

Playing order of basketball games announced

Heppner High School has announced that all Blue Mountain Conference basketball games will be played in the following order: Boys JV, Girls JV, Boys Varsity, Girls Varsity.

“We want to communicate to parents and fans that our order of play is boys early/girls late,” said athletic director Greg Grant. This order mirrors the rotation the OSAA has at the state

tournament, where each gender will alternate playing their championship session late every other year. The schedule has become the standard operating procedure of the conference.

Free movie to be held on first day of winter

The community is invited to attend this month’s free movie night at the All Saints Parish Hall beginning at 7 p.m. on Dec. 21, the first day of winter.

A Christmas classic will be featured in its updated 2009 version, as ghostly as ever, and just as full of wisdom. More information is available by calling the Hopeful Saints Ministry office at 541-676-9970.

Planning commission holds public hearings

The Morrow County Planning Commission met in Boardman at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center on Dec. 4 for four planned public hearings. The results were approvals for two separate land partitions, one in the greater Heppner area and another in the greater Lexington area; a hardship variance allowing the temporary use of a recreational vehicle as a dwelling outside Boardman and a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to adopt a rezone of the mill site within the tree farm to apply the port industrial use zone.

The next Morrow County Planning Commission public hearing will be held on Jan. 22, 2019, in Heppner at the Bartholomew Building. There will be at least two public hearings scheduled for this meeting. One will be for a replat via property line adjustment and one for a hardship variance to allow the use of a recreational vehicle as a dwelling.

During the month of November, Morrow County Planning Department staff issued four developmental approvals that will allow two upgrades to existing

cell towers, a replacement home and a new home.

In December, Morrow County Planning Department staff issued three development approvals allowing the placement of three homes and three approvals for additions to communications towers.

The Morrow County Planning Department encourages the public to visit the website for information on the planning commission, code enforcement, transportation and much more. The website is available at <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/planning>.

Wrestlers successful at Mac-Hi



Jace Coe placed first in the 160 pound weight class and scored 25 team points. -Photo by Kirsti Cason.

The Heppner/Ione wrestling team had another successful outing this past Saturday in Milton-Freewater at the Mac-Hi X-Mas Tournament. The team is faring better as a scoring team this year; in part due to the number of individuals participating and helping fill spots in each weight bracket. With a score of 135, the team placed fifth out of eleven teams and multiple wrestlers graced

the podium.

Jace Coe placed first in the 160 pound weight class, Trevor Antonucci placed second in the 120 pound weight class, Carson Brosnan placed second in the 170 pound weight class, Roen Waite placed third in the 106 pound weight class, Brian Collins placed third in the 120 pound weight class, Leo Waite placed third in the 132 pound weight class, Charles Ca-

son placed third in the 182 pound weight class, Conor Brosnan placed fourth in the 152 pound weight class and Christian Dubry placed fifth in the 132 pound weight class.

Other participants in the tournament were Suzanne Cason and Edward Ellsworth. The wrestlers will be competing in Echo this Wednesday and Riverside on Saturday.

Hoop shoot boasts winners



Pictured (L-R): Hallee Hisler, Ryan Haugen, Keaton Coiner, Avery Lathrop, Healy Hisler and Cameron Proudfoot.

The annual hoop shoot contest, sponsored by the Heppner Elks Lodge, was held at the Heppner Elementary school on Dec. 16. First place honors went to Healy Hisler, eight to nine year-old girls; Keaton Coiner, eight to nine year-old boys; Avery Lathrop, 10-11 year-old girls; Ryan

Haugen, 10-11 year-old boys, Hallee Hisler, 12-13 year-old girls and Cameron Proudfoot, 12-13 year-old boys.

Fourteen participants shot a total of 25 free throws each, with the top scorers advancing to the Northeast District Hoop Shoot to be held in Hermiston Jan. 6 at

1 p.m. The top scorers there will participate in the State Hoop Shoot on Feb. 6.

Other participants in the event were Lizzie Ginn, Zandra Masterson, Mason Haugen, Jace Wilson, Caylan Proudfoot, Charlie Nelson, Jackson Coiner and Mason Orem.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office has released the following information:

September 17: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at W Fourth Rd/W Hwy 730, Irrigon that no vehicle is on the scene, but horse has been hit.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 E, Boardman of a jack-knifed rig, unknown if blocking or injuries.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 730, Irrigon of 66 year old male having cardiac issue. Male has stents and unrepaired blockage. Patient was transported to GSH.

-MCSO received a report on Clarks Canyon Rd, Lexington that someone hit and killed one of his cows last night or early this morning. RP advised tire marks are visible where the vehicle swerved off the road and hit the animal.

-MCSO received a report on Columbia Ln, Irrigon that her dog has been missing since last night. RP called back and advised they found the dog.

-MCSO received a report on NW Gale St, Heppner that he is splitting up from his wife and she took his pickup and is speeding around the area with it.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a yellow VW

bug with WA plates went speeding by. Vehicle has brake light out.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 74 Lena, Heppner that there is a white car parked off the side of the road, but it is just over the fog line. It's difficult to see when it is dark.

-MCSO received a report on Ella Rd, Ione of a message that was left by someone stating they have 24 hours to pay their taxes or they would go to jail.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 E, Boardman of a male subject sitting on the south side of the road, appears dehydrated and ill. Deputy responded, subject was given a courtesy ride to Boardman.

-MCSO received a report on Little Butter Creek Rd, Heppner that her mother received scam phone call regarding the IRS.

-MCSO received a report on SE Fourth St, Irrigon that neighbors have two dogs that keep getting out and causing a mess. Doberman is not friendly. Owners were given verbal warnings for dog at large.

-MCSO received a report at Maple Crest apartments on Wilson Rd SW, Boardman of a motor vehicle accident. Sebastiana

Gutierrez Zatino was issued citation for no Ops, driving uninsured, driving accident caused.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 207 Spray, Heppner that RP hit a cow, requesting deputy to make contact with him. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 E, Boardman of a large blanket on the roadway.

September 18: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on Washington Ln, Irrigon that her dog was barking outside and it sounds like someone is pulling a big wagon of some sort by her house. Advises she has had several things stolen and believes it may possibly be related. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at AC Houghton on NE Main Ave, Irrigon that drivers are not stopping to allow people to cross in the cross walk.

-MCSO received a report on SE Cannon St, Heppner that three dogs are running around the area.

-MCSO received a report on Sand Hollow Rd, Heppner that a pickup with a flatbed is parked in tall grass on his property, no one around. Wasn't there

this morning. Locked up, shells on the seat.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 E, Boardman that OSP arrested Donald Richard Clark Jr for DUII and reckless driving. Lodged at UCJ.

-MCSO received a report on Linden Way, Heppner that her dog is missing, been missing for about two hours. Dog was located by owner.

-MCSO received a report at Heppner Market Fresh on N Main St, Heppner that she witnessed a female grab her son's arm and thought she was going to break the child's arm and threw him on the floor and started screaming at him and dragging him down the road. Child was screaming, grandmother separated the mother and child at the gas station and was calming the child.

-MCSO received a report at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on Hwy 74, Heppner that he is with ODFW and was

in Irrigon wildlife area collecting irrigation pumps and one pump and a motor are missing.

-MCSO received a report at Willow Creek Rd/Park Ln, Heppner that there is a cow on the road making its way up toward Park Ln. Dispatch made contact with cow owner and he was enroute to locate.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman that a big farm truck is passing in no passing area and pushed car over the fog line. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report on Gurdane Rd, Heppner of fraud. No contact needed, was advised last time this happened to call it in.

-MCSO received a report on SE Division St/E Hwy 730, Irrigon that a teacher saw a van follow-

ing a student on a scooter, unknown if it is a family member or someone else. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at Hwy 730, Irrigon that son is suicidal, driving 2003 Honda. Is upset and on drugs/indicating he is going to commit suicide by running into a wall, is driving on suspended license. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report on NW Jones St, Heppner that her daughter had an incident at Heppner Elementary, she was protecting her brother from a kid that was bullying him. Kid told her that he would have his high school girlfriend stick a knife to her throat and if that didn't work he would have his brother that is in a gang stab her. RP advised she is not sending her daughter to school.

Area churches to hold Christmas Eve services

Hopeful Saints Ministry, Willow Creek Baptist Church, Heppner United Methodist Church and Valby Lutheran have announced their schedules for Christmas Eve services.

Hopeful Saints Ministry will gather on Monday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. for a festive Christmas Eve service with lessons and carols, communion and candles. The regular Sunday service will be held at 10 a.m. on Dec. 23, with coffee to follow. Shared Ministry worship services are regularly held at the Episcopal Church on the corner of Gale and Church Streets in Heppner.

Willow Creek Baptist will host a special Christ-

mas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. at the church located at 560 Minor Street in Heppner. There will be a brief candlelight service filled with singing, joy, scripture readings and live harp music. The regularly scheduled services on Sunday, Dec. 23 will begin at 10 a.m.

The Heppner United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight service on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. The service will be a time of reflection, carols and candles.

Valby Lutheran Church will hold a Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend these services.

The Morrow County FFA Auction Committee would like to sincerely thank the following businesses and individuals who contributed to the first annual county dinner and auction. We've raised over \$58,000 for our agricultural youth!

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