

# Lady Cards notch two more league wins

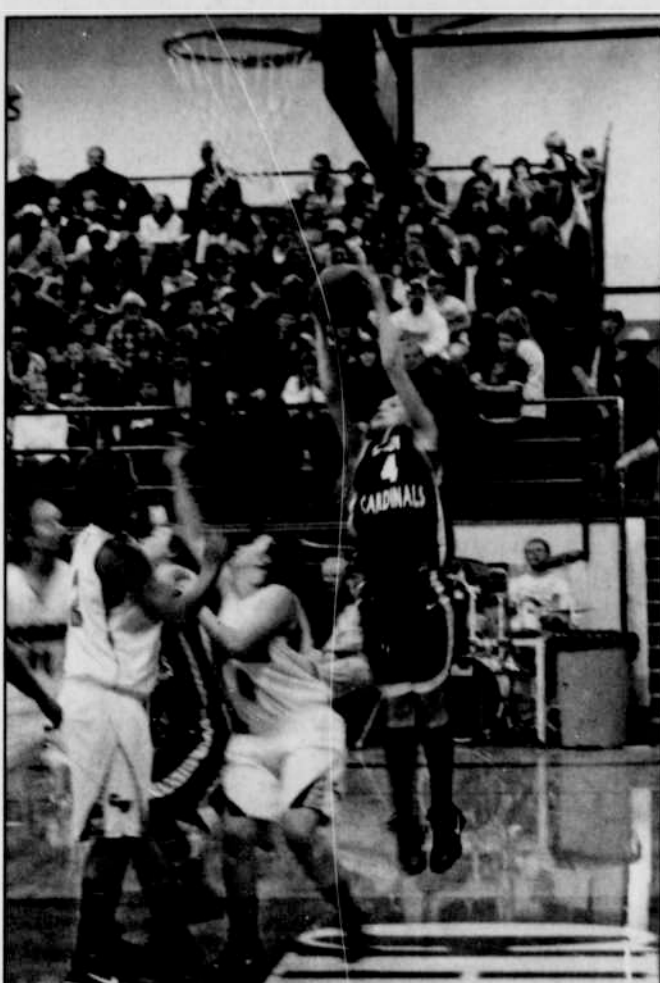
The lone Lady Cardinals continued their winning ways this past week, notching two league wins as well as getting past a non-conference opponent. The Cards now hold a 5-0 record in the Big Sky, 11-4 overall.

Easily the biggest win of the week happened on Friday, January 14 when the Lady Cardinals traveled to Condon for a battle with previously undefeated Condon/Wheeler. The Lady Knights were perched high in the OSAA rankings but after Ione's victory over Nixyaawii the previous week, almost everyone knew it could be a show-down.

The Ione girls came ready to play. They led for most of the first quarter until a C/W bucket at the buzzer put the Knights up 13-12. The second quarter saw six lead changes and three ties but the Knights swished four free throws in the last 1:22 to hold a 27-25 lead at halftime. JoAnna Patton had six points in the quarter and Stacey Halvorsen canned a much-needed three pointer midway through.

The halftime pep talk worked like a charm as Ione put up 10 unanswered points in the first three minutes of the third. Beth Morter had six points in the period that saw five Cardinals score. Not only was the offense clicking but the defense also did their job, holding the Knights to just four points. At the end of three, the Lady Cards led by ten, 41-31.

Ione scored first in the final frame when Lacey Thompson fed a nice little pass to Collette Cason. The



Lacey Thompson puts up a shot against Condon/Wheeler. -Photo by Paula Emmel

end result was the biggest lead of the day 43-31. But C/W came back with two free throws and two three pointers in the span of 40 seconds. Ione kept up their offensive output though. Between the C/W three pointers, Shadow Kendrick drove to the basket for a score. Then Beth Morter canned a jumper on an inbounds play keeping the lead at eight points. With 3:12 remaining in the game, the Knights closed to five points after stealing the ball and hitting the lay in. The Lady Cards kept their cool and held a 6-8 point lead for the remainder of the game. Free throws sealed the deal for the Cards as

they got only 10 attempts from the free throw line but made eight, all in the last three minutes of the game. The Knights made one last shot with eight seconds remaining to make the final score 55-49 in favor of the Cardinals.

"This was a hard fought game between two very good teams," said Coach Mike Garrett. "Both teams play an up-tempo game and tough defense. We came out in the third quarter and played very good man-to-man team defense and that was the difference in the game."

Beth Morter led the Cardinal scoring with 18 points. Also in double figures was JoAnna Patton with 12 and Shadow Kendrick with 11. Rounding out the scoring was Collette Cason with six, Stacey Halvorsen with five, Lacey Thompson with two and Mary Rietmann with one.

JoAnna Patton led the team with nine rebounds but also had four assists and three steals. Beth Morter had six rebounds and four steals while Collette Cason had six rebounds and four steals. Shadow Kendrick dished out a team-leading five assists. "We won the battle on the boards and this was one of our keys to the game that we worked on all week. I felt the kids handled the pressure of playing in a big game very well and we look forward to playing

them again."

In the other games during the week, the Lady Cardinals downed Irrigon in non-conference action 60-43 on Tuesday, January 11. Ione opened up a 19-2 first quarter lead and was up 49-21 at the end of three, coasting home for the final score. Shadow Kendrick led all scorers with 24 points. JoAnna Patton had 18 and Collette Cason scored 10.

JoAnna Patton led the rebounding effort with 12 boards and also had five steals. Shadow Kendrick had five rebounds and seven assists while Collette Cason had six rebounds, four assists and eight steals.

"We had great defensive pressure in the first quarter," said Coach Garrett. "We also moved the ball well in transition and took advantage of many fast break opportunities."

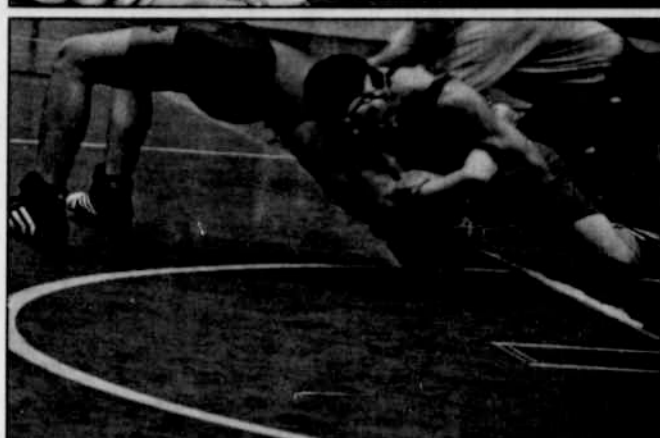
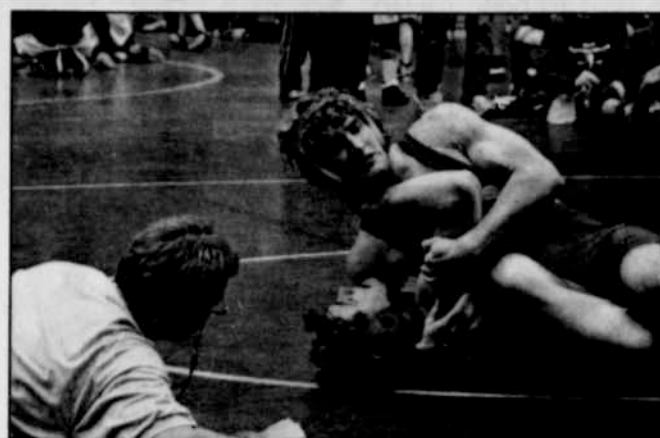
By the time Saturday rolled around, the Lady Cardinals were looking a little weary from their big win over Condon/Wheeler the night before. The visiting Sherman County Huskies gave them everything they could handle in the first half and the game was tied at 19 going to the half. Sherman didn't let the Cards get away in the third quarter either. Ione scored six unanswered points to start the quarter but the Huskies chipped away at the lead, ending the quarter trailing by just two, 27-25. The Cardinals finally shook the visitors loose in the fourth quarter, outscoring them 10-1 for the final score of 37-26.

JoAnna Patton was the lead scorer with 15. Beth Morter added 11, Shadow Kendrick had seven while Collette Cason and Lacey Thompson each had two. Beth Morter tallied 13 boards, five assists and six steals. JoAnna Patton had eight rebounds, two steals and a block. Shadow Kendrick had five boards and five steals.

"In the first half they made their shots and we didn't. We made a few adjustments defensively at half time and the team responded well. Holding a team like Sherman County to one point in the fourth quarter tells a lot about the character of this team," said Coach Garrett. "We were tired from the game against Condon the night before but we couldn't use that as an excuse. If we plan on make it into the district tournament we will have to be able to play back to back games at a high level."

"This was a very good weekend for our team."

# Mustang wrestlers compete at Oregon Classic



Pictured top photo to bottom photo: Andrew Bara, Earl Prophter, and Treston Maben work to pin their opponents during the recent Oregon Wrestling Classic in Redmond. -Contributed Photo

The Heppner Wrestling team competed in the Oregon Wrestling Classic in Redmond on January 14 and 15. The Oregon Classic is the largest tournament in Oregon and one of the largest team tournaments in the nation. About 3,000 wrestlers competed from age five through high school, including a girls' tournament with around 100 female participants. Approximately 100 high school teams entered into the 2011 Oregon Classic. The Classic essentially functions as the Oregon dual state championships.

In the 2A side of the tournament, teams started in pods of four teams where they compete in round robin duals. The top two teams from each pod advance to the Oregon Classic championship tournament. The Mustangs' pod included Culver, Monroe, Neah Kah Nie, and Heppner.

Heppner faced Monroe in the first round. The Mustangs matched up well against the Dragons winning seven of the nine matches wrestled in the dual and finishing with a score 52-18.

In the second dual the shorthanded Mustangs

could not overcome 18 points in forfeits against Neah Kah Nie. Heppner was down by just one point with two matches remaining. Rather than take a likely win and give up a forfeit in the next two matches and end the dual losing by one point, the Mustangs shuffled the line up in a long shot gamble to try to steal the win. The match ups were not favorable to the young Mustangs and Heppner could not pull it off. Despite winning six of the ten matches wrestled, Heppner fell by the score of 33-46. A win would have given Heppner a guaranteed second place finish in its pod and a berth to the Classic championship round.

Next the Mustangs faced the reigning state champion and eventual tournament champion Culver. Giving up 24 points in forfeits against an already best-in-state Culver line up, Heppner lost 15-63. The Mustangs' best showing came from Jarreid Miller at 130 lbs, who faced a returning state finalist and currently #2 ranked wrestler. Miller won the match 7-3 after starting with a five point takedown and near fall combination in the first round.

With one win and two losses in pod competition, Heppner competed in a consolation dual Saturday afternoon against Scio. The Mustangs competed well but fell short 30-45.

Two wrestlers, Jarreid Miller and Earl Prophter went undefeated in the tournament with 4-0 records. Jared Lemmon was 3-1. Shane Miles, Alex Smith, Treston Maben, Wade Matthew, Clayton Cook, Andrew Bara, and Jacob Moore also all won matches and scored team points for the Mustangs.

## Community Lunch Menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, January 26, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include shepherd's pie, spiced pears, garlic bread, and brownies. Menu is subject to change.

# Ione boys' varsity team takes win over Irrigon



Senior Marco Juarez drives to the hole during boy's varsity 72-51 win over Irrigon. -Photo by Paula Emmel



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We would like to share last year's operation information:

*Calender Year 2010*

*We Met These Needs Within the Community*

Emergency Item of Assistance	Individuals Assisted -
Bedding	59
Clothing	214
Food 9,117 lbs	221
Housing	5
(electricity, heating, rent and water/sewer)	50
Kitchen Appliances/Utensils	129
Medical Aids	3
Conference Space at no charge	393
Gathering, packaging and distributing	
Christmas food boxes and gifts 93 boxes	160
Kids Christmas "shopping"	35

*We Received From the Community*

Food donations collected	3,691 pounds
Clothing donations received	valued at \$14,184.65
Volunteer man hours contributed	974 hours valued at \$19,967.00

*We Received Financial Assistance From:*

Private Donations	Community Churches
Memorial Contributions	Organizations
Morrow County	EF & SG (FEMA)
PGE	Community Bank
Wildhorse Foundation	United Way

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