

Ione Middle School FB team undefeated



Ione Middle School football team

The Ione Middle School boys' football team ended the season just as they began-winning.

The team started with 10 players, to play eight-man ball, and ended with only nine. One player moved about half way through the season. But that did not stop these boys. They still ended their season with a 6-0 record.

The Cardinals started the season with a game against South Sherman and beat them 45-6. They then went onto play Dufur and won 36-6. They played Echo, winning 28-14, Arlington, winning 22-0, Echo again, winning, 52-30, and finally ended their season beating Condon, 43-18.

Every team the Cardinals went up against had twice as many players and many of them twice the size of the Ione players. That did not deter the Ione boys. If anything it made their fight harder.

"It is not often you can go a whole season with only nine boys and come out undefeated and no injuries," said coach Dean Robinson.

Robinson and Steve Schaber were pretty amazed with these nine boys. Not only did the team work hard on the field, they worked hard in the classroom as

well, increasing their overall GPA.

The players were eighth graders Nick Christman, Taylor McElligott, Tyler Raible, Arthur Ekstrom; and seventh graders Kyle Palmateer, Kelly Thompson, Travis Vetter, William Bergstrom, James

Acock. Coaches were Dean Robinson and Steve Schaber.

Next year looks to be about the same as for the number of Ione Middle School players. As it stands now, they will lose four eighth graders and gain five sixth graders.

Ministerial Association holds benefit carnival

The Morrow County Ministerial Association held a benefit dinner and carnival on Halloween at the St. Patrick Senior Center in Heppner.

Coral Mitchell and her staff of volunteers, Willy Klein, Sheila Parks, Bonnie Gates, Millis Hunt, Cammie Williams, Jane McDougal, Billie Lacey, Jim Fugate and the St. Patrick's Senior Center, provided the dinner.

Area churches hosted the Kids Carnival, providing activity booths for the kids to earn points redeemable for prizes and candy. Activities included games of golf putting, face painting, darts, bingo, Ping-Pong golf, fishpond and beanbag toss.

South Morrow County Ministerial Association uses

these funds in two primary ways. Assistance is provided to local residences who need help with heating oil, electricity, shelter, food and gasoline. Assistance of food, shelter or gasoline to stranded travelers and transients is also provided.

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Wheatland purchases Van Marter & Kahl Insurance



Left to right: Steve Rhea, Janet McDowell, Nancy Snider, Marianne Kahl, Bob Kahl

Bob and Marianne Kahl, owners of VanMarter and Kahl Insurance on Main Street in Heppner, have announced that they have entered into a purchase agreement with Wheatland Insurance Center, Inc.

Kahl said he sees the change as a very positive move for their Heppner office. According to Kahl, in addition to strengthening the relationship they have with the insurance companies they now represent, the affiliation makes additional markets and companies available for them to use to serve their customers even better.

The Wheatland Insurance Center Inc. organization includes nine independent insurance agent's offices in Northeastern Oregon--in Ione, Pendleton, Athena, Enterprise, Pilot Rock, La Grande, Hermiston, Baker City and now Heppner.

Current plans include the Heppner office continuing to operate as VanMarter & Kahl Insurance even after all the changes are completed.

One of the changes people will see, Kahl said, is the addition of Nancy Snider to staff in the Heppner office. In addition to serving her current customers, Snider will serve as the new

office manager.

Snider has been with Wheatland Insurance for some time, working in the Ione office for the past 17 years, and has an "excellent insurance background," said Kahl. "Equally important is the commitment to community Nancy brings. Her involvement in such things as Cycle Oregon, the Willow Creek Park District, Ione's Fourth of

July Celebration and the Blue Mountain Community College Board are typical of her efforts," he added.

Kahl said that he and wife, Marianne, look forward to spending more time with their children and grandchildren with this change. "However," he said, "with the capable help of Janet McDowell, Steve Rhea, and now Nancy Snider, things should be well in hand."

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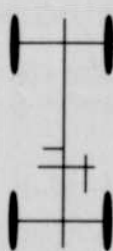
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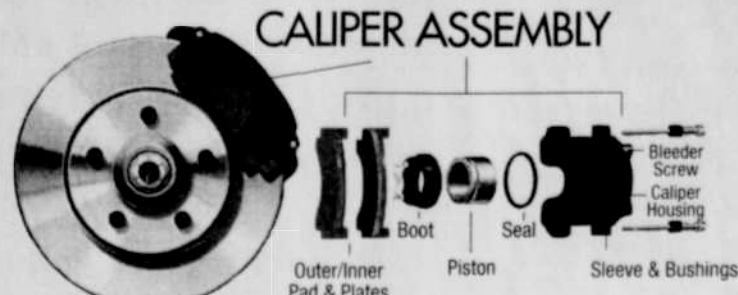
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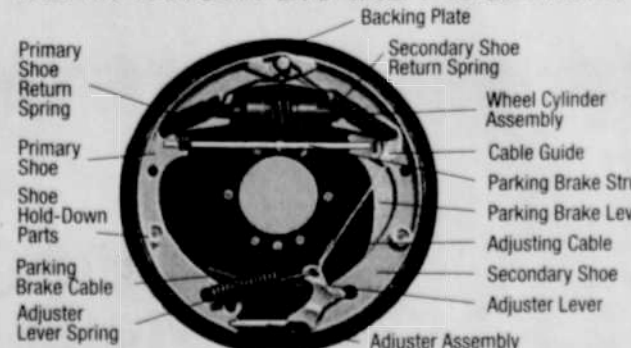
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