

## Lady Cards end regular season with two wins, secure district cross-over spot

### Lady Cards fought hard for the win

Last Tuesday night the Ione Lady Cardinals hosted the Hood River Horizon Christian team. Ione had played them before with no success, but the Lady Cards needed to win this game to secure their position in the cross-over district game coming up this Wednesday.

"This was a big win for us and secured a spot in the post season, and that was goal number one for the team," stated Coach Mike Garrett.

This game was within a one-point margin every quarter. The home-town crowd's and community band's energy was pushing the team on. It came down to the last few minutes and Ione pulled out a win, 36 to 32.

**Ione Stats:**  
Ione 36, Hood River 32

Jessie Flynn: 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 turnovers, 4 personal fouls,



Ione's Lauren Garrett (with hands up) works with (L-R) Rachel Holland, Morgan Orem and Ivy Sandford to put the full defense on a Horizon Christian player. —Contributed photo

to South Wasco having to win to get into the district tournament. We played a great first half but we were unable to match South Wasco intensity in the third quarter. The fourth was fun to coach with both teams playing well, and the Wasco crowd was really loud; it was a good experience for the kids moving forward,"

personal fouls, 3 points; Ivy Sandford: 1 rebound, 1 assist, 7 turnovers, 1 personal foul, 4 points; Rachel Holland: 11 rebounds, 1 turnover, 1 personal foul, 11 points; Lauren Garrett: 1 rebound, 1 assist, 2 turnovers, 4 personal fouls, 9 points; Kaitlin Garrett: 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 turnover, 2 personal fouls, 4 points

### Ione girls' varsity wins over Spray for last game of the season

The Lady Cards had a great last game at home Saturday night. It was also Ione's senior night for several of their JV and varsity players. In a packed gym, the tip-off turned into Ione's first two points with a great play by Rachel Holland, Jessie Flynn and senior Lauren Garrett. This set the pace and the mood for the entire game.

At halftime, Spray led by two points after both Lauren Garrett and Morgan Orem shot their free throws after being fouled in the last few seconds of the second quarter; 17 to 19 was the score in Spray's favor.

Ione came back with determination and started making their plays pay off with baskets each time. With several steals the Lady Cards brought their score up to a 38 to 26 lead with one minute left in the game. But Spray wasn't ready to go home. They made three baskets, making the score 38 to 31, but Ione played



Jessie Flynn (center) goes in for a shot during the game at South Wasco Friday night. —Contributed photo

3 points; Morgan Orem: 2 rebounds, 1 turnover, 2 points; Hannah Padberg: 4 rebounds, 2 personal fouls; Maggie Flynn: 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 turnovers, 4 personal fouls, 6 fouls; Ivy Sandford: 1 turnover, 3 personal fouls, 3 points; Rachel Holland: 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 turnovers, 4 personal fouls, 6 points; Lauren Garrett: 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 turnovers, 2 personal fouls, 4 points; Kaitlin Garrett: 7 rebounds, 5 turnovers, 2 personal fouls, 12 points

### South Wasco Redside won hard fight against Lady Cards

"This game had the feel of a district game due

Garrett said about the away game.

Ione played a great game, and almost had the win in the fourth quarter. They worked hard, but at the last few minutes, with South Wasco making their foul shots, the opposing team pulled forward enough to win the game.

**Ione Stats:**  
Ione 35, South Wasco 41

Jessie Flynn: 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 10 turnovers, 3 personal fouls, 2 points; Morgan Orem: 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 turnover, 2 points; Hannah Padberg: 3 rebounds, 2 personal fouls; Maggie Flynn: 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 turnovers, 3

## Ione elementary choir performs for Valentine's Day



The Ione Community School elementary choir showed the community some love over the weekend with a Valentine's Day performance. Back row (L-R): Lewkus Burrigitt, Calvin Rietmann, Joshua Bleth, MaLinda Morter, Zoey Gilbert, Madie Aldritt and Jocelyn Hall. Front row (L-R): Seth Grigg, Carson Eynetich, Madi Orem, Haylie Peterson, Maddie Baine and Daralynn Teaman. Conductor: Jordan Bemrose-Rust. —Contributed photo

## Ione library board to meet

The board of directors for the Ione Library District will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26, beginning at 3 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Ione Public Library, 385 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Ione. The public is welcome to attend.

## Screening of 'Dryland' to benefit local FFA programs

The public is invited to a benefit screening of the film "Dryland" at the SAGE Center in Boardman Sunday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. Entrance fee is \$15, which includes the movie and dessert, with proceeds to benefit the FFA programs of Morrow County.

The screening is sponsored by the Bank of Eastern Oregon and Morrow County Grain Growers.

More information on the film is available at [www.drylandmovie.net](http://www.drylandmovie.net) or on Facebook and Twitter at "drylandmovie."

strong defense and made one last foul shot, making the final score Ione 39 and Spray 31.

"This was a great way to end the regular season with a win at home on Senior Night. I thought we were showing some fatigue in the first half after the game against South Wasco the night before, but the kids came out in the second half and played well. With the win we wrapped up the fifth seed for districts and we are looking forward to the post season. The girls are playing their best basketball right now and that has everyone very excited. We are a very young team and will have 10 of our 12 kids back next year, so this experience is very valuable long term, as well," stated Garrett.

**Ione Stats:**  
Ione 39, Spray 31

Jessie Flynn: 12 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 turnovers, 3 personal fouls, 4 points; Morgan Orem: 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 turnovers, 3 personal fouls, 1 point; Hannah Padberg: 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 personal fouls; Maggie Flynn: 1 assist, 2 turnovers, 5 personal fouls, 2 points; Ivy Sandford: 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 turnovers, 6 points; Rachel Holland: 14 rebounds, 4 turnovers, 4 personal fouls, 4 points; Lauren Garrett: 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 turnovers, 2 personal fouls, 9 points; Kaitlin Garrett: 8 rebounds, 2 turnovers, 1 personal foul, 13 points

The Lady Cards' league cross-over game will be 6 p.m. this Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Arlington.

## Ione school welcomes special visitors



Front row (L-R): Janet Buble, Oregon Department of Education; Mike Siebersma, Education Northwest; Matthew Eide, Education Northwest; Danette Parsley, Education Northwest; Andy Hargreaves, Boston College; and Dennis Shirley, Boston College. Behind: All of Ione's kindergarten through sixth-grade students. —Contributed photo

Last Wednesday, Feb 11, all the Ione staff and students had the opportunity to meet and talk to professors from Boston College and professionals from Education Northwest in Portland. The team came to Ione as part of a "5 schools in 5 days" tour it was making to support work in the NWRISE network.

The network, which stands for Northwest Rural Innovation and Student Engagement, brings together teachers and administrators from small, rural schools to work together on com-

mon standards and student engagement strategies that will help students learn to their fullest potential.

Five teachers—Lea Mathieu, Linda Neiffer, Diana McElligott, Steve Schaber and Torrie Dowdy—join Principal Sarah Crane in the network and say they enjoy partnering with teachers from Genesee, ID all the way to Powers, OR.

Currently, there are 14 small school districts from Oregon, Washington and Idaho involved in the network, and more districts

are joining. They meet in person twice per year and online between meetings.

Crane and Mathieu will help with a presentation at a regional Oregon Department of Education Professional Learning Team meeting in La Grande next month to share the success and learning of the network with other regional teachers and administrators.

Ione's work in the network is supported by funding from Education Northwest and the Oregon Department of Education.

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