

Team Oregon offers motorcycle safety class

The Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program is sponsoring a basic motorcycle rider course in Pendleton March 11-13. This 15-hour course includes both classroom and on-cycle instruction and will be conducted over a three-day period. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. Motorcycles and helmets are provided for student use during the course. Tuition is \$95.

Motorcycle riders under the age of 21 must successfully complete this course to become eligible for a motorcycle endorsement on their Oregon operator's license. DMV will waive motorcycle examinations for course graduates.

For registration information, visit the Team Oregon website at teamorgon.orst.edu or call into the office at (800) 545-9944 to speak with the customer service department.

The Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program is sponsored by Oregon State University and the Oregon Department of Transportation. Team Oregon's goal is to foster and promote safe motorcycle operation through quality rider education programs and public information campaigns. Team Oregon is funded by a fee on motorcycle license endorsements.

Spray Rodeo and Queen tryout dates set

The 58th annual Spray Rodeo will be held May 28 and 29, 2005. B Bar D Rodeo's will furnish the stock of the rodeo once again. 2004 Rodeo Announcer of the year, Scott Allen will also be returning. New this year will be clown/barrel man Ike Pryor from Yakima, WA. Also there will be some new sounds from Jason Buchanan who owns Pro Rodeo Music and Sound and does sound for rodeos, bullridings and motorsports all over the Northwest.

The rodeo queen tryouts will be held March 26 at 1 p.m. at the Spray rodeo grounds. The 2004 Queen Brittany Phelps will go

through the pattern for the contestants. Contestants do not have to be local or Wheeler County residents. They must be at least 15 years old and never been married. For an application or further information call (541) 468-2442.

Also there will be a clay pigeon shoot sponsored by the Friends of the Spray Rodeo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26 at Kimberly Rock Products, located at the nine-mile marker on Hwy. 402, west of Monument. Prizes and cash will be available to the winners of each shoot. The cost is \$2 for five shots. Concessions will also be available.

High school bowlers challenge Shamrock Lanes adult teams

Heppner and Ione high school bowlers challenged the Shamrock Adult League, Saturday, Feb. 12 at Shamrock Lanes, with proprietor Terry Lupinacci, head coach and Duane Neiffer, assistant coach, guiding the youth through 30 games.

After completing the preliminary rounds, the adults' teams finished first, Heppner boys second, Ione boys third, Heppner girls fourth and Ione girls fifth.

In the semi-finals, the placing stayed the same. In the finals, however, the matches ended with adults first, Ione boys second and Heppner boys third.

Both Heppner and Ione high school teams travel to The Dalles for the district tournament on Saturday, Feb. 20.

Cardinal Booster Club news

The Cardinal Booster Club met Monday, Feb. 7 at the school library, with fifteen members present. President Lynn Dee Ramos reported High Performance Signs in Hermiston is looking for paint for the cafeteria to match the gymnasium paint.

Ron Bowman is in charge of the Morrow County Grain Growers Ione/Heppner booster club dinner. The athletic directors will meet with him to set a date and make preliminary plans. MCGG is donating \$1500 toward expenses for the dinner.

Jeri McElligott is making a list of names of individuals and businesses who donated to the track project so they can be recognized on a sign.

Athletic Director Dean Robinson is looking into creating an Ione

Schools' Hall of Fame to honor past athletes.

The club agrees to provide \$100 per day to both the girls' and boys' teams attending district play-offs.

Superintendent Bryn Browning reported the gym floor passed a safety inspection. Some of the boards are breaking but have been temporarily fixed.

The club voted to purchase one dozen hats for the community band members. They will be honored at the last home game.

Karen Padberg was honored for recognizing the best-dressed players at the basketball games and for organizing the sub sandwich sack dinners for visiting teams.

The next meeting of the Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at the school library.

Ready to Read grant awarded to Library District

The Oregon Trail Library District has received a \$3060 grant to improve public library services to children. Marsha Richmond, director of the OTLD, states that the grant funds will be used for materials for the current library pre-school story hours and the District's new First Steps program.

First Steps is a new library outreach program, which brings monthly story teller visits to daycares, preschools and Head Start classes within the District and free books for the children served by the program.

The Ready to Read grant program was established by the 1993 Oregon Legislature and is administered by the Oregon State Library. Since 1993, the Ready to Read grant has

been used across Oregon to purchase children's library materials, hire staff to provide library programs, bring library services and materials to at-risk children and to provide children's computer equipment in libraries. The Ready to Read grant was established to assist local libraries in helping to achieve the Oregon Benchmarks for childhood learning and development.

State Librarian Jim Scheppeke noted that since the Ready to Read grant program began in 1993, library services to children have increased by 80 percent. "This program is really helping children develop early literacy skills, begin school ready to learn and develop a lifelong love of reading."

Rietmann elected SMCST president

On Jan. 31, Bill Rietmann of Ione was elected president of the South Morrow County Scholarship Trust for the 2005 year at the SMCST's annual meeting in Heppner. Del LaRue was elected treasurer and Sharon Harrison secretary. Barb Hayes was elected vice president. Board members serving are Martha Munkers, Missy Cutsforth and Carri Grieb.

The Trust was

established several years ago to provide funds to grant scholarships to graduating seniors from Heppner and Ione high schools and to take the place of the Troedson Scholarship Fund, which will be discontinued in the year 2023.

Application for this year's scholarships are available in the form of computer disk at both high schools and from Sharon Harrison at Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner, starting the end of February.

DA's report

James Shover was convicted of Contempt of Court/Punitive, an unclassified misdemeanor. Shover was sentenced to 30 suspended days in jail, one year bench probation, 10 hours community service, successful completion of the Batterer's Intervention Program and payment of \$376 in fines and fees.

Jose Alejandro Rodarte Montes was convicted of Attempt B/Felony Assault-2, a Class-C felony. Montes was sentenced to 58 months in jail and three years probation.

IMS boys' "A" team splits at tournament

By Beth Morter

Dufur.

The Ione Middle School boys' "A" team went to a tournament in Sherman County on Saturday, Feb. 5.

The first game the Cardinals played was against The Dalles and they played two 20-minute halves. In the first half, the Cardinals scored 16 points and The Dalles Indians scored 34 points. In the second half, the Cardinals scored seven points, but the Indians again outscored them scoring 17 points. The final score was 51-23, the Indians pulled away with the win.

Clay Morter lead the Cardinals in scoring with 12 points, Cory Peterson and Stormy Kendrick each scored three points, Matt Hams and Mikey Raible both scored two points and Matt Coleman scored one point.

"Even though the kids got beat in the semi-finals to The Dalles, I was very proud of the way they didn't give up," said Coach Mike Garrett. "Ten kids scored for The Dalles and when you have that kind of depth it is hard to keep up. They handled the press very good and that gave us some confidence going into this weekend's tournament in

The second game of the day that the Cardinals played was against St. Mary's.

In the first half, the Cardinals scored 26 points and St. Mary's scored only nine points. In the second half both teams scored 22 points each, but with the Cardinals already leading, they took home the victory with a final score of 48-31.

Mortor was the top scorer for the Cardinals with 23 points, Hams scored nine points, Kendrick scored seven points, Peterson scored three points and Coleman, Luke Bradfield and RJ Ramos all scored two points each.

"We jumped on them early and played some great defense. I was really pleased with the third place finish at this tournament. There were some big schools and the kids played great," said Coach Garrett. "We are looking forward to playing Fossil in Ione on Friday and finishing the season at Dufur on Saturday. Clay Morter played his best game of the season and I was happy to see Mikey Raible take a great shot in The Dalles game. It was a good weekend for the kids."

IMS girls' "A" team compete in Dufur tournament

By Beth Morter

Brenna Rietmann, DesBouillons, Morter and Lynzee Sjurset all dropped in two points and everyone else came off the bench strong for the Cardinals.

The Ione Middle School girls' "A" team traveled to Dufur for an all-day tournament on Feb. 12.

The first game that the Cardinals played was against the Arlington Goslings. They played two 10-minute running halves. In the first half, the Cardinals scored nothing and the Goslings scored six points. In the second half, the Cardinals scored five points, but the Goslings scored four points and took the win with a final score of 10-5.

Heather Wiggers banked in three points, and Beka DesBouillons added two points.

"The girls came out really sluggish for the first half of the first game. We only shot 16 percent from the free-throw line and that really hurt us. In the second half they picked it up, but they just couldn't make up for the first half deficit," said coach Lynn Dee Ramos.

The second game of the day that the Cardinals played was against the Sherman County Huskies.

In the first half, the Cardinals outscored the Huskies by two with a score of 8-6. In the second half, the Cardinals scored nothing, while the Huskies scored three points. The Huskies went away with the victory with a score of 9-8.

Brianna Peterson, Tori Heagy, Beth Morter and Wiggers all swished in two points each.

"The girls played hard in this game, but Sherman held us to zero points in the second half. We were zero for two from the free-throw line," said Coach Ramos.

The third game of the day for the Cardinals was against St. Mary's Academy.

In the first half, the Cardinals just couldn't get their shots to fall and scored no points while St. Mary's scored six points. In the second half, the Cardinals came alive and scored eight points, but so did St. Mary's and they had the victory with a final score of 14-8.

"We just couldn't seem to put two halves together. We took a lot of shots at the basket in the first half, but nothing was dropping in. We shot 100 percent from the free-throw line. Beth Morter made two for two from the line," said Coach Ramos.

In the fourth game of the day, the Cardinals took on the Echo Cougars for a challenging match.

In the first half, the Cardinals scored two points and the Cougars scored three, the Cardinals trailing by one point. In the second half, the Cardinals scored only one point, while the Cougars scored two points, leaving the final score at 5-3, the Cougars with the victory.

DesBouillons scored two points and Camarillo scored one point.

"This was a very evenly matched game on offense and defense. The girls played hard but just couldn't come out on top. We shot 50 percent from the free-throw line," said Coach Ramos.

The fourth and final game that the Cardinals played was against the Dufur Rangers.

In the first half, the Cardinals outscored the Rangers by one point with a score of 4-3. In the second half, the Rangers took over the lead scoring 15 points while the Cardinals only scored 10 points. The final score of the game was 18-14, the Rangers with the victory.

Rietmann swished in six points, Camarillo banked in four points, and DesBouillons and Peterson both added two points.

"The girls came out and played the best that they had all day. They worked really hard on offense and defense and I was really proud of how they played. We were zero for four from the free-throw line."

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