

## Four Ione players selected as Big Sky Conference All-Stars



(L-R): Nick Christman, Natalie McElligott, Diana McElligott and Tyler Brown.

Four Ione Cardinal players were selected as Big Sky Conference Basketball All-Stars. Nick Christman received an honorable mention, while Tyler

Brown was selected as a second-team pick. For the girls, Natalie McElligott was selected as a first-team pick and Diana McElligott was selected as a second-team pick.

## 4-H Leaders needed for ATV Safety Program

Morrow County Extension is looking for 4-H Leaders to start a new 4-H ATV Program in the community. Potential leaders would educate and train young people to be responsible ATV operators. The program teaches safety: getting familiar with your ATV; protective equipment and basic riding

techniques; effects of alcohol and drugs; along with respecting the environment; and emergency situations and riding strategies.

If you would like more information on being a leader of this or any other 4-H program, please contact the Extension office at 676-9642.

## Teen Challenge to speak at Christian Life Center

Teen Challenge women from Teen Challenge will be speaking at Heppner Christian Life Center on Sunday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m., and at the Ione United Church of Christ's youth group at 2 p.m.

For over 40 years, Teen Challenge has been going to schools around the world working with teens to educate them about the dangers of drugs. Teen Challenge also reaches out to people in juvenile halls, jails and prisons. Their "jail teams" help show inmates that there is hope for them to turn their lives around, and, more importantly,

educate them in how to change their lives.

Teen Challenge is the oldest, largest and most successful program of its kind in the world. Established in 1958 by David Wilkerson, Teen Challenge has grown to more than 150 centers in the United States and 250 centers worldwide. Teen Challenge offers a number of services to communities, many times free of charge. Additionally, many Teen Challenge centers offer a one-year residential program for adults designed to help men and women learn how to live drug-free lives.

## MCSO and Boardman PD to host community focus meeting

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office and Boardman Police Department will be hosting a community focus meeting for property managers and rental property owners on Monday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Morrow Estates Recreations Center at Morrow Estates in Boardman.

Topics of discussion include: formation of a Morrow County Property Managers Association; future objectives in code enforcement; and current events and local law enforcement and code enforcement.

This is an informal meeting with the intent of building a relationship between property managers and rental owners, the police and sheriff's departments and each other.

For questions or directions, you can contact

Deputy Jeff Lambier of the MCSO at (541) 676-5317 or Officer Chris Elliott of the BPD at (541) 481-6017.

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## Lady Cards lose to South Wasco in district playoffs

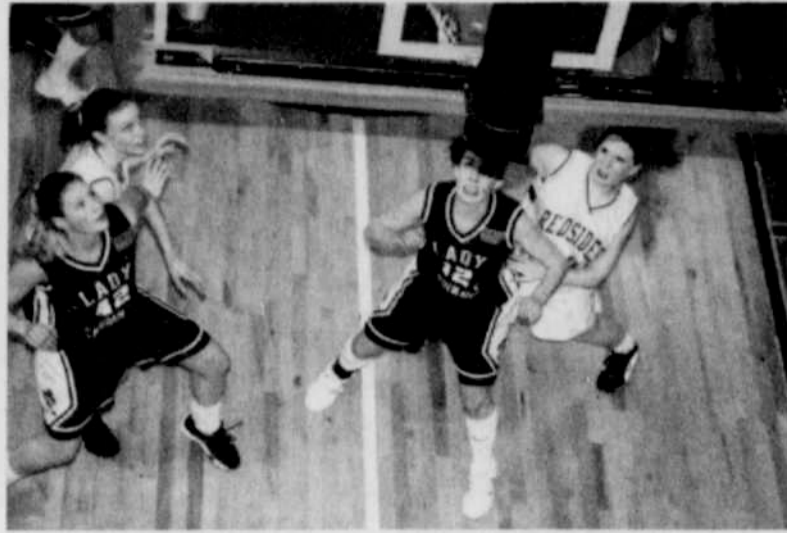


Photo by Jeri McElligott

Barbara Holland (left) and Natalie McElligott block South Wasco players

Ione's girls' varsity held an 11-4 lead at the end of the first quarter; but poor second and third quarter performances left the Cardinals eight points behind heading into the final eight minutes of their game against the South Wasco County Redsides, Friday, Feb. 21.

Full court pressure and two quick buckets by Diana McElligott closed the gap to 23-19 and with 2:55 left Ione trailed

just 29-27. The Cardinals had a few chances towards the end to take the lead but could not manage to finish, as the Redsides triumphed 32-29.

Diana McElligott scored a team high of nine points, followed by Barbara Holland with six points. Sara Peck and Eva Chitty had five points each, Natalie McElligott picked up three points and Emily Key chipped in with one point.

## Cardinals take loss at district to Redsides



Photo by Jeri McElligott

Andrew Rietmann scores a basket.

The Cardinal boys have grown greatly as a team this year and reaching the district playoffs was a huge achievement in itself and a surprise to many teams in the league. However, they proved that they deserved to be there as they narrowly missed out on second-day action after they fell to the fifth ranked South Wasco County Redsides 44-34, Friday, Feb. 21.

After a slow start Ione found themselves 14-5 down at the end of the first quarter but managed to rally back and go into the locker room just four point behind. In the third quarter the Cardinals took control of the game ending the period with a 28-25 lead. However, in the fourth quarter Andrew Rietmann and Cayle Krebs fouled out, allowing Tyler Alsop of South Wasco to score 14 of his game high 16 points and lead his team to a 10-point victory.

Tyler Brown, Karl Morgan, and Nick Christman led the Cardinals with eight points each; Billy Gates scored five points; and Andrew Rietmann had four points.

## Morrow County Gun Club news

The Morrow County Gun Club is into their fourth week of winter trap league and the team of Barry Munkers and Jeff Cutsforth is leading, with Jim Powney and Curt Day close behind.

The high shooter, so far, during league competition has been Barry Munkers.

After league, members shot Annie Oaklies and Bushwhackers. Chance Day won both Annies, with Ryan Boozer winning one bushwhacker and Mark Schlichting winning the other.

Remember that the Morrow County Gun Club is open every Sunday at 12 noon and shooting is open to the public. Once the weather warms this spring, the club is planning on holding night shoots on Fridays.

## Births

**Merysha Merie Garcia**- a daughter, Merysha Merie, was born Feb. 7, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, to Chrystal Lucinda Montez and Jose Alfredo Garcia of Irrigon.

**Ricardo Andres Davila**- a son, Ricardo Andres, was born Feb. 9, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, to Elvia Cittali and Ruben Andres Davila of Boardman.

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## CAPECO to hold class for caregivers

CAPECO has announced that it will be conducting a class for caregivers. A caregiver is anyone who is taking primary responsibility for helping a parent, spouse, friend or someone who lives at home, in a nursing facility or across the country.

The class is designed to help the caregiver reduce stress, problem solve, communicate

effectively with other family members and reduce anger and guilt.

This class is offered as a six part series and begins Friday, March 7, at 2 p.m., in the conference room of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op.

Registration is necessary. To register or for more information, contact Mike Armato at 676-5313 or Darlene at 800-752-1139 ext. 100.

## OWEB announces availability of grant money

The Umatilla-Walla Walla-Willow Creek OWEB Small Grant Team announces the availability of up to \$10,000 in small grants to private landowners for the purposes of enhancing watershed conditions to improve water quality and quantity while meeting the needs of all beneficial uses; flood plain and upland improvement and

enhancement; and reducing erosion, sedimentation and nutrients. Projects will also be considered dealing with invasive plants and noxious weeds.

Interested landowners are requested to contact the Morrow SWCD at 676-5452 ext. 109 for applications or further information. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, March 14.

## WC Symphony invites musicians to join their concerts

The Willow Creek Symphony would like to invite anyone who plays or has played an instrument to join them at their concerts at the Condon High School, on Saturday, March 15 and/or Heppner High School, on Sunday, March 16. The pieces to be played are "Theme to Jurassic Park," "Rhondeau"-the theme from "Masterpiece Theater" and "Shenandoah".

To assure participation, contact the symphony by Friday, March 7, either by phone-(541) 966-6649, by mail- Inland Northwest Musicians, 25 SE Court, Pendleton OR 97801, or by email- info@inwm.org. Include your name, instrument, mailing address and phone number and you will be contacted with additional information as to the time and location.

## OWGL to hold workshop on Commodity Commission legislation

The Oregon Wheat Growers League will hold an Educational Workshop designed to assist growers in their understanding of the proposed Commodity Commission legislation and the debate to maintain or modify the current statute that governs the assessment structure and collection of the three cents per bushel paid at the first point of sale.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, February 27, from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Pendleton Convention Center. For more information or directions, call the OWGL office at (541) 276-7330.

As a result of a lengthy review of past and pending legal cases concerning the collection of grower assessments in other states, The Oregon Department of Justice has deemed it necessary for all of Oregon's 28 Commodity Commissions to modify their current enabling legislation.

Some organizations are questioning the need for Commodity Commission reform. Last year, the 28 Oregon Commodity Commissions funded programs valued at nearly \$13 million. Oregon Commodity Commissions have established a longstanding tradition of funding industry specific marketing, research and educational programs. The task before all Commodity Commissions today is to determine how they wish to continue doing business into the future. Maintain mandatory assessments or provide for some level of refundability?

The OWGL Board of Directors encourages participation in this workshop to gain knowledge and provide feedback to guide the Board in representing the interests of the producers who pay the assessment and garner the benefits of the market development, research and educational activities of the Commission, and the League (as per the annual contract with the Oregon Wheat Commission).

Speakers representing the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon

Department of Justice, the Oregon Wheat Commission, other Commodity Commissions, the Farm Bureau, and the Oregon State Bar will participate in this event.

## Fourth quarter run lifts Mustang JV girls to win over Rockets

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV girls outscored the visiting Pilot Rock Rockets, 15-8, in the fourth quarter to earn a 33-24 win on Tuesday, Feb. 18, to improve to 14-7 on the year.

The Rockets had a 6-5 lead after one but the Mustangs came back to tie it at 11-11 at the half.

Terra Wilson had four points and Tiffany Piper three in the third as the Mustangs took an 18-16 lead going into the fourth. Katie Britt hit six of six free throws and Wilson added five points in the fourth as the Mustangs pulled away for the win.

Wilson had 11 points and Britt had 10 points, six steals, three rebounds and three assists. Linsey Mitchell had five rebounds, Laurie Murray four rebounds, Piper had two assists and Susan Southworth had two steals.

Heppner 5 6 7 15-33  
Pilot Rock 6 5 5 8-24

**Heppner:** Terra Wilson 4 3-4 11, Katie Britt 2 6-7 10, Tiffany Piper 1 2-4 2, Krystal Naims 2 0-2 4, Linsey Mitchell 1 0-0 2, Susan Southworth 1 0-2 2, Laurie Murray, Krista Hendricks, Heather Yocom, Lynan Bingham, Chelsey Betsinger and Amy Jepsen. Team: 11 11-19 33 3-pt.: none

**Pilot Rock:** Heise 2 0-0 6, Kanrand 0 5-7 5, Gorbett 1 3-4 5, Je. Westberg 1 1-2 3, Howard 1 0-0 2, Vanderpool 1 0-0 2, Kinney 0 1-3 1, Cherporova, Ja. Westberg and Birtcherd. Team: 6 10-16 24 3-pt.: Heise 2.

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