

'Love Your Library' celebration next week

Friends of the Heppner Library will host an annual "Love Your Library" celebration at St. Patrick's Senior Center on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. All community members and library patrons are invited to attend. The Volunteer of the Year award will be presented by Chairman Bill Kuhn.

Kathy Street, the new Oregon Trail Library Dis-

trict Director, will be speaking about new innovations and the many resources the library has to offer each patron, young and old. Community members are invited to meet Street and to visit with her about what is available or what further services they would like to see as a priority for district libraries.

Refreshments will be served.

OTLD board to meet

Oregon Trail Public Library will hold its regular board meeting Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Heppner branch, 440 N Main Heppner. The meeting time has been changed from 7 p.m. to allow for executive session.

Also on the agenda will be discussion of the ethics policy. A time for public comment will be set aside

during the meeting. The full agenda is posted on the website, oregon-trail@ploud.net, at branch libraries, local post offices, and is available by email request.

The March meeting of the OTLD board will be Wednesday, March 16, at 7 p.m. at the Boardman branch.

Local churches join to celebrate Lent

The Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church will be joined by members of Heppner United Methodist Church in observing Lent this year on Wednesday evenings beginning with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10.

This year, all activities will begin at a new time: 5:30 p.m. An Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion will be held at Hope. The following Wednesdays, a light sup-

per of soup and bread will be offered first, followed by a short study at 6 p.m. and then concluding with Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm.

The location will rotate among the three churches: at All Saints on Feb. 17 and March 2, at the Methodist Church on Feb. 24 and March 16, and at Hope on March 9.

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the evening's activities. More information is available by calling the Shared Ministry office at 541-676-9970.

Wranglers to meet Tuesday

Wranglers Riding Club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. at the Morrow County Court House in Heppner. All members are encouraged to attend along with anyone who might be interested in participating.

LINDSAY FILES FOR JUDGE

-Continued from PAGE ONE will serve the six-year judge term and most likely carry the title of judge.

Candidates for the Morrow County Judge position must file with the Oregon Secretary of State;

the deadline to file for the primary is March 8, 2016. Candidates for all other county positions may file with the Morrow County Clerk; the deadline to file for the May 17 primary is March 10, 2016.

Mustangs split conference games over the weekend

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team split its Columbia Basin Conference games this past weekend. The Mustangs (17-3, 7-2) lost a close game at Weston-McEwen 53-51, but then bounced back to defeat the Culver Bulldogs 59-25.

A slow start in the game with Weston-McEwen saw the Mustangs trailing at the end of the first quarter by a score of 17-10. Heppner then turned it around and outscored the TigerScots 22-11 in the second quarter and led the game 32-28 at halftime. A back-and-forth third quarter ended up with the teams tied at 43-43. The final quarter of the game saw both teams take the lead at one time or another. Heppner led by two points with just seconds left in the game when a Weston-McEwen player banked in a three-point shot to give them the lead by one. The Mustangs were able to push the ball up the court and get a shot off to take the lead, but the ball trickled off the rim. Heppner then fouled a TigerScot player and he made one of two free-throws to make the final score 53-51.

Logan Grieb led the Mustangs in scoring with 17. He also dished out 4 assists and had 4 rebounds in the game. Patrick Collins was next with 12 points,

7 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 blocked shot and a steal. CJ Kindle had 10 points, 3 assists, 2 rebounds and 2 steals for the Mustangs. Weston Putman and Caden Hedman each scored 6 points in the game. Putman also had 6 rebounds and an assist while Hedman tallied 3 rebounds and 1 assist. Kevin Murray pulled down 2 rebounds for the team.

The Mustangs could not dwell on the loss for very long, as the Culver Bulldogs came to town for an early afternoon game. Heppner jumped out to a 16-7 lead after one quarter and led the game 37-15 at halftime. With a focus on the defensive end of the floor, Heppner held Culver to only 10 points in the entire second half. During that time, the Mustangs were able to get everyone into the game for some extended minutes of play and won the game going away 59-25.

Kindle, Collins and Grieb scored 12 points each to lead the team in that category. Kindle also had 4 rebounds and 3 steals for the team while Collins ripped down 8 rebounds. Grieb also finished the game with 2 assists, 2 rebounds and 1 blocked shot. Murray scored 6 points and hauled down 5 rebounds and Kaden Clark had 5 points, 3 rebounds and an assist. Putman and Hed-



Mustang Patrick Collins reaches for the basket over the heads of the Culver Bulldogs last weekend while teammate Kevin Murray looks on. -Photo by Sandra Putman

man each scored 3 points in the game. Putman also had 1 rebound, 1 assist and 3 steals while Hedman contributed 2 rebounds. Jake Lindsay came in and scored 2 points, had 4 rebounds, 1 assist and a steal for the team. Kolby Currin had 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist and a steal and Kevin Smith had 2 points and a rebound.

This Friday the Mustangs will host the Pilot Rock Rockets on senior night. Heppner High School will honor the senior players and their parents.

Mustang JV loses close game against TigerScots, whips Bulldogs 62-23

The Heppner Mustang JV boys' basketball team lost a close game to the Weston-McEwen TigerScots last Friday night by a score of 43-42. It was a game in which neither team had a lead of more than five points the entire night.

W-M led after the first quarter 14-10, and 20-15 at halftime. The Mustangs rallied to take the lead at the end of the third quarter 32-30. The fourth quarter was close all the way to the end. Heppner had the ball under their own basket with only a second left to play. After several time-outs by both teams to strategize about the last shot attempt, the

Mustangs inbounded the ball but were not able to get a shot up in time. The TigerScots came away with the win by a score of 43-42.

Jake Lindsay did a great job of running the team and led them in scoring with 12. Wyatt Steagall was a force down low and scored 10 points. Kevin Smith had a good all-around game and finished with 8 points. Kolby Currin played some fantastic defense and chipped in 5 points for the team. Dakota Howard finished with 4 points and Derek Howard had 2. Beau Wolters hustled all night long and made a free-throw to finish with 1 point for the Mustangs.

On Saturday the JV Mustangs beat the Culver Bulldogs by a score of 62-23. Heppner raced out to a 22-2 lead after one quarter of play. The second quarter was a little bit closer, 10-6, but Heppner still led the game 36-12 at halftime. The second half saw the Mustangs outscore the Bulldogs 26-11 and get the win by a score of 62-23.

A total of 14 Mustangs played in the game as several members of the freshman team were brought up. A balanced scoring attack was led by Wyatt Steagall and Trent Smith, who finished with 10 points each. Dakota Howard was next

with 8 points and Reno Ferguson had 7. Kevin Smith scored 6 points and Gibson McCurry finished with 5. Cason Mitchell and Hunter Nichols each scored 4 points in the game. Coby Dougherty and Derek Howard were next with 3 points for the Mustangs. Kaden Corbin, Payton Lehman, Beau Wolters and Keegan Gibbs all played well in the game but did not score.

The last game of the year for the JV team is this Friday when they host the Pilot Rock Rockets. The Mustangs beat the Rockets earlier this year by a score of 38-28.

Boardman renews development incentives, considers utility rate increase

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, 2016.

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.

Thirty-nine projects have qualified for the SDC waivers in the past five years, and the city hopes many more will take advantage of this year's incentive.

In other city business, the council discussed increasing the city's water

and sewer rates for future projects. They have asked staff to prepare a resolution increasing the water and sewer rates. The resolution will be considered by council at its March 1 meeting. The last rate increase was in July of 2008.

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Paint your own bird feeder at SAGE Saturday

BOARDMAN—The next SAGE Saturday is set for Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman.

The event is sponsored by Northwest Farm Credit Services and is free for families to participate in the activities.

This month, participants will paint and decorate their own wooden bird houses.

SAGE Saturday takes place on the second Saturday of the month, every month.

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