

Cardinals hang on to perfect record

The Ione Cardinals put another notch in the win column with a decisive 64-20 victory over South Wasco County on Thursday, October 8, in Ione. The win kept their season record perfect at 5-0 and put them at the top of the heap in the Big Sky along with Sherman County, who also sports a 3-0 league mark.

The Cardinals made their case early, taking a 14-0 lead after one quarter and widening the lead to 46-6 at half time. "I was a little nervous with the illness we've been having but it didn't seem to bother us much," said Coach Dennis Stefani.

The Cards rumbled to 604 yards of total offense in the game. Alex Rietmann led the charge on the ground with 125 yards on eight carries and two touchdowns. Micah Stillman carried the ball eight times for 86 yards and a touchdown and Gunner Jessen racked up 86 yards on seven carries and two touchdowns. Both RJ Ramos and Evan Rietmann had a rushing touchdown.

In the passing department, RJ Ramos was



#10 Gunner Jessen of Ione stops #48 of South Wasco. -Photo by Theresa Crawford

8-14 for 167 yards and two touchdowns and Evan Rietmann was 2-5 for 27 yards and a touchdown. Matt Hams was the leading receiver, with 172 yards on seven receptions and two touchdowns. Kyle Clouser only had one three yard catch but made it count as a touchdown.

"This was another case of our line controlling the game," said Coach Stefani. "Our guys up front are really doing the job

and have been all year." He noted that Eric Jepsen, Christian Cederquist and Tom Holland, despite some sickness in their ranks were instrumental in opening big holes for the running backs to sneak through. "Those guys don't get to read their names in the box score but they really need to be recognized. They've been doing a terrific job." He also was glad to see some depth in the team. "With Tanner (Rietmann) out sick, Zac

Orem and Alex Fetterhoff did really well at the end position."

Micah Stillman led the team in tackles with 11, five of those solo. Alex Fetterhoff had a good outing with eight tackles (four solo) including one quarterback sack and one fumble recovery. RJ Ramos had seven tackles (four solo) and Eric Jepsen and Alex Rietmann had six each (three solo.)

"I was really, really pleased with our defense," said Coach Stefani. "No one has been able to get anything going against them all season."

Arlington comes to town next Friday night for the Cardinals next outing. Arlington is playing a non-league schedule this year so while the game won't technically count in the league standings, the Cards are determined to not let their perfect season be tarnished. Game time is 7 p.m.

The Cardinals will also host a JV game on Monday, October 19, versus Touchet starting at 5 p.m.

Oregonian photographer chronicles Heppner homecoming activities



A photographer from The Oregonian traveled to Heppner for homecoming festivities. His photos were turned into a video that was posted on their website. The video can be found at http://videos.oregonlive.com/oregonian/2009/10/beyond_the_sideline_heppner_1.html.

Lady Cards fall to South Wasco County

The Ione Lady Cards dropped a tight, five-game league match against South Wasco County on Thursday, October 8. The match was played in Ione and was only their second league loss.

Battling the flu bug all week, the Cards knew it was going to be tough going. With two girls on the bench in street clothes and several others playing at less than 100%, the Ione girls started the game with a different line up and a whole new rotation. Freshman, Lacey Thompson, stepped off the JV roster into a starting spot in the front row. "Lacey did really well," said Coach Dawn Eynetich.

In the first game, the Lady Cardinals dominated the Lady Redsides, 25-9 but South Wasco came back to take game two, 25-20. In game three, Ione again left the visitors in the dust, 25-13. However, as the match progressed, South Wasco figured out the home team's weaknesses and capitalized. Ione played from behind and rallied to

bring the score close late in the game but the Lady Redsides pulled through to win game four, 25-23. That meant that it all came down to the tie-breaker game which the Lady Redsides pulled out, 15-11.

Despite the loss, Coach Eynetich was encouraged by the team's resiliency. "Technically we played great for having to change the whole rotation, and our net play was good." Vanessa Ziliani had a monster effort at the net, putting down 21 kills in the match. Stefanie Archer added another 10. Serving errors continued to plague the team as they served 88% and missed 13 serves. Bright spots in that department included six aces from Vanessa Ziliani and five aces from the rookie, Lacey Thompson.

During the week, the Lady Cards hosted Helix on Tuesday (results not available at press time) and will finish a busy week hosting Arlington on Friday and traveling to Echo on Saturday.

Missoula Children's Theatre coming to Ione

The Missoula Children's Theatre, the nation's largest touring children's theatre, will be putting on an original production of The Princess and the Pea at Ione Community School during the last week of October. Auditions for the production, funded by the Morrow County Recreation District and coordinated through the Friends of the Heppner Library, are open to all Ione and Heppner Schools' students, K-12. Auditions will be held on Monday, October 26, beginning at 3:45 p.m., with a 3 p.m. Halloween performance slated on October 31.

The Monday auditions will be held in the Ione School Cafeteria, lasting from 3:45 until 5:45, upon whence time casting will be immediate. The first two-hour rehearsal will commence directly. There will be two shifts of two-hour rehearsals Tuesday-Thursday, with the first shift running from 3:45-5:45 and the second shift running from 6:15-8:15. Most cast members will be required to attend only one rehearsal per night, but those cast with the lead roles may be asked to attend both. A snack will be provided for the children

during the 5:45-6:15 break. Friday's rehearsals will take place between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and a final rehearsal will take place on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a curtain time of 3, which will be free and open to the public.

Among the roles to be cast are the Princess, the Pea, King and Queen Size of Riverdom, Storm King and Queen of Glacierdom, the Prince, the mischievous Jack Frost, the citizens of Riverdom and Glacierdom, the Dust Bunnies, and some wannabe Princesses, not to mention some meddling leprechauns. All Ione and Heppner students, K-12, are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props, and makeup. All that the community needs to provide is willing and enthusiastic student-actors and actresses.

For more information, contact Becky Wagenblast at 422-7131.

Group takes historical tour

A group of curious folks, young and old, about 50 people in two buses, gathered September 26 for a historical tour: "The Ice Age Flood Power to Wind Power".

The group was taken on a trip back in time to 15,000 years ago as our guides told of huge glacial floods over 400 feet tall and arriving at freeway speeds, happening again and again providing fertile soil and uneven ground as the waters receded, explaining why we might see a riverbed on top of a ridge.

The two buses joined at the Willow Creek and I-84 Junctions to hear of a controversy between the American Indians and the Army Corps of Engineers explained by a Port of Arlington Commissioner. Then they went up into the Phillipi



Speakers talk to the tour group during stops on "The Ice Age Flood Power to Wind Power" tour. -Contributed Photos

Canyon area for viewing and history re-lived. Lunch, provided by a local deli, was eaten at The Wheatridge in the Nook Winery in their wine tasting and picnic area. The group stopped at a new windmill farm on the Steve Anderson ranch, then viewed the Cedar Springs working cattle ranch with a talk by Mike Yutzie, Manager of the Holzapfel Land & Cattle Co., and a final stop at the Arlington Industrial Park where they were given samples from the Cargill Bakery Mix Facility.

The tour was arranged by the Morrow County Historical Society, principally Louis and Betty Carlson of Heppner, Carol Michael of Boardman, and Don Harkness of the Ice Age Institute in Tri Cities.

Psychology staff receives Learning & Leadership grant

School Psychologists Christine Culverwell and Deirdre Bradley have received a \$5,000 Learning and Leadership grant from the National Education Association to fund monthly meetings of school psychologists to learn about cross-battery assessment practices. Both Culverwell and Bradley are part of the School Psychology and Behavioral Services department at the Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District (UMESD). They received the grant in September.

The funds will be used to support the monthly "working group" process of the school psychology department. The grant will allow Culverwell and Bradley to purchase several new test kits, as well as a number of textbooks, to support their professional development goal this year, which is to better understand and

utilize a cross-battery assessment approach in the identification of learning disabilities. The purpose of this cross-battery approach is to conduct evaluations targeted to the needs of individual students and to provide specific information regarding effective interventions to parents and teachers.

"In our area of rural Oregon, the process for assessing learning disabilities has changed dramatically over the past three to four years," Culverwell said. "Whereas it was once common to give a single intelligence and/or academic assessment, it is now considered best practice to utilize a cross-battery approach that allows the clinician to draw information from a variety of tests depending upon the targeted area of concern. This process provides very

specific information about the types of processing difficulties experienced by a particular student and, equally as important, the student's areas of personal strength."

The importance of precise and targeted assessment has become even more important over the past year as serious budget restrictions have limited the range of services for students with learning problems, Culverwell added.

"In order to make resources stretch further, it is vital that there is a very clear understanding of the child's learning difficulties and, in turn, the interventions most likely to provide the greatest benefit," she said. A team of 20 educators, many of whom are former grantees, carefully reviewed all applications and evaluated each one against a set of criteria.

Funded grants were selected based on the quality of the proposed ideas and their potential for enhancing student achievement. The latest grants were awarded to educators in 29 different states.

Nationwide, the NEA Foundation has awarded 51 grants totaling \$234,000 to support educators' ideas to improve teaching and learning or professional development efforts. Since 1999, the NEA Foundation has funded 59 grants for Oregon educators.

The NEA Foundation funds approximately 150 of its Student Achievement and Learning & Leadership Grants each year. The Foundation awards its grants to educators three times a year. Deadlines for the next review periods are Feb. 1, 2010 and June 1, 2010.

Sheriff's Report

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

July 28: -MCSO issued a citation to Jose Luis Leon, 40, for Violation of the Basic Rule by going 73 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO arrested Steve Clayton Rollis, 36, on a circuit court warrant on a new indictment for sodomy Ix 6/sex abuse Ix

4/incest x2.

-MCSO received a theft complaint with regards to a theft of service from the City of Irrigon. The caller stated that city workers would turn water off at a residence and the subjects would continue to turn the water back on.

-MCSO received a driving complaint regarding a possible DUII.

-MCSO and BPD received a report from an off duty officer who witnessed a male subject assault a female.

-MCSO issued a citation to Justin Michael Cleveland, 29, for Violating the Speed Limit by going 86 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-MCSO was notified that Gervais PD had arrested Seth Grusin on an IJC warrant for Failure to Pay Fine for the charge of Furnishing Alcohol to Minors.

-MCSO issued a citation to Thomas G. Salisbury, 59, for failure to register trailer.

-Irrigon Ambulance received a report of 63 year

old male with a compound fracture to his ankle.

July 29: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report from a deputy that Oregon State Police dispatched a trooper to the Boardman I-84 east-bound rest area concerning a report of a disoriented female.

-MCSO received report of a pickup parked in front of the Heppner store for three days and not staying at the motel.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon caller that a subject needs to re-