

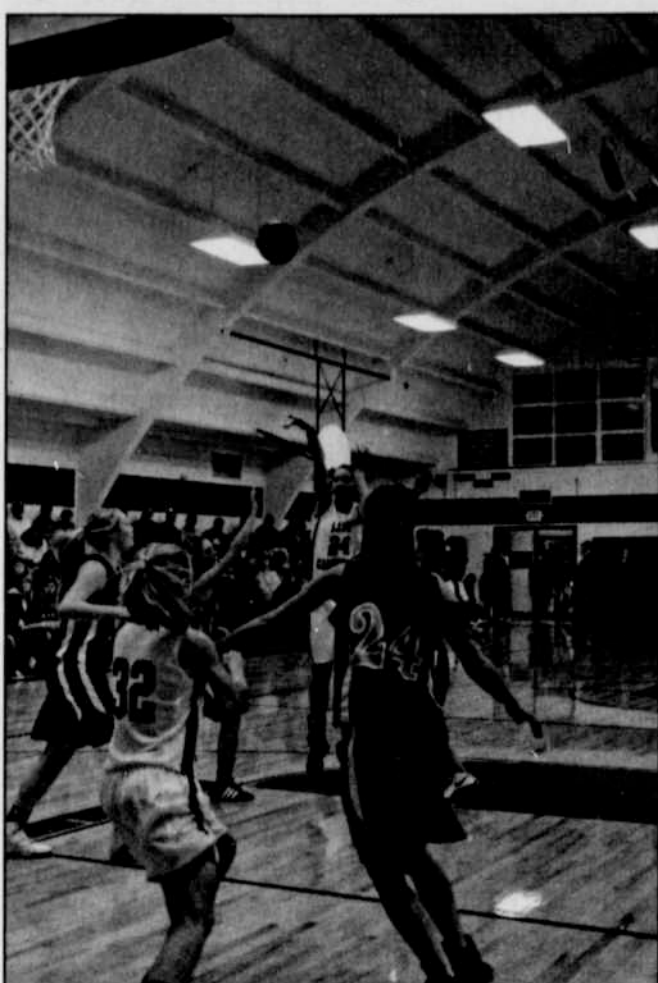
Lady Cards split weekend games

The lone Lady Cardinals split their games last week, winning in a runaway on Tuesday against Arlington and losing a heart-breaker to Echo on Friday. The Cardinals remain tied for first in the Big Sky East with a league mark of 6-1.

On Friday, January 21, the Cards hosted Echo in a crucial Big Sky Conference match. Although Echo has three league losses, (to Condon/Wheeler, Dufur and Nixyaawii the night before) they are also the only team to defeat Imbler in 50 some games. From the get-go, the Lady Cardinals looked a little off kilter while Echo set the tone for the game in the first quarter by canning two of what would be seven three-pointers. After one quarter of play, the visitors led 11-10. In the second quarter, Ione ran off six unanswered points to build an 18-13 lead but the Cougars hit another three to halve the lead. The halftime score stood at 18-16 in favor of the Cardinals.

The third quarter has typically been where the Lady Cards catch their second wind and get rejuvenated. However, in this game, Echo caught fire instead, scorching the nets for four three pointers. Ione did not score a field goal until the last minute when Beth Morter hit a jumper and followed up 30 seconds later with a baseline three. After trailing by as much as 13 points, the late scoring gave the Cards some hope. Entering the final frame, the score stood at Echo 32-Ione 24.

Lacey Thompson started off the fourth quarter with back-to-back buckets, the second coming with a free throw, which she canned. JoAnna Patton put back an offensive board and followed with another basket shortly afterwards assisted by Beth Morter, who also assisted on both Thompson buckets. This 9-3 offensive spurt put the Cards back in the game, trailing 33-35 with 3:26 to go. Echo pushed the lead back to six and kept it there until Beth Morter was fouled on a three point attempt with 1:15 remaining. She hit two of three to pull back within four. Echo looked in control and took two trips to the free throw line in the next 40 seconds, making three of four. With 35.8 seconds showing on the clock, Echo led by what looked to be an insurmountable seven points. JoAnna



Joanna Patton shoots over Echo for two points. -Photo by Paula Emmel

Patton's little shot with 25 seconds cut the lead to five, 39-44. The Cards forced an Echo turnover under the Cardinal basket and with 13.9 seconds to go, senior Beth Morter knocked down a huge baseline three on the inbounds play. The score stood at 44-42 Echo. When Echo tried to inbound the ball again, defensive pressure rattled them and they tossed the ball into the waiting hands of JoAnna Patton, who in turn passed it to Beth Morter who banked in a little jumper from the right of the key. Now with 6.1 seconds left, the Cardinals who just 29 seconds before were behind by seven points, found themselves in a tie ball game. Echo inbounded the ball and sped to the other end of the court, dished the pass, and broke the Cardinals hearts when the ball dropped in the hoop at the buzzer. Final score Echo 46-Ione 44.

Beth Morter led the Cardinal scoring with 17 points, nine of those in the fourth quarter. She also had eight rebounds and five assists. JoAnna Patton had nine points while Lacey Thompson and Shadow Kendrick each had six. Lacey Thompson had six rebounds, five steals and three blocked shots. Collette Cason and Makenna Ramos each had two points.

"This was a physical game against a very good team. Echo was really hitting their shots and we

were having a hard time identifying their shooters," said a disappointed Coach Mike Garrett. "It was one of those games where the ball just wouldn't bounce in our favor."

"I was proud of the fight the girls showed in the last two minutes. I am looking forward to playing them again in a couple of weeks."

Earlier in the week, the Cardinals put away an easy win against Arlington 54-31. Stacey Halvorsen had the hot hand that night, hitting four three pointers and leading all scorers with 18 points. The Cards cruised out to a 18-3 first quarter lead, largely on steals and fast break opportunities. Ione led 39-7 at the half and cleared the bench in the second half for the final margin of victory.

"We really came out to play in this game. We applied a lot of defensive pressure and we were able to go into halftime with a comfortable lead," said Coach Mike Garrett. "This allowed many players a chance to play in this game and that will only strengthen our team down the road."

Behind Stacey Halvorsen's 18 points, Collette Cason scored 11 followed by Beth Morter with nine, Shadow Kendrick and Makenna Ramos with six each and Lacey Thompson and Mary Rietmann with two each.

Community Lunch Menu

Elohim Covenant members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, February 2, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include taco salad with beef, refried beans, lettuce, tomatoes and onions, spiced pears, tortillas, and chocolate pudding. Menu is subject to change.

Annual Oregon Wheat Commission Research Review to be held

The annual Oregon Wheat Commission Research Review will be held on Thursday, February 3, at 10 a.m. at the Umatilla County Extension in Pendleton. The presentations will be telecast via polycom to all state extension offices. Growers are welcome to attend the program at your local extension office.

DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office has released the following report:

-Thomas Souza, 34, was convicted of Violation of Wildlife Laws w/Culpable Mental State, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to one year hunting license suspension, 180 days incarceration with 180 days suspended, 24 months bench probation, other conditions, and pay \$1,348 in fines, fees, and assessments.

Ione JV boys lose to Echo

With three Ione JV boys out sick, the team lost an exciting, close game with outstanding performances on both sides. Ione had the score tied up (49 all) with just 58.3 seconds left to play. In the final seconds, Echo scored, bringing the final score to 49-52. Coach Swanson stated, "They played a great game, just ran out of steam during the last minute. They had the lead at 49-48, yet couldn't hang on. Overall, this was a good learning experience."

Junior Kaleb Dumler lead the team with an "all around" performance of 20 points, four assists, four steals, four rebounds and three blocks. Sophomore Kirk Hague-wood played an awesome game with double-digit scoring and rebounding efforts. Haguewood had 11 points, three assists, 12 rebounds, and five steals. Freshman Skyler Kendrick added six points and six rebounds, making his coach proud. Coach said, "He needed those six rebounds." Freshman Bailey Hague-wood worked well with his brother, Kirk, adding four more points and four rebounds of his own. Freshman Gus Peterson gave four more points and three assists, with three rebounds



Kirk Haguewood puts up a lay-in against Echo on January 21. -Photo by Paula Emmel

to his team. Freshman Joel Stillman made two points and three steals. And Junior Trent Cannon played well defensively and made shooting a basket look easy with a relaxed shot for two more points for his team.

Despite losing,

the Cardinal fans gave a standing ovation, showing approval for playing with heart and spirit. Without their leader Luke Emmel and teammates, Jason Thompson and Kaid Peck, the athletes showed up with "game-winning" effort.

Elks Hoop Shoot winners announced



Picture are: Top row (L-R) Corey Sweeney, Caitlynn Bailey, Kaelyn Lindsay, Faith Jones, Wyatt Steagall, Alex Lindsay, and Patrick Collins; middle row (L to R) Leah Stone, Sophie Grant, Kacie Gray, Jacee Currin, and Dakota Howard; and bottom row (L to R) Alison Cecil, Madelyn Nichols, Drew Coe, Hunter Nichols, and Keegan Gibbs. -Contributed Photo

On December 17, the Heppner Elks Lodge held their annual Hoop Shoot competition.

The competition was held at the Heppner Elementary school gym where 30 kids ages 8-13 took 25 free throw attempts and the one with the most in their category was awarded first place. Trophies and basketballs were given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category. The first place champions are now eligible to compete in the district competition

HHS community drama group to present musical dinner theatre

Heppner High School's community drama group will present Pirate Island, a musical dinner theatre, set for the end of April.

On January 29 in Hermiston. Coordinator, Corey Sweeney appreciates all the kids that participated and the volunteers that helped including Scott Coe, Russ Nichols, Amy Kollman, Kristen Marshall, Anna Conklin, Jay Gibbs and Mike Doherty.

The winners are as follows:

-Boys ages 12-13: 1st place, Patrick Collins.

-Boys ages 10-11: 1st place, Dakota Howard; 2nd place, Alex Lindsay; and

3rd place, Wyatt Steagall.

-Boys ages 8-9: 1st place, Keegan Gibbs; 2nd place, Hunter Nichols; and 3rd place, Drew Coe.

-Girls ages 12-13: 1st place, Caitlynn Bailey; 2nd place, Kaelyn Lindsay; and 3rd place, Faith Jones.

-Girls ages 10-11: 1st place, Kacie Gray; 2nd place, Jacee Currin; and 3rd place, Sophie Grant.

-Girls ages 8-9: 1st place, Leah Stone; 2nd place, Alison Cecil; and 3rd place, Madelyn Nichols.

HHS math students of the semester announced



Pictured from left to right are Math Students of the Semester Earl Propheter, Micha Hintz, Joe Schmidt, Sam Woodall, Maddie Lindsey, Romana Pafkova, Megan Zhu, Tessa Gould, and Maggie Collins. -Contributed Photo

Heppner High School math teacher Troy Morgan recently announced the students of the semester for his math classes. They are:

Algebra 1 - Maddie Lindsay and Joe Schmidt

Geometry - Sam Woodall, Tessa Gould, and Micha Hintz

Algebra 2 - Maggie Collins, Romana Pafkova, Earl Propheter, and Megan Zhu

HHS girls' basketball team to hold taco feed

The Heppner High School girls' basketball team will hold a taco feed on Saturday, January 29, from 2:30-7:30 p.m. The meal is \$5 and will include tacos, dessert, and a drink.

Heppner schools receive music program donation



Jan Stroeber and Doreen Enz, representing the United Methodist Church and "Christmas Is", a Heppner community musical Christmas program, presented \$750 to Heppner music teachers Joe Lindsay and Michelle Stone to enhance the Heppner schools' music program. -Photo by April Sykes

The group has positions open for an adult man, adult woman, and various children's positions. The group is currently accepting donations for a rummage

sale in February.

For more information contact Jodi at 541-676-8022 or stop by Sweet Productions Ice Cream Parlor.