

## Ione boys win one, lose one

The past weekend for the Ione Cardinals was the tale of two teams. On Friday, the confident Cards pulled off a stunning 54-53 upset over #10 Nixyawii followed by a humbling loss the next day to a Helix.

Friday night, the Ione gym was humming as the crowd came to see what the Cardinals could do against the streaking Golden Eagles. From the get-go, the Cards seemed determined to not let Nixyawii get away. At the end of one, Ione trailed by just two, 11-13 and at the half, the Cards were down three, 22-25. Both teams scored 14 in the third sending them into the stretch with the Golden Eagles leading 39-36. With 7 minutes to go in the game, the Cardinals took their first lead since the very early going, 40-39. The Cards held that lead until Nixyawii came back to tie the game at 53 with less than a minute to go. Alan Rietmann went to the free throw line with 7.7 seconds left but couldn't get either shot to fall. Clay Morter grabbed the rebound of the second shot and was fouled as he went back up, sending him to the line with 4 seconds on the clock. He hit the first of two, which turned out to be the game winning point as the Golden Eagles didn't get a good shot off in the time remaining.

Clay Morter led the team in scoring with 20 points, on 9 of 13 shooting from the floor. Matt Hams added 14 and Kip Krebs had ten. The team shot 40% (23 of 57) which was very close to Nixyawii's 38% (21-55.) The Cards fought for a 33-29 rebounding edge led by Morter with 12 and Kip Krebs with 11. Krebs had an outstanding six offensive rebounds.

Ione welcomed Paul Hams back to the floor after an injury sidelined him in the first game of the season.

## Mustang wrestlers unsuccessful at Riverside

On Saturday, January 6, the Heppner Mustang wrestling team competed in the Riverside Rumble. The Mustang crew attempted, but were not successful in settling the score with the competition.

Trent Miles (160) took his opponent in to the third period but to no avail. Spencer Palmer (160) challenged a Buck from

Hams contributed five assists and four steals to lead the team in those areas

"This was a terrific win for us" said Coach Dennis Stefani. "Kip and Clay played some very good basketball for us on the inside and our defense did a good job of stopping their fast break" Coach Stefani also noted that it was great to have Paul Hams back in action.

On Saturday at Helix, nothing seemed to go right for the Cardinals as they fell behind early and could never find the intensity and emotion shown the night before. The Cards trailed 4-14 after one and 14-23 at the half. Helix ran off a 26 point third quarter to put the game out of reach for Ione. The final score was 37-68.

Kip Krebs led the Cardinal scoring with 15 points. Justin Archer followed with eight and Clay Morter had six. The Cardinal's shooting percentage was just 29% from the floor while Helix had a good shooting night, hitting 21 of 27 for 45%.

Krebs led the rebounding effort with seven but the Cardinals were out rebounded 17-27 by the Grizzlies.

"For as good as we played the night before, we followed it with a game that we played looking tired," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "I think we played ourselves out mentally on Friday night. We are a young team and are going to have to learn to appear the next night after a huge win. The physical effort was there but without the mental game, the wheels fell off."

He did note that Helix did a good job being patient on offense, getting a shot off almost every trip down the floor.

After week one, the Cardinals are 2-1 in Big Sky play and 6-3 overall.

## HHS wrestlers participate in Kirkland Memorial meet

The Mustang wrestlers made the trek across the Blues to participate in the Clint Kirkland Memorial Wrestling Meet in Union over the Christmas break. The Mustangs found the competition rougher than they expected.

In the earlier rounds, Chance Day (140) took a Knight from Irrigon and pinned him in the third period. Spencer Palmer (160), then threw a Wallowa Cougar to the mat and pinned him in the first period.

A few rounds later Chance Day lassoed a Prospector from Grant Union and pinned him in the

first period. Matt Holland (152) also pinned an Irrigon Knight in the first period. In the final period, Spencer Palmer turned out the lights on another Knight from Irrigon in a first period pin.

Through it all, Heppner came away with two fourth place finishes, Spencer Palmer and Tyler Robinson, and Tomás Elguezabal added a seventh place finish. Chance Day sustained an injury and finished out of the standings.

Other Mustangs who made the trip were Dillion Lutchter (130), Trent Miles (171), and Matt Holland.

## Ione JV Boys outscore Helix

The Ione Boys JV team took a come from behind victory on the road on Saturday, January 6, at Helix. Behind a standout performance from William Wehrli, the Cardinals roared back from a halftime deficit to convincingly win the game 57-36.

Helix took a 17-11 first quarter lead and hung onto a three-point difference at the half, 27-23. But the Cardinals started to roll in the third, outscoring the Grizzlies 15-9 before driving their point home with a 19-4 fourth quarter for the final margin.

William Wehrli was a

force in the middle with 20 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots. Nine out of the ten Cardinals got in the scorebook. Matt Hams had eight, Matt Coleman and Stormy Kendrick each had seven followed by Gunner Jessen with six.

The Cardinals dominated the boards 44-22. Along with Wehrli, Stormy Kendrick also grabbed 12 and Dalton Campbell added seven.

"I was really proud of them," said Coach Jim Swanson. "They all played very hard and it was nice to see them get the win."

## Ione School hosts oceanography professor

Erin Heideman's eighth grade science class at Ione Community School had the unique opportunity to host Oregon State University oceanography professor, Burke Hales, for lunch and a one hour program on ocean research on December 18. "It was exciting to see what was going on in the ocean and the research that was happening," said eighth grader Thomas Holland. "It was neat to watch Dr. Burkes' slide show and how it matched what we were learning in class. I also loved getting to go out to lunch at

The Office with him!"

Dr. Burkes' hour-long presentation was all about trips he had taken and research vessels that were currently in production all over the world. He provided an enormous slide show with all kinds of pictures and was very knowledgeable about his subject. Mr. Robinson's class and Mr. Rudolf's class also joined in the presentation and discussion.

For more information about oceanography research at Oregon State University, log onto <http://www.oregonstate.edu>.

## Essay and artwork contest to be held

The Oregon and Morrow County Family and community Education members (formerly known as Home Extension or Homemakers) join the members across the nation in sponsoring and Essay and Artwork Contest for fourth grade students. This contest is held annually, and the theme this year is Trustworthiness, one of the six pillars of character.

Students are to write an essay and create a hand

drawn picture.

This FEC nationwide contest provides an opportunity for students to improve literacy skills and develop ethical values. The contest is open to any fourth grade level student attending public, private, or home school.

The contest will run through Wednesday, January 31. For complete information contact Marilyn Perkins, FCE Contest Chairman, at 541-376-8166.

## Pancake dinner set in Irrigon

The Irrigon Multicultural Arts Center (IMAC) has planned a pancake dinner fundraiser on Monday, January 22, at 5:30 p.m. at the Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon. It will be followed by a meeting

about what IMAC is and what IMAC's goal's are.

The dinner will consist of pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, sweet rolls, coffee, and juice for \$4.

## Rehearsal held for Willow Creek Symphony, Singers

Rehearsals for the Willow Creek Symphony and Singers' spring concert are being held on Tuesdays at the Heppner Elementary band room. The symphony

rehearses from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and the singers rehearse from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

New members are welcome to join. For more information call Myrna Van Cleave at 676-5448.

## Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

-BPD issued a citation to Lisa Gay Gutierrez, 43, for driving while uninsured.

-BPD received a report that a residence in Boardman was broken into while the family was gone. Several pieces of jewelry, cash and unknown brand of tequila was taken.

-BPD received a report that the reporter in Boardman heard a loud bang in his back yard and then he saw two juveniles leaving the area.

-Boardman Ambulance assisted a female who had extreme stomach cramps.

**Jan. 7:** -MCSO received a report that a pink paint ball spot was on the reporter's roof.

-MCSO issued a citation to Sarah Jean Eckman, 23, for going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report that the reporter's sister was hit by males in dark hoodies.

-MCSO arrested Michael James Maddox, 37, for Criminal Trespassing, Disorderly Conduct, Private Indecency, Menacing, and Harassment.

-MCSO received a request from a reporter who was being thrown out; she wanted someone to explain her rights to her.

-MCSO received a report that the reporter's husband won't leave her alone. He threw a popcorn bowl at her and knocked the telephone to the floor. The husband had left the residence.

-BPD received a report about neglected barking dogs. The dogs were transported to Pet Rescue.

-BPD issued a citation to Nathan VanGorder, 18, for failing to use a seatbelt.

-BPD received a report about a fire outside the reporter's residence. The reporter requested officer contact.

## Heppner High School Basketball Schedule

Jan. 12-Heppner at Stanfield, 3 p.m.  
Jan. 13-Irrigon at Heppner, 1 p.m.  
Jan. 19-Pilot Rock at Heppner, 3 p.m.  
Jan. 20-Heppner at Weston, 1 p.m.  
Jan. 26-Enterprise at Heppner, 3 p.m.  
Jan. 27-Elgin at Heppner, 1 p.m.  
Feb. 2-Heppner at Union, 3 p.m.  
Feb. 3-Weston McEwen at Heppner, 1 p.m.  
Feb. 6-Heppner at Irrigon, 3 p.m.  
Feb. 9-Stanfield at Heppner, 3 p.m.

## Ione Middle School Basketball Schedule

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

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.

## Elks Club to host Hoop Shoot

The Elks Club will host their annual Hoop Shoot on Sunday, January 21, at 1 p.m. at Heppner High School. The event is open to all third through sixth graders. Prizes will be awarded.

## Peterson named to WOU honor roll

Kasie D. Peterson, a sophomore at Western Oregon University, has been named to the honor roll for the 2006 fall term. Peterson is from Ione.

## Library on winter schedule

The Heppner branch of the Oregon Trail Library District is now on its winter schedule. The library will be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m., Thursdays from noon until 5 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

## Willow Creek Little League to meet

The Willow Creek Little League will meet on Wednesday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m. in Fossil at the Big Timber Cafe.

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