

Heppner FFA members receive recognition at state convention

Eleven members of the Heppner FFA Chapter attended the Oregon State FFA Convention March 19-22 at Crater High School in Central Point.

While there, members Garrett Gibbs, Justin Gutierrez, Justin Pranger, Justin Yocom, Zech Hintz and Zach Yocom all earned their Oregon State FFA Degrees. With that, the boys join a limited number of other recipients from Heppner since the 1939 inception of the Heppner FFA Chapter.

In order to be eligible for the honor, the young men had to be enrolled in an agricultural program for two or more years, provide two years of record book documentation, complete a 12-page application, earn and or invest \$1000 or work 500 hours in a supervised agricultural experience project, complete a

50-question test on general Oregon agricultural and FFA, prepare a PowerPoint presentation, and complete an interview by two Oregon State FFA officers and a panel of community members designated by the host interview school.

Heppner FFA members Devin Robinson and Brett Harrison were the recipients of several scholarships. There are 25 scholarships given out at the state convention to graduating seniors who are active FFA members. Each scholarship has its own qualifications and application requirements, and scholarship finalists undergo an intense interview process after filling out a lengthy application. Harrison, who plans on attending Oregon State University and majoring in Ag Business, won the following scholarships: Thorton, Al-

pha Gamma Rho, Oregon Parks and Fair, and the Oregon Fairs Foundation. Robinson hasn't finalized his college choice yet, but plans to major in Ag Engineering. He was the recipient of: Sandy FFA Alumni, Thorton and Oregon Seed Trade.

The Heppner FFA chapter was well represented overall, with six district-winning proficiencies. The district winners move on to compete at the state convention. Jarred Miller competed in agricultural mechanics, repair and maintenance; Kelsi Putman competed in agricultural service; Brett Harrison competed in both diversified crop production placement and diversified agricultural production; Devin Robinson competed in both agricultural sales entrepreneurship and diversified livestock production placement.

Devin Robinson will represent Oregon on the national level in his diversified livestock production placement proficiency award area. Proficiencies consist of a 15-page application with two years of record-book documentation to substantiate the application. The application includes factors like hours worked, money earned, depreciation/appreciation, budgets, inventory, network statements and a record of skills achieved.

Additionally, Brett Harrison competed for the highest awards a state can confer on a member, placing in the final four for star farmer. Devin Robinson competed in the final four for star in agricultural placement, and was selected as the winner for the Oregon. Robinson will go on to compete at the national level.

Heppner FFA members who weren't competing for awards had the responsibility of being delegates or serving on proficiency committees, which help select the winners. Those members from Heppner include: Lilly Sandford, Khayman Heard, Ashlie Hanson, Macy Gibbs, Skyler Hawks, Makenzi Hughes and Garrett Robinson.

Ione HS girls take third at Umatilla track meet

Ione Girls took third in the Umatilla meet on April 22, scoring 70.5 team points with just 6 girls. Ten of eleven athletes competing for the team experienced new Personal Records (PR); those who didn't PR were consistent with their personal best marks. Beth Morter ran the 800M for the first time this year and improved her time, running 2:35.54 and placing 2nd overall. Steven Holland ran the 100M after taking a break for several meets; he placed 5th overall with a time of 11.56 sec.

Placing at the meet were:

100M-Steven Holland 5th (11.56sec) PR, Evan Rietmann 6th (11.68sec) PR, Shadow Kendrick 1st (13.07sec) PR and Makenna Ramos 6th (13.65sec) PR.

200M-Steven Holland 3rd (23.55sec) PR and Shadow Kendrick 1st (27.24sec) PR.

800M-Beth Morter 2nd (2:35.54) for a season benchmark.

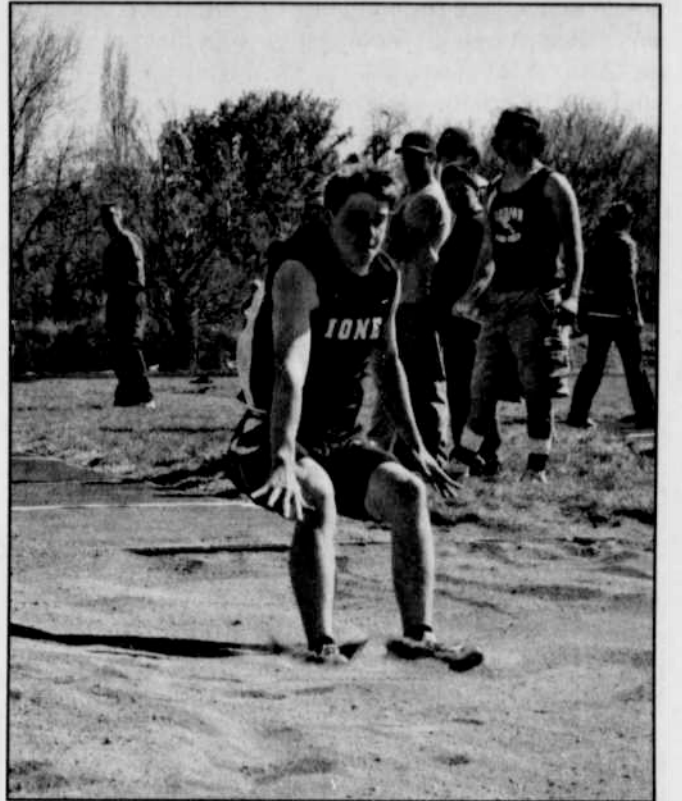
1500M-Siren Endresen 6th (6:05.35) PR.

4x100M Relay-Mens 3rd (46.73sec) by Evan and Tanner Rietmann, Luke Emmel and Steven Holland.

4x100M Relay-Womens 2nd (54.45sec) by Makenna Ramos, Stacey Halvorsen, Beth Morter and Shadow Kendrick.

Javelin-JoAnna Patton 6th (88'10").

Long Jump-Evan Rietmann 4th (19'3") PR, Shadow Kendrick 1st



Top: Shadow Kendrick wins the 200M in 27.24 at the Umatilla meet on April 22. Bottom: Evan Rietmann sticks a long jump of 19'3. -Photos by Paula Emmel

(15'2.5") PR and Beth Morter 4th (14'7").

Triple Jump-Tanner Rietmann 4th (39') PR and Stacey Halvorsen 4th (28'6").

High Jump-JoAnna Patton 3rd (4'8").

Other Athlete performances:

200M-Luke Emmel (24.82 sec) PR and Bailey Haguewood (28.37).

Javelin-Bailey Haguewood (125'4") PR, Luke Emmel (120'1") with a season best mark and Stacey Halvorsen (85'5") PR.

Long Jump-Bailey Haguewood (17'3/4") PR.

4-H club has Easter fun

By Sydney Stefani

The Ione 4-H Foods Club had Easter fun on April 17. The club members did a foods judging contest, then they evaluated hamburger patties made from different percentages, from lean to the fattest hamburger, and made a Sloppy Joe hamburger recipe. Club members then made some Easter treats. They used plastic eggs to make Rice Krispie eggs and then made some nests and put Peep candies in them.

The club's next meeting will be May 15.



(L-R): Sydney Stefani, Alexis Garrett and Morgan Orem show off their Bird's Nest Easter Cookies. -Contributed Photo

Columbia-Blue senior golf starts season

The Columbia-Blue Senior Golf Association (CBSGA) kicked off its season with a tournament at The Dalles Country Club this month.

Twenty-three local senior golfers participate in the CBSGA tournaments. Tournaments are held at various golf courses in the

region, from Beacon Rock Golf Course to Milton-Freewater Golf Course.

The tournaments are held on the second Monday of the month, April through October.

Nineteen Willow Creek seniors participated in the recent tournament in The Dalles. The next tour-

namment will be held at Echo Hills City Golf Course in May.

Any senior, male golfer who is over the age of 50 and is a member of the Willow Creek Country Club with a U.S. Golf Association Handicap Index is eligible to join the Columbia-Blue Senior Golf As-

sociation. Interested golfers are encouraged to contact John Edmundson, local director, at 541-676-5177 for more information and details about the CBSGA.

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