

Ione Cardinal Booster Club recognizes local supporters



On Jan. 3, at the Ione Cardinals home game, local business representatives were acknowledged for their support of the Ione School activities. This marks the first recognition night

with more to follow. "We are very proud to have the support of our community in providing for the students needs at the Ione Schools," said a Booster Club representative.

photo by Debbie Radie

Those recognized included: Sweeney Mortuary, Columbia Basin Electric, Pettyjohn's Farm and Building Supply, Heppner Gazette Times, Ione Market and Heideman Brothers Farms.

BMCC extension classes for S. Morrow Co. announced

Winter-term classes for Blue Mountain Community College started on Monday, Jan. 6 throughout the college system. In addition, a selection of classes will be offered in the South Morrow County area. Students are reminded that minimum enrollments must be met in all classes in order to hold them so pre-registration is strongly encouraged. To register or for more information, contact Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator, at 422-7040.

A new instructor, Rosemary Southworth, will offer a variety of art classes. Drawing and Painting is a six-week course, set to start on Thursday, Jan. 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Heppner High School. The start date of this class has been postponed a week to allow additional enrollment. Students will learn to draw life forms and landscapes using pencil and watercolor. A supply list will be handed out the first night of class and students are asked to pre-register on or before Jan. 6. Tuition is \$35.

Also offered by Mrs. Southworth is Calligraphy, another six-week course, which begins Monday, Jan. 13 at Heppner High School. Meeting time is 6:30-8 p.m. Students will learn the art of lettering, concentrating on the Italic lettering style and progressing through Roman Capitals. Tuition is \$30 plus a supply fee to cover the cost of the calligraphy pen. Participants are asked to pre-register by Thursday, Jan. 9.

A unique offering is the Parent/Child Art Adventure. This three-week class provides an opportunity for a parent and child to work together each week on a dinosaur-themed project and have fun! The class is set for three Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Heppner High School. Tuition is \$20 plus a \$5 lab fee (only the parent registers.)

Local art teacher, Tom Shear, will offer a session on Photography. This six-week class is set for Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. starting on Thursday, Jan. 9 at the School District Office in Lexington. The class will help students get the most out of their camera by covering the intricacies of settings, films speeds, lighting and much more. Tuition is \$35.

A selection of computer classes has also been slated. Computer Basics, Web Page Design and Microsoft Word will start in January at Ione High School. Also, a PowerPoint for Ag Presentations will be offered in Heppner by BMCC's Farm Business Management Instructor, Jon Farquharson in February. Call Anne Morter, 422-7040, for more details.

DA's Report

Michael M. Shelton was convicted of Rape-3, a Class-C felony. Shelton was sentenced to three years supervised probation subject to the following conditions, including 90 days in jail. Other conditions include no use or possession of controlled substances along with submission to breath or urine testing, participate in substance abuse evaluation, remain in the State of Oregon until written permission is granted, if physically able, find and maintain gainful full-time employment, schooling or a combination of both, not make any changes to employment or residence with out permission from the Department of Corrections first, allow probation officer to visit work site or residence and to conduct a walk-through of the common areas and rooms in the residence, consent to search of person, vehicle or premises by probation office and agree to fingerprinting or photographing, or both when requested by the DOC, obey all laws, not possess weapons, firearms or dangerous animals, participate in a mental health evaluation, have no contact with victim or victim's place of residence or employment, consent to sharing of privileged assessment and treatment information between public and private agencies, agents and person who are deemed essential in assessing, monitoring and mediating treatment of sexual deviancy problems, enroll, participate in and successfully complete a recognized and approved Sex Offender Treatment Program, consent to and cooperate with random polygraph testing, not possess at any time any type of sexually suggestive or explicit material including writings, pictures, videotapes, or audiotapes or access such materials by computer, or enter any place where items or performances of a sexual nature are the primary item of sale, not be involved with any organizations which would place defendant in direct contact with children and not frequent or visit places that exist primarily for the enjoyment of children, be financially responsible for all counseling costs incurred by the victim resulting from or related to the crime, register as a sex offender, not allowed to have unsupervised contact with minor children unless approved by probation officer and treatment provider, and to pay \$914 in fines.

or both, not possess weapons, firearms or dangerous animals, participate in a mental health evaluation, complete 80 hours of community service, not use, possess, or associate with any illegal drugs, narcotics, narcotic paraphernalia, including smoking devices, or persons or places knowns to use, sell or possess illegal drugs or narcotics, submit to random drug monitoring and obtain a substance abuse evaluation following through with any treatment recommendations, and must pay \$914 in fines.

Bruce Alan Pettibone was convicted of Attempted B/Felony Sexual Abuse 1, a Class-C felony. Pettibone was sentenced to five years supervised probation, including 90 days in jail. Other probation conditions include: no use or possession of controlled substances along with submission to breath or urine testing, participate in substance abuse evaluation, remain in the State of Oregon until written permission is granted, if physically able, find and maintain gainful full-time employment, schooling or a combination of both, not make any changes to employment or residence with out permission from the Department of Corrections first, permit probation officer to visit probationer or the probationer's work site or residence, with a walk-through of the common areas and rooms in the residence, consent to search of person, vehicle or premises and submit to fingerprinting, photographing or both, not possess weapons, firearms or dangerous animals, successfully complete a sex offender treatment program, participate in a mental health evaluation, register as a sex offender, have no contact with the victim, consent to sharing of privileged assessment and treatment information between public and private agencies, agents and person who are deemed essential in assessing, monitoring and mediating treatment of sexual deviancy problems, enroll, participate in and successfully complete a recognized and approved Sex Offender Treatment Program, consent to and cooperate with random polygraph testing, not possess at any time any type of sexually suggestive or explicit material including writings, pictures, videotapes, or audiotapes or access such materials by computer, or enter any place where items or performances of a sexual nature are the primary item of sale, not be involved with any organizations which would place defendant in direct contact with children and not frequent or visit places that exist primarily for the enjoyment of children, be financially responsible for all counseling costs incurred by the victim resulting from or related to the crime, register as a sex offender, not allowed to have unsupervised visits with minor children until defendant's probation officer and therapist agree, and pay \$164 in fines.

David Escareno Ramirez was convicted of Disorderly Conduct, a Class-B misdemeanor. Ramirez was sentenced to 90 suspended days in jail, 18 months of bench probation, 40 hours of community service and \$124 fines.

Kevin Ray Dieter admitted to violation of probation allegations for Attempted Sexual Penetration with a Foreign Object. Dieter's probation was revoked and he was sentenced to 18 months in jail and 36 months post prison supervision.

Births

Jackson Cole Lehman - a son, Jackson Cole, was born Dec. 30, 2002 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Jon and Jessica Lehman of Lexington. Jackson weighed 9 pounds and 6 ounces and was 22 inches long. He joins siblings Kaden 5, Payton 2 1/2, and Mason 16 months. Grandparents are Charlie and Cindy Sumner of Lexington and Donald and Sharron Lehman of San Diego, CA.

Cardinal varsity boys take third in South Morrow County Tournament

On Friday, Dec. 20, the Ione Cardinal boys faced the Pendleton Buckaroos junior varsity in the first game of the South Morrow County Tournament. Coming off two losses at the Enterprise Tournament, Ione look focused and hungry for the win.

After the first quarter they were trailing 17-10 but managed to outscore the Bucks in the second to trim the lead to 34-28 at halftime.

However, in the third, after cutting the Bucks' lead to just four, Nick Christman left the game with an ankle injury allowing the Bucks to stretch the lead to nine.

The Cardinals looked impressive on the floor and that was reflected in the score as they reached a season high 58 points, but it was not enough as the Bucks managed to keep the lead and put up 67.

Tyler Brown, a freshman, led the Cardinals with 13 points, 10 assists, eight rebounds and five steals. Billy Gates had 12 points, Nick Christman added 10, with Karl Morgan and Mike Radie each

added four, and Kelly Thompson, Tyler Raible and Curtis Thompson each added one point.

On the next day of play, Dec. 21, the boys squared off against the Klickitat Vandals for the third place spot. The intensity and desire from the first day carried over as Ione crushed Klickitat 61-35 for their first win of the season.

At the end of the first, Ione held a one-point lead but a good running game helped them take a 34-22 halftime lead.

Picking up from where they left off, the Cardinals wore out the Klickitat boys and outscored them in the second half 27-13, ending the game 61-35.

Ione was led again by the outstanding play of Tyler Brown who was just shy of a triple double with 18 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists. Billy Gates had 14 points, Mike Radie had 11, and Andrew Rietmann added four points and 12 rebounds. Kelly Thompson, Tyler Raible and Curtis Thompson each added three and Karl Morgan put up two points.

Rep. Greg Smith appointed to budget committee

Oregon House Speaker-Elect Karen Minnis (R-Wood Village) announced that Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner) has been appointed for the 2003 regular legislative session to the powerful Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

"I selected Rep. Smith because of his strong leadership skills and his understanding of the budget process," said Speaker-Elect Minnis. "His unwavering commitment to the citizens of Eastern Oregon will be an added benefit."

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means is the legislature's budget committee where all fiscal issues are debated, including funding for education, senior and disabled services and economic development.

"I am honored to have been selected to serve on Ways and Means," said Rep. Smith. "Now it's time to roll up our sleeves and get to work for the citizens of Oregon."

With term limits no longer in play, Rep. Smith being appointed in his second term is very unusual. In the past it has taken legislators four or five terms to gain enough seniority to be appointed to this committee.

"Morrow County and Eastern Oregon are very fortunate to have Rep. Smith serving in this leadership capacity," said Morrow County Judge Terry Tallman. "We can be assured that our voice will be heard in the budgetary process."

Rep. Smith serves District 57, which includes Morrow County.

Heppner City Abandoned Vehicle Cleanup

Heppner City Ordinance 472 4-5-88 defines abandoned vehicles as "abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled, inoperative or junked vehicles."

If you have a vehicle that fits this list, and want to get rid of it, this is the time to do so. Bring it to the Heppner City Yard (located next to Jay Coil Fabrication) on January 18-19, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and bring the title or bill of sale for the vehicle. We will take the vehicle off your hands at no cost to you (the owner).

This offer is only open to Heppner City residents.

For questions, or for more information, contact Senior Deputy Randy Rayburn at the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Monday through Thursday, at 676-5317.

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