

Blastoff Rocketeers holds first launch of 2006



(L-R): Spencer Smith, Pat Struthers, Eric Jepsen, Tom Holland and Adam Collin. Photo by Sofi Smith.



(L-R): Adam Collin, James Smith, Mike Raible and Jared Miller. Photo by Sofi Smith.

launched a total of 22 rockets during the afternoon. Club members attending included: Vice-President Tom Holland; Secretary Eric Jepsen; Mike Raible, event Launch Control Officer; Spencer Smith, event Range Safety Officer; and James Smith, Brad Kenison, Jared Miller (new member) and Adam Collin.

The next club meeting will be Thursday, March 2 at 7 p.m. at the Lone High School. The club is in the process of organizing a field trip/launch event in Dayton, WA on March 11.

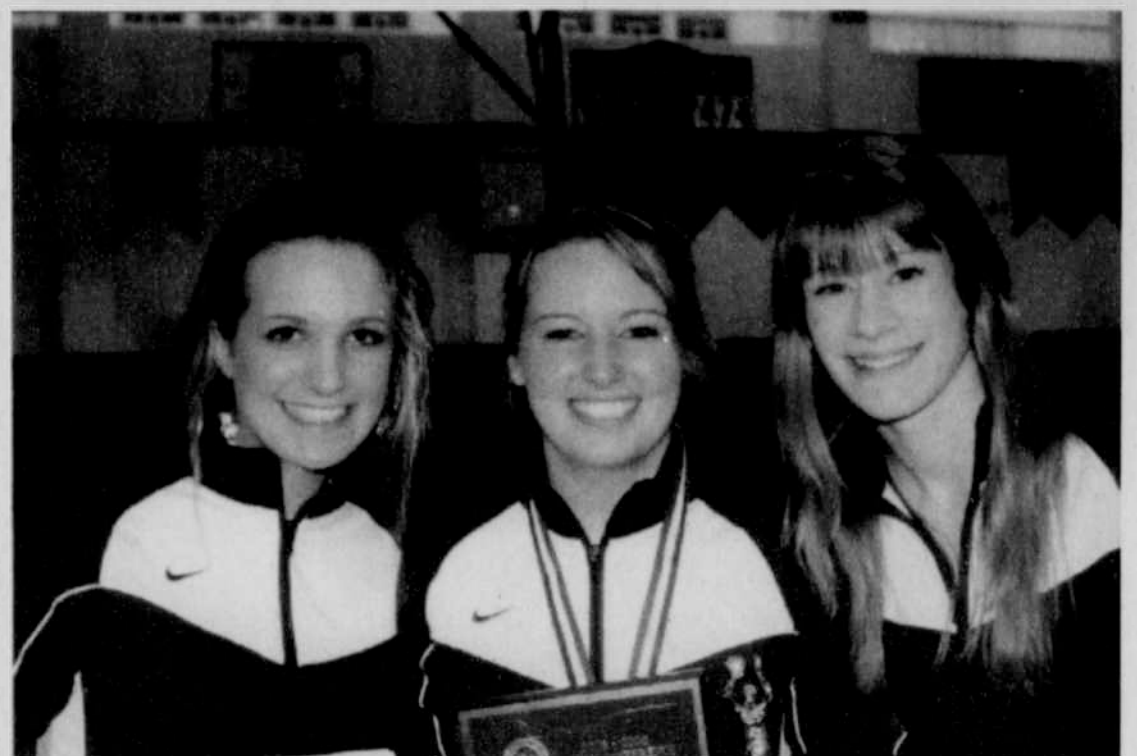
If you would like to join the club, sponsor a launch event, or just attend a club launch, please contact Pat Struthers at 676-0989 or 676-5443. The public is always welcome to attend club launch activities, either as spectators or participants.

The local 4-H rocketry club, the Blastoff Rocketeers, held their first launch meeting of the year on Saturday, Feb. 18. This launch was sponsored by Morrow County Grain Growers, who donated funds for the purchase of

rocket engines for the club, and by Bill Jepsen, who hosted the event on his property west of Heppner.

Although the weather was very cold (20-25 degrees with 5-10 mph winds from the north), the hardy members of the Blastoff Rocketeers still

Cardinals All-Star team members



(L-R): Emily Rietmann, Ashley Grams and Amber Patton were named to the girls' All-Star team. Grams received first team honors and Rietmann and Patton earned honorable mentions. Photo by Donna Rietmann.



(L-R): Tyler Brown, Tony Bolin and Kelly Thompson were named to the boys' All-Star team. Thompson and Brown received first team honors and Bolin received an honorable mention. Photo by Donna Rietmann.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE IONE CARDINALS!



Ione Cardinals Varsity Boys (L-R): top row-Coach Jim Swanson, Kip Krebs, Dan Long, Nik Kamp, John Walton, Tyler Brown, Coach Dennis Stefani; middle row-Tony Bolin, Kyle Palmateer, Clay Morter, Kelly Thompson, Justin Archer, Derek Davidson; bottom row-Paul Hams, Manager Luke Bradfield, Alan Rietmann (not pictured Kevin Fowler).

First Round State Tournament: Ione Cardinal Varsity Boys play Damascus Christian at Boring on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m.



Ione Cardinals Varsity Girls (L-R): top row-Coach Brandi Heideman, Ashly Grams, Jenny Griffith, Stephanie Holland, Amber Patton, Kylee Svetich, Coach Ryan Rudolf; middle row-Brenna Rietmann, Emily Rietmann, Teonna Vandever, Kayla LaRue; bottom row-Julianna VandenBrink, Kaylee Palmateer, Tiana Camarillo.

First Round State Tournament: Ione Cardinal Varsity Girls play Crane at Ione on Friday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m.

The following individuals and businesses congratulate the Ione Cardinals on their victories at District and wish the teams Good Luck at State!

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