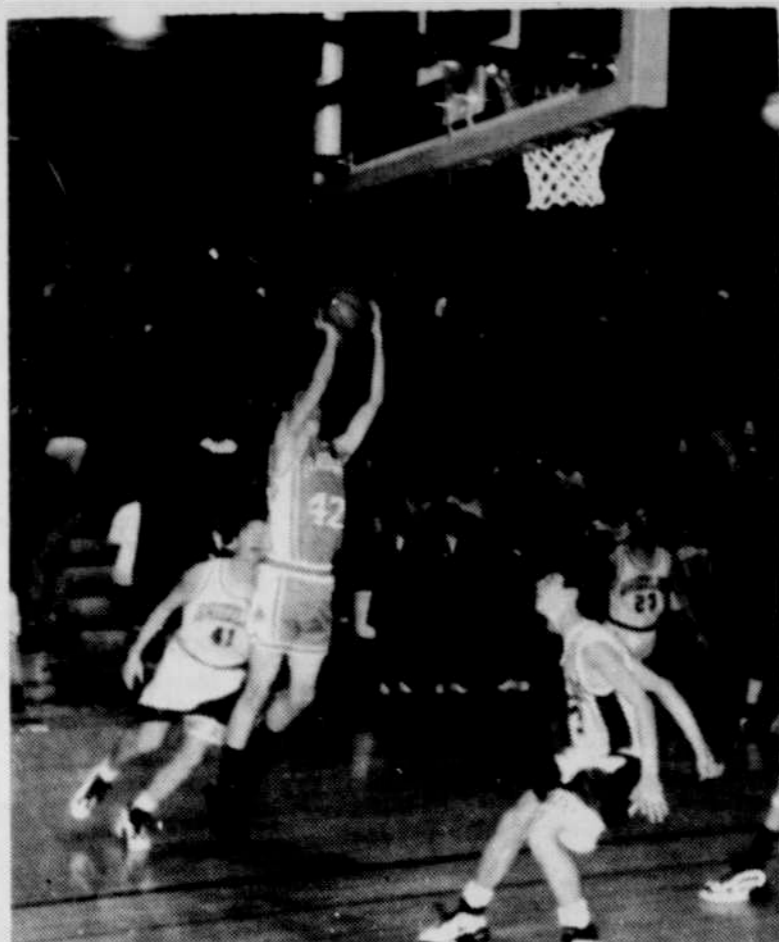


## Card boys secure state trip



Jacob Taylor goes up for layin

The Ione Cardinals got another slow start on Saturday, Feb. 17, against the Helix Grizzlies, but did what they had to do in the finish to secure a fifth straight berth at the state tournament in Baker City on February 28-29 and March 1-2 by winning, 69-65.

The Cardinals found themselves in a 17-10 hole after the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Cards made a run to cut the Grizzly lead to two points at 32-30 at the break. Marc Orem led the second quarter charge, scoring 10 of the Cardinals points in the pivotal quarter. Jon Garrett also hit two three-pointers in the quarter to help close the gap.

In the third quarter, the Cardinals kicked into another gear, upping the defensive and offensive pressure. The defensive pressure caused several Grizzly turnovers and the offensive pressure led to some quick buckets for the Cards. Ione was led in the third quarter by Kelly Morgan who scored eight points, had two steals and caused other turnovers.

The Cards entered the final stanza with a 52-46 lead and never trailed. Helix made a rush in the last minute, scoring seven points as the Cards

seemed to think the game was in hand and relaxed a little early.

Hannes Kreft and Ben Maney led the Helix onslaught with 20 points apiece, followed by Casey Peters with 16. The Cardinals answered with balanced scoring. Four players scored in double figures, led by Orem with 14, followed by Garrett and Morgan with 12 and Joe Bacon with 10. Luke Swanson and Jake McElligott followed closely behind with eight each. Strong contributions off the bench by Garrett, McElligott, Jacob Taylor, and Petr Hybs were instrumental in assuring the Cards the win.

Orem and Morgan both had good shooting nights, shooting 75 percent from the floor. Swanson led on the boards with nine rebounds, followed by Bacon with eight caroms and four assists. McElligott led the defensive effort with four blocked shots and one steal. Swanson contributed four steals to the effort.

STATS: Ione 29 7-14 69. Allen 2 1-1 5, Swanson 3 2-2 8, McElligott 4 0-0 8, Garrett 4 0-0 12, Bacon 4 2-4 10, Orem 6 2-4 14, Morgan 6 0-1 12, Hybs 0 0-2 0, Taylor, Helix 23 12-19 65. R. Raymond 3 0-0 6, T. Raymond 1 0-0 3, Kreft 7 0-0 20, Maney 7 6-8 20, Peters 5 6-11 16, Whaley, Kosey.

## Wasco Co. downs Cardinals

The Ione Cardinals ran into Wasco County, or, you might say Eric Balentine, on Friday, Feb. 16, and came out on the short end, 64-53. Balentine hit a game-high 36 points on 12 of 16 shots from the floor and 12 of 15 from the charity stripe. He also contributed 13 rebounds to the Redsidies' effort.

Meanwhile, the Cardinals shot a miserable 30 percent from the floor, hitting only two of 22 from the three-point range for nine percent. As a result, the Cards were down early in the first quarter by 10 points. Wasco extended that lead to 14 early in the third quarter before the Cardinals mounted a comeback effort to get within four points with less than five minutes to go. The Cards had the ball and a chance to cut the lead to two, but a steal off of a double team and a layup by the Redsidies' Gary Delco thwarted the effort. Redsidies free throws

determined the final score as the Cards fouled to try to get the ball back.

According to coach Del LaRue, "The Cardinals played hard and with a lot of heart. We had the opportunity to win the district championship if only a few shots had dropped."

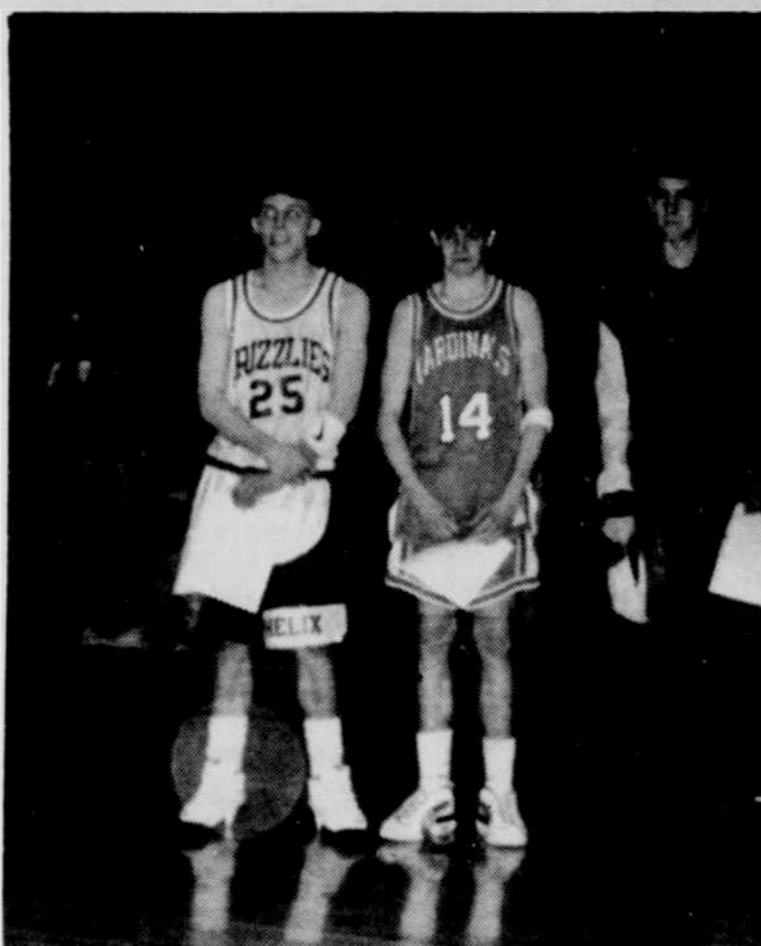
Balentine was unstoppable with his shooting accuracy as the Cards were all over him a few times and the ball still dropped in. Luke Swanson was the scoring leader for the Cards with 11 points, followed by Joe Bacon with 10. Bacon also led the Cards with 11 rebounds for a double-double. Steve Allen dished out six assists. Both Jake McElligott and Jacob Taylor came off the bench and allowed the Cards to stay close.

STATS: Ione 22 7-12 53. Allen 3 2-2 8, Swanson 5 1-2 11, Garrett 2 0-0 6, Bacon 5 0-0 10, Orem 1 0-2 2, Morgan 1 0-0 2, Taylor 1 3-4 5, Hybs 1 0-0 2. Wasco County 22 20-29 64. G. Delco 4 3-4 11, Balentine 12 12-15 36, Russell 3 1-4 7, Chastain 2 4-4 8, R. Delco 1 0-0 2.



Cardinals celebrate win

## Lone athletes all league picks



Luke Swanson (14) picked up first team allstars honors



Lady Card named to allstars



Joe Bacon (24) and Marc Orem named 2nd team allstars.

Luke Swanson of Ione High School was named to the Big Sky Conference East Division boys' all league first team and Melissa McElligott and Suzy Heideman were named to the girls' all league first team.

Joe Bacon and Marc Orem, both IHS, were named to the second team.

Other Big Sky all league selections are as follows: first team boys-Ben Maney, Helix;

Randy Shaffer, Wheeler; Brad Lathrop, Condon; and Jeremiah Hart, Echo; second team boys-Hanes Kreft and Casey Peters, Helix; and Ben Campbell, Echo; first team girls-Margaret Schott, Condon; Jessi Fisher and Kelly Browning, Echo; second team girls-Casey Seeger, Echo; Kelly Potter and Sarah Campbell, Wheeler; and LeAnn Barnett and Kacey Kennedy, Condon.

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## Heppner Fillies avenge earlier loss to Sherman County

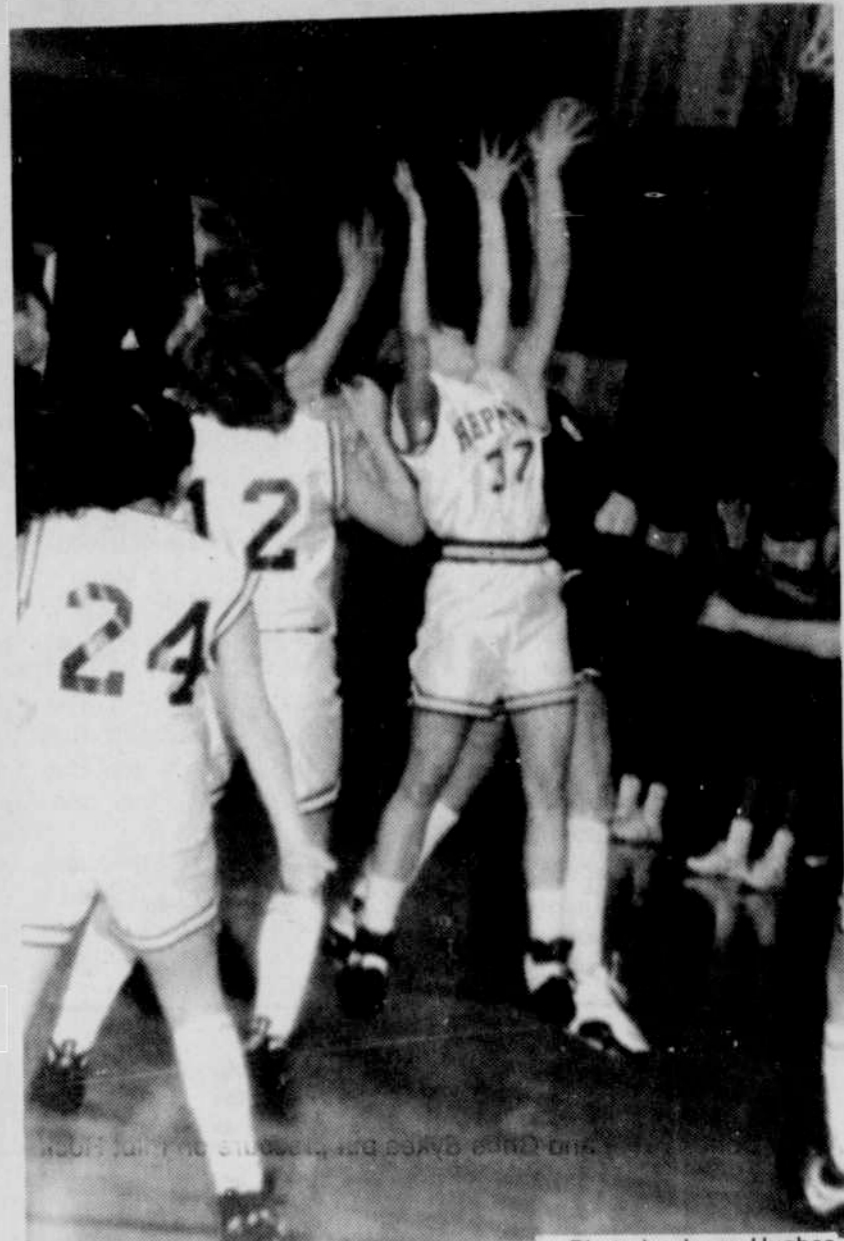


Photo by Joyce Hughes

Lindsay Waterland fights for a rebound. No 12 is Mindy Binschus, 24 is Toni Kemp

By Donna Moeller

The Heppner Fillies came out Saturday night, Feb. 17, with the determination to avenge their Feb. 13 loss at Sherman County. The Fillies led the entire game, beating Sherman County 39-33. The girls played tough defense and offense. "Each player on this team gave a little extra that contributed to the win," said coach John Boyer. "We played our toughest game both physically and mentally."

Lori Moeller played 3/4 of the game with a split over her right eye, which required seven stitches at the completion of the game to repair. Senior Jossie

Evans had a good game, scoring five points and was there for rebounds and defense. Tina Kemp and Jaci Hughes led the scoring with seven points each; Lori Moeller had six, with Lexi Matteson and Evans each adding five points. Jill Barber had four points; Stormy Howard had a nice three-point shot and Annie Hisler added two free throws to round out the scoring.

The Fillies ended their regular season play with an 8-4 record, securing the third place position at District. The Fillies will play the Weston-McEwen TigerScots at the Convention Center in Pendleton, Friday night Feb. 23, at 7 p.m.

## St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

The Ione preschool children and teachers presented table decorations made by the children and had dinner with the seniors at the center on Valentine's Day. The children really brightened up the day.

There were 129 people present for the dinner. Six meals were home delivered and one meal was taken out. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints served. Ruth Bergstrom and John Hanna each received a chocolate rose as a door prize. Vern Batty won the meal ticket and Bob Taylor, the bingo ticket. The Senior Center Board met following the meal.

The menu for the birthday dinner Feb. 28 will be baked chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, carrot sticks, bran muffins and fruit. Members of the Catholic Church will serve.

Quilt raffle tickets were sold at the First Interstate Bank Friday, Feb. 16, by Velma Wight, Doll Campbell, Ralph and Barb Struthers, and Eleanor and Tom Gonty, working in two hour shifts.

No one played cards Friday afternoon at the center. The bus did not go to Hermiston Saturday night, as only three people had signed up to go. Eight seniors saw the first half of the movie, "Dr. Zhivago", Sunday evening. The rest was shown Monday evening. The tape was loaned by Irene Swanson.

Volunteer some time to help with the seniors' part of the St. Patrick's celebration. Sign-up sheets will be at the center for work shifts for the breakfast at the fairgrounds, the soup and roll lunch and the pie and coffee sale at the center. Fruit pies are needed also. More seniors are needed to sell chances on the quilt.

Dates to remember: Tuesday and Thursday exercise, 10 a.m.; Wednesday blood pressure clinic, 11 a.m., senior meal, noon, quilting 1 p.m.; Friday cards, 2 p.m.; Sunday movie, 6 p.m.

There will be a Housing Authority meeting at the center on Monday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m.

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