

Ione celebrates homecoming week

Ione Community School celebrated homecoming last week and deemed it a huge success. Ione's students and staff, K-12, were all involved throughout the entire week. The week ended with a win against Condon in volleyball, a win against Dufur in football and an outdoor homecoming dance Saturday evening.

Different activities were scheduled for every day of the week, starting with Tropical/Travel/Tourist Day on Monday and mud wars taking place at the end of high school sports practices. "It was cold and well worth the battle," a spokesperson reported.

Tuesday was Cardinal Pride day with a balloon stomping assembly to end the day. Wednesday was deemed Blast from the Past Day and included Macho Man Volleyball at the assembly to end the school day and Powder Puff Flag Football at 6:30 on the football field.

Thursday was Pink Out Day, and a noise parade ended the school day. The home volleyball game Thursday night against Condon started at 5 p.m. and everyone was encouraged to wear pink. A bonfire followed the game.

Friday's events were the homecoming football game with senior night held before the game. Homecoming festivities took place at half time with Cardinal Pride as the theme. On Saturday, the events concluded with the homecoming dance held at the city park.

The Powder Puff game ended with the senior/sophomore team ahead 6-0. "Nobody will remember the score, but everyone will remember the temperature since it took everyone quite a while to warm up," said Superintendent Kevin Dinning. "Mud Wars was also memorable for the cold. It is disputable who won the evening, but we certainly broke the rope in half at

one point. Some took to the mud and cold better than others; Carson E. had no problem taking a couple extra laps in the cold pool," he continued.

The Ione/Arlington volleyball team put on a great performance for the Pink Out. They raised money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and they were able to put Condon away in three. A productive and safe bonfire was well attended after the volleyball game, with the firefighters there to run the fire.

The football team was able to focus on football and everything else they had going through a busy week and executed well to beat Dufur 46-6.

Royalty for homecoming included Piper Gilbert and Henry Dinning as crown bearers. Ona Looney, daughter of Crysti Taylor and Martin Medina, Jr., son of Martin and Obdulia Medina, was the freshman prince.

The sophomore prince was Ethan Ramos Lopez, son of Juana and Juan Ramos Lopez, and sophomore princess was Kelly Doherty, daughter of Brian and Peggy Doherty. Madison Orem, junior princess, is the daughter of Eric and Brandi Orem and the junior prince, Bryce Rollins, is the son of Ed and Tricia Rollins.

Senior princesses included Grace Ogden, daughter of Alison and Jarod Ogden; Haylie Peterson, daughter of Elizabeth and Treve Peterson; Hailey Heideman, daughter of Brandi Brantley and Nathan and Keri Heideman; and Faviola Juarez, daughter of Amado and Elia Juarez.

Serving as senior princes were Thomas Rudolf, son of Ryan and Allison Rudolf; Taylor Rollins, son of Ed and Tricia Rollins; Cedrick Dayandante, son of Annabell and Robert Campbell; Gary Dean Walls, son of Gary Walls Sr. and Kathy Walls; and Joseph Reyes, son of Yolanda and Danny Reyes.



Aubrey Blakley in uniform, Calvin Rietmann holding the Post Flag, Carter and Carson Eynetich flanking both.



Princess Ona Looney, in a 1977 red and white Ford pickup driven by Jeff Eynetich.



Ione celebrated homecoming week with a parade, volleyball, mud wars and fun days. -Contributed photos.



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