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Ione Booster Club holds meeting

The Ione Booster Club met Thursday, Dec. 11, at Beecher's Cafe. It was noted the club made $472.47 on the spaghetti fed during the Pilot Rock basketball game. A photo of the girls' state champion track team has been found. An 8" x 10" copy will be made for the plaque.

Jim Swanson reported on the status of the suit against the recreation district. The district lost their motion for a dismissal of the suit. The next step is a hearing before a judge.

Athletic director Dean Robinson reported recent changes to the winter sports schedule: The Thursday, Dec. 18 game with the Heppner C team has been moved to Feb. 2. The home game with Dufur was changed from Jan. 9 to Jan. 6.

The club will sponsor several raffles at upcoming games. Laurel Cannon will contact Shop-n-Kart about providing a shopping cart of groceries for a raffle in January. Betty Gray is checking on a weekend trip package and Robinson, a PrimeStar package. Other money making projects will include a steak feed on either Jan. 16 or Feb. 13, pending approval from the student council.

In other business, Robinson offered to consult with Cam George of Lott's Electric about improving the school's sound system. The fifth and sixth grade band, under the direction of Ron Neighorn, was commended for the fine job they did playing at the Pilot Rock game. The Ione community band will begin playing Jan. 16.

Ione graduate Luke Swanson will be playing on the Eastern Oregon University basketball team against Blue Mountain Community College Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Pendleton.

The next meeting of the Ione Booster Club will be Thursday, Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. at Beecher's Cafe.

Men's breakfast

The Heppner Church of the Nazarene will host a community men's breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 21, from 8-9 a.m. at the church.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene, the Christian Life Center and the First Christian Church.

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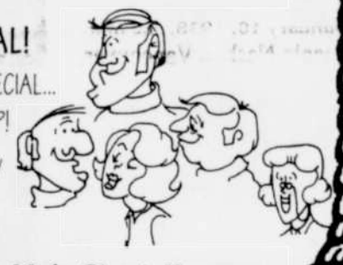

Ione Lady Cards win two in Wasco Tourney

By Kara Miller

The Lady Cardinals added JV players, Charissa Gates and Shelby Krebs, to their roster when the basketball teams traveled to Maupin Friday, Dec. 12, to compete in their annual two-day tournament. In addition to Ione and the hosts, South Wasco County Redsides, other schools in the lineup were Sherman County Huskies and Long Creek Mountaineers. The Long Creek and Ione teams were guests in the homes of the families and boosters of South Wasco County High School.

Ione faced 2A Sherman County in the opening contest. It was a see-saw battle with Ione in the lead by two at the end of the first quarter and at the half, but the Huskies outscored the Cards in the third to take the lead by two. Ione pulled ahead in the opening of the fourth quarter and the Huskies started fouling. Although free throws have been a bugaboo for the Cards this year, shooting less than 50 percent, they sank enough to maintain the lead and won 54-51.

Brenda Burright was game high scorer with 19 points; Camie Burright added 15. Sybil Krebs had two points, Nikki McElligott, eight, Kara Miller, seven, and Niki Sullivan, three, for the winning effort, Ione 54, Sherman County, 51.

Statistics:
Ione: 17-10-12-15-54
Sherman County: 15-10-16-10-51
Ione: Sybil Krebs 0 2-2-2, Nikki McElligott 4 0-0-8, Kara Miller 2 3-9-7, Camie Burright 6 3-7-15, Brenda Burright 8 2-5-19, Brandi Brantley 0 0-0-0, Niki Sullivan 0 3-6-3, Allison Halvorsen 0 0-0-0. Three-point goals: B. Burright, C. Burright.

The Lady Cardinals met the Long Creek Lady Mountaineers for the first time in recent history as they squared off in the championship match Saturday, Dec. 13 in Maupin. The Cardinals won the match, 56-35.

Long Creek took the opening tip, but turned the ball over to the Cards who went on a scoring spree, racking up 29 points to the Mountaineers' six, by the end of the first quarter.

The two teams went to the locker room at the half with the score, Ione, 38, Long Creek, 12. Ione's defense was strong and forced Long Creek turnovers that turned into points for the Cardinals.

McElligott and Miller pulled down nine and six rebounds respectively. Ione got 16 steals and Long Creek turned the ball over 25 times, while Ione held their own turnovers to 13. C. Burright led the team in steals and assists with six each, and Sullivan had two blocked shots to her credit. Ione shot 61 percent from the field for the game and made a small improvement to their free throw percentage to hold their lead and win the game with a final score, 56-35.

Statistics:
Ione: 29-9-9-9-56
Long Creek: 6-6-9-14-35
Ione-Krebs 0 1-2-1, Charissa Gates 0 0-0-0, McElligott 6 0-1-12, Miller 5 1-2-11, C. Burright 4 3-6-11, B. Burright 6 1-3-14, Brantley 0 1-2-1, Sullivan 3 0-2-6. Three-point goals: B. Burright.

Card party held

By Delpha Jones

A card party was held at the lodge hall on Dec. 6. Bob Taylor won men's high; Ginger Keithley won women's high; Dot Halvorsen won women's low; and traveling went to Ginger Keithley and Sue Vinson.

Refreshments were served.

The Grange met for a potluck supper. Those attending brought an item for children for Christmas or for the food bank.

School board holds meeting

The Morrow County School District Board, at their regular meeting Monday, Dec. 8, at Columbia Middle School in Irrigon, directed the administration to negotiate a contract with Mid Columbia Bus Company on the sale of the district's Type 20 busses.

The board also heard a report on the progress at the Heppner school construction sites. The framing was reported to be near completion at Heppner High School, with work anticipated to begin shortly at Heppner Elementary School. The progress will allow the contractors to work through the winter weather.

In other business, the board: -heard a report from superintendent Chuck Starr of another burglary at Sam Boardman Elementary School with TVs and VCRs stolen; that the Irrigon Learning Center had been vandalized, which set off their alarm system and that Columbia Middle School had been "tagged" with graffiti. The students involved were reported to have been apprehended.

-came to a consensus that the board would not conduct a four-day week survey this year.

-approved resignations and retirements from: Stub Lewis, from assistant custodian position at Heppner High School, effective Dec. 31; Dale Conklin, from social studies teaching position at HHS effective Feb. 27 with an interim contract through June 30; Connie Rodriguez, from 3-1/2 hour per day English as a Second Language education assistant position at CMS; and Claude Birt, from extra duty contract as Riverside High School annual advisor.

-approved employment for: Debbie Basile, three-hour per day special education assistant position at Heppner Elementary School to work one-on-one with a special needs student; Cynthia Tallman, an addition 1/2 hour per day to her three-hour position as special education assistant at HES to work one-on-one with a special needs student; Kevin Gilbertson, RHS assistant boys' basketball coach; Dave Richards, RHS assistant girls' basketball coach; Rollie Marshall, HHS assistant girls' basketball coach; Brian Cook, CMS assistant wrestling coach; Donna Neighbors, 1/2 time CMS dance team advisor; G.Ann Thomas-Heddle, RHS annual advisor.

-accepted resignation of Marilyn Acock, Irrigon member of the Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee.

-heard the following announcements: Christmas break will be held from Dec. 20 through January 4; the next meeting will be held at the district office at 7:30 p.m. on January 12.

BMCC dinner date incorrect

The Blue Mountain Community College Christmas Eve dinner will be held Wednesday, Dec. 24, from 5-6:30 p.m. at BMCC in Pioneer Hall. The previous date listed for the dinner was incorrect. For more information, call 278-5929 or 278-5930.

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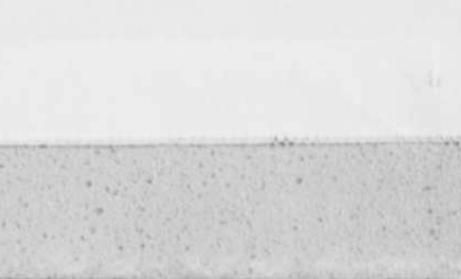

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