

Ione boys end successful season at Big Sky Tournament Heppner students participate in chess tournament



Justin Archer, No. 10, makes a lay-in at the Nixyawii game. Photo by Theresa Jessen

The Ione boys' basketball season saw their season come to an end at the Big Sky Tournament last weekend at Umatilla High School, narrowly missing the opportunity to advance to the state playoffs as the third seed from the Big Sky Conference. At the conclusion of the tournament, junior Kip Krebs was named to the BSC First Team of All Stars while juniors Paul Hams and Alan Rietmann were honorable mention.

The Cardinals opened the tourney playing Cascade Locks, the number-three seed from the west side of the conference and a team that the Cards had defeated in double overtime in their regular season meeting. Early in the first quarter, the Cardinals opened up a 10-3 lead before the Pirates scored six unanswered points to end the quarter only trailing by one. In the second quarter, Cascade Locks worked themselves back into the lead with less than two minutes to go and took a one point, 20-19 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Paul Hams and Alan Rietmann both hit a three while Kip Krebs hit two buckets, including a tip at the buzzer to put the Cardinals up 30-26 going into the final frame. The Cardinals stretched their lead to as much as 10 in the fourth before taking the 49-43 win.

Matt Hams led the

Cardinals in scoring with 13 points, followed closely by his brother, Paul Hams, with 12. Alan Rietmann added nine.

Ione gave up the rebounding edge to the Pirates, 34-37, but Kip Krebs had a good night on the boards, pulling down 11. Paul Hams had six assists and three steals.

With the loser of this game facing elimination, the Cardinals needed this win to play all three days of the district tournament. "Cascade Locks makes a team play sloppy by the way they play and I thought the whole game was played that way but it was still a good win for us," said Coach Dennis Stefani.

On Friday night, the Cardinals ran into the #1 seed from the West Side, South Wasco County. The Redsidies, who were playing their first game of the tourney, opened up a 13-4 lead over the Cardinals before Paul Hams canned a couple of threes and Kip Krebs hit two free throws to pull Ione back within one point at the end of the quarter. In the low scoring second quarter, Paul Hams hit another three and Clay Morter put back an offensive board to put the Cards within three. But that was as close as the Cardinals would get in the contest, falling to South Wasco, 44-32.

Paul Hams led the team with 11 points. Clay Morter and Matt Hams add-



Matt Hams, No. 20, makes a three-pointer at the Ione game vs. Nixyawii. Photo by Theresa Jessen

ed six each. Surprisingly, Ione held a slight rebounding edge of the taller Redsidies, 33-32, led by Clay Morter with 12 and Kip Krebs with 10.

"South Wasco outplayed us in every aspect of the game" said Stefani. "I really think the difference was that they came in with fresh legs and we looked a little tired."

The loss set up a deciding game against Nixyawii for the final state berth. In a three point shooting fest, Nixyawii squeaked out the win for third place downing Ione 60-56.

Nixyawii led 15-14 after one quarter but the Cardinals opened up an eight-point lead in the second, thanks to three treys by Ione. The Golden Eagles answered with two threes of their own and went on 12-0 run at the end of the quarter to regain the lead, 32-29 at the half. Ione's Paul Hams hit back to back threes midway through the third to pull the Cardinals back to within two points, but the Golden Eagles scored at the end of the period to take a 45-41 lead into the final period.

The fourth quarter saw the scored tied once and the lead change hands four times as both teams battled in this win-or-stay home contest. Ione freshman Matt Hams hit a huge three with just under two minutes remaining to put the Cardinals up 56-54 but Nixyawii's Johnny Sampson was fouled on a lay-in and hit the free throw to put the Golden Ea-

gles in the lead for good. He followed up with another bucket to put Nixyawii in the lead, 59-56. Sol Van Pelt put a lock on the game hitting the second of his two free throws for the final four point margin.

Paul Hams led the Cardinal's scoring attack with 14 points. Brother Matt added 11 and Kip Krebs chipped in with 10. The Cards had a great rebounding night, grabbing 47 boards to just 34 for their opponent. Alan Rietmann had 12, followed by Kip Krebs and Kevin Fowler with 10 each. Paul Hams had an incredible nine assists and also led the team in steals with three.

Although disappointed with the loss, Stefani said he was proud of his team's effort. "The kids played a great game. We had our chances to win it but some of the breaks didn't go our way" he said.

Stefani, summing up the Cardinals' successful season, commented, "It was a great season. The kids showed they are a basketball team that will

be among the top of the league next year. I think this team matured a lot and learned a lot during this season. The one thing that impressed me was how

they learned to play together as a team. If this bunch works hard this summer, and continue to grow at the pace they did this year, they will be a very fun team for the community of Ione to follow."

Peterson's donates pendant for banquet

Diana Ball of Heppner was the winner of the ruby pendant donated by Peterson's Jewelry for the Heppner Chamber of Commerce's annual Town and Country Banquet held Jan. 11 at the Heppner Elks Club.

Morrow County Gun Club news

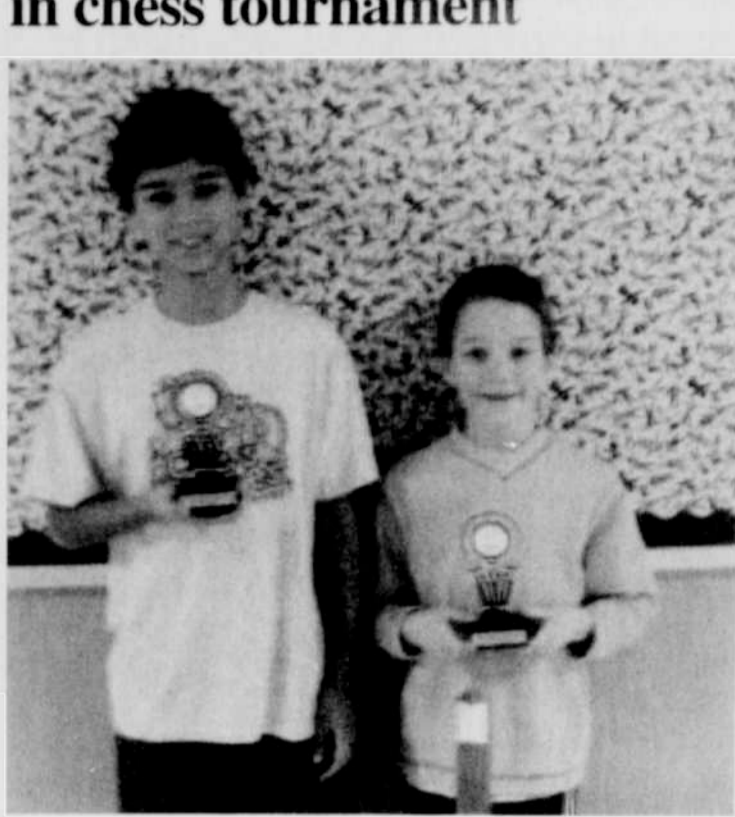
Strong winds did not discourage six shooters this week at the gun club.

Winners were: Singles - Mark Schlichting, 21, and Jeff Cutsforth, 17.

Three Annies were shot with Marcus Auber (first time shooter) winning two, and Dick Goodhead winning one.

The gun club now has the automatic trap machine working again so all members are urged to participate.

The next shoot will be Sunday, February 25, at noon.



L-R: Earl Prophter, first place for the sixth grade division, and Kai Arbogast who took first place in the K-fifth grade division.

Sixteen students from Heppner Elementary School and Heppner Middle School traveled to Hermiton on Feb. 10, to participate in the Chess for Success regional tournament.

The following students placed in the Chess for Success Regional Tournament: Earl Prophter took first place for the sixth grade classification, Kai Arbogast took first place in the K-5th grade classification, and Zach Hintz took first place for the seventh graders. These students earned the privilege of competing in the State Chess for Success Tournament in Portland on March 16-17.

When asked, Kai Arbogast said, "I like to play chess because it's fun and it gets my brain working." Earl Prophter said, "Chess is challenging because there are so many good players. There's nothing like a good game of chess!" Zach Hintz said, "Chess has given me a strategic mind. Chess is not just for nerds!"

These players did an outstanding job and the teams also placed in the tournament.

In the sixth through eighth grade division the par-



Zach Hintz, who took first place for the 7th graders.

ticipants were Joe Armato, Earl Prophter, Zach Hintz, Cody Nelson, Kellie Nelson and Conner Pappas. This team placed second.

In the K- through fifth grade division, the participants were: Cade Arbogast, Ross Cutsforth, John Prophter, Cai Arbogst, Emily Pappas, Rylee Kollman, Kaden Corbin, Kane Sweeney, Cara Arbogast and Alex Lindsay. This team placed third in their division.

Wayne Seitz has been coaching the players.

Ione Elementary School to host carnival

Ione Elementary School will host their second annual carnival, "It's a Zoo in Here" on Thursday, March 8, from 6-8 p.m. at the Ione High School gym.

Fun and games for all ages will be available. Join in on the hoop shoot, junk food walk, fishpond, jumping castle, beanbag toss, cookie monster booth, face stamping and much more... For the ravenous appetite, a food booth will be held in the cafeteria offering soft pretzels, corn dogs and soft drinks. Carnival tickets are .25 cents each or five for a dollar.

This year the Carnival Committee is selling raffle tickets for a "Special Edition" Red 4GB I-pod, which holds 1,000 songs. This I-pod is part of the "red campaign" to fight AIDS in Africa. Tickets are on sale for \$2 each or three for \$5, with a special price of \$20 for 20 tickets. Tickets may be purchased at the Ione Elementary School office or from any elementary staff person. Raffle tickets will also be on sale the night of the carnival with the drawing at the end of the evening.

All proceeds from the carnival and raffle will go to an elementary fund to help pay for programs such as Read Across America and Red Ribbon Week. Everyone is invited to a fun-filled evening for the whole family.

Ione Wildlife Management class visits fish hatchery



Back row (L-R): Stephanie Holland, Kevin Fowler, Max Trahan, Mark Davidson, Kip Krebs, Alan Rietmann and Richard Bohna; bottom row (L-R): Kayla LaRue, Kaylee Svetich, Emily Rietmann, Kaylee Palmateer, and Justin Archer.

Erin Heideman's Wildlife Management class at Ione Community School recently visited the Irrigon Fish Hatchery.

A fisheries technician toured the students through the hatchery and explained the job opportunities and job descriptions. Additionally, students got to feed the trout that were being raised for release.

After the hatchery tour, the students were driven through the wildlife refuge area where they talked about succession, climax communities and the management of wildlife in the area.

"I appreciated the opportunity to go and get out of the classroom," said junior Kip Krebs. "It was interesting getting to apply what we were learning in the classroom to a situation that I could identify with."

Mark Davidson, a senior, said, "I really liked getting to tour the hatchery but I like the refuge even more. We saw some neat wildlife and several bucks."

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110th Elks Annual
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Ladies Tea at 2:30 p.m.
Lodge at 3 p.m.
Prime Rib Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
50s band and dancing afterwards!