

## Ione track team takes field trip to NCAA Track and Field Championship Meet



Pictured are members of the Ione track team at the NCAA Track and Field Championship Meet held at University of Oregon in Eugene on June 11. -Contributed Photo

The Ione High School Track Team got a special treat when they took a field trip to the NCAA Track and Field Championship Meet on Friday, June 11. The meet was held at Historic Hayward Field on the campus of the University of Oregon in Eugene June 9-12. The Cardinal Booster Club provided the Ione contingent with the tickets for the Friday session. Ione track coach, Ryan Rudolf and assistant, Paula Emmel acted as tour guides and chaperones on the trip.

The Ione group was part of a sell-out crowd eager to see finals in several events including the 100 meters, 400 meter hurdles, 800 meters, men's steeplechase, women's 5000 meters, the decathlon as

well as the men's hammer throw, women's pole vault, women's shot put and men's high jump.

Highlights of the day included celebrating UO's Ashton Eaton's third consecutive decathlon championship where he missed the collegiate record by approximately 1.5 seconds. The group was able to see Eaton's final two events of the competition, the javelin and the grueling 1500 meter run. Despite missing the collegiate record, he did set a new NCAA meet record. The crowd rewarded him with several standing ovations including the one where he led the entire group of decathlon competitors on a victory lap. The group also enjoyed Andrew Wheating's perfectly run 800 race where he came

from back in the pack with a trademark ferocious kick to take his second consecutive 800 title. Wheating, an absolute crowd favorite in Eugene, was a member of the 2008 Olympic team in the 800 meters. He returned on Saturday to lead the UO 1500 runners to a historic 1-2-3 sweep and became the first man to win the 800-1500 double at nationals since 1984.

The Ione tracksters wandered out of their seats to get a closer look at the hammer throw event and also to cheer on Oregon State's first national competitor since 1988. Jordan Bishop set a personal best to finish 10<sup>th</sup> in the high jump.

Pizza at Track Town Pizza was another fun Eugene experience enjoyed by the group before departing for the long trip home.

## Ladies Play Day results

Ladies Play Day was held on Tuesday, June 15, at the Willow Creek Country Club. Results are as follows:

**June 15**  
Low gross of the field was Pat Edmundson. Low net of the field was Pat Dougherty. Least Putts of the Field was Carol Mitchell.

**Flight A winners:** low gross was Karen Thompson; low net was Jan Paustian; long drive was Karen Thompson; and K.P. was Pat Edmundson.

**Flight B winners:** low gross was Lorene Montgomery; low net was Lynnea Sargent; long drive was Pat Dougherty; and K.P. was Pat Dougherty.

**Flight C winners:** low gross was Betty Carlson; low net was Ann Elgin; least putts was Luvilla Sonstegard; long drive was Jackie Allstott; and K.P. was Laura Rogers.

**Chip-ins:** Ann Elgin on #3.

**Birdies:** Pat Edmundson on #4 and Pat Dougherty on #2.

**Long Putt:** Pat Edmundson.

## Ione Football Players in Oregon 8-Man All Star Game



RJ Ramos and Eric Jepsen, recent high school graduates of Ione Community School, were tapped to play in the 8-Man All Star game this past Saturday at Linfield College in McMinnville. Players are selected and voted on by their coaches. Coaches nominate from their own team and then league coaches go down the list and vote. Pictured left to right are IHS Coach Deacon Heideman, RJ Ramos, Jake Heideman (wearing his father's All Star Jersey from 1993), Eric Jepsen and IHS Coach Dale Holland. -Contributed Photo

RJ Ramos and Eric Jepsen had the honor of playing in the 21<sup>st</sup> annual East vs. West Oregon 8-Man All Star Game which was held at Linfield College on Saturday, June 19.

RJ played defensive corner and Eric was an offensive guard. There were 17 seniors from eight schools in Eastern Oregon on the team: Ione, Imbler, Wallowa, Spray, Cove, Jordan Valley, Crane, and Prairie City. They spent five days at the college in prepa-

ration for the game. The East team was coached by Todd Shirley of Cove. The West won by 52 to 24.

Special awards were given after the game. Best Offensive Player was Jered Witty of Cove, Best Defensive Player was Milton Merritt of Crane, and Eric Jepsen was awarded an autographed football from his teammates as Most Inspirational Player. The West now holds a one game lead in the annual series with 11 wins to 10 for the East.

## End-of-year barbecue for exchange students held



An end-of-the-year barbecue was recently held for this year's exchange students. Students received Certificates of Completion, in diploma format from Principal Daye Stone. Eighty hamburgers and 20 hotdogs were served. Pictured are the exchange students with Bob and Aloha DeSpain. The DeSpains made little wooden crosses for all the exchange students to take home with them. Families who would like to host 2010/2011 exchange students can contact Teresa VanDoorn at 541-676-5985 or 541-377-2162. -Contributed Photo



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tion throughout. It was truly theater-in-the-round as the Von Cadows twirled through the audience and a chase ensued with the ever-discussed youngster Grover Cleveland Von Cadow (Kane Sweeney) in hot pursuit of a little girl (Tresslyn McCurry).

As the backstage

voice brought his story to a close, Zech Hintz, who played the parts of the doorman, Harry Hayman, and Fred Nitchman, quietly turned off the lights in the hotel lobby, leaving all anticipating next year's performance, possibly at "The Star Theater."

## Bryant provides snacks for Elguezabal's class



Kids and snacks go hand in hand. Once Howard Bryant found out that Mary Ann Elguezabal's class needed snacks, he began sharing his treasures. The students in Mrs. Elguezabal's class were delighted with all the fruit, vegetables and crackers that Howard sent. Among their favorites were the dried prunes. They loved the prunes even better than the ice cream. The second time Howard sent prunes, one of the children said, "I love Howard!" The snacks he sent helped the children expand their choices of healthy snacks. The students were so happy to meet Howard and let him know they appreciated him. Pictured are: (back row) Zander Fisher and Johnny Resch, (middle row) Brian Lindsay Howard Bryant and Parker Angell, and (bottom row) Harley Anderson, ZaBrena Masterson and Ireland Martin. -Contributed Photo



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