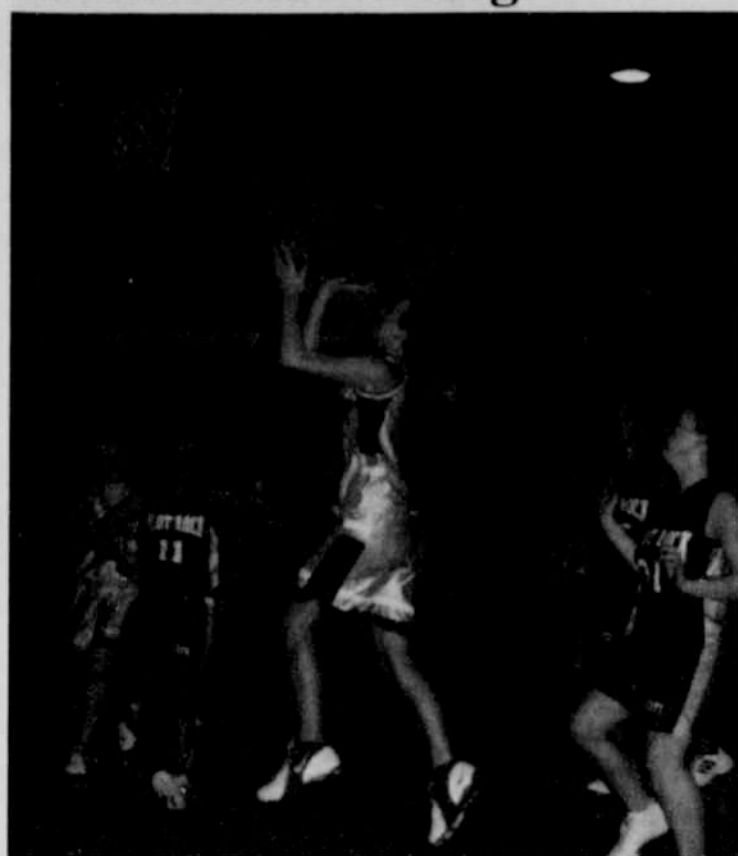
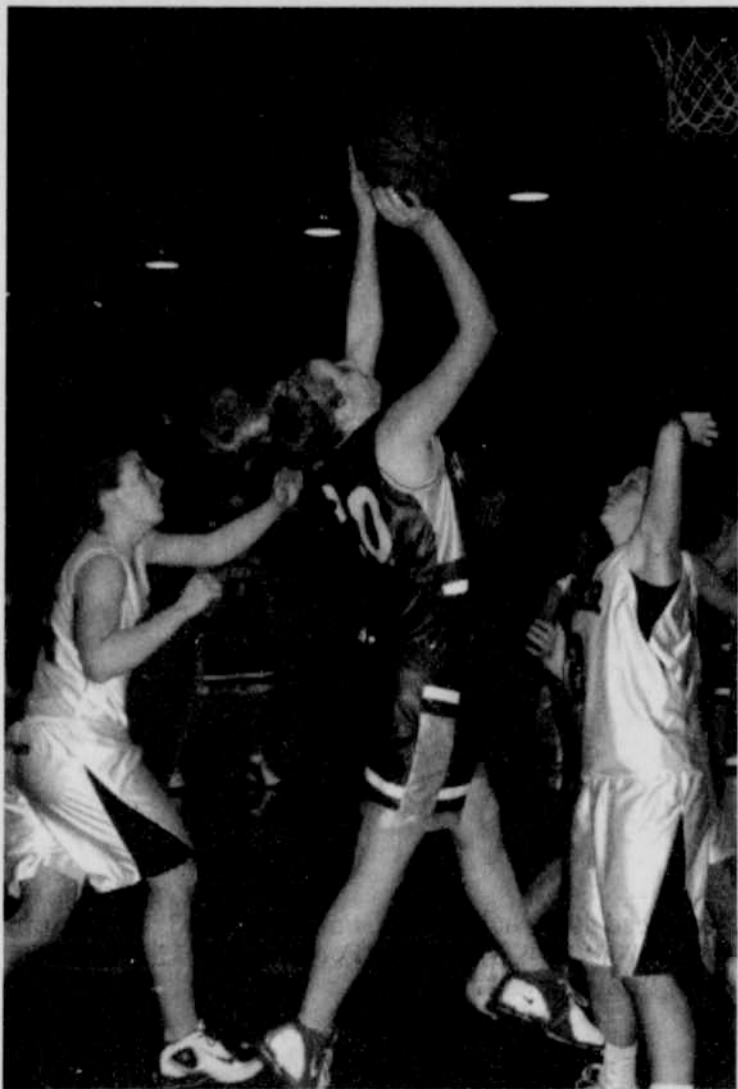


Mustang girls win against Rockets and Bulldogs



Megan Orr makes an easy lay in a tight games against the Pilot Rock Rockets on Friday, Jan. 13. The Mustangs battled from behind to win the game 50 to 46. Photo by Sandy Matthews.



Regi Seitz is fouled as she goes up for the shot in Culver on Saturday, Jan. 14. The Mustangs had three players in double digits with Katie Kilkenny as high scores with 15 points. The Mustangs won 46-35. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

Oregon East Symphony to hold concert



Alex Bernstein

On Jan. 22 at 3:15 in the Vert Auditorium in Pendleton, the Oregon East Symphony, under the baton of Kenneth Woods, conductor, will present a concert of Wagner, Beethoven and Sibelius.

The soloist in the Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3 will be Walla Walla resident 17-year-old Alexander Bernstein. At age 10, after only three years of piano lessons, Bernstein made his symphony debut with the

Oregon East Symphony playing the Haydn Concerto in C Major. Since then he has won many Northwest competitions, been the youngest piano student accepted at the Aspen Music School, and at age 15 performed the Shostakovich Piano Concerto No. 2 with the Walla Walla Symphony.

Also on the program will be Richard Wagner's "Prelude to Die Meistersinger von Nuremberg" and the Sibelius Symphony No. 1.

Tickets are Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, and Students free. They are available at the Oregon East Symphony office and Armchair Books in Pendleton, at the Hermiston Chamber office, and at the door.

HJHS girls win three at Sherman County tournament



(Back Row L-R): Kristen VanCleave, Emily Thompson, Torri Lovgren and Lindsay Cutsforth; (Front Row L-R): Brynna Rust, Erin Price, Catherine McElligott, Brandi Hong, Taighler Dougherty and Jessica Hughes.

The Heppner girls' A team traveled to Sherman County for a tournament Saturday, Jan. 14.

The Ponies faced the Sherman County Huskies in their first game. The girls came out ready to play and applied tough full-court pressure that Sherman could not break.

Kristen Van Cleave and Catherine McElligott each had six points in the first quarter to lead the Pony attack. The Ponies led 25-8 at the half. They found themselves in foul trouble in the second half, but pulled out a 41-21 win.

Van Cleave finished the game with 12 points to lead the Ponies. McElligott added seven points and Jessica Hughes chipped in six points.

The Ponies then played the Wasco County Redside. The Ponies again applied strong pressure on defense, but came out sloppy on offense. Turnovers and missed shots cost the Ponies in the game. However, the Ponies pulled away in the third quarter to hold on to a 22-13 victory.

McElligott again led the team in scoring with

seven points. Van Cleave, Hughes, Taighler Dougherty, Brynna Rust and Torri Lovgren also scored in the win.

In their final game, the Ponies faced a very physical Dufur Ranger team. The Rangers led after the first quarter, but the Ponies held the Rangers scoreless in the second quarter to take the lead at the half, 17-8.

In the second half, the Ponies applied pressure to the Ranger wings and got easy fast break points. Erin Price, Brynna Rust and Brandi Hong caused Dufur turnovers in the second half that got the Pony offense rolling.

Eight of the nine Pony players scored. McElligott led the team with 12 points and Price added 10.

Coach Melissa Coiner was pleased with the team's effort. "We faced some tough, physical teams today and we came out stronger in the end. I was pleased that our defense could still cause turnovers at the end of the final game. Every girl stepped up for us at some point today," Coiner said.

Cardinals crush Nixyaawii 94-54

The Ione boys' varsity turned what was supposed to be a close game into anything but playing on the road against Nixyaawii on Tuesday, Jan. 10, blowing out their hosts 94-54. The Cards shot a sizzling 55 percent from the floor and followed that up with great ball handling to keep the Golden Eagles completely out of their normal game.

The Cardinals hit the ground running, outscoring Nixyaawii 24-12 in the first quarter and built the lead to 20 at the half, 45-25. Ione kept up their scoring pace in the third with 22 points and in the fourth with 27, most of the points coming from the bench players.

Tyler Brown was the high scorer for the game with 20 points. Three other Cards hit double figures, including Tony Bolin with 16, Kelly Thompson with 15 and Nick Kamp with 14. Also scoring for Ione was Dan Long with eight, Clay

Morter with seven, Paul Hams and Derek Davidson with four each and John Walton and Kip Krebs with three points each. The Cardinals connected 39 times on 71 shots for one of their best shooting efforts this season. Individually, Kamp shot 7-9 for 78 percent and Thompson made 7-11 for 64 percent to pace the team.

Brown led the Cards in rebounds with nine, followed by Krebs with eight and Bolin with seven. Ione out rebounded their opponent 52-37. Bolin and Brown each had five assists and Bolin led the team in steals with three.

Coach Dennis Stefani was happy with the effort, noting that the team put together an outstanding team effort. "I thought everyone played really well, including the bench players who came in very strongly in the fourth quarter," he said.

Lady Cards win by two at Nixyaawii

The Ione girls' varsity team escaped with a victory at Nixyaawii on Tuesday, Jan. 10, narrowly defeating the Golden Eagles 46-44. The Golden Eagles made it interesting down the stretch by hitting five three-pointers in the last three minutes of the game but the Cardinals were able to hold them off for the win.

Ione led 8-4 at the end of the first quarter and 20-9 at the half. The Lady Cards needed that entire buffer to withstand being outscored in the second half 35-26.

Ashly Grams led the Lady Cardinals in scoring with a 20-point outing. Also scoring for Ione was Jenny Griffith with 10 points, Amber Patton with nine,

Emily Rietmann with four, Kaylee Palmateer with two and Stephanie Holland with one.

Ione out rebounded the Golden Eagles 49-25, led by Patton with nine and Holland and Rietmann with seven each. Griffith and Rietmann had three assists each and Grams had five steals to pace the team.

"This was a good win for us. Winning league games on the road is important if we want to get to District and beyond," said Coach Ryan Rudolf. "The game was very physical and we held our own against the Golden Eagles. They made a run late in the fourth quarter to make the score close. I was pleased with our effort and how we found a way to get to victory."

Lady Cards drop by three to Condon-Wheeler

The Ione Lady Cardinals suffered a tough, double overtime league loss against Condon-Wheeler on Saturday, Jan. 14, falling 44-41. Ione's record now stands at 6-5 overall, 3-1 in the Big Sky Conference.

The game was tight from the start with the Knights maintaining a slight advantage through most of the game. Yet, when the final seconds of regulation ticked away, the Lady Cards had evened the score to force the game into overtime. With four minutes on the clock, the teams continued to battle. Again as time was running out, the Cards were down by two. After Ione had put back a couple of offensive rebounds, Amber Patton sank a shot to tie the score again and send the game to a second overtime. Fouls started to take their toll in the final OT, with

Emily Rietmann, Kylee Svetich and Stephanie Holland fouling out. The Knights hit enough of their free throws to open a lead that the Cards could not overcome.

Patton was Ione's leading scorer with 19 points followed by Ashly Grams with 13. Patton also had 16 rebounds followed by Holland with eight. Rietmann had five assists.

"This was a very tough loss," said Coach Ryan Rudolf. "The game went back and forth all night and unfortunately, we came up short. The girls battled hard the entire game but we couldn't overcome too many mistakes and missed opportunities. We didn't play well enough to win. Hopefully we can learn from this loss and continue to work on getting better."

Industrial Park buyer featured speaker at Willow Creek Economic Development meeting

The Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group will hold its annual meeting Thursday, Jan. 26 at 12 noon at John's Place in Heppner.

Guest speaker for the meeting will be Dan Desler of Western States Land Reliance Trust.

Desler is the owner of a Eugene development company and will speak about his plans for development at the South Morrow Industrial Park (formerly Kinzua mill site) near Heppner.

Western States Land Reliance is a non-profit organization, which is close to purchasing the industrial park from the Port of Morrow. The trust plans to operate the co-generation electric plant at the site and has also indicated it may site other compatible businesses there as well.

In other business at

the annual meeting, the current WCVEDG president David Sykes will be turning over the gavel to next year's president George Koffler and all members are welcome to attend and vote for next year's president and a board of directors, as well as discuss any business they wish to bring before the group.

In other business, there will be a review of WCVEDG's current effort to apply for tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service. Becoming tax exempt will allow WCVEDG to accept a wider range of grants to be used for local economic development.

The lunch will be hosted by WCVEDG, however, those wishing to attend should be sure to RSVP to secretary/treasurer Marcia Kemp by Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 676-2100.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

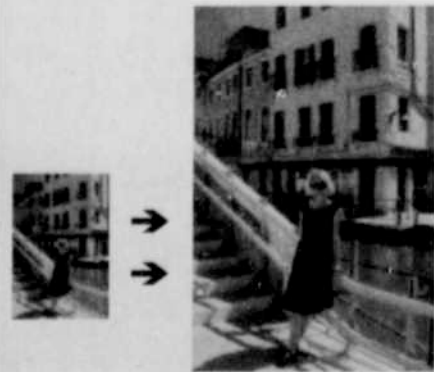
St. Patrick's Catholic Church volunteers are hosts on Jan. 25 for the noon meal served each Wednesday at the senior center on the corner of Main and Willow streets. The menu of the day is baked chicken, roasted potatoes, carrots and onions, fruit salad, biscuits and fruit cobbler.

The Sentimentalists, a women's singing group, have begun rehearsing in the common room at the center. Molly Day accompanies them. Rehearsal time is 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays.

CAPECO has closed their Heppner office in the Gilliam and Bisbee building. They donated their office equipment and furniture to the senior center. The Les Schwab Tires crew, with their lift truck, donated time and effort to move the furniture to the center.

The center's original office desk has been moved to the dining room for the people who are in charge of registrations and donations to use and store their equipment.

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