

Ione takes easy win over Arlington

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By Anne Morter
It was full steam ahead for the Ione Cardinals last week as they won three basketball games, putting away Arlington on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 75-50; downing a tenacious Echo squad on Friday, Jan. 31 77-61; and defeating Condon for the third time this season on Saturday, Feb. 1, 76-65. The two league wins over Condon give the Cards a grip on the number one spot in the West Division of the Big Sky Conference. The Cards league record is now 8-1 and their season mark is 13-3. Injuries to the Arlington team made the Tuesday win an easy one for Ione. The Cards held a

41-17 lead at the half and continued to roll in the second half for the 75-50 victory. Aaron Heideman led four Cardinals into double figures with 13 points. He was followed by Gabe Garcia with 12, David Wagenblast with 10 and Deacon Heideman with 10. Tony Bjerke pulled down 10 rebounds, followed by Aaron Heideman with nine, Deacon Heideman with nine and Wagenblast with eight. Wagenblast and Ryan Halvorsen had three assists each and Garcia grabbed four steals to pace Ione. The Cards shot a very respectable 29-62 from the floor for 47 percent. Percentage wise, Ar-

lington also had a good shooting night, hitting 22 of 53 for 42 percent. Ione was 13 of 28 from the

line for 46 percent while the Honkers were three of 11 for 27 percent.



Photo by Wayne Hams

Mike Garrett (44) goes above the rim for shot against Arlington.

Off the Wall By Merlyn Robinson

Last week family members buried me with all my beloved possessions, hoping I would rest in peace. But I stubbornly refused to give up. With a mind set on producing stories yet to be written, I clutched my trusty pencil and found some air space.

The reality of a major household moving party here on the ranch proved to be a traumatic experience. On paper, it seemed easy to move into a double-wide manufactured house to make room for family. But what no one realized is that it took 33 years to fill a four bedroom house with a sentimental collection; some of which even the poorest Russian families wouldn't want.

We're far from settled in while the raw ground beckons outside. It's like being a guest in someone else's home. After years of accommodating the junk of three kids (even after they left home), as well as hired men, guests, the dog and on occasions a sick calf, the two of us are jockeying for space like banty roosters squaring off for territorial domination.

Big sacrifices had to be made such as my very-old second hand desk that refused to go around doors. Because of an attachment for its time in service, I declined our son's offer to saw off the legs. So, just like college days, a typewriter stand was temporarily erected using a table leaf, a small filing cabinet and an oddball end table.

What really hurts is the loss of important things during a move. Setbacks like that can even cause a non-union workforce to strike, especially when what's missing is the peanut butter. And somewhere hides a pet extension cord—the lifeline to drilling holes for hanging things on new walls; even though afterward it's decided that's not where something should go.

Home is where the heart is, they say. And that must include a worn-out body and a deteriorating brain. Too, I'm missing old comforts like a pair of discarded worn-out shoes and a tattered chore jacket. However with the many extra steps this move has created, it won't take long to make replacements show the same signs of wear.

It's a good thing we didn't have to move across country in one trip. Postage stamp-size kitchen towels filled in for the missing bath towels the first night. I realized afterward I could have used my hair dryer.

Seems like the furniture just keeps moving and moving, with a little help. And yes, our big freezer fit in the small utility room as planned, but there wasn't room to open the door. It and the heavy contents have made three pit stops. The second stop in our living room wasn't exactly the planned focus of the decor I had in mind. Besides it didn't produce a clear picture of world events like the television that was supposed to sit in that spot.

No one knows for sure what lurks behind the closet or cupboard doors now. It takes pure luck to find the cereal or the right utensil. And since there was nowhere to hang anything, thank heavens for hollow wall fasteners. Stick-on hooks just don't hand in there even with a little help from super glue.

My largest conversation piece needs a new location with plenty of room. I am the keeper of my father's prize trophy sailfish that hangs on a wall. Clever suggestions have been offered such as suspending it above the water in the Willow Creek Lake as a roadside attraction.

I haven't given much thought to any new furnishings since I possess some authentic early American pieces; for instance an old trunk that looks like it came over on the Mayflower. Then there's my grandmother's rocker that served four generations. And what could be more decorative than her old velvet seated sidesaddle. There's also a few more old relics like the butter churn. Why give up serviceable items when rustic decor is back in style? Never mind that they are no longer useful.

For now I'm busy trying to mastermind some new things like a bathroom fan that has a mind of its own and a self-filling, while not in use, toilet bowl tank. And I still haven't got all the required light bulbs screwed into overhead lights since I get motion sickness from swaying around on a six foot ladder. Too, I am still leary of a jacuzzi that boils like a witch's cauldron.

Please don't ask me for the recipe for moving. If you've resided in the same house for more than 10 years, I'd advise against any rash decisions. Just let your heirs figure out what to do with your worldly goods after your demise. It hurts too much to view what they can dispose of in a second without blinking an eyelash.

Booster club plans meeting

The Heppner Booster club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner High School home ec room.

Discussion will include the boys and girls basketball teams going to district tournament Feb. 28 and 29.

Booster Club membership dues and would like to be included in the spirit fund should do so right away. Membership dues are \$10 a family or \$7 single, and should be paid directly to Linda Schultz, Box 2069 Rt. 2, Heppner, or any Booster Club member.

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