

## Cardinals kick off basketball season

By Anne Morter  
Ione High School kicks off its basketball season this Friday at the Morrow County Invitational Tournament at Riverside High School in Boardman. Both the boys and girls team will take on Heppner in the opening round of play. The girls will play at 3 p.m. followed by the boys at 4:30 p.m.

Expect a different look from the defending 1A state champion Lady Cardinals. With the departure of all five starters, third-year head coach Dana Heideman expects the team to run a bit differently. He returns five varsity lettermen but most of the players are sophomores and juniors and lack varsity experience. He says the team will have some good outside shooters but they look to be weak in the rebounding department. "We're not a tall team but we are quick," says Heideman. "In fact, we probably have the fastest team in the Big Sky League."

Top returners are juniors Kari Morgan and Nancy Morter. Both had plenty of playing time in last year's state title hunt. Heideman ex-

pects sophomore Danielle Stefani to take over the point guard position, leaving the last two starting spots up for grabs. He noted that Wendy Anderson and Janie Cupps made good progress over the summer and will possibly fill the low post positions.

Heideman expects Wheeler and Sherman to be the tough teams in the West Division with Ione and Condon dueling it out in the East. While the team will be made up of many new faces, Heideman predicts that the Lady Cardinals will be in the hunt at the end of the season.

As for the boys team, head coach Del LaRue predicts that the Cardinals will improve on their 9-13 record of last season using tougher defense and a quicker tempo. LaRue, who is in his 20th year of coaching at Ione, returns three starters and six lettermen from last year's squad. Juniors Mike Garrett and Gabe Garcia, along with sophomore David Wagenblast will provide the Cardinal starting five with some experience. Also with Garrett at 6'5" and sophomore Deacon Heideman at 6'4", the Cardinals will have some height in the backcourt.

"We will be improved," says LaRue. He noted that summer league play in Pendleton and the AAU Tournament in Yakima provided good experience for the boys against much bigger schools. He also expects to have more strength off the bench this season.

The Cards will be using a new offense this season and LaRue hopes for good things once they adapt.

## Lutheran churches plan services

On Sunday, December 2, worship services at Valby at 9 a.m. and Hope Lutheran Church at 11 a.m. in Heppner will open the Advent season with a 'blockbusting' sermon entitled 'An Ironic Parade'. Pastor Stan Hoobing will preach the sermon and celebrate Holy Communion at

both services. At Hope there will be a baptism of Branden Britt, son of Rick and Shelli Britt.

Sunday School classes at Valby are at 8:15 and 9:45 at Hope. The students of both churches are busy practicing for their Christmas program on December 16.

## Christmas basket deadline nears

Deadline for applications for Christmas food and gift baskets at the Neighborhood Center is Saturday, December 1.

"Special thanks to all the people who assisted in compiling the Thanksgiving food baskets and volunteers who distributed them," said the Rev. Stan Hoobing. "Many fine compliments were received by recipients."

The center is looking for active VIP (Volunteers Interested in People) who would assist low income persons with their state federal income tax and property tax. A two-day training will be held in the Heppner area. Anyone interested may call Joyce Breeding at the center 676-5024 on or before December 15.

## Firewood cutting season to end

The final day to cut firewood on the Umatilla National Forest for the 1990 season is Friday, November 30, when all areas on the North Fork John Day Ranger District will close. All charge firewood cutting areas on

the Heppner District closed November 15 and cutting areas on the Walla Walla and Pomeroy Ranger Districts closed earlier in November.

Firewood permits purchased for the Umatilla National Forest are also valid on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest if the Wallowa-Whitman Special Conditions Attachment accompanies the permit. The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest will remain open for firewood cutting until December 31, 1990, although some areas at higher elevations may be inaccessible due to snow conditions.

## Ione youth group travels 200 miles to feed homeless



Left to right: Hillsdale church member, Ryan Halvorsen, Kari Morgan, Chisana Warren, Hillsdale church member, Justin Miller & Burnside Relief Center resident Don Wilson.

By Anne Morter  
The Ione Youth Group traveled to Portland on Friday, November 23, to provide a meal for residents of the Burnside Relief Center. The center, a shelter for about 90 homeless men and women, is located in northeast Portland.

Youth group members Chisana Warren, Justin Miller, Ryan Halvorsen and Kari Morgan were accompanied by adult chaperones, Cathy Halvorsen and Jeri McElligott. The group prepared chili Wednesday and transported it to Portland where they reheated it and finished preparing the meal at the

Hillsdale Church in Southwest Portland. Members of the Hillsdale Youth Group who serve a meal once a month at the center, assisted the Ione group. The meal was made possible by the youth group's fundraising activities as well as donations from local organizations and individuals.

The Ione youth said they found the experience interesting and worthwhile. They report that the center residents were very appreciative of their efforts and very surprised that they had traveled 200 miles to deliver the meal.

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## Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

--Fay Ruhl motored to Portland over the weekend with her son Skip from Hermiston and attended the ball game there in which her grandson Rick played.

--Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Peck and son Josh and Josie Peck visited in Moro recently.

--Charlene Whitney of Portland spent a week recently at the home of her parents Cecil and Delpha Jones.

--Leila Palmer visited in Ukiah over Thanksgiving with her son Mike and family.

--Mr. and Mrs. Ron Peck and family from Moro, visited at the Glover Peck home over Thanksgiving.

--Jean Nelson spent Thanksgiving with her daughter Kristin and family in Salem.

--Holly Rebekah Lodge met for the regular meeting on Thursday evening. At this time Holly Hosteller and Susan Porter were voted in as members. They will be taken to Pendleton on the first Thursday evening of the month where they will receive the degree work sponsored by that Lodge. Officers elected for the following year are: Kathy Fellechea, N.G.; Annetta Padberg, V.G.; Delpha Jones, secretary and Virginia Peck, treasurer. The second meeting of the month will be the Christmas party with an exchange of gifts, treats and something for the friendship tree to be taken to the Neighborhood Center for those less

fortunate. A turkey potluck dinner was enjoyed by the members and families. Hosts for the evening were the Richard Pecks and the Joe Yocoms.

--Debra Jones and daughters from Spokane were Thanksgiving visitors at the home of her parents Joe and Hilda Yocom. Other visitors for the day were Leland and Marie Jones and daughter, Nicole, Millie West and children from Pendleton, Venice Hendrickson of Hermiston, Renee and Jack Yocom and daughter, Heather of Heppner.

--Elsie Huston is at the home of her daughter, Maxine Cox, after a stay in Pioneer Memorial Hospital and as an out-patient at the Good Shephard Community Hospital in Hermiston.

--Marie Steagall had Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crowell, Ione; Bob and Beverly Steagall and son John from Lexington; Roger and Deanna and son Brandenhagen from Pendleton; Jim and Loell Steagall from Portland, over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Marie Steagall and her daughter Barbara Leyva recently flew to Texas to visit relatives.

## Lions, Soroptimists fruit sale Dec. 8

The Heppner Lions and Soroptimist Clubs will be conducting their annual fruit sale on Saturday, December 8, beginning at 9 a.m.

Lions and Soroptimist members will be selling oranges and grapefruit door to door. For those that will be out of town or would like to make advanced orders prior to the sale contact David Sykes, 676-9228, Marianne Kahl, 676-9113 or any Lions and Soroptimist club member. Proceeds will go to help funding for various community projects as well as scholarship funds for our local youth.

## Booster Club to meet Dec. 4

The Booster Club will meet Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Heppner High School home ec room.

## Rodeo to benefit cowboy's widow

A Columbia River Circuit Rodeo will be held New Year's eve to benefit the widow of Dave Smith. Smith and three other cowboys, including Mike Currin of Heppner died in a plane crash on Mt. Ranier on July 2, 1990.

The first annual benefit rodeo will be held at the Walla Walla fairgrounds beginning at 7:30 p.m. and will feature PRCA contestants and music and beverages to follow the rodeo.

Tickets are available for \$15 at Hamley's Western Wear or Reds Clothing store in Pendleton.

## Rock Creek group to meet

The Rock Creek Planning group has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hardman Community Center.

**Heppner Elks Kitchen will be CLOSED Dec. 8. Lodge will be open.**

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