

New HHS math teacher thrives on busy schedule



Keelie Keown

Keelie Keown, new math teacher at Heppner High School, is killing two birds with one stone, so to speak. Keown, 22, stepped in to fill a vacancy in the HHS teaching staff at the same time she is completing a teaching internship through George Fox College. Keown replaces math teacher Dale Johnson, who resigned mid-year.

Keown received her bachelor's degree last May 2. On May 9 of that year, she substituted at HHS for math teacher Nancy Swarat who was on maternity leave. Keown substituted until June 6 of last year and then jumped right into her master's program which began on June 9. This May she will graduate with a master's degree in teaching. While she is teaching in Heppner, Keown is also working on a project in writing and mathematics for her degree and must make a presentation at a symposium a week before she graduates, in addition to supplying a work sample of a four-week continuous lesson plan required by George Fox.

Keown says that she enjoys teaching at HHS. "I liked it here when I substituted," said Keown. "When they called (about the teaching position) I didn't know if all the doors would open, but they did." At HHS Keown teaches six classes in four subjects, pre-calculus and integrated math I, II and III.

Keown grew up in Halfway outside Baker City and attended Pine Eagle High School for three years. In her senior year in high school the family moved to Oakridge near Eugene, where she graduated.

An accomplished athlete, Keown played volleyball, basketball and ran track at Pine Eagle and at Oakridge. She also played varsity basketball and ran track for four years during her college career at George Fox.

While she was in high school, Keown helped coach in a grade school basketball program. After her first year in college, she assisted a summer league basketball program for high school students. At Heppner, she is involved in helping coach junior high school track. She says

she is looking forward to working with the Heppner Junior High athletes. "I know the high school kids, but now I'll get to visit with the junior high kids a little," she said.

Keown's parents, Kari and

Mike, moved to Heppner two years ago. Kari is employed at Murray Drugs and Mike is the Morrow County School District assistant superintendent. She has a sister, Kasye who is living in Germany.

Lady Cards lose heartbreaker at state

By Kara Miller

The lone Lady Cardinals' hopes to meet Condon in the finals were dashed in their first contest of the 1A tournament in Baker City.

The Mustangs from Jordan Valley had their sights set on being in the Saturday night championship game too. Both teams fought down to the wire, down to the final second in fact, but Jordan Valley was the lucky one. With the score tied at 37, the whistle was blown for an open court foul by Camie Burrigott. The Cardinals forced the Jordan Valley Mustangs' Jennifer Bruce to the line for the bonus. Bruce hit both free throws which decided the game in favor of Jordan Valley, 39, to lone, 37.

Lady Cards defeat Umpqua in playoffs

By Kara Miller

After losing the 1A state playoff game against Jordan Valley the afternoon before, the Lady Cards shook off their disappointment and showed up to play against the Umpqua Valley Monarchs. The 'Big Red' ruled as lone put the purple and white away with a 59-55 victory.

The first quarter was excellent for the Lady Cards as they jumped out to a 19-12 lead early. Monarch offense hung on throughout the first half and into the third quarter when lone started to pull away. Umpqua Valley got into foul trouble and Brenda Burrigott shot 4-7 in the

last minutes of the fourth quarter. Camie Burrigott led lone with 18 points and Nikki McElligott put in 14 while grabbing nine rebounds. Kara Miller contributed 11 points, six rebounds and fellow senior, Brenda Burrigott, added nine points, seven steals and eight assists for the ladies from lone.

lone played for consolation against North Clackamas Christian on Saturday morning. STATS: lone (59)—Sybil Krebs, McElligott 7 0-3 14, Miller 3 5-8 11, C. Burrigott 8 2-5 18, B. Burrigott 2 4-7 9, Brandi Brantley 1 0-2 2, Nikki Sullivan 1 1-2 3, Allison Halvorsen 1 0-0 2.

Lady Cardinals earn 4th place in state

By Kara Miller

Brenda Burrigott led the Lady Cardinals to a 53-44 fourth place finish at the 1A State Tournament. The senior had 23 points and six rebounds for lone.

The tireless defense and vigorous offense of the Cardinals held North Clackamas Christian's 5'10" post, Andrea Hamilton, to five points. However at half-time, with lone down by two, 25-27, many were questioning what the outcome would be. Ione came back in the second half to lead the way to win.

NCC had 21 turnovers, 12 of them steals by lone. The Cardinals themselves turned the ball over only seven times and had a total of eight personal fouls.

Camie Burrigott followed her sister Brenda in scoring with 14

and Kara Miller added seven. Nikki McElligott was selected to the first team tournament all stars.

STATS: lone (53)—McElligott 2 2-4 6, Miller 3 0-0 7, C. Burrigott 6 2-3 14, B. Burrigott 8 5-6 23, Brandi Brantley 0 0-0 0, Nikki Sullivan 1 1-2 3, Allison Halvorsen, Sybil Krebs. Three point Goals: B. Burrigott 2, Miller 1. Blocked shots McElligott 2, C. Burrigott. Turnovers B. Burrigott 4, Miller 2, McElligott 2. Steals B. Burrigott 5, C. Burrigott 3, McElligott 2, Miller 2

RJs has not changed hands

R Js Steak House and Lounge in Lexington has not changed hands. The Gazette-Times had received erroneous information for a March 11 story.

Ione High School has winter sports dessert

The Ione High School winter sports dessert was held Thursday, March 12, at the school cafeteria.

Girls playing on the junior varsity team were recognized by coach Kelley Swarat. Players included Jeanette Brantley, Katie Bacon, Nonnee Walters, Jennifer Thompson, Shelby Krebs, Allison Halvorsen, Charissa Gates, Brandi Brantley and Sybil Krebs. Boys receiving junior varsity pins from coach Scott Burrigott were Corey Bennetto, Shawn Moon, Jeremy Rietmann, Ryan Bennetto, Jeremiah McElligott, Will McElligott, Kyle Johnson and Dylan Pettyjohn.

Boys' varsity coach Dennis Stefani recited the boys' stats for the season. As a team, they overwhelmed their opponents in steals, assists, blocked shots and shooting percentages. Receiving varsity pins were seniors Jake McElligott, Marc Orem and Nathan Rietmann, junior Kyle Grabenhorst, sophomores Mark McElligott, Allan Gribkov, Jacob Neiffer, Steve Crum, and freshman Corey Morgan.

Special medals were given to players with the best stats. They included Grabenhorst for the most steals, assists and highest field goal percentage, Orem for "taking the charge," and Jake McElligott for the best free throw percentage, most blocked shots and most rebounds. In addition, coach Stefani awarded plaques and medals to "Mr. Hustle" Grabenhorst; "Most Inspirational" Rietmann; "Mr. Defense" Orem; "Most Improved" Mark McElligott; and scoring title and "Most Valuable Player" Jake McElligott. Dustin Haguewood received a manager's pin.

Coach Dana Heideman summarized the girls' varsity season, including the fourth place finish at the state tournament. Girls receiving varsity pins were seniors

Brenda Burrigott and Kara Miller, junior Nikki Sullivan, sophomores Camie Burrigott, Nikki McElligott, Brandi Brantley, Sybil Krebs, and freshman Allison Halvorsen. Receiving trophies for their special achievements were: assists—Brenda Burrigott, with a new school record of 140; rebounds—McElligott, with a new school record of 273; "Miss Defense"—Camie Burrigott; "Miss Inspirational"—Sybil Krebs; "Most Improved"—Brantley; and "Miss Hustle"—Miller. Receiving manager pins were Adrienne Swanson and Jessica Krebs.

Also recognized were stats keepers Katie Tworek, Charity McElligott, Helen Heideman and Loa Henderson; Virgil Morgan

for running the clock; and Butch Heideman for taking the videos. Athletic director Dean Robinson was thanked for overseeing the smooth operation of the season. Special recognition went to Dwayne Neiffer, who assisted with the boys' program, and Stacey Miller, girls' assistant coach.

The coaches thanked the Ione Community Band for playing at games and expressed appreciation to their families and the Ione community for all the support.

The players handed out appreciation gifts to the coaches, and coach Swarat, who is retiring from coaching the girls' junior varsity team, was thanked for his contribution to the program.

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Michael, Susan & William McElligott