

Ninth annual Ione Basketball Bonanza this weekend

The ninth annual Ione Basketball Bonanza Tournament will be held this Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2 at the Ione School Gymnasiums. The teams competing this year for the title are Riverside High School, Boardman, Enterprise High School, Umatilla High School, and Ione High School JV and varsity teams.

The Umatilla Vikings and Riverside Pirate girls start the JV tournament at 1 p.m. on Dec. 1. Enterprise and Ione girls play at 4 p.m.

The JV boys start off with Riverside and Enterprise at 2:30 p.m. The last JV game of the day will be Enterprise and Ione at 5:30 p.m. The next day will begin with the girls' consolation game at 10 a.m., and the boys' consolation at 11:30 a.m. The girls' championship match is scheduled for 1 p.m., followed by the boys' championship game at 2:30 p.m.

A girls' match up between the Enterprise Outlaws and the Umatilla Viking girls will kick off the varsity tournament at 3 p.m. on December 1. Later, to finish out the girls' round, Ione will be taking on Riverside at 6 p.m. The first boys' game will be at 4:30 p.m. with the Riverside Pirates battling the Umatilla Vikings. The final game of the night has the Ione Cardinals matched up against Enterprise boys at 7:30 p.m.

The next day will begin with the girls' consolation game at 1 p.m. and the boys' consolation at 2:30 p.m. The girls' championship match is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., followed by the boys' championship game at 5:30 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded for the top teams in each division. Ticket prices for the tournament will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students with ASB cards. Those attending are reminded that only water is allowed in Ione School Gyms.

The tournament is sponsored by the Ione Booster Club.

Tournament Schedule

Varsity Girls

- Game 1- Umatilla vs Enterprise Fri. 3 p.m.
- Game 3- Riverside vs Ione Fri. 6 p.m.
- Game 5- Consolation- Sat. 1 p.m.
- Game 7- Championship- Sat. 4 p.m.

Varsity Boys

- Game 2- Umatilla vs Riverside Fri. 4:30 p.m.
- Game 4- Enterprise vs. Ione Fri. 7:30 p.m.
- Game 6- Consolation- Sat. 2:30 p.m.
- Game 8- Championship- Sat. 5:30 p.m.

JV Girls

- Game 1- Umatilla vs Riverside Fri 1 p.m.
- Game 3- Enterprise vs. Ione- Fri. 4 p.m.
- Game 5- Consolation- Sat. 10 a.m.
- Game 7- Championship- Sat. 1 p.m.

JV Boys

- Game 2- Riverside vs. Enterprise Fri. 2:30 p.m.
- Game 4- Umatilla vs. Ione- Fri. 5:30 p.m.
- Game 6- Consolation- Sat. 11:30 p.m.
- Game 8- Championship- Sat. 2:30 p.m.

Ione Middle School Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 16-Ione at Heppner tourney, 9 a.m.
- Dec. 19-Dufur at Ione, 3:30 p.m.
- Jan. 5-Condon at Ione, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 6-Ione at Helix, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 12-Ione tourney, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 13-Ione at Helix tourney, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 13-Ione vs. Cove at Heppner, 10 a.m.
- Jan. 19-Fossil at Ione, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 20-Ione at Arlington, 11 a.m.
- Jan. 26-Ione at Condon, 1 p.m.
- Jan. 27-Sherman at Ione, 1 p.m.
- Feb. 2-Heppner at Ione, 10 a.m.
- Feb. 3-Arlington at Ione, 11 a.m.
- Feb. 9-Ione at Spray, 10 a.m.
- Feb. 10-Ione at Sherman tourney, Moro, 10 a.m.

Ione High School Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 1-2-Ione Basketball Bonanza at Ione, 1 p.m.
- Dec. 5-Ione at Irrigon High School, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 9-Stanfield at Ione, 1 p.m.
- Dec. 16-Cove at Ione 1 p.m.
- Dec. 21-Irrigon at Ione, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 22-Ione at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 30- Hermiston at Ione, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 2-Dufur at Ione, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 5-Nixyaawii (1/2 girls' JV) at Ione 3 p.m.
- Jan. 6-Ione at Helix, 1 p.m.
- Jan. 9-Echo at Ione, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 12-Ione at South Wasco, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 13-Cascade Locks at Ione, 2:30 p.m.
- Jan. 16-Condon-Wheeler at Ione, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 19-Bye
- Jan. 20-Ione at Arlington (boys' JV, girls' varsity, boys' varsity), 2:30 p.m.
- Jan. 23-Bye
- Jan. 26-Ione at Nixyaawii (1/2 girls' JV), 3 p.m.
- Jan. 27-Sherman at Ione, 1 p.m.
- Jan. 30-Ione at Echo, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 2-Ione at Central Christian, Prineville, 1 p.m.
- Feb. 3-Arlington at Ione (boys' JV, girls' varsity, boys' varsity), 2:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6-Ione at Condon-Wheeler (girls' varsity, boys' varsity), Condon, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 9-Helix at Ione, 3 p.m.
- Feb. 10-Ione at Horizon Christian, 1 p.m.
- Feb. 15-17-District tournament at Umatilla, time TBA.
- Feb. 20-Boys' first round regional, time and place TBA.
- Feb. 21-Girls' first round regional, time and place TBA.
- Feb. 28-March 3-State tournament, Baker City, time TBA.

Ione varsity basketball girls ranked 5th in preseason poll

The Ione girls' varsity basketball team ranked number five in the 1A girls' basketball preseason poll. Ione, which had 66 votes, was ranked 10th last year.

St. Paul, ranked first with 147 votes, was ranked six last year; Joseph, number two with 145 votes, was fifth last year; number three Jordan Valley with 106 votes, was eighth last year; number four Lowell, with 94 votes, was not ranked last year; number six Adrian, with 38 votes, was not ranked last year; number seven Perrydale, with 36 votes, was not ranked last year; a tie for number eight with Imber and McKenzie with 31 votes each. Imbler was not ranked last year, McKenzie was number four last year; number 10 Powder Valley, with 28 votes, was ranked number one last year.

Also receiving votes were: Damascus Christian School-26; Days Creek-25; Condon-Wheeler-23; Southwest Christian-21; Dufur-15; Crow-nine; Jewell-eight; Elkton-seven; City Christian-six; Sherman County-four; Cove-three; Crane-three; Gilcrest-three; Spray-three; and Mapleton-two.

Valby Lutheran plans Christmas worship services

Valby Lutheran Church, "the only remaining rural Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) in the west," according to a church release, will have the following worship schedule in December:

Sunday worship will be held on December 3, 10 and 17 and 31 at 9 a.m.

The church Christmas tree will be decorated after the service on December 3. On December 10 and 17 Pastor Wes Sackman will lead the worship and offer communion. There will be no Sunday morning service on December 24.

Advent services will be held Thursday, December 7, 14 and 21 at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the Advent service following at 6:30 p.m.

Annual Christmas program is planned for Sunday, December 17, and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held Sunday, December 24, at 6 p.m.

Valby church, located approximately 16 miles south of Ione and 25 miles west of Heppner, invites anyone interested attend any of these services or events. For more information call Shirley Palmer at 676-9730.

A View from the Hill

by Doris Brosnan

Last Thursday, some Willow Creek Terrace residents joined their families elsewhere for Thanksgiving, some stayed in and had family members join them for their first big meal prepared in their new ovens.

That fact alone gave residents and staff reason to be thankful, for the previous ovens had not been reliable for quite some time. "How bad was it?" manager George Nairns was asked. She jokes that it was a case of replacing the ovens or replacing Bobbi (the Terrace cook). "There was absolutely no question of what we needed to do."

This week on Thursday, Terrace residents will join the Heppner community for the Holiday Light Parade, and they and staff will be eager to see what the winning bid will be for their contribution to the Trees-and-Decorations Auction. This year's donation is a wooden "gingerbread" sleigh, about three feet long, pulled by a gingerbread boy and filled with "gingerbread" themed goodies. Those who helped with the entry enjoyed it so much, they are already discussing possible themes for next year's donation.

Just days later, on Saturday, December 2, the Terrace will be decorating for the month's holidays, and they invite all interested persons to join them for their Deck-the-Halls party, from 2 to 4 p.m.. "Of course," they say, they will serve refreshments to all the helping hands.

With decorations in place, the Willow Creek Terrace will offer a fitting, cozy atmosphere for the many visitors they hope to have during the holiday season. Already they are looking forward to the caroling that the group from the Lutheran, Episcopal and Methodist churches will share on the ninth. And the DIY 4-H group of young people will be coming for a visit and surprise activity on the afternoon of December 10. Two groups of carolers will be welcome on the nineteenth: the Heppner Elementary School kindergarten, first, and second graders and the Cub Scouts. The month, residents and staff hope, will bring other visitors to their home, also.

While the carolers are singing on December 9, they might decide to include the Happy Birthday song for Floyd Green. Floyd moved to the Terrace last January, so this is his first birthday on the hill. This youngest resident is truly a "local," for he has lived almost all his 74 years in south Morrow County. He was the second-to-youngest of the three girls and four boys of Homer and Mary Brennon Green, born at Eight-Mile, schooled there and at the Liberty School and Heppner High School. Except for some excursions out of the area, including his two years in Korea after being drafted, Floyd has remained on county soil and has worked some of that soil over his years of ranching and farming employment. Before coming to the Terrace, Floyd lived in Lexington, where a sister and brother still live. One piece of evidence that Floyd has adapted to his new home is the fact that he has already placed his request for his birthday dinner: chicken and German chocolate cake.

Snow might not be a favorite thing of Floyd's because he is reminded of the many times he had to walk in it when living out by Eight-Mile, but its recent accumulations have offered an especially appealing view from the Hill. Looking out at the blanket of snow and frosted trees can add to the cozy feeling residents enjoy in their warm home, and they view that as one more thing to be thankful for.

Stroll Heppner on November 30

Stroll Heppner and the 10th annual Parade of Lights will be held Thursday, Nov. 30.

People may "stroll" Heppner all day and visit businesses, view Christmas trees and gingerbread houses, visit the Heppner City Hall open house and listen to carolers. Pictures with Santa will be taken at city hall from 4:30-6 p.m. The Christmas tree lighting will be held on Main Street at 5:30 p.m.

The Parade of Lights starts at 6 p.m. Individuals, families, businesses and out-of-town entries are invited to enter the parade. Entrants will line up at 5 p.m. at the Green Feed and Seed store.

The parade will go through town twice. Prizes will be awarded for the following: best community float, \$75; best commercial float, \$75; best individual float, \$75; and best school float, \$75. Entry forms may be picked up at the Chamber office.

The Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice/Heppner Chamber of Commerce tree auction and raffle will take place immediately following the parade. Tree raffle tickets are one for \$1, six for \$5, and 30 for \$20.

Activities Saturday, December 2, will include a sleigh ride with horses and an antique wagon by Jack Meligan, a live nativity and carolers.

Time to nominate outstanding citizens

Nominations for outstanding persons in South Morrow County will remain open until December 15. Nominating forms are available at the Heppner Chamber Office and at the office of Kuhn and Spicer.

Individuals chosen for the 2006 awards will be honored at the Town and Country Banquet on January 13. Nominations are encouraged for citizens who have been outstanding examples in community involvement. Categories for the awards (previously reported incorrectly) are

Woman-of-the-Year, Man-of-the-Year, Business-of-the-Year, Citizen-Educator-of-the-Year, Young Person-of-the-Year, and Lifetime Achievement Award.

With only two weeks remaining until the deadline for the nominations, Chamber Director Terry Baker encourages area citizens to pick up the nomination forms and get involved with the selections of the Outstanding Citizens of 2006. "We all know dedicated, deserving people, and we can help them get the special recognition they deserve," Baker suggests.



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- Thursday, November 30th - Ladies Night

Prime Rib Dinner with all the fixings
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~ Memorial Service ~

A memorial service to honor our
departed members will be at 8 p.m.

The service is open to all.

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