

IMS Lady Cards beat Condon take second in Helix tourney

By Becky Wagenblast

Ione's Middle School Lady Cardinals had a busy week playing four games starting January 28, in Condon. Ione defeated the Blue Devils, 21-8.

The Cardinals jumped out to an early 6-1 first quarter lead. Melissa McElligott scored six points. Ione's defense worked well and turned several of Condon's turnovers into baskets.

The second quarter saw Ione keeping Condon from scoring. Suzy Heideman made four points, leading the Cards to a 10-1 advantage going into the half. Ione pulled down 11 rebounds in the second quarter to control the boards. They also had eight steals off the press.

Ione played everyone in the second half. Top scorer was Melissa McElligott with six points. Becky Wagenblast led the Cards in rebounding with six and a total team effort of 26. Ione had 29 steals with McElligott taking eight.

January 30, Ione traveled to Helix and crushed the Grizzlies 25-11. The Cardinals shot 40 percent from the field and 66 percent from the line in the first half. Ione led 14-5 at the half. Lynde Minster led with six points and McElligott had six rebounds.

In the second half the Cards had eight steals and converted those into points. Suzy Heideman had four of her five steals in the second half.

Heideman led the scoring throughout the game with seven

points. The Cardinals had 21 rebounds and 13 steals.

On Feb. 1 Ione attended the Helix tournament. The first game was a rematch against Helix. The Cards won 24-16.

Ione jumped out to a 5-1 lead in the first quarter. Helix fought back to a one-point margin in the second stanza making the score 9-8, Ione, at the half.

In the third quarter the Cardinals played better and led 17-13. They shot a good 41 percent. The fourth quarter saw Ione pulling off the win, 24-16.

Lynde Minster was the leading scorer with 10 points. Melissa McElligott helped the Cards with nine of their 26 rebounds. Heideman had four steals.

In the championship game Ione met up with Echo. The Cards lacked energy and were behind 2-6 after the first quarter. They came back in the second to trail by two, 11-13.

In the third quarter Ione was still lagging behind the Cougars, 16-17. McElligott made a three-pointer to pull the game within one.

The final stanza was Ione's last of the day, but they just couldn't pull it off and lost 21-27. Becky Wagenblast had a three-pointer go in at the buzzer.

Suzy Heideman led all scorers with 11 points. She and Wagenblast each had eight rebounds.

The Cardinals brought home the second place trophy for their efforts.

Colt basketball concludes season with tournament

Heppner's Colt Basketball season concludes Saturday, Feb. 15 with a day-long tournament beginning at 8 a.m. Colt Basketball features boys and girls in grades four through six.

The tournament will include an East and West regional with the East held in the junior high gym and the West regional in the high school gym. The schedule is as follows:

High school gym: 8 a.m. number one seeded Bruins against number 8 Cardinals; 9 a.m. fourth-Cougars and fifth-Huskies; winners play at 11; losers at 10. Loser of 11 a.m.

game will play at 12:30 p.m. for third place. Winner of 10 a.m. game will play at 12:30 p.m. at the junior high gym for fourth place.

Junior high gym: 8 a.m. Ducks vs. Bears; 9 a.m. Trojans vs. Beavers; winner at 11 a.m. loser at 10 a.m.; loser of 11 a.m. game at 12:30 p.m. at the high school for third place; winner of 10 a.m. game at junior high gym for fourth place.

A championship game featuring each regional will begin at approximately 1:30 p.m. at the high school. There is no admission charge.

Bowling tourney finals Feb. 15-16 at Heppner Bowl

Amateur bowlers will take to the lanes soon to determine the state champions for the 1992 Miller High Life Championships, one of the richest events in amateur bowling. The championship tourney will take place at Heppner Bowl February 15-16.

This event, sponsored by Miller High Life and conducted by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America, is proving to be as popular as its predecessor, the Miller High National Doubles. Thousands of league bowlers entered local qualifying events for the Miller High Life Championships during the fall league season. Local qualifying concluded Jan. 6, with state finals to be completed by Feb. 23. Each state will advance one man and one woman cham-

pion to the national finals, March 21-22 at Bally's Lanes in Reno, Nev.

The state champions not only earn state prize money and a trip to Reno, but are also guaranteed a minimum of \$500 with both the male and female national champions winning \$10,000. Following the singles' competition, a special doubles' event will pair the top 12 state teams as determined by their individual scores from the singles tournament. The 12 teams compete in round-robin, match-play competition with the winning duo earning \$10,000. All 12 teams receive prize money. Singles' competition at the national finals gets underway on Saturday, March 21, followed by the doubles' competition on Sunday afternoon, March 22.

Ione 1st graders celebrate Chinese New Year



First grade students front (l-r) Sheena Christman, Diana McElligott, Caitlin Orem. Back-Jason Zinter, Cayle Krebs, Daniel Nolan, Til Tullis.

The Ione Elementary School first grade celebrated the Chinese New Year the first week of February. They learned the Chinese use a lunar calendar and name their years after 12 animals. This is the Year of the Monkey, 4,690.

Betty Rietmann's class studied ancient Chinese culture. They tried writing Chinese characters for familiar words and used Chinese symbols for numbers to 10 to do math problems. They wished everyone Gung Hay Fat Choy (Happy New Year).

Students learned how silk cloth from silk worms was first made in China. They studied the giant

Panda which lives in China's bamboo forests. They learned that kite flying is popular in Asia and one windy day they enjoyed flying a kite. Students also tried their hand at cooking fried rice which they all agreed tasted great.

As a culmination of their unit of study they had a day of celebration when the class dressed in the good luck color of red. They held a parade with a good luck dragon they had made. The class also followed the tradition of giving pennies wrapped in red paper to students and parents as a wish for a happy and prosperous new year.

It was a fun week of learning for everyone.

IMS Cards beat win two

By Becky Wagenblast

Ione Middle School Lady Cardinals had another successful week, defeating Arlington Feb. 4, 24-11 and Helix two days later 30-17. Their record now stands at nine wins two losses.

Ione led Arlington, 14-2 at the end of the first quarter. The Goslings fought back in the second to close Ione's lead to seven, 14-7. Ione held Arlington scoreless in the third and charged to a 20-7 lead. The Cardinals won 24-11.

Melissa McElligott and Suzy Heideman each had eight points to lead the Cardinals. McElligott also had 10 rebounds and three assists. Ione had a total of 34 rebounds.

On Feb. 6, Ione crushed the Helix Grizzlies for the third time this season. Ione jumped out to a 7-2 lead at the end of the first quarter. McElligott had a three-

pointer at the buzzer, strengthening the lead.

Ione maintained their lead in the second quarter, going into the half 13-6. Ione used good defensive pressure and held Helix to only four points. In the third period they kept the pressure up.

The fourth quarter belonged to the Cardinals as they cruised to a 30-17 victory. McElligott couldn't miss a shot and made 20 points for the game. Suzy Heideman had six and Becky Wagenblast chipped in four. Heideman pulled down eight rebounds and Lynde Minster dished out four assists to pace Ione. McElligott also lead in steals with five. Ione shot 33 percent from the field and 100 percent from the line.

Ione's last game is Thursday, Feb. 13 in Arlington. Game time is 1:30 p.m.

Wheatland Pomona meets

By Delpha Jones

Wheatland Pomona Grange met Saturday, Jan 25 at the Lexington Grange. The meeting was presided over by the Overseer in the absence of Master Barton Clark.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and reports were heard from the four subordinate granges. Gus Strecker, master of Spray Grange reported that senior citizen dinners are held there weekly and that they are now hosting a place for the doctor and nurse from the Fossil clinic for consultation with local patients. Greenfield grange is busy with the regular meetings and they also serve breakfast at the hall on the fourth Saturday from 7-11 a.m. as a money maker for their grange. Willows is busy with their regular meetings, programs and other activities. Lexington has held all their meetings, and a Christmas party with food for the Neighborhood Center.

Reports were heard from various committees and an election for steward was held with Clarence Buchanan of Lexington elected. He and Nyna Knighten and Mary Wilkins were installed in their respective offices.

A resolution was heard concerning the insurance and the grange members. One must be a member before they can get the benefits provided by the grange including the insurance.

The program consisted of a reading "The Indian 23rd Psalm" by Eulenna Vaughn, "Ten Commandments for good Listing" by Wilma Martin and "Three Rooms and a Path" by Dot Halvorsen. The speaker for the day, Loren Unruh, conservationist of the USDA office and daughter, were introduced. He spoke to the group about Wetlands. There has been much published lately about the project and he gave the group updates such as what is a Wetland, and told the group that this program came about when the Dec. 23, 1985 Flood Security Act was signed. There are wetland classifications such as those designated before the 1985 act, and those since, such as farmed wetlands, prior converted wetlands and atricial wetlands. If there is a question whether you have wetlands on your property this can be answered at the Soil Conservation District office. Those with wetlands on their property will be notified.

Willows Grange received the prize for those most present in attendance at Pomona in 1991 and a motion was made to continue for 1992.

The next Pomona will be at Spray, Saturday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Grange count was as follows: Lexington 10; Spray, five; Willows, five; Greenfield two and two visitors.

Onion workshop slated Feb. 27

A lower Columbia Basin Onion Workshop will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Heather Inn in Umatilla. There will be no charge for the workshop and

lunch will be provided.

For more information call the Morrow County Extension office 676-9642 or the Hermiston Extension office 567-8321.

Gun club lists weekly winners

Sunday, Feb. 9, 21 shooters participated in a chilly afternoon of trapshooting.

Curt Day took first place honors with a perfect score of 25 at the 16 yard line. Harvey Childers, Loren Woodside, Mike Adams, Pat Lovgren and Jason

Maben shared second with a score of 24.

First place in the handicap event went to Pat Lovgren with a score of 24. Second place was shared by Day, Childers and Rob Ashbeck, each with a score of 23.

The gun club will open Sunday, Feb. 16 at noon.

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Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

--Hilda Yocom is home after 10 days in Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

--Holly Rebekah Lodge and Lexington Oddfellows Lodge met on Thursday evening. The Rebekah meeting was called to order by the N.G. Kathy Tellechea.

The table favors for the assembly were discussed. They will need approximately 350. Cards were sent to confirmed members and friends. The next card party will be Sat. March 7 with prizes and refreshments.

--The card party held at the Rebekah Hall Saturday evening, Feb. 1, was well attended. Refreshments were served and

the following people won prizes: women's high-Jean Adams; men's high-Bob Taylor; low-Earl Norris and Sue Vinson; pinocle-Frances Smouse and Carol Norris. The next card party will be Sat. March 1.

--Hilda Yocom is a patient in Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston where she is recuperating from major surgery.

--Leila Palmer and Joyce Buchanan motored to Portland last week. Leila returned home Sunday while Joyce remained for a longer stay.

--Debra Jones of Spokane, WA., visited her parents Joe and Hilda Yocom during the weekend.

Health care council to present study on economic importance

The Morrow County Health Care Council will hold its monthly meeting at Ione High School on February 20 at 7 p.m. Issues to be discussed by the council will include health districts, bilingual needs/resources in health care and the federal designation of a rural health clinic for the Boardman Health care Center and Pioneer Memorial Clinic.

Neil Meyer from the University of Idaho will be in Heppner to present the study on the economic importance of Pioneer Memorial Hospital on February 25. The meeting will take place

at the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative at 7:30 p.m. This report was prepared by the University of Idaho, in association with Mountain States Health Corporation of Salem. The intention of this study is to educate community residents as to the role of the local health care system plays in the economic infrastructure of the community.

Morrow County citizens are encouraged to attend both meetings to provide input and to learn more about health care issues in Morrow County.

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