

Ione wins show team's true colors



Top: Senior Zac Orem makes a shot during the Ione v. Nixyaawii game last Friday. Bottom: Junior Evan Rietmann shoots while Kirk Haguewood keeps Nixyaawii players busy. -Photos by Paula Emmel

The Cardinal basketball team stepped up and took down two opponents during league games last weekend.

The Ione men first faced off against Nixyaawii on Friday; they won the game 85 to 54. Senior Zac Orem tied for lead scorer with Lucas Jobses, a sophomore, with 23 points each. Steven Holland was also in double digits with 16 points. Kirk Haguewood and Kaleb Dumler added six points each. Evan Rietmann scored five; Joel Stillman, four, and Bailey Haguewood, two.

Ione then won by a staggering 72-35 in their game against Arlington last Saturday.

Zac Orem led scoring with 17 points, while Steven Holland did a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Lucas Jobses dealt seven points and seven assists. Evan Rietmann scored 12; Kirk Haguewood, 11; Kaleb Dumler, seven; Adam Collin, four and Bailey Haguewood, two.

Heppner students on EWU dean's list

Two Heppner students have been named to the Eastern Washington University dean's list for the fall 2011 quarter.

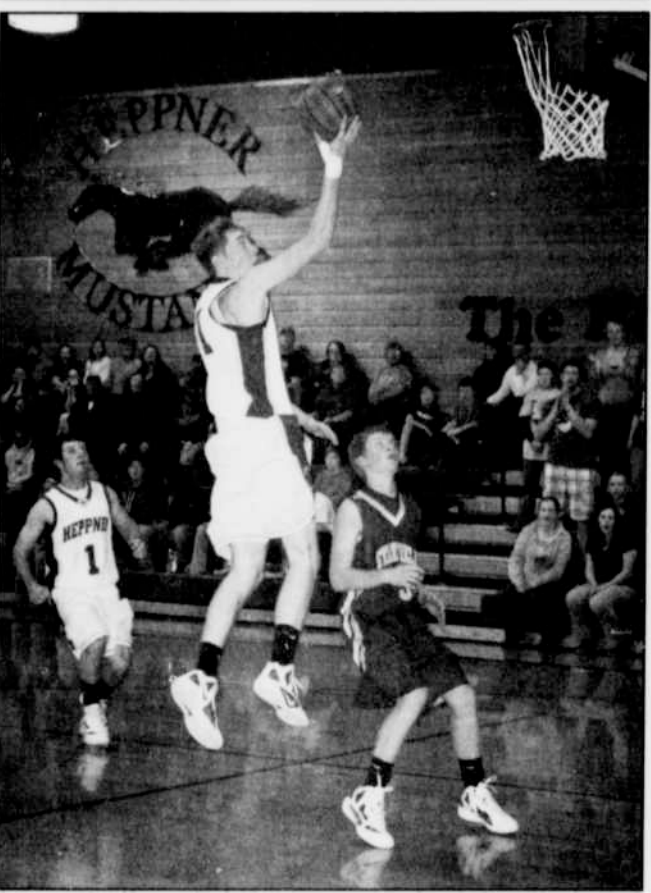
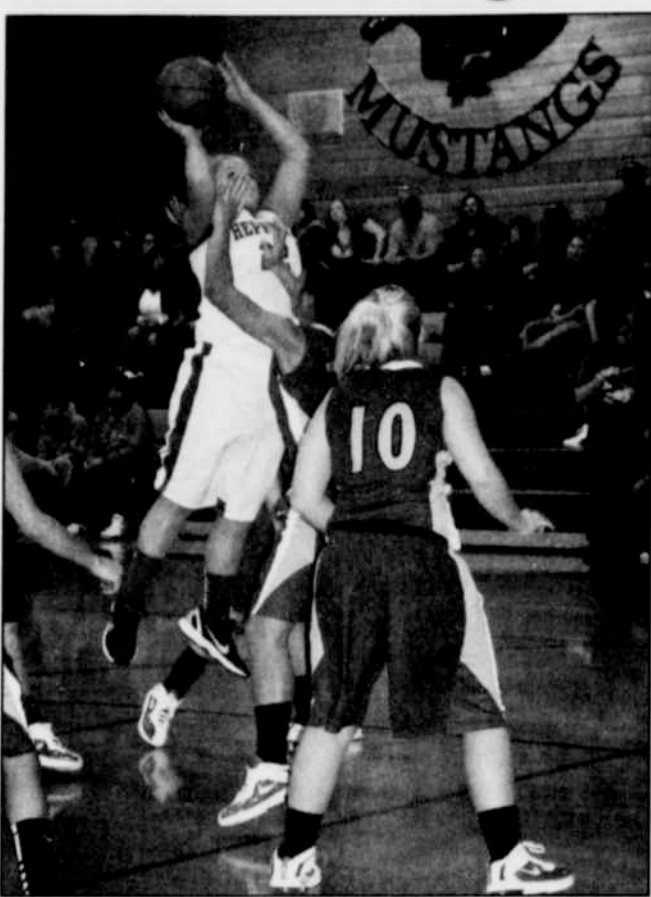
Students Jordan Lemmon and Krystal Seitz each earned 12 quality hours and received a GPA of 3.5 or better in order to be placed on the EWU dean's list.

Celtic duo performs in Hermiston

Men of Worth, a Celtic duo, will perform at the Hermiston High School Performing Arts Center on Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$9 for students.

"Men of Worth" formed in 1986, when Scotsman Donnie Macdonald and Irishman James Keigher came together to perform Irish and Scottish folk music.

Mustangs kill Prep, fall short in league



Top: Bailey Bennett (22) led the Mustangs with a game high of 12 points in their 39-38 loss against the Stanfield Tigers. Bottom: Justin Pranger (11) goes up for the shot in the Mustangs' Friday night game against Stanfield. The Mustangs lost 52-50. -Photos by Sandy Matthews

Both varsity Mustang basketball teams picked up victories against the Tri-Cities Prep teams January 3, but then fell short in Blue Mountain Conference (BMC) play following the holiday break.

The Mustangs hosted Tri-Cities Prep on January 3. The girls' varsity team led the entire game and defeated Prep 42-37. A late surge by Prep made the contest interesting when they hit a three-point shot with two minutes left in the fourth quarter to make the score 36-35. The Mustangs ladies looked polished in the win, poised to begin conference play over the weekend.

The varsity boys pulled together for a late win against the Prep 54-52. With Tri-Cities leading 31-19 at halftime, the Mustangs began to pick up intensity in the third quarter. Down by 13 points at the beginning of the fourth, the Mustangs went on a scoring run to even the contest 45-45 with 3:30 left on the clock. The final minutes were Heppner's best efforts thus far this season.

With four ties and not more than two points in favor for either team, the Mustangs pulled out a come-from-behind win.

The teams next faced Stanfield in league home games Friday night.

The Tigers from Stanfield edged out a win over the girls 39-38. The Mustangs' failure to score effectively in the first quarter caught up to them at the end of the game.

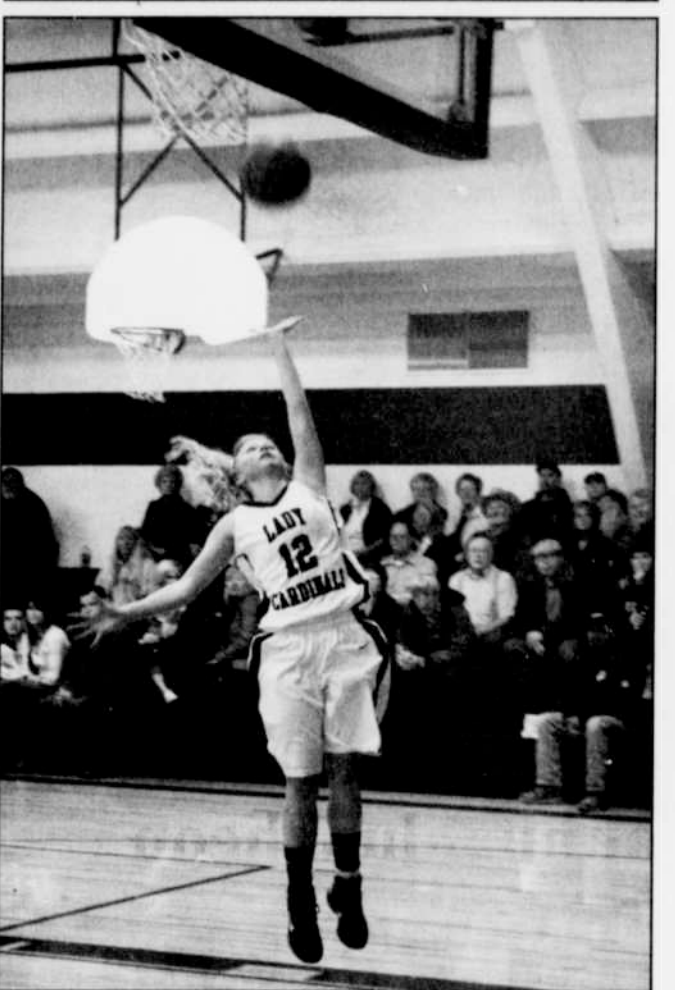
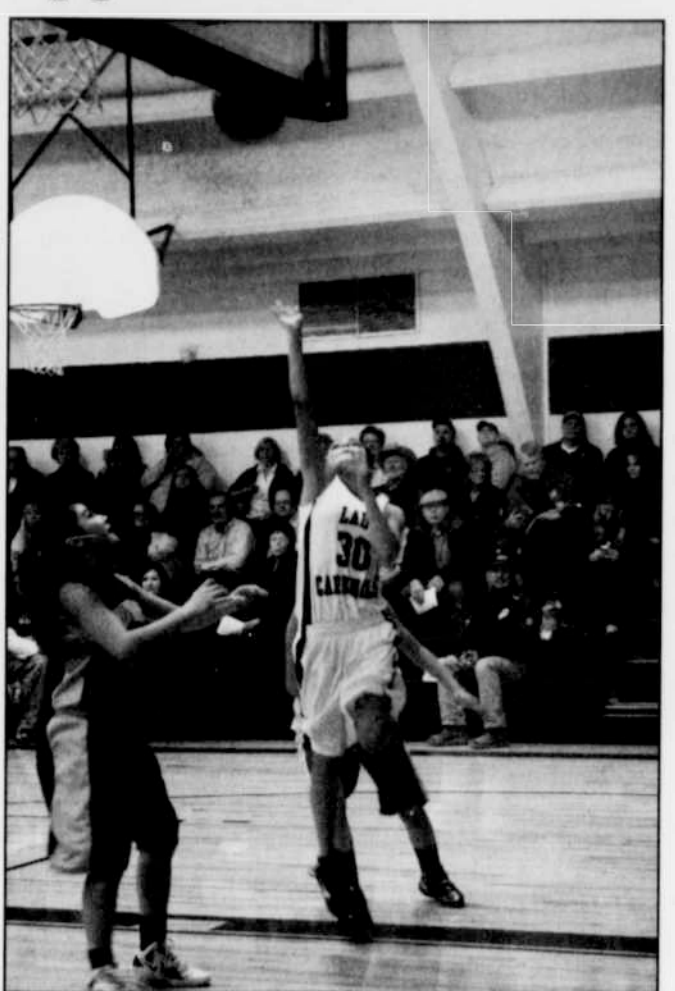
In the boys' game, the Mustangs found themselves tied with the visiting Tigers at the half. In the third quarter, Heppner outscored Stanfield 12 to three, but the Tigers roared back in the fourth quarter to eke out a win over the Mustangs, 52-50.

After those two tough losses on Friday night, the teams traveled to Irrigon to play the Knights. Heppner held the tempo down on the faster Knights, but the Irrigon team's defense held Heppner to only three points in the first quarter, leading the Knights to a 48-39 victory. The Mustang boys are now 2-2 in conference play.

The varsity girls held the game until the final two minutes of play against the Knights. The Irrigon team then scored 17 points in the fourth quarter to overtake the Mustangs 49-46. The varsity girls are now 1-3 in conference play.

On Friday, January 13, Heppner travels to Pilot Rock to take on the Rockets. The Mustangs will then host Weston-McEwen in Heppner on Saturday.

Lady Cards flatten opponents



Top: Senior Jasmine Verdusco shoots a jump shot from the side during the Ione Varsity game versus Nixyaawii on January 6. Bottom: Junior Stacey Halvorsen makes a lay-up. -Photos by Paula Emmel

By Anne Morter

The Ione Lady Cardinals ran their league mark to 3-0 with two easy wins this past weekend, downing Nixyaawii on Friday and Arlington on Saturday.

The Lady Cards never gave Nixyaawii, the 2011 state champions, a chance, using tough defense to hold the Golden Eagles to four points through three quarters.

Enroute to a 57-24 win, Stacey Halvorsen continued her scoring rampage, leading the team with 16 points. Shadow Kendrick with 12 and Jo Anna Patton with 10 were also in double figures. Lacey Thompson and Shadow Kendrick led the way on the boards with six rebounds each, while Makenna Ramos and Lacey Thompson each had four assists.

"We came ready to play. We jumped on them early and kept the pressure up. Defensively we played a very good game, holding them to four points through three quarters," said Coach Mike Garrett.

On Saturday, the Cards used stellar defense to ward off a cold start to their shooting game on the way to rolling over Arlington 52-16.

"We started the Arlington game shooting the ball poorly but, defensively, we were still playing at a very high level," said Coach Garrett. "This makes two consecutive games where we held a league opponent to four points at the half. I was especially pleased with the second unit, who continue to show much

improvement as the season has progressed."

Jo Anna Patton notched a double-double with 17 points and 15 rebounds. Shadow Kendrick was the only other Cardinal player in double figures with 16. Mary Rietmann had nine rebounds.

The Cardinals look forward to an important home game versus Condon/Wheeler on Friday, January 13. They then travel to Sherman on Saturday.

Nixyaawii: 4, 0, 0, 20 — 24
Ione: 18, 21, 12, 6 — 57

Nixyaawii scoring (5-9, 2-2 BSC): Charlotte Barkley, 12; Sharice Quae-mpts, 6; Liz Wilson, 3; Ronnie Sampson, 2; Taryn Ostrom, 1.

Ione scoring (8-2, 2-0 BSC): Stacey Halvorsen, 16; Shadow Kendrick, 12; JoAnna Patton, 10; Makenna Ramos, 6; Lacey Thompson, 4; Mary Rietmann, 3; Collette Cason, 2; Jaqueline Juarez, 2; Lauren Garrett, 2.

Three-point field goals — NHS 0; IHS 6. Free throws — NHS 2-8; IHS 3-4. Personal fouls — NHS 4; IHS 10. Technical fouls — None. Fouled out — None.

Ione: 9, 12, 17, 14 — 52
Arlington: 2, 2, 9, 3 — 16

Ione scoring: Jo Anna Patton, 17; Shadow Kendrick, 16; Collette Cason, 8; Lauren Garrett, 4; Mary Rietmann, 3; Makenna Ramos, 3; Lacey Thompson, 2.

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