

## Lady Cards swamp Helix, tune up for tournament

By Anne Morter

The Ione Lady Cardinals swamped their opponents last weekend as they tuned up for the Big Sky District Tournament, to be held this Friday and Saturday at Umatilla High School.

In their last home game of the season, the Cards ran over Helix 64-26 on Friday evening Feb. 14, then hit the road to Dufur on Saturday where they defensively stifled the Rangers 45-18. The Lady Cards end their regular season with a 17-3 overall record and a 9-2 league mark.

A good crowd turned out Friday evening to Ione to watch seniors Kari Morgan, Nancy Morter, Brandi Ball, Amy Pointer, Kristine Bedortha and Heidi Nelson, play their last home game. A fired-up Cardinal team took the floor and never gave Helix a chance. The Lady Cards led 19-5 at the end of one and 41-10 at halftime. Final score of the game was 64-26.

Nancy Morter led all scorers with 13 points, which she added to her eight steals and four assists. Brandi Ball added 12 points and Kari Morgan had 10. Kristine Bedortha had two three-point baskets in the match. The Cards outrebounded the Grizzlies, 37-28, with Janie Cupps leading



Photo by Wayne Hams

Nancy Morter goes for layup against Helix

the way with 10 boards.

Ione shot a hot 45 percent from the floor, making 25 of their 55 shots. At the free throw line, they

connected on 10 of 17 for 59 percent.

"Everyone played really well. Everything was working right," said coach Dana Heideman.

## Lady Cards stifle Rangers

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Saturday, Feb. 15, the Lady Cards faced Dufur, the team who will also be their first-round opponent in the district tournament. With some powerful defense the Cards were able to keep the Rangers out of their game. The game was close in the first quarter where the Lady Cardinals led 14-10. But the Cards kept the Rangers from scoring in the second quarter and again in the fourth on their way to the 45-18 victory.

Kari Morgan led the scoring attack with 19 points, followed by Nancy Morter with 12. Morgan and Janie Cupps each had eight rebounds to lead the Cards to a lopsided rebounding advantage, 29-16. Nancy Morter once again led with three assists and six steals.

Neither team put a lot of shots in the air. The Lady Cards shot 37 times, making 17 for 45 percent. Dufur made just four of their 30 shots in the game.

Coach Heideman was not really happy about the low number of shots taken, but as for the defense, he said, "You can't ask for anything better than that."

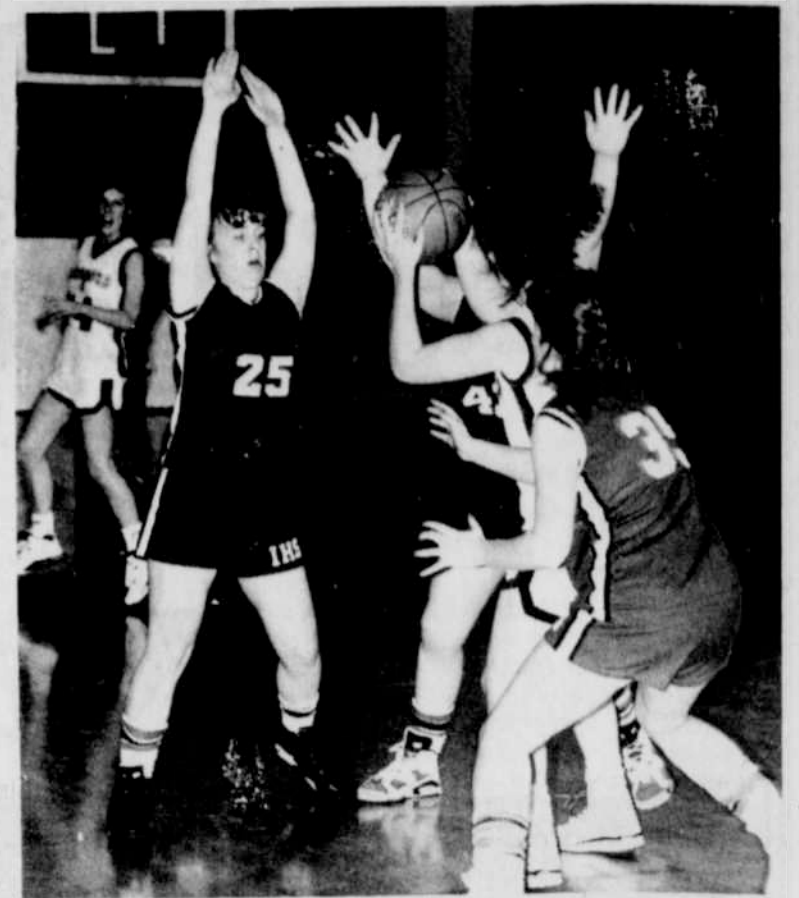


Photo by Wayne Hams

Brandi Ball guards Ranger player

"Our game has been improving the last couple of weeks. If the kids come out and apply

themselves, we have a good chance," said Heideman.

## Methodist church to dedicate window

A service of dedication for a new stained glass window has been scheduled at the United Methodist Church in Heppner at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23.

The window was donated by the Rev. Grace Drake in memory of her late husband Douglas E. Drake.

The window was designed and created by Portland artist Linda Ethier, who designed and created the sanctuary window at the Ione United Church of Christ.

The Drakes' four children will

participate in the dedicatory service and the Community Choir will provide special music. Refreshments will be served following the service.

The community is invited to attend.

The Drakes' daughter, the Rev. Gwen Drake will preach at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Rev. Gerry Etchison will be liturgist. A potluck dinner will be held at the church following worship service.

## Ione's cheerleaders get ready for District



Photo by Wayne Hams

Ione cheerleading squad (counter clockwise) Heidi Orem, Tanja Anderson, advisor Erin Lovett, Jamie Lovett, Erika Bergstrom

Ione's cheerleaders have been working hard all year, and are now preparing for the district playoffs, says advisor Erin Lovett.

The cheerleaders have been working since last summer when they sold snowcones and did face painting at the Ione Fourth of July celebration to raise money for

their uniforms. Later they held bottle drives and other fund raisers in order to raise the \$500 necessary for their uniforms.

The cheerleading squad is made up of four girls: Heidi Orem, the captain, Jamie Lovett, co-capt, Erika Bergstrom and Tanja Anderson. All four girls cheer at the varsity boy's games,

and two of the girls cheer at the varsity girl's games. The other two girls are on the basketball team.

So far the girls have learned 12 different routines and 90 different chants, says first year advisor Erin Lovett of Ione. "It's a lot of work. But they work pretty good together," Lovett said.

## Mustangs beat Stanfield claim 3rd

By Jeremy Maddern

The Heppner Mustangs played the Stanfield Tigers Saturday, Feb. 15 in hopes of a win to claim third place in the Columbia Basin Conference. The Mustangs got their wish as they beat the Tigers 65-55 and combined with a Pilot Rock loss, the Mustangs jumped into third place.

Heppner came out in the first quarter hoping to jump to an early lead, but saw themselves down by two points. The Mustangs erupted for 24 points in the second quarter and they were up 34-24 at the half. The Mustangs came out flat in the third quarter though and saw their lead evaporate to three points going into the fourth quarter.

Heppner had an awesome fourth quarter, scoring 23 points as they cruised to an impressive win.

Ryan Currin led the Mustangs with 20 points and Jason Britt had

12. Len Britner provided another good performance with 11 points. The Mustangs are now third in the CBC conference and play a

tough Wasco County Saturday Feb. 22 for their last home game. The boys game starts at approximately 6 p.m.

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## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

"Heppner Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a positive environment where people and businesses thrive." From the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce newsletter comes the following business tip of the month...a forecast for 1992:

Business will continue to go where invited and remain where appreciated;

Reputations will continue to be made by many acts and lost by one;

People will go right on preferring to do business with friends; Go Givers will become the best go-getters;

The "Extra Mile" will have no traffic jams;

Performance will continue to outsell promises;

Enthusiasm will be as contagious as ever;

Know-how will surpass guess-how;

Trust, not tricks will keep customers loyal;

Quality will be prized as a precious possession.

Anonymous

Hats off to our local businesses who take pride in and support their community so that you and I can have a hometown to be proud of. We're very fortunate they choose to keep their doors open so we have a busy Main Street rather than a ghost town. They appreciate the support from visitors and those of you with Heppner as your mailing address. You make the difference. It's your town.

Three weeks until St. Patrick's Celebration...March 13, 14 and 15. Time to think green and clean your garages, barns and closets for auction items. This event helps to fund next year's celebration.

An Irish Blessing - "Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."



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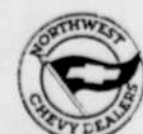
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