

Ione players win Big Sky awards



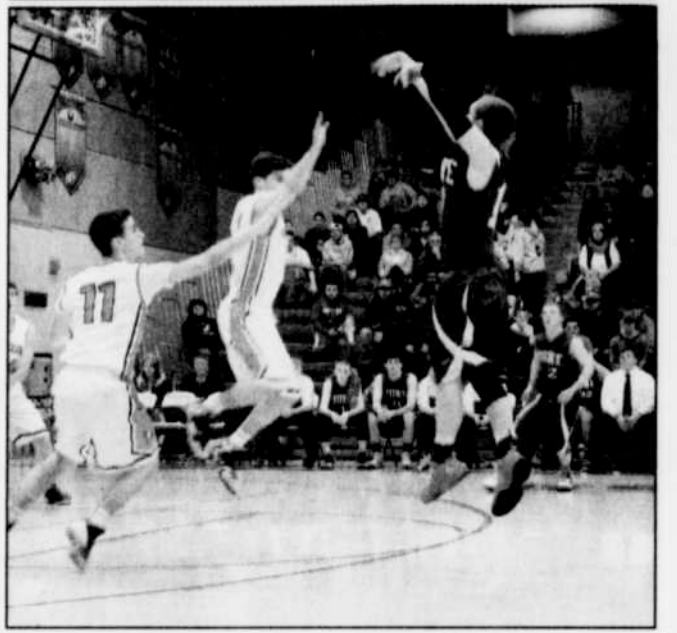
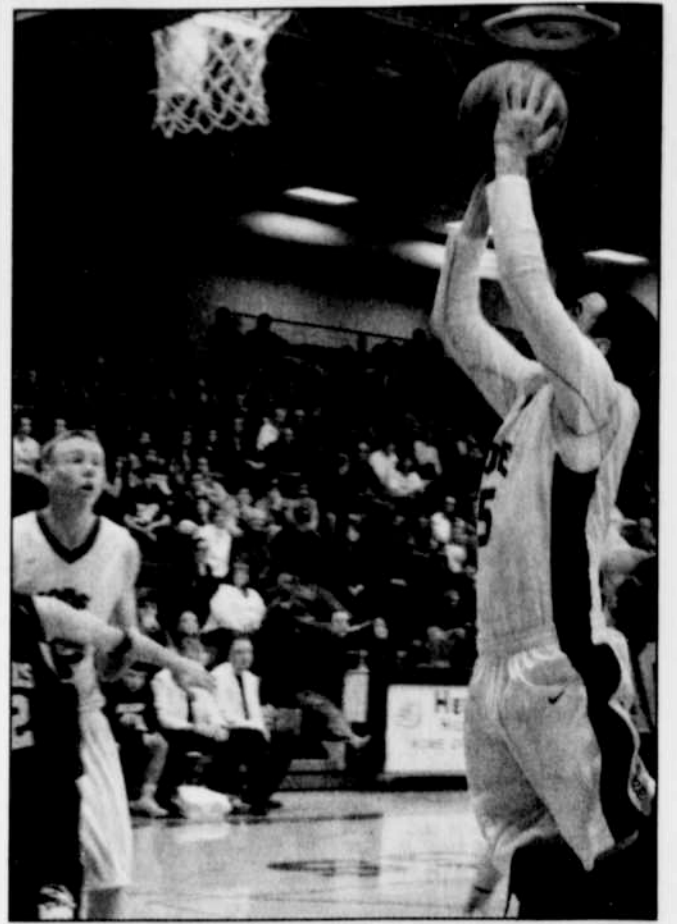
The Ione Cardinals players, both those on the court and those in the instrumental section, received several awards during the recent Big Sky District awards. Above: Ione Pep Band, winner of the Big Sky Sprit Award. Members: (back L-R) Dr. Stephan Gibson, Bob Baker, (third row L-R) Jorge Aguilar, Joel Peterson, Oskar Peterson, Yvonne Morter, Justin Estabrook, Austin Morter, Kaitlin Garrett, Erin Heideman (second row L-R) Logan Burright, Hunter Padberg, Jacob Heideman, Lauren Garrett, Katelyn Bass, Susanna Teeman, Alexis Garrett, Charlette Burghard, Miranda Taylor, Larysa Burright and (front) Director Ms. Jordan Bemrose.



Above are individual winners of the Big Sky District's honors. Front (L-R): Emily Holland, Scholar Athlete Scholarship, \$500, and Lauren Garrett, Honorable Mention, Girls All Stars; Back (L-R): Bailey Haguewood, Boys First Team All Stars; Gus Peterson, Scholar Athlete Scholarship, \$500; and Jallin Conboy and Luke Jobes, Boys First Team All Stars. The entire Cardinal Boys Basketball Team, Big Sky District second place team, is pictured on PAGE ONE.

-Photos by Paula Emmel

Cardinals fly into state playoffs



Top: Cardinal Dalton Hughes, senior, goes for the basket in the district game against South Wasco last Friday. Hughes revved up his team by getting an early lead in that game with several successful shots with the help of teammate TJ Patton. Bottom: Luke Jobes, Ione senior, makes a crucial three-point shot that brings the team within nine points of Horizon Christian near the end of the fourth quarter during Saturday's championship game. -Photos by Paula Emmel

Heppner wrestlers move on to state

Ten Heppner wrestlers competed in Elgin for the 2A/1A Special District IV championship on Saturday. Eight of them stood on the podium and brought home medals. Four were gold. Every Mustang who wrestled in the finals round came home a champion, including all three seniors. For the second consecutive year, and three of the last four years, all seniors qualified for state.

Sophomore Ryan Smith started the championship roll by defeating Pine Eagle's Blake Butler for the fifth time this season in the 106-pound finals match. With his first district title, Smith became only the second Mustang underclassman to win a district championship and the fourth to qualify for state as a sophomore.

Senior Jared Lemmon, already a three-time district champion going into the tournament, faced off against Andy Lamborn of

Crane in the championship bout at 126 pounds. Lamborn is also a senior and defending district champion and was a 2013 third-place winner at state. Lemmon controlled the match from the onset with a takedown in the first 30 seconds and went on to win 9-2.

Lemmon also won the vote of the head coaches as the 2014 District IV outstanding wrestler. It was the first time a Heppner wrestler received the honor.

Senior Treston Maben, a 2013 district champion and fourth in state, claimed his second district title in two years with a dominating 13-2 major decision over Jaydon McKay of Elgin in the 152-pound weight class. It was Maben's third time to win a participant's ticket to the state championships.

The fourth district champion for the Mustangs came from newcomer Kyle Aldrich at 182 pounds, a senior that moved to

Heppner this year. Aldrich's win was the most dramatic of the tournament when he secured a come-from-behind win by scoring two near-fall points in the last three seconds of the match to win 7-6.

Freshman Cord Flynn and Junior John Prophet each won third place at 160 pounds and 195 pounds respectively. Flynn earned his bronze medal by defeating senior Jordan Vermillion from Elgin, who had beaten him four times during the regular season. It was Flynn's 24th win, placing him second on the all-time list for most wins as a Mustang freshman.

Sophomore Will Lucher (132 pounds) and Junior Jesse Boyd (138 pounds), both returning district placers from 2013, added to their medal counts by each placing fifth for the Mustangs. Jacob Moses and Joe Garcia also competed for Heppner.

Heppner placed third as a team overall behind Crane in first and the co-op team of Enterprise/Joseph in second. Had the Enterprise and Joseph teams not combined points, the Mustangs would easily have claimed second. Heppner tied with Crane for the most individual champions.

The four Mustang champions will compete in the 12,888-seat Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 28 for the OSAA state championships where all classes, 2A/1A to 6A, compete simultaneously on 12 mats. More information, including the schedule and regularly updated brackets for the state tournament, can be found at www.osaa.org/activities/wre.

Saturday night's championship finals will be broadcast live via subscription to the NFHS network.

'Quilt Challenge' fun for quilters at fair

The Morrow County Fair has announced a "Quilt Challenge" for this year's fair.

This year's Quilt Challenge will be a wall hanging, using any Log Cabin pattern the quilter chooses. The color, fabric, trims and embellishments are also of the quilter's

choice. The hanging must not be any larger than 20 inches wide by 30 inches long.

Rules and construction procedures can be found in the fair book. For more information, contact Cara Osmin, 541-676-5816, or Peggy Fishburn, 541-676-5246.

Ione students show the promise of the future



Ione fifth- and sixth-grade students recently visited the Eastern Oregon University campus as part of the Eastern Promise program. Front: Elaina Ehrmantraut and Madison Aldritt. Second row: Mackenze Heideman, Megan Doherty, Maricarmen Aguilar, Jesus Escalante, Eva Martin, Tiffany Hollis, Malinda Morter and Zoe Gilbert. Third row: Liliana Chamberlin, Ola Rietmann, Mackenzie Gurinko, Emma Rietmann, Annabelle McDaniel, Jessica Medina, Josalyn Nicols and Lizbeth Cambrero. Back row: Matthew Eubanks, Aaron Josephson (teacher) Finnegan Lawson, Junior Roque, Shaun Epperson, Jake Heideman, Hunter Padberg, Paul Taylor and Matt Orem. -Contributed photo

Bahama trip signup deadline Friday

Deadline for \$50 signup for a group cruise trip to the Bahamas is this Friday, Feb. 28. To sign up or for more information, contact Jodi Seagraves at Sweet Productions in Heppner or call 541-676-8022.

The total cost of the trip is \$1659 per person with double occupancy, inside cabin. The cost includes

the flight, the cruise, taxes, hotel before the cruise and shuttles.

The deposit for those who sign up by this Friday is \$50, however deposits made after Feb. 28 are \$350. Seagraves says that payment plans are available.

The trip will be held from Aug. 30 to Sept. 7 of this year.



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