

Wrestlers compete in Muilenburg Tournament

The Heppner/Ione wrestling team recently competed in the Muilenburg Tournament at LaGrande High School. The team placed 16th overall with 32.5 points. For the 1A/2A schools, Heppner took third place.

Charles Cason and Roen Waite wrestled for Consolation Champion.



In Consolation Round one Roen Waite (Heppner HS/Ione) 2-4 won by tech fall over Alex Andersson (Bishop Kelly) 1-7 (TF-1.5 6:00 (15-0)). -Photo by Kirsti Cason.



In Consolation Round four Charles Cason (Heppner HS/Ione) 4-3 won by fall over Kaw Khu (Reynolds) 2-2 (Fall 2:24). -Photo by Kirsti Cason.

School district prepares for school bond vote

Morrow County School Superintendent Dirk Dirksen, at the MCSD regular meeting at A.C. Houghton Elementary School Monday night, released a timeline in preparation for a school bond measure vote in May 2021.

The timeline initially includes a January application deadline of January 15, 2019, concerning funding of the measure; administration personnel interviews in March 2019; board member school visitations in April 2019; staff questionnaires in May 2019; creating advisory groups in June 2019; advisory workshops in October and November 2019, January, February, March 2020; presenting draft to the board April 2020; community listening sessions in May 2020; presenting final to board in October 2020; and community presentations district wide in January, February, March and April of 2021; with the bond vote in May 2021.

In other business, the board:

- reviewed the Oregon schools projected budget figures, which so far are up from last year.
- viewed a music pre-

sentation by students of A.C. Houghton's music program with music teacher Mrs. Evanoff.

- received the following enrollment report as of December 2018: A.C. Houghton Elementary, Irrigon-255; Sam Boardman Elementary, Boardman-329; Heppner Elementary-176; Irrigon Elementary-217; Windy River Elementary, Boardman-285; Heppner Jr./Sr. High School-166; Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School-374; Riverside Jr./Sr. High School, Boardman-433; Morrow Education Center, Irrigon-52; Total-2,287.

- approved the following employment action for December: April Olsen, ABC Room assistant custodian, four hours per week; extra duty contracts, Chad Doherty, HJSHS C-team boys' basketball coach, Adrian Roa, IJSHS junior high assistant boys' basketball coach; Rocky Turner, HJSHS junior high assistant boys' basketball coach.

- approved the first reading of rescinded, new or revised policies on district purchasing and staff complaints.

- adopted new, revised or rescinded administrative rules on graduation requirements.

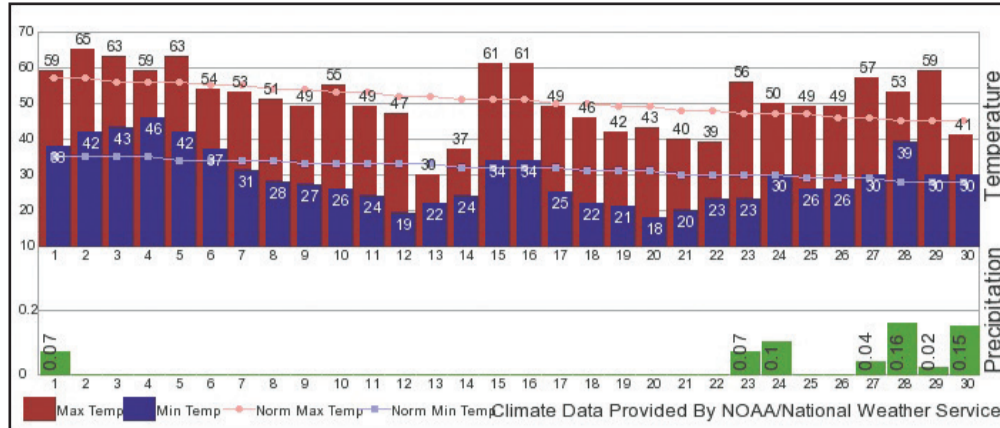
- accepted and appropriated unanticipated revenues as follows: \$4,000 for Sam Boardman Elementary from Lamb Weston; \$2,000 to Riverside Jr./Sr. High School from Oregon CTE-CTSO Chapter Grant.

- approved a resolution concerning Oregon School Board Association's legislative priorities and policies.

- opted to not vote on a resolution to amend OSBA's bylaws relating to composition of the board of directors. "My concern is putting another vote in the valley," said Dirksen, who told the board they had several options, to approve the resolution, vote against the resolution or opt not to vote on the issue.

- heard the following announcements: winter break December 19-January 1; end of semester one, January 17; no school Monday, January 21, Martin Luther King holiday; next board meeting, Monday, February 11, Windy River Elementary.

Heppner slightly colder than normal in November



According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged slightly colder than normal during the month of November.

The average temperature was 40.1 degrees which was 1.1 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 51.0 degrees, which was 0.2 degrees above normal. The highest was 65 degrees on the 2nd. Low temperatures averaged 29.3 degrees, which was 2.4 degrees below normal. The

lowest was 18 degrees, on the 20th.

There were 21 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees. There was one day when the high temperature stayed below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.61 inches during November, which was 0.99 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation, at least .01 inch, was received on seven days with the heaviest, 0.16 inches reported on the 28th.

Precipitation this year has reached 9.65 inches, which is 3.03 inches below

normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 2.79 inches, which is 0.05 inches above normal.

The outlook for December from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above normal temperatures and near normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner fall from 44.0 degrees at the start of December to 41.0 degrees at the end of December. Normal lows fall from 28.0 degrees to 25.0 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.32 inches.

Library launches teen program

The Oregon Trail Library District has launched a teen program at the Heppner branch. The library board and community members have desired to implement safe and suitable recreational activities for the youth of our area for many years. Keeping teens safe and engaged during out-of-school hours is essential to solving the our communities "youth problem". The library is part of the solution. The board believes teens are an important part of our community and has a responsibility to address their needs.

The Heppner Teen group has had high attendance with as many as 25 teens attending events. Youth events have included Nerf wars, movie nights, chocolate Olympics and



Teens participate in the teen program at the Heppner Library. Pictured (L-R); Sabashtian Futter (back to camera), Anthony Rankin, Faith Futter, Christian Dubry, Dylan Christian, Ireland Martin, Emma Lee Lester, Tyson Vawser and Brendon King. -Photo by Megan Futter.

craft nights.

Kathy Street, OTLD Library Director, states she is excited about the success of Teen Night at the Heppner Branch. "Megan Futter has developed a strong group of teens that regularly attend programs at the Heppner Branch."

The Oregon Trail Library District has three branches located in Heppner, Irrigon and Boardman. The Irrigon and Boardman branches have hosted youth events but the Heppner branch has never had a teen group. Teen nights are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at all branches.

The group is self-led,

so Futter takes suggestions from the kids about what type of activity they would like to have for upcoming programs, then plans the event with their input. Anthony Rankin of Heppner says "It's fun because we get to hang out with friends and we get to decide what we want to do."

"I think peer input is critical when planning our library events. It allows teens a greater voice at the library. We show teens that they're important and that they can contribute in a meaningful way. It also gives us important teen perspectives when developing programming," said Futter.



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