

## Cardinals fall to St. Paul

The Ione Cardinals ran into trouble against the number three ranked St. Paul Buckaroos last Friday in Ione, losing to the powerhouse 58-14. A good sized crowd enjoyed a perfect night for football as the Cards hosted their first OSAA Endowment Game. Endowment games allow teams to play an extra game on their schedule with a portion of the proceeds going to the OSAA Foundation.

St. Paul put three touchdowns on the board in the first quarter and had tallied two more in the second before Ione scored on a 60 yard fumble recovery by Clay Morter. Justin Archer and Paul Hams connected on a pass for the point after. St. Paul scored again as the half wound down and went to the locker room leading 44-8.

St. Paul scored twice in the third quarter, giving them a 45 point lead and causing the game go to a running clock. Ione scored in the fourth quarter on an 18 yard run by Paul Hams, capping a drive from the St. Paul 40 yard line.

Turnovers were costly for the Cardinals. In the early going of the first quarter, with the score 6-0 in favor of St. Paul, the Cards put together a nice, five minute drive. With the end zone just yards away, Ione fumbled on the goal line, costing them an almost sure score and giving the ball back to the Buckaroos.



Matt and Paul Hams block #55 on St. Paul's team. -Photo by Teresa Crawford

Ione had four turnovers in the game and all happened when the Cards were moving the ball and headed for a score.

"Turnovers were the story of the night," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "We had some good long drives and showed ourselves we could move the ball but the turnovers hurt."

Stefani was encouraged in spite of the lopsided loss. He noted that after a sound thrashing at the hands of St. Paul last year, the Cards went into the game just a bit intimidated. By halftime, the team was realizing that they were moving the ball against their opponent. "A lot of it is having concentration and mental toughness. I think we can be a pretty good football team. The score didn't reflect it but this game wasn't a blowout. The team gained some confidence and found out they can play with the big boys."

Paul Hams led the Cardinals on the ground, tallying 142 yards on 23 carries. Justin Archer, who played QB this week, carried the ball six times for 35 yards. Kevin Fowler returned to the Cardinal lineup this week as fullback, carrying the ball seven times for 11 yards.

In the air, Justin Archer completed 7-20 passes for 20 yards. Receivers included Clay Morter (2-12) Matt Hams (1-10) Paul Hams (2-3) and Kevin Fowler (1-3). The Cardinals had 210 yards of total offense.

Sophomore, Eric Jepsen, had 8 tackles in the game, including one solo. Several other Cardinals had six tackles including Kip Krebs (2 solo) Paul Hams (3 solo) and Justin Archer (2 solo.)

The Cardinals go on the road to Wallowa this Friday with the game set to start at 2 p.m.

## Lady Cardinals win one, lose three

The Ione Lady Cardinals won their first home match of the season, surprising Irrigon in three games, 25-18, 25-15, and 25-20 on Friday, September 7.

The Lady Cards were ready to roll when they hit the court. The team tallied 91 digs in the match, led by Kaylee Palmateer with 20, and 17 ace serves, led by Tyree Svetich with six. Senior Kylee Svetich led a fierce attack at the net with nine kills on the night, helped out by Emily Rietmann with six.

"The match went really well," said Coach Brandi Heideman. "The girls kept an upbeat attitude and came out ready to play."

On Saturday, Ione traveled to the Summit Springs Tournament in Condon to compete against Condon/Wheeler, Arlington and South Wasco County.

Game one pitted the Lady Cardinals against pe-

renial nemesis, Condon-Wheeler. Playing the best two of three, the Cards were downed in two games 16-25, 19-25.

"What really hurt us were our errors," said Coach Heideman. "We gave them 11 out of 25 points in the first game and 13 of 25 in the second." She noted that the game got off to a rough start but the team got back into the match before watching it slip away. "We weren't executing very well. Not getting our serves over really hurt us."

Kaylee Palmateer led the team in digs with 19 while Kylee Svetich notched four kills and one block.

In the next match against Arlington, the Lady Cardinals suffered from a "lack of communication," falling to the Lady Honkers 19-25, 13-25. Errors once again were costly, handing Arlington 10 of their points

in the last game. Kylee Svetich had 22 digs, five kills, one block and two ace serves to lead the team.

In the final match of the day, the Lady Cards went to the wire with South Wasco County before falling, 18-25, 25-15, 14-16. "It was our best game we played there," said Coach Heideman. "They got there game back."

The team recorded 105 digs led by Kaylee Palmateer with 29. Palmateer also had five ace serves and three kills. The team had 16 kills led by Kylee Svetich with five. Tiana Camarillo chipped in three.

"We played a lot of volleyball in two days," said Coach Heideman. "The preseason is definitely a time to work out the kinks and figure out what works and what doesn't. The girls played well for as many game as they have had."

## Cardinal Booster Club meeting held

The Cardinal Booster Club met Tuesday, August 28, at the school library. 13 members were present. Two parents, Sylvia Sanford and Glenda Taylor, have come forward to fill the vacancies on the Ione Site Council. They will be voted on at the fall potluck. Penny Krebs will complete the term vacated by Karen Padberg.

Committees were formed to update the club by-laws and scholarship application. Sanford and Sharon Rietmann will check

the by-laws and Jeri McEligott will team with Allison Rudolf and past scholarship committee members to improve the scholarship application.

Superintendent Browning noted the initial fall sports programs will be printed at the school, with later programs being printed by the ESD to improve the overall quality. Business supporters from 2006-2007 will be printed on the backs of the fall programs. The basketball programs will include the 2007-2008 business members. Membership letters to families and businesses for the new school year will be mailed within the next two weeks.

Browning will check with Lindsay Orem to see why the link to booster club officers on the web page doesn't work.

The fall back-to-school potluck is being organized by Kim Thompson and Susie Stillman. The hamburgers and hotdogs were donated to the club for

the dinner. Arlynda Gates has ordered buns, condiments and needed paper products.

It was announced the club officers had earlier approved the purchase of a metal detector and helmet decals for the football team. The Raible family will receive \$100 support for their trip to the state spelling competition in Salem. Christine Raible will be competing.

Gates is compiling a list of tasks necessary for each of the club activities. Anyone who has helped in the past with the fall potluck, Christmas treats, scholarship committee, or graduation reception may contact her with information to help future volunteers.

The club approved a grant application from Superintendent Browning in the amount of \$200 for the new second grade teacher, Stefanie Spivey, to buy classroom items such as li-

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## Tennis Court News

After years of little use, the tennis courts at Heppner Elementary School have been seeing almost-daily activity for two years, and that activity is increasing.

Four of the five local women who renewed acquaintances with their rackets those two years ago continue to meet on the courts most mornings at 8 a.m. The more determined ones play almost without fail, and a recent newcomer to Heppner rarely misses a session. Other players - some are more recent faces on the courts - show up when they can, so as many as eight women could converge on any given morning. Some of the women are interested in late afternoon play, also.

Weekends might find tennis matches in play, also.

And the basketball hoops at either end of the courts attract young ball players from time to time, so this recreational area proves its value day in and day out.

The hoops were added more recently to these courts originally constructed to attract and accommodate tennis players and developing, future players. The ups and downs of the sport's popularity have influenced the use of the courts, so until these women started play on a regular basis, interest had waned and maintenance had faltered.

Now, a second net has been added, replacing one long ago worn out and discarded. JoAnne Burleson has spearheaded an effort to locate grant money for purchasing a backboard and a ball machine, and another local resident enthused

about the potential of the courts has pledged a considerable amount toward those costs. The players hope that such improvements will attract even more players and eventually lead to a way to get the much-needed resurfacing of the courts.


But the cracks in the surface do not deter the players, who occasionally might face a surprise when a ball hits and changes course. They play faithfully, and will as long as the fall weather allows, appreciating the physical workout and the always-challenging game. They range in age from thirty-something to seventy-something. Their skill levels range from could-be-a-pro (in the opinion of fellow players) to "I played in school over forty years ago." They all hope that more individuals will join them on the courts. Burleson is now giving lessons to one young player in the evenings, and she is interested in working as a volunteer if a program through the school becomes a reality. Nancy Prophet

also is interested in coaching new players, so adults and young people are encouraged to contact either to discuss lessons.

## Elks Lodge to host golf tournament

The Heppner Elks Lodge will be sponsoring a golf tournament at Willow Creek Country Club on Saturday, September 22. Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the Elks Children's Eye Clinic at OHSU in Portland. The eye clinic is just one of the charitable organizations that the Elks help fund.

The tournament is open to everyone. The format will be a 18-hole, 4-person scramble with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The cost will be \$40 per person. Prizes will be given out to the winning teams and special events. Entry forms are available at the Lodge and the golf course. For more information call Marty Brannon at 676-5288 or the Lodge at 676-9181.



### Real Estate

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#### SHOULD SELLER HOLD MORTGAGE?

If you are selling your home, you may get an offer from a buyer who wants you to provide all or part of the financing. There is a good chance that the buyer would want this seller financing at a preferential interest rate. After all, there is no special reason to borrow from you if financing is available at the same cost elsewhere.

Benefit-wise, there is probably no safer investment than a loan secured by solid residential real estate. However, there are also risks. If the buyer stops making payments on the first mortgage or on the loan to you, you might be involved in a foreclosure situation.

Here's something else to consider. Perhaps the buyer's financial position is not strong enough to qualify for a first mortgage and is forced to rely on seller financing. Since lenders screen their borrowers carefully, this should be a warning signal. As long as mortgage money is available and you don't have to provide financing, a clean sale with no financial conditions is usually your best bet.

### CROP MEETING

All are invited to attend a Crop Meeting to be held Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Ione Grange Hall

Topic of discussion will be crop changes for 2008

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### Mustang JVs lose first game



Heppner JV Mustang Ian Murray runs the ball against the Pendleton C team. The Heppner Mustangs lost their first game 14 - 0. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

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