Bryan Collins, Roen Waite, Kason Cimmiyotti, Gaige Futter, Kenneth Troxell, Jayden Wilson, Jackson Lehman, Hunter Greenup, Roy Collins, Daron Comstock and Tyson Vawser. Damon Brosnan, Matt Combe, Andrea Fletcher and Russ Nichols organized and coached. Players said they had a great time and look forward to next year.

Nine injured in Boardman van crash

Police still investigating

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office has reported that nine people were injured, at least two critically, in an accident involving a van owned by Atkinson Staffing of Hermiston in the Boardman area over the weekend. Around 3:30 a.m. Sunday morning, the worker transport van, driven by Sergio Obispo Poblano, 40, of Umatilla, was westbound on Kunze lane when MCSO reports it failed to stop at the intersection with Tower Road, about half a mile south of I-84 near Boardman. As the van passed through the intersection, it was struck broadside by a southbound passenger car driven by Felicitas Fernandez-Martinez of Boardman. There were seven passengers in the Atkinson Staffing van and two passengers in the car. Of the involved parties, two patients were flown out by two separate Life Flight helicopters with serious injuries, seven were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital via ground ambulances, and two declined treatment or transport. The sheriff's office did not have additional information involving the persons who sustained injuries. Undersheriff Steven Myren did say that alcohol did not appear to be a factor in the crash; however, Poblano was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office is continuing the investigation. Myren reported that, aside from MCSO, units from Boardman Fire Department, Boardman Police Department, Morrow County Ambulance, Hermiston Ambulance and Oregon State Police all responded to the accident.

Riverside cheer squad crowned 1A/2A/3A state champs

BOARDMAN—After a 10-year absence from competing in the OSAA/US Bank State Cheerleading Competition, the Riverside High School cheer squad came back with a bang and was named the 1A/2A/3A Division State Champion on Feb. 15 in Portland. The 16-member Riverside team, co-coached by Cheryl Costello and Lisa Pratt, competed against 12 other teams from around the state to bring home the Pirates' first-ever state championship in cheerleading. Riverside hasn't sent a team to the state championships for around 10 years. Several team members are first-time cheerleaders. Costello said the squad began working on its state competition routine last fall and, since then, has spent many long hours practicing, tweaking and perfecting it. "Coach Pratt and I are very proud of the girls and the dedication, hard work and long hours they put in on the mat in preparation for the state competition,"



The Riverside High School cheer squad was named the 1A/2A/3A Division State Champion after a recent competition in Portland. -Contributed photo

Costello said. performance can be seen at Footage of Riverside's www.OSAA.tv.

Boardman renews development incentives

In an effort to encourage new construction in Boardman, the Boardman City Council passed a resolution that temporarily waives System Development Charges (SDCs) for water and sewer hook-ups in the city. The resolution waives the SDCs, up to \$10,000, to property owners or developers of residential or commercial property within the city limits until Dec. 31, 2014. This incentive was first passed in 2011 for residential customers only, and since then the council has passed a resolution each year allowing the waiver of SDCs for all

construction within the residential or commercial districts. Eighteen projects have qualified for the SDC waivers in the past three years, and the city hopes many more will take advantage of this year's incentive. In other city business, the council reappointed Ray Michael to the City Budget Committee for a term ending Dec. 31, 2016. Currently the budget committee has one vacancy, which the city hopes to fill before the first budget meeting in May. Interested parties may contact Boardman City Manager Karen Pettigrew for more information.

County organizations receive Wildhorse Foundation awards

Pendleton, OR—Two Morrow County organizations were among the 32 recipients of Wildhorse Foundation awards for the fourth quarter 2013. Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District in Heppner received \$10,000 to purchase native grass, seed and herbicides used for seedbed preparation. Oregon Trail Library District in Boardman received \$5,069 to purchase five Acer Veriton computer

stations, headphones, printer and duplex scanner. The Wildhorse Foundation is a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) to support organizations in northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington. The formation of Wildhorse Foundation in 2001 was for the purpose of formalizing the charitable giving on behalf of Wildhorse Resort & Casino and CTUIR. A total of \$211,941 was awarded to 32 recipients in the last quarter, bringing the total for 2013 to \$848,997. Over 1300 local and regional non-profits have benefited from the funds totaling over \$7.5 million that the Foundation has distributed in their giving area since its inception in 2001. The Wildhorse Foundation Board will consider awarding grants to applications that cover the areas of public health and safety, education, the arts, historic preservation, gambling addiction services, salmon restoration, environmental protection and cultural activities. The quarterly deadlines for requests are Jan. 1, April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1. For more information on Wildhorse Foundation guidelines or to receive an application, visit www.wildhorseresort.com and click on "Foundation."

St. Paddy's Cruz-In returns for 13th year

On March 15, the 13th annual St. Paddy's Cruz-In will be held during the 32nd annual St. Patrick's celebration in Heppner. The car show will be held on Willow Street between Heppner Family Foods and St. Patrick's Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For anyone who owns a classic vehicle and wants to join the show, registration will start at 9 a.m. that day and finish at 11 a.m.; registration is \$20 per vehicle. Awards this year include Leprechaun's Choice, Mustang's Choice, Best Convertible, Best 1910s-1920s Car or Pickup, Best Street Rod, Best Paint, Best Restomod Car, Best of Show, and more. Also, car owners themselves will be able to vote for the Participant's Choice award. Judging will begin at noon. The awards will be given out around 2:30 p.m. on Main Street. The event also will include a participants' poker walk through five downtown businesses, Les Schwab, Peterson's Jewelry, Shell Mart, Howe's About Pizza, and A&M's Kitchen/The Pastry Peddler, with cash prizes for the first and second best poker hands. The public is invited to come and walk through the cars and reminisce as long as they wish, and ask any questions that they have... the car owners traditionally love talking about cars. Depending on the weather, cars from all over are expected to attend. The St. Paddy's Cruz-In awards are sponsored



A car enthusiast inspects under the hood of a Cruz-In entry during last year's Wee Bit O' Ireland event in Heppner. -File photo

by the following: D&L Auto Parts, Heppner High School, Les Schwab Tires, Lexington Auto Body, Pettyjohn's Farm & Builders Supply, Morrow County Grain Growers, Lexington Machine, Hatt's Fuel Stop-Lexington, Jay Coil Fabricating and Osmin Century Welding. If anyone has questions, or wishes to enter or volunteer for the Cruz-In, contact Heppner Chamber of Commerce at 541-676-5536 or Gary Jones 541-676-5456.

Chamber Chatter

Don't forget to check out all of the events and promotions in February at Wildhorse Resort & Casino: There is a lot going on, so check out the schedule at www.wildhorseresort.com. Wednesday, March 5 - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Agriculture & Energy Job Fair, sponsored by SAGE Center and Boardman Chamber of Commerce: If you are looking for a job in these industries, plan on attending the job fair, which will be held at the SAGE Center. For more information, check out the job fair page at www.visitsage.com. Thursday, March 13 - Sunday, March 16 - Heppner's 32nd annual Wee Bit O' Ireland St. Patrick's Celebration: Don't forget to put this on your calendar and participate in as many events and activities as you can. It will be a packed fun weekend you won't want to miss. Saturday, March 15 - Domestic Violence Services' Annual Soup Bowl Supper at Hamley's Sledfork Saloon in Pendleton. Questions, contact the Domestic

Violence Services, Inc. at 541-276-3322. If you want to make a donation or help out, contact the agency for more information. of Umatilla and Morrow County in Hermiston at 541-567-0424 or Pendleton

Mustang dodge ball tournament planned

The fourth annual Mustang dodge ball tournament, sponsored by the class of 2018, is planned for Tuesday, March 4, at 6 p.m. at the Heppner High School gym. Cost is \$40 per team or \$5 per person; participants are asked to pay as a team. Rules and guidelines will be handed out once teams turn in registration forms and payment. Any questions, contact Mr. Waite at waited@morrow.k12.or.us or 541-676-9125 ext. 2519.

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