

Lady Cards fall to Pilot Rock, beat Riverside

The Ione Lady Cardinals finished their pre-season on a high note, defeating Riverside in Boardman on Thursday, December 30, after dropping a lackluster game to Pilot Rock the day before. The Cards resume a regular practice schedule this week and start Big Sky Conference play in earnest this weekend, with Nixyaawii on the road on Friday and hosting Arlington on Saturday. The team has a 7-4 record to start the new year with a 2-0 record in league play thus far. Only one loss was to a 1A team (Crane) while other losses came from 2A Pilot Rock (twice) and Enterprise.

After playing Pilot Rock close the week before Christmas in a competitive game, the Lady Cardinals hoped to give the Rockets another run for their money. However the things that worked for Ione previously, like foul trouble for the Pilot Rock big girls and the Rockets relying mainly on their inside game, didn't pan out in this game. Two minutes into the game, Pilot Rock hit the first of seven three-pointers. Largely behind the red-hot guard shooting, the Rockets notched a 15-7 second quarter and a 17-10 third quarter to run away with a 52-26 win.

JoAnna Patton and Lacey Thompson led the Lady Cardinals in scoring with seven points each. Beth Morter had six while Stacey Halvorsen scored four and Collette Cason had two.

Before getting off the bus at Riverside the next day, Coach Mike Garrett took a minute to urge his team to break their pattern of showing up for the Riverside game "flat and uninspired." For the first minute of the game, it looked like his pep talk might have done the trick. Lacey Thompson took a nice pass from Mary Rietmann to hit the game's opening bucket 15 seconds in. Riverside returned the favor but JoAnna Patton answered with another bucket to give Ione a 4-2 lead with only 40 seconds gone in the game. But from there, the Pirate guards heated up, hitting everything they put up it seemed. Up 13-8 after one, Riverside scored seven unanswered points to start the second quarter and the Lady Cardinals found themselves in a 12-point hole. Ione finished the second quarter with a 7-2 run and Beth Morter's two free throws with four seconds left in the half put the Cards within seven, 15-22.

At halftime, Coach Garrett told the squad they weren't going to get the entire deficit back at once but if they focused on defense and rebounding, they had a chance. Halfway through the third quarter, the Cards cut the lead to three points and after swapping scores with Riverside, finished the quarter trailing by three, 27-30.

Ione kicked off the fourth quarter with a Collette Cason layin, originating from a JoAnna Patton steal. Moments later, Beth

Mortor went coast-to-coast and hit a little jumper to give the Lady Cardinals their first lead of the game since those opening moments, 31-30. Riverside was in no mood to give up though. The one point lead changed hands twice before the Pirates swished a three to go up 35-33 with 4:23 remaining. The Cardinals put up five unanswered points to regain the lead 38-35 but Riverside answered with two baskets to lead 39-38 with 1:35 left in the game. Clutch free throws down the stretch put the Cards back in the lead. Collette Cason hit a pair with 16 seconds left to put Ione back in the lead 40-39 and Beth Morter iced two more with seven seconds remaining to give the Lady Cardinals some breathing room. Ione forced a Riverside turnover and just needed to get the ball inbound to hang on for the comeback win.

"It was a good second half," said Coach Mike Garrett. "I love the fact that we were attacking and getting to the rim."

Beth Morter led the Cardinals in scoring with 16 points and notched another double-double with 13 feisty rebounds. JoAnna Patton added 13 points. Lacey Thompson had six points and five steals while Collette Cason both had six points and six steals. Mary Rietmann dished out five assists.

"It was a good win to finish the pre-season," commented Coach Garrett.

Every Mustang wrestler brings home win

Every Heppner wrestler won a varsity match last week as the team competed in tournaments at Pomeroy, WA on Wednesday and Imber on Thursday.

In Pomeroy Tim Nelson led the Mustangs winning his first high school tournament championship. Nelson pinned Washington's #4 ranked Saul Fuentes from Kittitas in the semifinals then went on to win the championship by a narrow 5-4 decision.

Jared Lemmon and Andrew Bara won silver medals in their weight classes.

Jarreid Miller finished third at 135 lbs. Miller pinned Washington's #1 ranked wrestler from Pomeroy in a pre-tournament exhibition match the previous night. In the tournament he lost in the semifinals to a Kittitas opponent by a close decision before going on to win the consolation championship.

Shane Miles, Alex Smith, Earl Propheter, Treston Maben, and Jacob Moore also had wins to contribute to Heppner's fifth place finish in the 12 team tournament that included Washington's 2nd, 5th, and 8th ranked teams and Idaho's 10th ranked team.

In Imbler Heppner competed in a non-bracketed round robin tournament with some of the teams the Mustangs will face at the district tournament plus 3A Grant Union.

Treston Maben and

Jarreid Miller each went undefeated on the day winning all three matches they wrestled.

After picking up his first and second high school wins in Pomeroy the day before, freshman Shane Miles added two more wins to finish 2-1 in Imbler and 4-3 for the week.

Other Heppner wrestlers and their win-loss records in Imbler were Jared Lemmon, 2-1, Alex Smith, 0-3, Earl Propheter, 1-2, Wade Matthew, 2-1, Andrew Bara, 1-2, Garrett Gibbs, 1-2, Tim Nelson, 0-3, and Jacob Moore 1-2.

The team next competes in the Riverside Dual Tournament on January 7 and in the Riverside Rumble on January 8.

Heppner teams defeat Pioneers

On December 28 and 29 the Heppner Mustangs hosted a Christmas Tournament with visiting teams from Dufur, Grant Union, and McLoughlin High School.

The Lady Mustangs defeated the McLoughlin Pioneers 35-24 in their first contest of the tournament. Heppner came with a full-court press, effectively shutting down the pioneers 13-0 at the end of the first quarter.

During the second quarter Heppner Coach Mark Dowdy played the entire bench while holding the score in the Mustangs favor 26-0 at the half.

In the second half

Heppner's offense went flat, scoring just two points in the third quarter to the Pioneer's seven. In the fourth quarter the pioneers came alive outscoring Heppner 17 to seven but came up short as Heppner held on for the win.

The men's Mustang basketball team beat the Pioneers 49-36 in their first game of the tourney. Both teams had a full court press during the first quarter. It was a fast-paced game with Heppner shooting three for three from outside and holding a lead 15-11 at the quarter.

It was an even match during the second

quarter with the Pioneers' offense keeping pace with Heppner who kept the lead 24-21 at the half.

In the third quarter the Mustangs ran the lead up to eight with four minutes to go. Cody Orr left the game at 2:36 in the third with three fouls. Foul trouble continued to follow the Mustangs with Justin Pranger picking up his third foul with 54 seconds left in the third quarter. The rest of Heppner's team stepped up and kept the lead of nine through the third quarter. In the end it was an evenly scored quarter with Heppner leading the entire game.

BPOE #358 Most Valuable Student Scholarships awarded

The Heppner Elks Lodge #358 announces the winners of the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest. The Scholarships are awarded each year to well-qualified seniors based on scholarship, leadership, community service, extracurricular activities, financial need and an essay. Locally the lodge was able to award three male and three female scholarships totaling \$2,500. The recipients are: Devin Robinson (\$700), Ian Murray (\$350), Brett Har-

ison (\$200), Beth Morter (\$700), Mary Gates (\$350), and Stefanie Medina (\$200).

Morter's and Robinson's applications were forwarded to the Northeast District contest where they each competed against 10 other students and while they didn't win any extra money they still represented our local communities placing seventh and fifth respectively.

Many outstanding young men and women com-

peted for awards this year. Unfortunately, the committee cannot award scholarships to all of them. The committee appreciates the applicants' work on their brochures and encourages others to apply for the upcoming Elks Legacy Scholarships and Buchanan Memorial Scholarships.

For more information about those scholarships contact scholarship chairman Tim Dickenson at 541-676-8990 or dickensonchiro@centurytel.net.

Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board Annual/Regular meeting to be held

The Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board has scheduled their regular meeting at 10 a.m. with the annual meeting following at 11:45 on Thursday, January 13, at Saint Patrick's Parish hall. The regular meeting agenda includes appointment of associate directors, election of officers, meeting minutes

from December 2010, treasurer's report, written staff report, partnership reports.

Annual meeting agenda items include introduction of directors and staff, 09-10 fiscal year end treasurer's report, review annual report. Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public. The

meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Janet Greenup, 541-676-5452 extension 109.

HHS volleyball team to hold spaghetti feed

The HHS volleyball team will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, January 8, during the HHS basketball games versus Irrigon. Serving will begin at 2 p.m. and the cost will be \$6 a person. The proceeds will be used to help the girls attend team camp in Seaside this August.

Pastor plans Bible study

Pastor Dean Antonucci of the Christian Life Center is offering a Bible study on "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth-To be able to understand and enjoy your Bible". The study began Tuesday, January 4. The studies will be held at 7 p.m. in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining hall.

"2 Timothy 2:15 tells us: 'Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'" said Pastor Antonucci.

The Bible study is free of charge and the whole community is invited to attend.

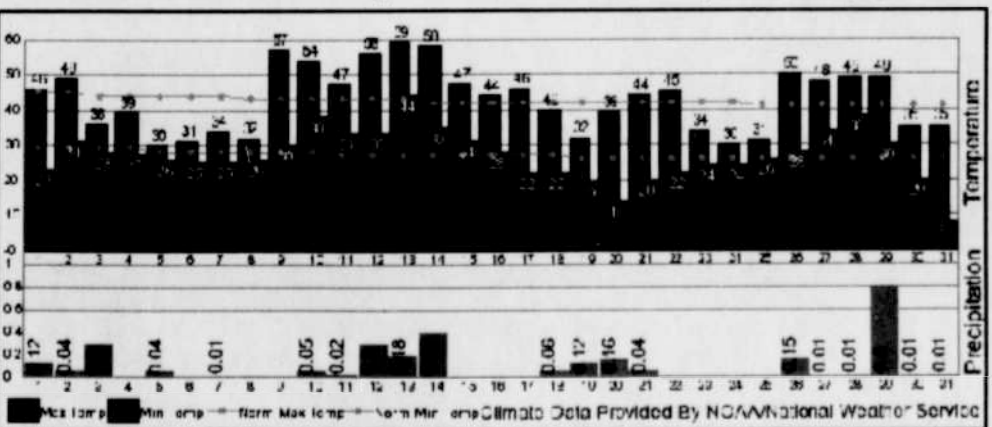
4-H enrollments due Jan. 31

To be eligible to participate in the 2011 Morrow County Fair, held August 17-20, 4-H enrollments must be in by January 31. Make sure to send in the three forms with your enrollment fee: Member Enrollment Form, Health Form, and 4-H Code of Conduct.

Enrollment forms can be found online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/morrow/welcome-morrow-county-4-h>, or call the office to have copies mailed. The enrollment fees are \$15 per member state fee plus \$5 per member county fee. There is a family cap on the state fee of \$30 per family, but there will still be a \$5 per member fee for county.

For more information regarding enrollment or 4-H, contact Claire Sponseller at the 4-H office, (541) 676-9642.

NOAA issues monthly climate summary for Heppner



According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged slightly warmer than normal during the month of December.

The average temperature was 34.8 degrees which was 0.5 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 42.8 degrees, which was 0.8 degrees above normal. The highest was 59 degrees on the 13th. Low temperatures averaged 26.9 degrees, which was 0.2 degrees above normal. The lowest was eight degrees, on the 31st.

There were 24 days with the low temperature

below 32 degrees. There were four days when the high temperature stayed below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 2.82 inches during December, which was 1.49 inches above normal. Measurable precipitation -at least .01 inch- was received on 20 days with the heaviest, 0.80 inches reported on the 29th.

Precipitation in 2010 totaled 17.17 inches, which is 3.66 inches above normal. Since October, the water year precipitation in Heppner has been 5.92 inches, which is 2.13 inches above normal.

Snowfall totaled 5.8 inches with at least one inch of snow reported

on two days. The heaviest snowfall was 2.5 inches reported on the 20th. The greatest depth of snow on the ground was four inches on the 20th.

The outlook for January from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near normal temperatures and near normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during January are 42.3 degrees and normal lows are 26.4 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 1.46 inches.

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