

Ione announces 1st quarter honor roll

The following students received a 4.0 GPA for the first quarter of the 2011-2012 school year at Ione Community School:

Ally Haguewood, Rachel Holland, Ann Rietmann, Oskar Peterson, Charlette Burghard, Bailey Haguewood, Emily Holland, Gus Peterson, Julianne Carlson, Evan Rietmann, Kaytee Burghard, Steven Holland, Rebecca Jepsen, Zac Orem and Makenna Ramos.

The following Ione Community School students have earned honor roll status (3.5 - 3.99 GPA) for the first quarter:

Katelyn Bass, Hannah Padberg, Babali Peterson, Yaneri Calvillo, Austin Carter, Josh Stillman, Jason Juarez, Jessie Flynn, Jorge Aguilar, Joe Doherty, Lauren Garrett, Daniel Holtz, Jaqueline Juarez, Joel Stillman, Stacey Halvorsen,

Shadow Kendrick, Lacey Thompson, Shannon Metcalfe, JoAnna Patton, Jordan Peterson, Mary Rietmann, Christine Raible, Trent Cannon, Micah Stillman, Tashina Rushlow and Adam Collin.

The following students have earned honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA) for the first quarter at Ione Community School:

Karsen Dumler, Daniel Doherty, Hannah Flynn, Jared Snyder, Yaniva Garcia, Shayla Looslie, Jenna Taylor, Brendan Thompson, TJ Patton, Lucas Jobs, Dustin Lutz, Tim Emmel, Stewert Syverson, Tanner Bass, Kirk Haguewood, Jeremy Coleman, Dominika Senkerikova, Yezmin Verduzco, Omar Juarez-Mancilla, Nereida Calvillo, Kaleb Dumler, McLanie Eldridge, Mason Haguewood and Mary McElligott.

High school plans fall drama

The Heppner High School Drama Club is staging "Where There's a Will There's a Murder." The play will be presented at the high school on Wednesday, November 16, Thursday, November 17 and Monday, November 21 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 19 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 each or \$3 for students. They are available in advance at Murray's Drug or from drama students, and can also be purchased at the door. For more information, call 541-676-9138.

HHS math to hold fundraiser

The Heppner High School math department will be holding a Mathathon fundraiser for Doernbecher Children's Hospital November 17 through December 15.

Talk to any Jr./Sr. high math student to find out more, or call Troy Morgan at the high school for details.

Shared Ministry offers families the gift of food

The Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church is offering a gift of food for those who could use a little help feeding their families this season.

Members of the community are invited to pick up a box filled with canned and fresh food this

Sunday, November 20 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the All Saints Episcopal Church parking lot on the corner of Church and Gale, right behind the Neighborhood Center. Delivery is available for the home-bound by calling the church office at 541-676-9970.

In the hope that this food will reach families not

otherwise entitled to assistance, there are no strings attached and no questions will be asked. This gift is made possible through the generosity of church members and many others in the community who contributed food and funds, as an expression of gratitude for our many blessings.

The Ione Lady Cardinals put the icing on a perfect season by taking home the state champion trophy from last weekend's OSAA State Volleyball Tournament held at Pacific University in Forest Grove. The Ione team finished the season with 32 wins and no losses. The Cards treated their loyal and supportive fans to some first-class volleyball as the tournament unfolded and provided tournament-goers a dandy five-game victory over Powder Valley for the championship.

"It hasn't completely sunk in yet" said Coach Dawn Eynetich. "I have the trophy sitting here on my counter. I just look at it and think 'wow.'"

The march to the title began Friday afternoon with a match against Adrian, the number one team from the High Desert League. After a few jittery mistakes, the Cards settled in to win game one 25-13. Adrian picked it up a notch in game two and led for most of the game until Ione tied it up at 20. Collette Cason put a kill down off a free ball and followed up with another kill to put Ione ahead. Shadow Kendrick took over serving with the Cards down 18-20 and held the serve all the way to game point, including one key ace. Adrian got the serve back but Dominika Senkerikova killed the 25th point to preserve the 25-21 win. Senkerikova started out game three with four of her game high six aces to give the Cardinals the early lead but Adrian never gave up, coming from be-

hind to steal the 25-20 win in that game and forcing game four.

"In game three, we got lazy and out of sorts," said Eynetich. "We came out expecting to win and just couldn't get it back."

Adrian held the momentum in the early going of game four until Mary Rietmann took over serving with Ione down 5-7. Three aces out of six serves put the Cardinals up for good as they took the final game 25-15 to win the match.

Dominika Senkerikova had 13 kills and JoAnna Patton had nine in the match.

The win set up an 8:30 p.m. match with Hosanna Christian of Klamath Falls. Hosanna upset St. Paul in the quarterfinals. Hosanna played tough in game one, leading most of the game. The score was tied at 7-7 and not again until 20-20. With JoAnna Patton at the service line, the Cards got three kills from Dominika Senkerikova, a kill from Shadow Kendrick and an ace from JoAnna Patton to pull away with the 25-21 win. That victory took all the wind out of Hosanna's sails and the Cardinals cruised in the next two games 25-9, 25-16 to advance to the championship match. JoAnna Patton had 10 kills and two blocks in the game. Dominika Senkerikova had eight kills and two aces.

"We came out and played really well, and they didn't," noted Eynetich. "We were thoroughly confident going into the 8:30 match. After playing in so

many tournaments with late games, the girls are used to playing late in the evening. We played really strong."

A huge contingent of fans from all of south Morrow County filled the stands for the championship match. Anyone who had watched Powder Valley during the tourney knew that they matched up well with Ione and that the match had the possibilities of a first-class showdown.

"We went into the game with the mentality that we were going to enjoy the moment," said Eynetich. "It was our goal (going into the tournament) to place higher than last year and, no matter what happened, we were going to accomplish that."

Game one was tight despite North Powder's setter struggling with a repeated two-hit call, a call that plagued almost all of the teams at the tournament. Powder trailed most of the game but tied it up at 19. Strong hitting from the Lady Cardinals propelled them to the 25-21 win. Even with the close score, it seemed that the Cards were in control and the possibility of a straight set win was possible.

In game two, Ione was up 18-13 and seemingly had the game in hand before the momentum noticeably swung the Badgers' way. Powder stepped up their hitting and took advantage of Cardinal mistakes to tie the game at 22 and sail on to win the match 25-23.

In game three, the Badgers tied the game six times in the early going

but never led. Behind some powerful hitting from JoAnna Patton, the Lady Cardinals took the 25-16 lead.

The Badgers came out determined in game four and led wire-to-wire to win 25-16, forcing the game five tie-breaker.

"I could be wrong but after the win in game three, the possibility of winning state suddenly became very real for the girls, and I think they went a little sideways," said Eynetich.

"I told the girls we needed a quick start" said Eynetich of the deciding game to 15. "I told them we needed to come out with a big kill."

JoAnna Patton delivered a ferocious kill on the first point to set the stage. Dominika Senkerikova followed with an ace and the Cards jumped out to an early lead, helped along by North Powder's passing miscues. The Badgers tied the game at 9-9 but Ione answered with a kill from Senkerikova along with a tip and two kills from Patton to take a commanding 14-9 lead. After a big block from Powder, JoAnna Patton perfectly tipped the ball into a gaping hole on the other side of the floor to seal the game, match, state championship and perfect season.

JoAnna Patton notched 19 kills in the match along with seven tips, four blocks and two aces. Dominika Senkerikova added 11 kills. Makenna Ramos had 42 assists.

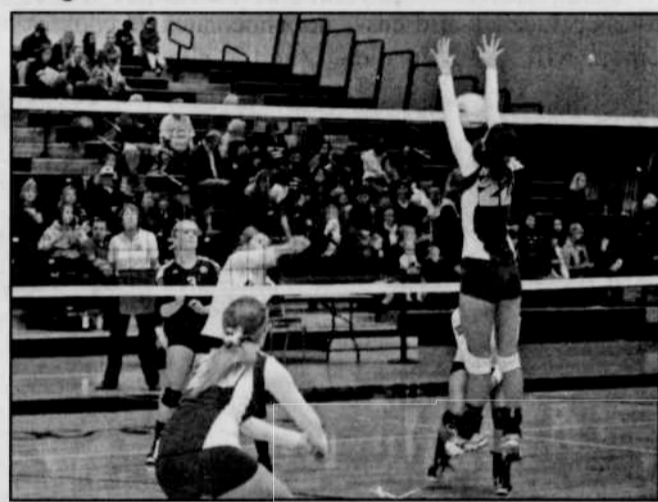
The Cardinals celebrated their first state championship since 1999.

Mustangs bring home 5th place trophy

The Heppner Mustang volleyball team (19-11) played in the first contest to begin the 2A OSAA state championship playoffs at Pacific University in Forest Grove last weekend. They faced the North Douglas Warriors from the Mountain View Conference (MVC), who finished second in their own league with a 19-5 record.

It took the Mustangs five sets to defeat the Warriors and advance to the semi-finals. There, they played their second game against the number-one ranked team in the tournament and MVC champions, the Days Creek Wolves (24-2). The Mustangs couldn't quite get their offense started, and fell to the Wolves in three sets. Days Creek went on to win the 2A state title. The Mustangs knew they needed to bounce back to be contenders for third place. They learned who they would be facing in that contest when the Reedsport Braves were defeated by Portland Christian Royals.

The Reedsport Braves (22-4), ranked second in the state and Special District 1 champions, were a good team. BMC cham-



Carrie Haguewood (22) and Maddie Lindsay (20) defend the net during state championship playoffs. -Photo by Zech Hintz

pions, the Mustangs, knew going in that this would be a tough game. They would need all their weapons on the floor and would need to know how to use them.

The first set went to the Braves 25-22 as each team examined the other for weaknesses. The second set showed the determination of the Mustangs as they battled back and forth with the Braves' hard spikes and low digs. The Mustangs put forward their best effort and, with a run at the end of the set, won 25-22.

In the third set, the Braves' big hitters started hitting their marks, enabling the Reedsport team to take

the set 25-16. On the edge of elimination in the fourth set, the Mustangs dug in and played some of their best volleyball of the year. At the end of the set, Heppner was up 24-23. With momentum going their way from five points in a row, though, the Braves regained the serve and downed the Mustangs 26-24 in the final set, ending their season at 20-13.

It was a great season from the Mustang volleyball team. They should be proud of themselves; their run into the district playoffs and on into the state tournament made it a season to remember.

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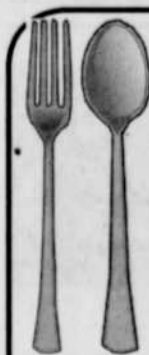
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