

Ione JV plays strong finish to the season

Despite a rocky season, the Ione junior varsity basketball team ended strong in February, with even their losses coming as narrow misses to tough opponents. Stats are as follows:

Feb. 1, Ione JV Boys vs Nixyaawii

Ione beat Nix 27-18

Scoring:

Joe Doherty: 9 points
Zane King: 7 points
Jordan Snyder: 6 points

TJ Patton: 5 points

"It was a good game with even scoring. Joe and Zane did an excellent job moving the ball," said Coach Jim Swanson. "Our defense against a high-scoring Nixyaawii team played out in the end."

Feb. 2, Ione JV Boys vs Condon/Wheeler/Arlington

Ione loses to C/W/A @ Fossil 32-31

Scoring:

TJ Patton: 12 points

Joe Doherty: 7 points
Jason Juarez: 5 points
Jorge Aguilar: 4 points
Oskar Peterson: 2 points

Zane King: 1 point

"This was probably our best all-around game of the year. The boys only lost by one to a very strong C/W/A team that beat us the first time pretty easily. I am very proud of all of the team, especially TJ, who played very good with his shots and his rebounds," said Swanson.

Feb. 5, Ione JV Boys vs Echo

Ione beats Echo 26-19

Scoring:

TJ Patton: 8 points

Oskar Peterson: 4 points

Joe Doherty: 4 points

Jordan Snyder: 3 points

Jason Juarez: 3 points

Trey Neal: 2 points

Daniel Holtz: 2 points

"This game was a great

team effort and a great win over a team that previously beat us by 10, last time we played. The boys feed TJ the ball for some great baskets down the stretch. Oskar did a great job offensively, defensively and rebounding. I'm real proud of the boys," Swanson said.

Feb. 9, Ione JV Boys vs Dufur

Ione loses to Dufur 24-43

Scoring:

Trey Neal: 5 points

Joe Doherty: 4 points

Jason Juarez: 4 points

TJ Patton: 4 points

Oskar Peterson: 3 points

Zane King: 2 points

Jorge Aguilar: 2 points

"We played a very fast

Dufur team. We had pretty

even scoring from our team,

just not enough. We ended

the season 6-12. I am very

proud of the boys," said

Swanson.

Cardinals fight hard but fall short of state

The Ione Cardinals fought hard during districts in Hermiston last weekend, but both teams ended up falling short of their state championship dreams. The boys' basketball team lost 62-78 to Sherman on Feb. 14. Bailey Haguewood was high scorer of the game with 21 points.

The girls managed to set down Sherman 36-33 but then fell to Condon/Wheeler/Arlington 22-50 on Friday, Feb. 15. A 44-47 loss on Saturday when they played Echo for third seed in the state playoffs then ended the girls' season. Lacey Thompson was lead scorer for the team in game one with 14 points and game two with 11 points. Shadow Kendrick led scoring in game three with 12 points, followed by Thompson with 11.

The Cards will keep on rolling, though, as track season starts practice next Monday, Feb. 25. The Cardinals' first track event of the season will be a clinic in Hood River on March 9.

Game stats:

Boys Ione vs Sherman (L) 62-78

Scores by quarter:

Ione: 18, 27, 43, 62

Sherman: 21, 42, 53, 78

Scoring:

Kirk Haguewood: 4 points,

6 rebounds

Luke Jobs: 10 pts, 2 rbd

Bailey Haguewood: 21 pts,

5 rbd

TJ Patton: 6 pts, 1 rbd

Jason Jaurez: 6 rbd

August Peterson: 2 pts, 1

rbd

Evan Rietmann: 19 pts, 12

rbd

Girls Ione vs Sherman (W) 36-33

Scoring:

Jessie Flynn: 3 points, 7

rebounds

Stacey Halvorsen: 6 pts 4

rebounds

Lacey Thompson: 14 pts 5

rebounds

Adara Hasbell: 1 rebound

Lauren Garrett: 7 re-

bounds

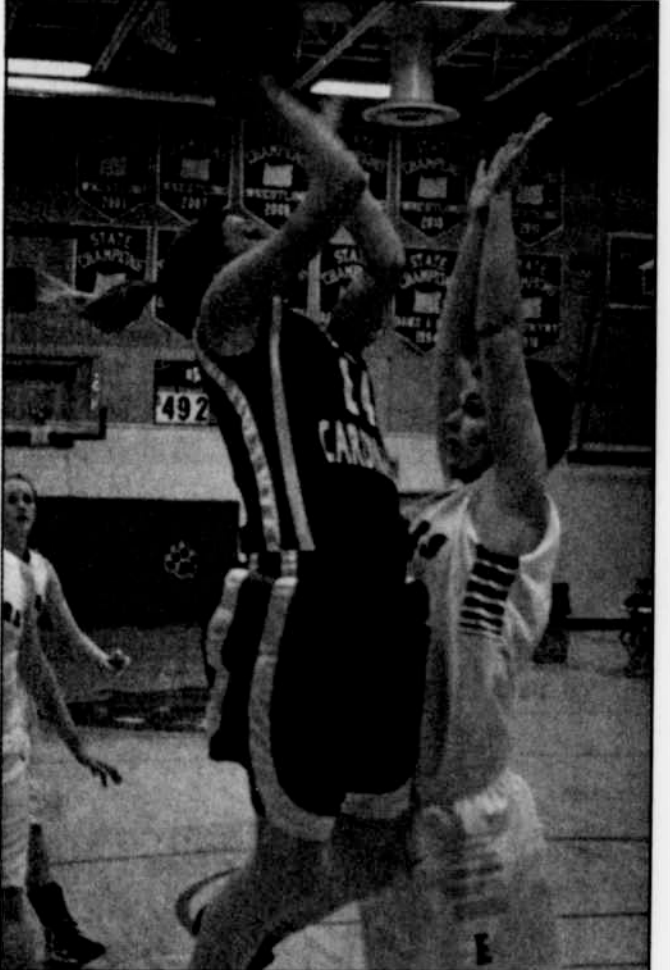
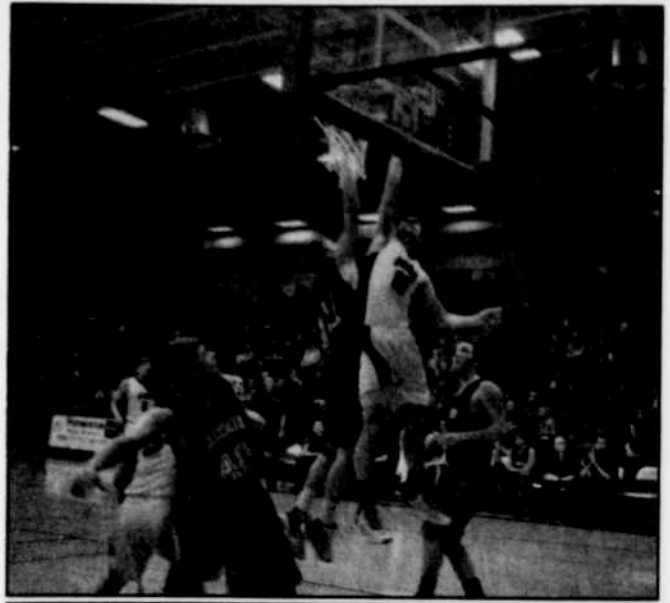
Shadow Kendrick: 13 points

7 rebounds

Girls Ione vs Condon/Wheeler/Arlington (L) 22-50

Scoring:

Jessie Flynn: 1 point, 2



Top: Bailey Haguewood jumps straight up and puts the ball in during the Cardinals' district game against Sherman last Thursday. Haguewood was the high scorer for the game with 21 points. Bottom: Lacey Thompson shoots a jumpshot. She regularly worked her way inside the key and scored throughout all three games before the Lady Cards' run for state ended. -Photos by Paula Emmel

Scoring:

Jessie Flynn: 6 points, 4

rebounds

Stacey Halvorsen: 6 points

3 rebounds

Lacey Thompson: 11 points,

3 rebounds

Emily Holland: 1 rebound

Adara Hasbell: 4 points, 3

rebounds

Miranda Taylor: 3 points

Lauren Garrett: 2 points, 4

rebounds

Shadow Kendrick: 12

points, 9 rebounds

Local businesses reminded to gear up for St. Pat's

Aside from plenty of fun activities for the whole family, local businesses also have special opportunities to get involved in the St. Patrick's Day celebration this year.

There will be a trophy awarded to one local business that participates in this year's Great Green Parade. This will be a roving trophy and will change each year, depending on the local business winner. The trophy was designed by Wood on Wood and is sponsored by Community Bank.

"We would love to have great participation by our

local merchants and hope you'll consider being a part of this year's 'Great Green Parade' on Saturday, March 16," says chamber Executive Director Sheryll Bates.

To enter the parade, businesses or individuals need to fill out a registration form and get it back to the chamber office or to Joe Perry at Bank of Eastern Oregon no later than Friday, March 8. Contact the chamber with any questions at 541-676-5536.

Bates says the chamber would also, once again, like to see teams put together to

compete for the Welly Toss "Boot Trophy" March 16 during St. Patrick's weekend. The event will take place from 10 a.m. till noon on Willow Street, between Murray's and Artisan Village.

Those who register teams are asked to put down three preferred throw times and, if they need to split up their teams, also to make a note of that. Teams are also asked to make sure they have a team captain and put a contact number so they can be notified of their toss time.



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Nonprofit works to connect residents to Social Service info

This month, the nonprofit 211info will officially launch its robust suite of services for connecting Morrow and Umatilla county residents to local, state and national health and social services. Anyone can dial 211 toll-free, visit www.211info.org or text their zip code to 898211 for program referrals and guidance.

"211info has great potential to open doors for individuals, organizations and the community to improve quality of life," says Andrea Fletcher, Director of the Community Health Improvement Partnership of Morrow County (CHIP). "Combining our local resources with an organization that has a proven record of providing health and community service information and referral is quite an asset to our county. We are very fortunate that the Morrow County Health

District, Morrow County Commission on Children and Families, Community Counseling Solutions, Morrow County Health Department, Columbia River Community Health Services and many other local organizations collaborate to improve efficiencies in our system."

In other areas of the state, 211info has informed hundreds of thousands of people and allowed organizations to focus their resources on their primary service offerings instead of spending staff time directing people to other programs. All partners involved expect this to be the case locally as well.

"When the whole system for getting people back on their feet is working smoothly, each component focuses on what it does best," says 211info Interim CEO Denise Swanson. "When families, service

providers and 211info all work together, it's a beautiful thing."

211info has been testing its system for several months in Morrow and Umatilla counties. Requests for assistance include services that help people pay their electric bills and access food. Statewide, 211info's highest referrals are for basic needs such as financial assistance, health care and food. The organization also has information about more than 6,000 programs, and acts as a backup to emergency services like 911 in times of crisis.

211info started nationally in the year 2000; the Portland Metro area, including counties in Southwest Washington, launched the service in 2004. 211info makes more than 240,000 phone and web connections to community services every year.

Boardman to fill council vacancy

The Boardman City Council is seeking letters of interest from individuals willing to be considered for appointment to fill a vacancy on the city council.

The person appointed will fill the council seat of Tony Navarro, who resigned in January due to

moving outside the city. His term expires Dec. 31, 2016.

Those interested must have resided in the City of Boardman during the 12 months immediately preceding the appointment.

Letters of interest must be received no later than 5

p.m., Tuesday, March 19, to Boardman City Hall for consideration.

The city council will interview the candidates and appoint the new councilor at their April 2 city council meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m.