

## Ione JV boys take two weekend wins

The Ione JV team had two strong wins over conference opponents this weekend, defeating Arlington in Ione on Friday and downing Helix in Helix on Saturday.

The Cardinals ran away from Arlington early, leading 16-5 after one quarter and 34-11 at halftime. They kept things moving in the second half on their way to a 60-22 win.

Tanner Rietmann led the team in scoring with 17 points. RJ Ramos added 12. Also scoring for Ione was Gunner Jessen with eight, Alex Rietmann with six, Luke Bradfield and Dalton Campbell with four each and Marco Juarez with three.

On the boards, RJ Ramos led the way with 11

and Dalton Campbell added eight. Ramos and Campbell also led the team in steals with six each. Gunner Jessen had five assists.

"We finally put four quarters together," said Coach Jim Swanson. His team shot 28 of 55 and tallied 16 assists and seven blocked shots. He noted that RJ Ramos had a good outing with 12 points, 11 rebounds, four assists and six steals in just three quarters of play.

On Saturday, the JV's led the Helix Grizzlies 24-13 at the half but held them to just eight points in the second half as they raced to their third win in a row, 49-21.

Tanner Rietmann led all scorers with 17 points. Gunner Jessen added 10. Also scoring for Ione was RJ

Ramos with eight, Alex Rietmann with seven, Marco Juarez with four, Mikey Raible with two and Dalton Campbell with one.

RJ Ramos led the rebound effort with eight. Tanner Rietmann had six and Luke Bradfield had five. Gunner Jessen paced the team with 10 steals and six assists.

"It sure feels good to win three in a row," said Coach Jim Swanson. "The kids are playing with a lot of passion." He noted that the team played very good defense in the game. "That's what made things go for us." He also noted that Gunner Jessen had a great game overall and that Tanner Rietmann and RJ Ramos provided strong leadership.

## Ione Varsity Boys win against Echo

The Ione Cardinals logged a strong road win on Tuesday, January 8, against Echo 63-32. Stretching their win streak to five, the Cardinals' season record moved to 8-5, 4-1 in Big Sky play.

The Cards fell prey to Echo's attempt to slow down the tempo in the low scoring first quarter. Ione finally got on the board when Clay Morter made a shot under the basket on his second offensive rebound of the possession. The quarter ended with back-to-back Kip Krebs bank shots, both assisted by Paul Hams, putting the Cards up 9-8. In the second quarter, Echo tied the game twice but Paul Hams' three-pointer, one of his three in the contest, with 4:25 gave the Cards the lead they would never relinquish. With 35 seconds left in the half, Paul Hams was fouled on a three point attempt and when he made all three free throws, the half time score stood at 26-20. In the third quarter, the Cardinals stretched the lead to as many as 15 but Echo hung around, closing the period trailing the Cards 27-37. It was the final quarter that the Cardinals high octane offense took advantage of a tiring Cougar squad, outscoring Echo 26-5, including scores from eight Cardinal players. The win was punctuated by Kevin Fowler's offensive rebound putback at the buzzer for the final margin.

"We played good, aggressive defense the whole



Justin Archer takes a shot against Echo. The Cardinals won the game 63-32. -Photo by Theresa Crawford

game, but had a hard time getting the ball to drop in the first half," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "Our aggressive defense caused Echo to tire in the second half which allowed us to penetrate and dish for some easy baskets. Once again, we played team ball which was fun to watch."

Paul Hams led all scorers with 16 points in addition to a whopping 10 assists. Hams is averaging seven assists per game in league play. Clay Morter had another double-double, with 11 points and 16 rebounds. Morter is leading the team in boards, averaging 8.7 per game for the season. The

Cardinals fought their way to a 41-33 rebounding edge over the Cougars. Ione shot 40% from the floor, 31% from the three point line and logged just 11 turnovers in the game.

Ione 9 17 11 26 - 63  
Echo 8 12 7 5 - 32  
Ione (8-5, 4-1 Big Sky) - Paul Hams 16, Morter 11, Krebs 9, Archer 6, Rietmann 6, Fowler 6, M. Hams 5, Peterson 4, Echo (4-8, 2-3 Big Sky) - Ryan Ramos 12, Dustin Christensen 11, Colter McCullum 3, Devin Christensen 2, Danner 2, Sabotta 2, 3-point field goals - Ione 4, Echo 4. Free throws - Ione 7-17, Echo 4-6. Fouls - Ione 6, Echo 15.

## Sheriff's Report

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

**Dec. 17 continued:-** MCSO received a request for contact regarding a threat made on the reporter from his neighbor. The threats are reoccurring problem.

MCSO contacted a reporter who advised a male subject had not been paying for feed for the horses that were staying on the reporter's land.

MCSO received a request for extra patrol after the reporter reported people driving at high rates of speed by his house and a party at a house near by his residence.

MCSO received a report of a semi-truck traveling at least 80 mph. The call was transferred to OSP.

MCSO issued a citation to Robert Edward Flanagan, 32, for Driving while suspended violation

and for Driving Uninsured.

MCSO received a report that the reporter's ex-husband was at her house and would not leave.

MCSO arrested a male subject for Grand Jury Indictment of Count I Agg. Theft in the first degree, Count II Theft in first degree, Count III Theft in the first degree, Count IV Felon in possession of a firearm, Count V Theft in the second degree and Count VI Theft in the third degree.

MCSO received a report regarding a silver miztz leaving the Pilot in Umatilla County with three cases of beer without paying for them.

BPD officer advised that he was out at the N. Shell in Boardman investigating counterfeit money call. The officer had a 20 year old male subject in custody.

BPD was advised by a female reporter that someone hit her vehicle while she was parked at Lamb Weston.

BPD issued a citation to Michael Dennis Frovarp Jr., 27, for failing

to stop and remain stopped for a Pedestrian in a cross walk.

Boardman Ambulance transported a cowboy who had fallen off his horse and possibly broken his back.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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## Lady Cards notch second league win

The Ione Lady Cardinals notched their second league win with a hard-fought victory over Echo on the road on January 8.

Down 9-2 at the end of the first quarter, the Lady Cards battled back to within one at the half, 14-15. Emily Rietmann had seven points in the quarter and Kaylee Palmateer connected on a big three-pointer with about one minute to go to keep Ione close. On the first possession of the second half, Echo's Elizabeth Ferge swished a three, her third of the game to open up an 18-14 lead. Echo hit two more baskets to open the quarter with a 7-0 run. Kylee Svetich hit a shot with 4:55 on the clock as the Lady Cards went on a 7-0 run themselves, finishing the quarter in the same position in which they started, trailing by one, 21-22.

Ione opened up a five point lead, 27-22 in the fourth quarter before Echo responded to get within two. With 53 seconds on the clock, Brenna Rietmann hit the first half of a one and one. Thirty seconds later, Beth Morter swished two free throws to stretch the lead to 30-25. Echo hit a basket and was fouled but didn't make the free throw so with 14 second remaining, Ione led by three. With 10 seconds on the clock, Emily Rietmann hit one of two free throws to put the Cards up by a much safer four points and they took the win 31-27.

"It was a tough road game," said Coach Ryan Rudolf. "It was closer than we wanted." Coach Rudolf thought his team played good man-to-man defense and "got points and free throws when we needed them."

Emily Rietmann led all scorers with 14 points. Kylee Svetich added seven.

Ione 2 12 7 10 - 31  
Echo 9 6 7 5 - 27  
Ione (5-8, 2-3 Big Sky) - Heagy 2, B. Rietmann 1, Palmateer 3, Svetich 7, Morter 4, Emily Rietmann 14  
Echo (1-8, 1-4 Big Sky) - Elizabeth Ferge 11, Hilliard 8, Swaggart 4, Jordan 2, Hoover 2, Cisneros, Tarvin, 3-point field goals - Ione 1, Echo 3. Free throws - Ione 8-17, Echo 4-10. Fouls - Ione 17, Echo 18. Fouled out - Svetich (Ione).