

# The greatest Knight

By **ALEXIS MANSANAREZ**  
STAFF WRITER

During Irrigon girls basketball head coach Mike Royer's extensive career, he has coached only a handful of players who reached the 1,000-point milestone — all of whom, until Saturday, Dec. 16 where from his years at Hermiston.

There's a certain kind of player how can accomplish this feat, Royer explained.

"It takes just consistency and you don't see that very often," he said.

It also takes years on the court at the varsity level to aid in the process. All of which are components of Irrigon senior Jada Burns' game.

The three-sport star athlete recently became the first Knight in the girls basketball program to notch 1,000 career points, and for Burns it was just like any other game.

"I was just wanting to win and it happened," Burns said of Saturday's game

against La Grande, where her 10-point performance helped eclipse a career milestone that she had been working towards the past three years.

Burns' freshman year in 2014-15 was her first as the starting point guard for the Knights and it was also Royer's first year at the helm of the program. That year, Irrigon finished 7-13 overall and Burns earned first team all-Columbia Basin Conference honors after she scored 258 points, an average of 12.9 per game.

The following year, again with Burns leading the team on the court and Royer calling plays from the sideline, the team added two wins to its total, ending 11-13 overall. This was Irrigon's final year competing in Class 2A and Burns' output drastically increased and turned in 360 points as a sophomore, or 15 per game, once again earning herself first team all-Columbia Basin Conference honors and third team all-state honors.



STAFF PHOTO BY KATHY ANEY

**Jada Burns concentrates before launching a free throw during Saturday's non-conference game against La Grande in Hermiston.**

And last season in Irrigon's first go in Class 3A, Burns met the tougher competition head on and kept producing night in and night out. She scored 345 points, an average of 15.7 per game, and led the Knights to a winning record (12-10) and was the only junior to earn first team all-Eastern Oregon League honors.

Burns has opened this season with 115 points so

far, and is one pace to add at least 150 more to her total by season's end.

Her early success has been a catalyst for the team, which started the year undefeated before heading into Saturday's matchup. But a 44-39 loss to the Tigers stained the Knights' record.

Burns' accomplishment wasn't overshadowed by the loss, but it was a hard pill to swallow. The defeat

could have turned out to be another tally in the win column, but with Burns suffering from an illness this past week she was not at her best.

"I honestly think if Jada would have been healthy Saturday we might have had a shot at beating them because honestly, she shouldn't have even played," Royer said.

But playing through pain just comes with the territory.

"You just have to say it's for the team and fight through it," Burns said. "I mean, it was hard to go out there and feel like you couldn't move and couldn't breathe but I did what was best for the team."

As an all-league shortstop in softball, the junior varsity quarterback and varsity backup as a senior, and an all-league volleyball player, Burns has spent many years on the court, on the field and in the dirt.

Each experience building on one another, giving Burns confidence and increasing her athletic ability and smarts.

"It just took a lot of confidence," Burns said on reaching the milestone.

"You start at the beginning and you have to work your way up and you just realize you want to win and you'll do anything to win and if it wasn't for my teammates I definitely would never have gotten where I've gotten. We build as a team."

Burns' success has elevated the level of play across the Knights' 11-player roster. Now, in her senior year instead of racking up the buckets she's looking more to dish out assists to her teammates than she has in the past, and still more often than not is leading the team in points after its all said and done.

"This year (Jada) has been a leader for us in assists and just getting us set up and handling pressure," Royer said. "We always look to Jada and as a coach, it's been really nice having someone like her as a point guard the past four years."

"I mean, she knows how to score," he added. "She's a good scoring threat, and she just knows basketball. She's a smart basketball player, and is going to have a good senior year too."

**BY THE WAY**

**BTW**

Continued from Page A1

ger, such as seeing an old friend or family member you used to get high with," he said.

If you or someone you know needs help, call Lines for Life at 800-923-4357 or text RecoveryNow to 839863.

•••

The **Stanfield Public Library** expressed appreciation to all the Santa's elves who volunteered their time during Santa's Workshop. The event included cookie decorating, writing a letter to Santa, an ornament craft and photos with Santa.

Library director **Cecili Longhorn** said a number of people were a great help,

including **Sebastian Sanchez, Elizabeth Cervantes, Adam Lemmon, Jennifer Brown, Debbie Baros, Anna Lemmon, Kathy Wall, Jennifer Baros, Nikki McCann, Kitty Lamb, Samantha Vermillion, Aleta and Bruce Lemmon, Melissa Peterson and Frosty.**

"You are all a treasure to Stanfield and we are lucky to have you in our community," Longhorn said.

•••

Don't forget tickets are still on sale for the sixth season of **Dancing with the Hermiston Stars**. The Jan. 13 event features **Cameron Bendixsen, Josh Burns, Erik Juarez, Tricia Mooney, Erica Sandoval and Ashley Seibel**, who will hit the dance floor

with professionals from the **Utah Ballroom Dance Company.**

In addition to competing for the coveted mirror ball trophy, dancers are raising money to support **Desert Arts Council's** mission to promote the arts by offering activities and bringing visual and performing arts events to the area.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. They are available at the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, Hermiston Parks & Recreation, by calling 541-667-5018 or [www.desertartscouncil.com](http://www.desertartscouncil.com), where people can also "buy" votes for their favorite "star."

•••

**SECO Pallets, LLC.** lit up the holiday season in Boardman with the **Wel-**

**come Santa Drive.**

Hitching up a custom-made sleigh — made, of course, with pallets — the Boardman business organized a lighted parade. Ending at the SAGE Center, Santa Claus posed for photos and handed out gifts. **Frankie Lezama** said the third annual event has grown each year.

The SECO Pallets family expressed special thanks to others who helped make the event possible, including the **Morrow Country Sheriff's Office, Boardman Police Department, Boardman Rural Fire Protection District, DJ Kora, C&D Drive In, Columbia River Dairy, the Leffler family, SAGE Center, Boardman Kiwanis Club** and Santa Claus, aka **Dan Huxoll.**

## FACTORY

Continued from Page A1

2019, supporting growth in North America and overseas exports to Asia.

"It's really to keep up with demand," Stoolman said.

Mark Morgan, Hermiston assistant city manager, said the project is the largest ever investment in the Greater Hermiston Enterprise Zone, both in terms of capital investment and annual payroll.

"We're very happy that Lamb Weston is choosing to make this investment in the Hermiston area," Morgan said. "This is an advanced operation, so these are not your run-of-the-mill processing jobs. We anticipate these full time jobs to pay an average of at least \$18

per hour, plus benefits."

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown also approved an award from the state's Strategic Reserve Fund to move the project forward, which she said is part of her focus to boost the economy statewide.

"In addition to supporting our rural economies and booming agriculture industry, this investment provides critical workforce training opportunities in well-paying jobs in Eastern Oregon," Brown said.

Nathan Buehler, spokesman for Business Oregon, said the state is indeed finalizing the contract on a half-million dollar loan to Lamb Weston. That loan will include requirements for job creation, workforce training and building a wastewater system at the site.

## EASTERN OREGON

# marketplace

Place classified ads online at [www.eastoregonmarketplace.com](http://www.eastoregonmarketplace.com) or call 1-800-962-2819 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. After hours, leave a voicemail and we'll confirm your ad the next business day. Email us at [classifieds@eastoregonian.com](mailto:classifieds@eastoregonian.com) or fax: 541-278-2680

Deadline is 3 p.m. the day before publication

East Oregonian

We accept:



211 S.E. Byers Ave.  
Pendleton, OR 97801

333 E. Main St.  
Hermiston, OR 97838

See [www.eastoregonmarketplace.com](http://www.eastoregonmarketplace.com) for classified ads from all over Eastern Oregon

**104 Special Notices**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR AD ON THE FIRST DAY OF PUBLICATION.**

While we are happy to make any necessary corrections, we can not be responsible for errors appearing for multiple days. Thank you!

**CLASSIFIED LINE AD DEADLINES**

**East Oregonian**  
3pm the day prior to publication

**Hermiston Herald**  
10am Tuesday

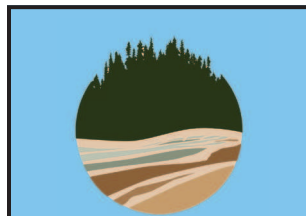
1-800-962-2819

[classifieds@eastoregonian.com](mailto:classifieds@eastoregonian.com)

**110 Announcements**



**YOUR DREAM HOME** is right here in the Classifieds! Check our real estate listings.



**Eastern Oregon Events**

See local events at: [eastoregonevents.com](http://eastoregonevents.com)

**FIND IT** in the East Oregonian Classifieds

**110 Announcements**

Old West Federal Credit Union is seeking a proficient service-oriented **TELLER** to join its staff on a full time basis. This position requires a great attitude and out-going personality with a high degree of precision and competence in performing transactions for our members. You will be responsible for providing service support to Member transaction needs in a manner that is professional, courteous and compliant with all policies and procedures. The Teller will also recommend and refer new and alternative services to Members that best fit their needs. Previous cash handling, balancing and customer service is preferred. Bilingual Spanish-speaking is a plus. Ongoing educational and advancement opportunities exist for people with the attitude and aptitude for Member Service and who are willing to grow and accept new challenges with the Credit Union. You may pick up an application at our Hermiston office or go to the web site at [www.oldwestfcu.org](http://www.oldwestfcu.org) for an on-line application. You may deliver your application by fax to: 541-628-6121, by email to: [hr@oldwestfcu.org](mailto:hr@oldwestfcu.org), or by mail or in person to:  
Old West Federal Credit Union,  
Attn: Human Resources,  
1739 N First Street,  
Hermiston, OR 97838.  
Position open until filled. High school or equivalent education required. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer

**184 Personals**

Contact Dayle or Grace at [classifieds@eastoregonian.com](mailto:classifieds@eastoregonian.com) 1-800-962-2819 to place your classified ad!

CALL 1-800-962-2819 to advertise here

**502 Real Estate**

Attention Sellers, Winter can be a great time to sell as you avoid the Spring Time surplus of competition. Call Matt Vogler for a free Market Analysis.

**John J. Howard & Assoc.**  
(541) 377-9470

Turn Here Realty & Travel for Reliable Representation and Facilitation of your home sale or Search. ACCESS all information and properties with one agent of your choice. Our properties are all multiple listed for your convenience. Call 541-377-6855 today for your new home

**SOLD SOLD SOLD**  
Congratulations to all the new home owners and Happy Travelers-- Thank you to everyone for working with me. Best wishes for a Happy New Year!  
Kerry  
**Turn Here Realty & Travel**  
541-377-6855

**504 Homes for Sale**

\$142,000- 1160 +/- sq.ft. 3 bedroom 1 bath on one level. Newer siding, roof and many other updates. Call 541-379-7802.

**Garton & Associates**  
(541) 276-0931

3 bed, 1 bath, attached garage, patio, fenced yard. Cute home waiting for you. \$143,500. Call Cathy for more info 541-215-0103

**Garton & Associates**  
(541) 276-0931

\$125,000- 4 bedroom, 2 bath home w/ vaulted ceilings, open floor plan. 1car garage with extra space. Lots of parking. A pond, hot tub, sheds, kennel. Dawn 541-310-9563 cell. #17337579

**Coldwell Banker Whitney**  
541-276-0021

\$79,500- Nice 2 bed, 2 bath, 912 sf(m/l) home. Roof 5 years old, Art tile floor, pellet stove, swamp cooler. Nice outbuilding in back yard. Jerry 541-969-6378 cell. #17119730

**Coldwell Banker Whitney**  
541-276-0021

**504 Homes for Sale**

\$99,950 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH MANUFACTURED HOME on lot. Priced for quick sale. RMLS# 17505063. Call Kal for more info (541) 969-7358

**Garton & Associates**  
(541)276-0931

Current MLS listings include several 3 and 4 bedroom, 2 bath homes for sale in popular locations. Call Matt Vogler, "The Weekend and After Hours Realtor" for addresses and pricing.

**John J. Howard & Assoc.**  
(541) 377-9470

Call the "Weekend & After Hours Realtor" to view homes at a convenient time for you. Available on Short Notice, Special Financing Program Information! Call Matt Vogler, 541.377.9470

**John J. Howard & Assoc.**  
(541) 377-9470

\$149,900- 3 bed, 2+ bath home w/ hardwood floors, fireplace with gas insert. Updated kitchen: granite, stainless appliances. Gas HVAC. Large covered patio, single garage. Vicki 541-969-9441 cell. #17653169

**Coldwell Banker Whitney**  
541-276-0021

\$177,900- 3 bed, 2 bath w/ master suite, new master bathroom. Deck, dog kennel, play structure. Updates include roof, HVAC, windows, exterior doors, garage door, electrical. Jef 541-969-9539 cell. #17688085

**Coldwell Banker Whitney**  
541-276-0021

\$279,000- BRIDLE DRIVE. 1.3 acres, 1985sf(m/l), 3 bed, 2 bath home with office. 36'x24' 3bay shop/ RV storage building. Kevin 541-969-8243 cell. Marion/Jack water rights, shared well. #17036088

**Coldwell Banker Whitney**  
541-276-0021

\$178,900- 4 bedroom, 2 bath home w/attached garage. Freshly painted inside/out. Art niche, large kitchen w/knotty alder cabinets, skylights. Fenced yard, RV parking, storage shed. Molly 541-969-4188 #17045125

**Coldwell Banker Whitney**  
541-276-0021

**504 Homes for Sale**

NEW HOME for the NEW YEAR?? Call Kerry 541-377-6855 for honest professional guidance and representation to find the house on your wishlist. References available.

**TURN HERE REALTY**  
--Court Ave--  
541-377-6855

How Much is your Home Worth? Call Matt Vogler, The Weekend and After Hours Realtor, for a free Market Analysis. 541.377.9470. More Listings needed to meet current buyer demand!

**John J. Howard & Assoc.**  
(541) 377-9470



\$140,000- ADAMS/ Cute and updated! 3 bed, 1 bath ranch style home. Large pantry, utility room. Newer electrical panel, central air furnace, windows. Shop/outbuilding, fenced backyard. Marsha 541-377-5152 cell. #17336625

**Coldwell Banker Whitney**  
541-276-0021

\$192,000- HERMISTON 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home in great neighborhood! Newly remodeled bathroom, stainless steel appliances. Level lot w/fenced backyard. Patio, deck, fireplace, UGS. Cari 541-377-5058 cell. #17503763

**Coldwell Banker Whitney**  
541-276-0021

REDUCED-- \$69,900-CHURCH for home or business---Make this one your own special place---currently used as home --Cathedral ceilings in the Great Room, Kitchen, bedrooms, bonus rooms...#17615728 Water St Weston.

**Turn Here Realty & Travel**  
541-377-6855

**504 Homes for Sale**

\$499,999- Beautiful home with amazing views. 4+/- acres. Priced below assessed values. Call Shane at 541-379-7802

**Garton & Associates**  
(541) 276-0931

Pendleton - \$149,900- Invest in the West! Triplex! Well established Two 1 bedroom units & One 2-3 possible bedrooms on large main floor. Small deck. Private yard w/garden area & patio. Off street parking. MLS# 15428504 Call Marge Lapp

**Pendleton Southgate Realty**  
(541) 379-1957

\$299,000 Beautiful North Hill View. 3 Bed 2 Full Bath. 2 half Baths. Huge living room. Beautiful Oak Kitchen. Two lots. Two double car garages and much more. MLS# 17054486

Rocky Mikesell

**Blue Jeans Realty**  
"Our office is wherever you are"  
541-379-8690

\$129,500- 4 Bedroom 2 Bath MFG Home. Open floor plan. Fenced Yard. Over 1/4 acre. Plenty of room for your needs. Exceptionally nice home. Call for information. MLS# 17603897

Rocky Mikesell

**Blue Jeans Realty**  
"Our office is wherever you are"  
541-379-8690

REDUCED- \$210,000 - 2,326 Mfg Home on 1.28 Acres in Pilot Rock. Large 3 Bay Shop/Hay Shed/Tack Room. Corrals and more. Plenty of room on this property. MLS# 17435209

Rocky Mikesell

**Blue Jeans Realty**  
"Our office is wherever you are"  
541-379-8690

SOLD!! \$89,000 -Ukiah two bedroom, 2 baths. 1848 Sq Ft. Could be 4 bed. Detached shop. Large lot. Valley/Mountain view. Priced to sell quickly. MLS# 17233330

Rocky Mikesell

**Blue Jeans Realty**  
"Our office is wherever you are"  
541-379-8690