

South Morrow youth track competes in Stanfield

The South Morrow Youth Track team competed at a track meet in Stanfield on Thursday, April 21.

Results for the shot put are: 5-6 years - Ty Boor, 7 ft. 8.5 in.; Dillan Doyle, 7 ft. 8 in.; Ireland Martin, 6 ft. 1/2 in.; Adan Guerra, 6 ft. 7 in. 7-8 years - Kendall Dowdy, 15 ft. 2 in.; Jacob Hines, 17 ft. 2 in.; Kylie Boor, 8 ft. 2 in. 9-10 years - Caitlyn Scrivner, 11 ft. 7.5 in. 11-12 years: - Patrick Burch, 18 ft.

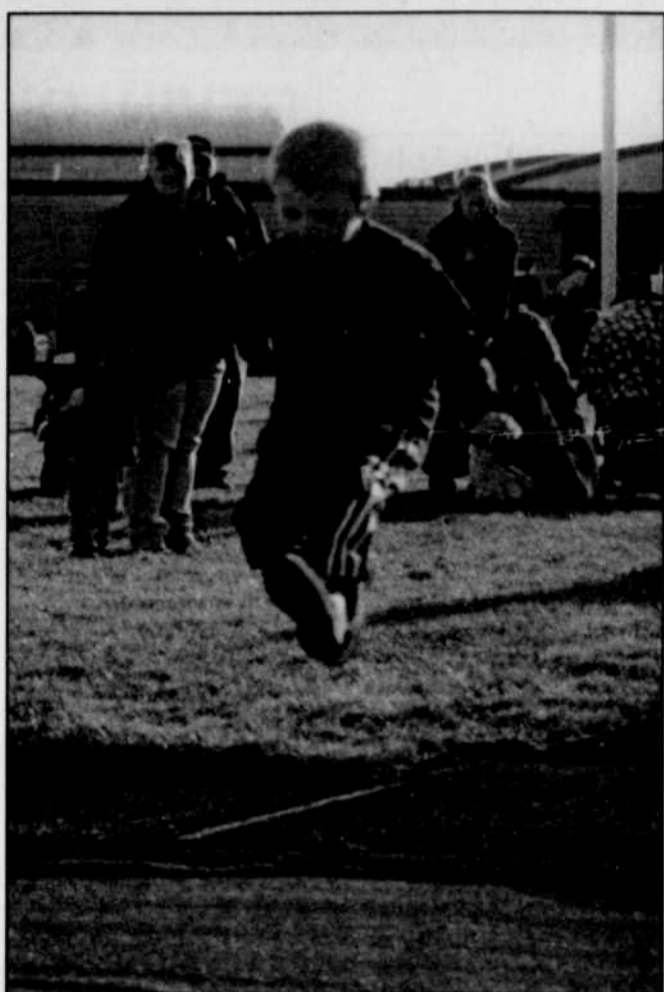
For the javelin: 5-6 years - Adan Guerra, 19 ft. 2 in.; Ty Boor, 19 ft. 3 in.; Dillan Doyle, 22 ft. 5 in.; Keegin Chitty, 18 ft. 3 in.; Kendall Dowdy, 37 ft. 10 in. 7-8 years - Brock Hisler, 35 ft. 9-10 years - Caitlyn Scrivner, 30 ft. 1 in. 11-12 years - Patrick Burch, 34 ft. 10 in.

In the long jump: 5-6 years - Ireland Martin, 6 ft.; David Cribbs, 5 ft. 5 in.; Cody Fletcher, 4 ft. 5 in.; McKenna Bray, 4 ft. 6 in. 7-8 years - Aimee Turrell, 6 ft.; Rylee Bray, 5 ft. 9 in.; Genevieve Smith, 4 ft. 9 in.

For the 50 meter dash: 5-6 years girls - Ireland Martin, 12.5. 5-6 years boys - Trevor Nichols, 10.78; David Cribbs, 11.00; Keegin Chitty, 12.64; Ty Boor, 12.58. 7-8 years girls - Rylee Bray, 9.41.

100 meter dash results: 5-6 years girls - McKenna Bray, 24.8; Camryn Scrivner, 27.0. 5-6 years boys - Trevor Nichols, 21.28; Cody Fletcher, 22.85; Keegin Chitty, 23.35; Ty Boor, 26.11. 7-8 years girls - Kylie Boor, 22.9; Marlee Mitchell, 18.14; Genevieve Smith, 20.8. 7-8 years boys - Jacob Hines, 18.23; Kael Osmin, 18.60; Brock Hisler, 19.00; Jackson Lehman, 19.04. 9-10 years boys - Mason Lehman, 17.61; Cason Mitchell, 20.43. 11-12 years girls - Darby Holtz, 18.47; Nicole Shaw, 18.95. 11-12 years boys - Alex Lindsay, 16.27; Patrick Burch, 21.81.

For the 4x100 meter relay: 7-8 years girls - Mitchell, Smith, Dowdy and Nichols, 1:26.26. 7-8 years boys - J. Lehman, Hisler, Osmin and Fletcher, 1:18.83. 9-10 years boys - P. Lehman, M. Lehman, Nichols and Mitchell, 1:15.90. In the 200 meter



Top: David Cribbs completes the long jump at the Stanfield meet on April 21. Bottom: Casey Fletcher, Peyton Lehman, Madelyn Nichols and Hunter Nichols wait to run the 1500M at Stanfield. -Contributed photo

dash: 5-6 years boys - Jackson Lehman, 1:40. 9-10 years girls - Caitlyn Scrivner, 1:56. 9-10 years boys - Hunter Nichols, 1:35; Peyton Lehman, 1:41; Mason Lehman, 1:39. For the 800 meter run: 7-8 years girls - Marlee Mitchell, 3:57. 7-8 years boys - Brock Hisler, 3:32. 11-12 years boys - Alex Lindsay, 3:40. In the 1500 meter run: 7-8 years girls - Madelyn Nichols, 7:03. 7-8 years boys - Casey Fletcher, 6:50. 9-10 years boys - Hunter Nichols, 6:18; Peyton Lehman, 6:59.

400 meter results: 5-6 years boys - Cody Fletcher, 1:50; Trevor Nichols, 1:43. 7-8 years girls - Kendall Dowdy, 2:01; Madelyn Nichols, 1:36. 7-8

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The team's next meet is in Umatilla on April 28.

SMORC holds successful launch day

The South Morrow Rocket Club (SMoRC) held a launch day at Flynn's alfalfa field on Rhea Creek on April 17 at 10 a.m. Weather for the launch was partly cloudy with clearing in the afternoon; wind was a breezy 5-10 m.p.h.

Ten people attended the launch. Leaders present were Pat Struthers, Jim Cason and Kirsti Cason. Members in attendance were Charles Cason and Suzy Cason. Parents and guests included Tammara and Dave King of Richland, WA and Jason Palmer, Hannah Palmer and Madison Palmer.

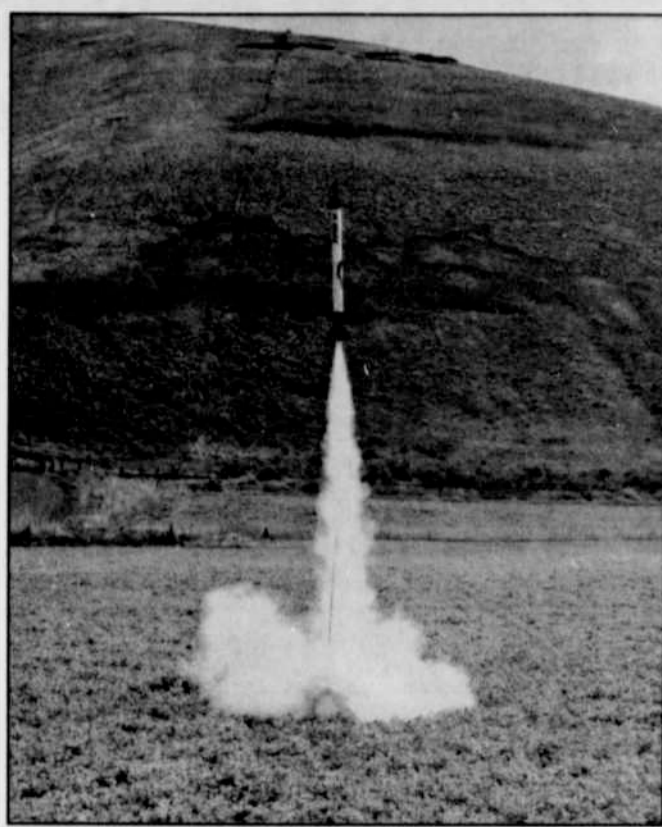
All parties met at the launch site, where everyone assisted with set-up of launch equipment. Jim Cason assisted members with installing motors and packing the rockets prior to launches. The kids completed their rocket prep and paperwork, and then launched their own rockets. Guests also had the opportunity to launch their own rockets.

There were a total of 47 launches completed by eight individuals

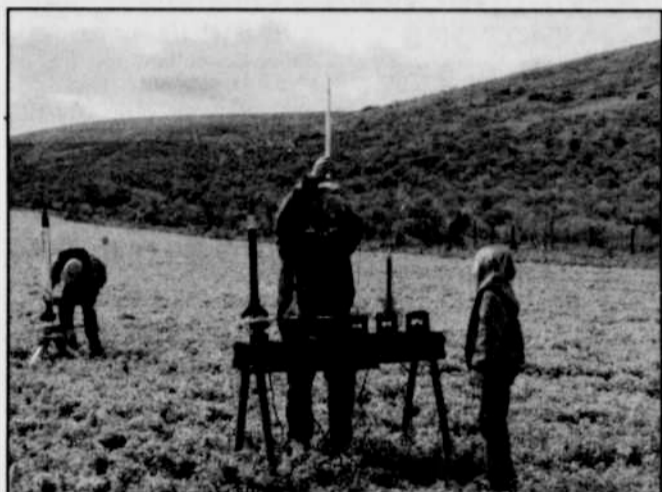
Charles Cason launched six rockets, Suzy Cason launched four rockets, Jim Cason launched two rockets, Kirsti Cason launched one rocket and Pat Struthers launched four rockets.

Guest Hannah Palmer launched one rocket. Dave King launched five rockets and Tammara King launched four rockets.

The club will be flying three or four more



Above: A Viper III takes off in a plume of smoke at SMORC's recent launch day. Below: Dave King is in the background with his Viper while Jim Cason sets up the Estes Skywriter with Suzy Cason supervising. -Contributed photos



weekends before fire season begins in June. Launch dates are called week-by-week due to unpredictable weather. Announcements

will be posted at Murray's Drug on the Thursdays prior, or people can contact Pat Struthers at 541-626-3096.

Ione track team continues stellar season

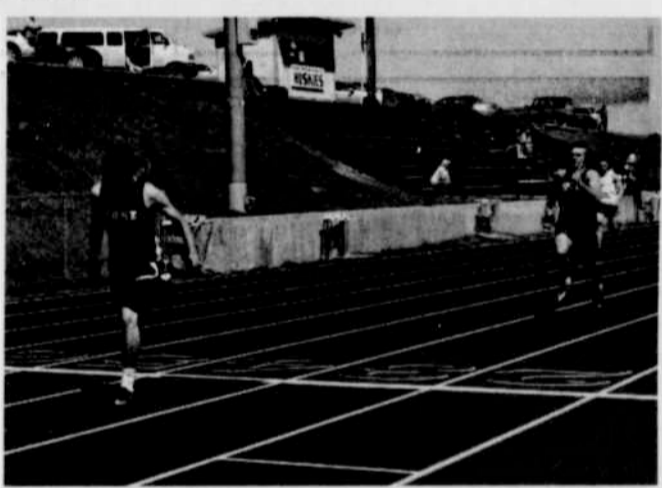
Ione women placed 4th and Men placed 6th at the April 23 meet in Sherman County. Ione met a second sunny day, allowing the athletes to further improve their performances. Luke Emmel ran the 800M for the first time this year, placing 4th and setting a new benchmark for the year. Bailey Haguwood ran a PR in the 100M with 13.43a. Most of the team visited the finals round in their individual field events, with only two not placing in the top six.

Athletes Placing were: Makenna Ramos, 100M 6th (14.35a); Steven Holland, 200M 3rd (24.02a); Siren Endresen, 1500M 3rd (6:05.56a); Steven Holland, 400M 3rd (54.90a) PR; Luke Emmel, 800M 4th (2:21.9a) and season benchmark; Bailey Haguwood, javelin 4th (128'4") PR; Beth Morter, shot put 2nd (31'8.5") PR; JoAnna Patton, javelin 5th (92'11"); Stacey Halvorsen, javelin 6th (84'3"); Steven Holland, high jump 2nd (5'8") PR; JoAnna Patton, High Jump 3rd (4'6"); Evan Rietmann, long jump 6th (16'6.25"); Shadow Kendrick, long jump 5th (14'); Tanner Rietmann, triple jump 1st (40'6.5") PR; Beth Morter, triple jump 4th (32'2"); and JoAnna Patton triple jump 5th (28'11.75").

Both 4x100 relay teams placed 1st. The women's team consisted of Makenna, Stacey, Beth and Shadow. The men's team consisted of Evan, Tanner, Luke and Steven.

With half of the season over, Ione has several athletes currently in the top 10 of 1A District 3. They are:

Men's 100M-2nd



Steven Holland crosses the finish line to put Ione's team first in the men's 4x100 at the April 23 Sherman County meet. -Photo by Paula Emmel

Steven Holland; Alex Rietmann and Evan Rietmann tied for 5th

Women's 100M-2nd Shadow Kendrick, 5th Makenna Ramos and 6th Beth Morter

Men's 200M-1st Steven Holland and 5th Luke Emmel

Women's 200M-2nd Shadow Kendrick

Men's 400M-2nd Steven Holland

Men's 800M-5th Luke Emmel

Women's 800M-1st Beth Morter

Women's 1500M-3rd Siren Endresen

Men's 3000M-4th Luke Emmel

Men's 300M Hurdles-6th Steven Holland

Men's 4x100 Relay-1st Alex, Tanner, Luke and Steven

Women's 4x100 Relay-1st Makenna, Stacey, Beth and Shadow

Women's Shot Put-5th Beth Morter

Women's Discus-6th JoAnna Patton

Men's Javelin-4th Kirk Haguwood and 7th Bailey Haguwood

Women's Javelin-3rd JoAnna Patton and 10th Stacey Halvorsen

Men's High Jump-2nd Steven Holland

Women's High Jump-2nd JoAnna Patton, Shadow Kendrick tied for 6th

Men's Long Jump-3rd Evan Rietmann

Women's Long Jump-2nd Beth Morter and 3rd Shadow Kendrick

Men's Triple Jump-2nd Tanner Rietmann

Women's Triple Jump-2nd Beth Morter, 3rd JoAnna Patton and 5th Stacey Halvorsen

Jeremy Coleman is currently 11th in discus. Tanner Rietmann is 12th in javelin and Luke Emmel is 13th in javelin. Stacey Halvorsen is 16th in long jump. They will be attempting to improve their standings in the coming weeks, as will all of the team. Visit www.athletic.net to check out their statistics.

The Ione Track and Field team will be in Heppner on April 29 at noon and in Union on April 30 at 11 a.m.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Vote for Padberg

Please join me in the vote on May 17, to retain Marvin Padberg on the Port of Morrow Commission. I had the pleasure of serving with Marvin for many years on the Morrow County Planning Commission. He showed remarkable insight for the entire county. Marvin has a remarkable

ability to see the issues, from both sides, and come to an acceptable agreement for all concerned. His leadership was missed when he retired from the planning commission.

Heppner has one of the highest tax rates in the state. Much of it was accrued while the challenger

was Heppner's city manager. Among other things, he went against the wishes of the people in the purchase of some expensive real estate.

Please vote with me for Marvin Padberg.

Thank You,
Joe Miller
Heppner

Former Pioneer Memorial CEO named president/CEO of Feather River Hospital

Kevin Erich, former president and CEO of Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, has been named president and CEO of Feather River Hospital

in California. Erich will start his new position on May 16.

Erich served as president and CEO of Pioneer Memorial Hospital

from 1992-1997.

Erich has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Pacific Union College and an MBA with emphasis in healthcare administration from Andrews University. Erich also obtained his certified financial planner certification in 1991. He became a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in 2005.

Erich and his wife, Sharla, have three children.



Heppner FFA to hold annual banquet

The Heppner FFA chapter will hold its annual banquet on Thursday, May 12 at 6 p.m. at the Fair Annex Building. Dinner will be served at 6:30. Members

of the community are invited to attend the evening, which celebrates the yearly achievements of Heppner's FFA members.

The Friends of

Heppner FFA will have a brief meeting prior to the banquet. Those interested can contact Travis Harrison for details.