

Cardinals split at Summit Springs Tournament

Ione's varsity volleyball team began their season by participating in the Summit Springs Volleyball tournament in Condon, on Sept. 6.

Ione stunned Condon in their first match with a 25-19, 25-18 win. Ione then fell to Dufur 12-25, 17-25, split their third match against Wahtonka with a 26-16, 19-25 score.

The Cardinals also split with Wheeler losing the first game 24-26 and taking the second game 25-20.

Natalie McElligott led the Cardinals with 20 points, served 97 percent, delivered 27 passes, 16 sets assists, 29

hits, 13 kills and 13 blocks. Eva Chitty donated 13 points and 19 passes. Emily Key scored 12 points, delivered 23 passes, 13 hits and one kill. Meghan M. McCabe scored 11 points, led the team with 66 set assists, delivered 10 passes and three kills. Jenny Griffith scored 11 points, delivered 13 passes, 12 hits and two kills. Ashly Grams added 10 points, one hit and 48 set assists. Stephanie Holland also contributed 10 hits, 10 blocks and one kill. Tina Tuzarova delivered six hits, two kills and 10 set assists. Abby Key and Miss Baker also aided in the team effort.

Cardinals lose to Heppner after five games

Heppner hosted the Cardinals on Tuesday, Sept. 9. Both teams, equally talented, forced a fifth game, with the Cardinals losing the match, 25-27, 25-23, 25-11, 19-25, 11-15.

Jenny Griffith led the team with 12 points, serving 95 percent. Griffith also made 32 passes, nine kills, 10 hits and six set assists. Emily Key scored 11 points, contributed 58 passes, five hits and one kill. Meghan M. McCabe added 10 points, served 100 percent, made 20 passes, five hits, four kills and led the team with 22 set assists.

Natalie McElligott scored eight points, also serving 100 percent. McElligott also passed 44 balls, pounded 31 hits, blocked seven defensive hits and hammered 16 kills. Megan E. McCabe scored seven points, tipped one ball, delivered 15 passes and 13 set assists. Eva Chitty scored four points and passed 21 balls. Freshman, Stephanie Holland, contributed seven passes, four hits and two kills. Tina Tuzarova served 80 percent, handed out four set assists and pounded four kills.

Fair Board to hold second meeting concerning Fair dates

There will be a second meeting held about changing the dates of the fair on Monday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. There will be an opportunity to provide input.

The board felt they needed to look at the schedule from previous years and talk with more people. The board would appreciate a reason why it was decided to change and combine the Fair and

Rodeo before. If you know the reason why, please come to the meeting or give the Fair Board a call. A decision on changing the dates will be made later at the Board meeting on Oct. 6.

Those who cannot attend the meeting may send comments to: Morrow County Fair, P.O. Box 464, Heppner, OR 97836 or call 541-676-9474. Anybody is welcome to come and discuss their views about changing the dates.

Cardinals participate in Wahtonka Tournament

The Ione Lady Cardinals volleyball team traveled to The Dalles on Saturday, Sept. 13, to participate in the Wahtonka Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

Ione began the tournament against Dufur. An early lead allowed Dufur to take the first game of the match, 14-25. The Cardinals turned up the intensity in the second game. Natalie McElligott, assisted by Emily Key in the back row and both McCabe setters with assists, made several huge kills in the next game. The Cardinals' 25-20 win against the Rangers forced a third game with the score tight throughout, but Dufur came out the victor handing Ione an 11-15 loss.

The second match against Portland Christian was disappointing for the Lady Cardinals. The Cardinals struggled with their passes and made several unforced errors. Portland Christian totally dominated the match, defeating Ione in two games, 17-25 and 12-25.

The Cardinals kept a narrow lead in both games of

their third match against Wahtonka, but both games ended with the Eagles claiming the victory, 22-25 and 21-25.

Leading the Cardinals on the scoreboard was Natalie McElligott with 18 points for the tournament. Emily Key followed closely with 15 points and Jennifer Griffith added 11 points to the team effort. Key also led the team with 38 passes, while McElligott led the team with 36 hits, eight blocks and 24 kills. Cousins, Meghan M. McCabe and Megan E. McCabe each had 41 set assists and contributed five points.

Also adding to the Cardinal endeavor was Eva Chitty with six points and 15 passes. Kim Morris contributed five passes and two hits. Alyssa Rietmann served 100 percent, made 12 passes, and accumulated 12 hits, five kills and two blocks. Abby Key and Ashly Grams also did a great job of coming off the bench to the aid of their team.

The Cardinals served 93 percent for the tournament.

Irrigon Fire Department receives grant from FEMA

The Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District has received a grant of \$75,015 from the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The award, part of \$750 million being distributed to over 7000 fire departments in 2003, will be used by the Irrigon RFPD to enhance training department-wide and provide updated protective clothing that meets current standards as well as providing a greater degree of safety for the district's volunteer firefighters. The grant will also provide funds to purchase a thermal imaging camera. This camera allows firefighters to see heat through smoke so they can quickly find the fire source and more importantly victims trapped by fire or overcome by smoke. Thermal Cameras built to work in the conditions encountered by the fire service are usually too expensive to be purchased by small towns without assistance of grant resources.

"Firefighters play a key role in safeguarding America, and these fire grant funds provide first responders with the resources necessary to protect our communities from

all hazards," said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response. "I join President Bush and Secretary Ridge in applauding our nation's firefighters and share their commitment to ensuring that fire responders have the proper equipment, resources, training and support to fulfill their responsibilities."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is administered by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), a division of FEMA, and assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the United States. These funds increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, emergency medical service programs, and fire prevention and safety programs in local departments.

"In this nation, far too many individuals lose their lives or are injured by fire. Among these victims are firefighters, who provide emergency response services to their fellow residents," said U.S. Fire Administrator R. David Paulson. "The nation's firefighters and American homes are safer today through this important grant program."

Cardinals lose to Eagles

Ione volleyball teams traveled to Spray on Friday, Sept. 12.

The Ione varsity team lost their match against the Eagles, losing in four games, 17-25, 25-18, 27-29, 18-25. The Lady Cardinals struggled with passing and had difficulty shutting down Spray's lanky hitters.

Jennifer Griffith led the Cardinals with 17 points. Griffith had an outstanding match, earning 24 passes, nine hits, one kill and two blocks. Megan E. McCabe scored nine points, delivered 14 passes and 16 set assists. Natalie McElligott added eight points on the scoreboard and led the team with 40 passes, 12 hits, and nine kills. McElligott also contributed two blocks and four set assists. Eva Chitty scored seven points and delivered 20 passes. Meghan M. McCabe scored three points, delivered 27 passes, three hits and led the team with 20 set assists. Emily

Key contributed one point, passed 24 balls and delivered six hits and two kills.

The junior varsity split their match against the Eagles, winning the first game 25-15 and narrowly losing the second game, 25-27.

Ashly Grams led the team with six points, passed five balls, delivered four hits, four kills and eight set assists. Jenny Griffith scored five points and delivered two passes. Kayla LaRue and Stephanie Holland each contributed four points. Holland also delivered three passes and one hit. Abby Key and Alyssa Rietmann scored three points each. Rietmann delivered two passes and three hits. Key delivered three passes, six hits, two kills and led the team with 11 set assists. Kim Morris scored one point, passed five balls and pounded three hits. Missy Baker passed five balls, delivered three hits, three kills and blocked one defensive hit.

2001-2002 Morrow County Schools report cards

Most Morrow County schools fared well in the Oregon Department of Education's 2001-2002 school report card program. Only one school, Columbia Middle, received an overall rating of low, with the rest of the schools receiving a satisfactory or above.

There are five overall ratings - Unacceptable, Low, Satisfactory, Strong, and Exceptional. The overall scores are a combination of student performance, student behavior, school character and improvement in test scores for the four years preceding the report card.

Heppner Elementary School was the only school in Morrow County to receive a rating of Exceptional. They received ratings of strong in student performance and behavior and a rating of exceptional in school character. They also saw an improvement in their test scores.

Other overall ratings for schools in the district include: Heppner High-Satisfactory; Ione Schools-Strong; A.C. Houghton Elementary- Strong; Sam Boardman Elementary-Satisfactory; Columbia Middle- Low; and Riverside High-Strong.

Local Elks announce \$3,000 in scholarship awards

The Heppner Elks Scholarship Committee has announced the winners in the No. 358 Foundation's "Special Scholarship Program", awarded this fall. This program was available to past winners of the "Elks Most Valuable Student" scholarships. The scholarships were awarded based on collegiate scholastic history (55 percent), the applicants written request for an award (20 percent), participation and leadership roles in collegiate activities (15 percent), and the

potential the applicant will complete their degree/training (10 percent).

Committee members were greatly impressed with the outstanding quality of the applications received. Winners of \$300 awards were Shelley Rietmann, Shelby Krebs, Matthew VanLiew and Trisha Adams. Winners of \$200 awards were Kristina Powell, Katie Tworek, Mark McElligott, Lindsay Ward, Allison Halvorsen, Casey Pupo, Samuel VanLiew, Scott VanWinkle and Adam Neiffer.

Punt, Pass and Kick competition scheduled

The NFL/Pepsi Punt, Pass, and Kick competition is coming to Heppner on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

This event is being sponsored locally by the Heppner Elk's Lodge No. 358 and the Heppner Football Program. The event is for boys and girls ages 8-15 years from the Heppner, Ione and Condon area.

Boys and girls compete in four separate divisions with each local winner moving on to a district competition to be held in October at a location to be determined. Competitors must

have a copy of their birth certificate present at the time of the competition. Entry forms can be filled out before the competition or picked up at one of the schools. Children currently playing football can get an entry form from a coach. Ione students may contact Dean Robinson for an entry form.

For questions concerning the competition, call Josh Coiner at 676-8189.

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