

DeMayo receives 2011 Garden Highlight award



A profusion of perennials, like these "Snow in Summer" plants, won Neva DeMayo's backyard a Garden Highlight award from the Garden Club. -Contributed photo

By Kay Proctor

The Heppner Garden Club recognizes the exceptional plantings of "Snow in Summer" and "Basket of Gold" perennials in Neva DeMayo's backyard on Gilmore Street as a Garden Highlight for 2011.

DeMayo is enjoying her sixth gardening season in Heppner and enjoys "looking out her window at pretty things" in her yard. Originally from the town of Olathe in the greater Kansas City, KS area, she moved several times with her husband, Dave DeMayo, during his U.S. Army career. They moved here when Dave hired on as the city manager.

An active volunteer with the Garden Club and Friends of the Library, Neva doesn't call herself a gardener, but her pleasant terraced yard says otherwise. Maintaining what was there upon moving in, she

has added her own personal touches with yard decorations of natural materials such as a wood chair, wood birdhouses and vine wreath. The DeMayo's three cats also enjoy the fenced backyard's quiet privacy.

To keep costs low, Neva recommends transplanting plantings from one's own yard or from the Garden Club's plant exchange. While her favorite plants are peonies, she does make sure that sunflowers, the Kansas state flower, have been present in her previous yards and here, as she enjoys the birds and butterflies attracted to them.

The Garden Highlight recognition honors those with exceptional seasonal highlights, special outdoor projects or rural locations. To suggest a place for this honor, contact Kay Proctor of the Heppner Garden Club.

Ione at state track championships

By Paula Emmel

Ione was well represented at state. With all 14 team members present (nine automatic qualifiers and five relay alternates for the three relays), Ione competed in 14 events. They received medals in 12 of those events.

The Ione women's team finished with 27 points and placed 10th out of 36 teams represented. The men finished with 11 points, in 20th place among the 35 teams present.

Beth, Shadow and Steven medaled in all four of their events. Luke, Evan, Makenna and Stacey also medaled in all of their events. Tanner medaled in three of his four events. JoAnna, unfortunately, missed the opening height of 4'6" in high jump. She had an ankle injury that pestered her throughout the season and it got the best of her at state, where opening height was 6" higher than at normal meets.

All three relay teams improved their personal records. The women's 4x100 relay (Makenna Ramos, Stacey Halvorsen, Beth Morter and Shadow Kendrick) recorded a new time of 52.79a during the preliminary round on Friday and were seeded in the #1 berth going into the finals on Saturday. They ran almost as fast during the race—with a sub-53-second 400—at 52.88a to take third overall.

The men's 4x100 relay (Evan and Tanner Rietmann, Luke Emmel and Steven Holland) recorded a new time of 46.23a in their preliminary round and were seeded for the seventh-place berth. They finished the finals in sixth place, with a time of 46.88a. The

men's 4x400 relay qualified for the eighth seed by finishing fourth in their heat on Friday. They ran an outstanding relay in the finals on Saturday, placing seventh overall and setting a new personal record of 3:42.79 while shaving more four seconds from their time the previous day.

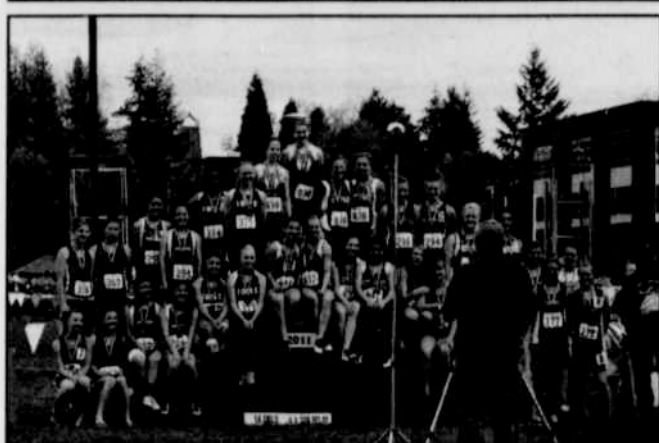
Beth Morter ran another record-setting 800M run. She broke her own school record by running a 2:28.18a, setting a new PR and placing fourth. She also scored the most points for her team, placing fourth in shot put with a throw of 34'2.5" and placing fifth in triple jump with a leap of 32'4". She also ran the third leg of the relay.

Steven Holland scored the most points for his team, placing sixth in the 400M dash with a time of 53.7a seconds and placing eighth in the 200M dash with 24.32a seconds, along with running the anchor leg of both relays.

Tanner Rietmann placed seventh in triple jump while landing just ½" short of his best jump, at a leap of 40'8.5". He ran the second leg of both relays. He ran a PR 400 split of 55.5 in prelims.

Luke Emmel ran the lead lap of the 4x400 and the third leg of the 4x100 relay. He led his lap of the 4x400 relay and set a new PR with his split of 56.51 seconds. While Evan Rietmann ran the first leg of the 4x100 and the third leg of the 4x400 relay, he also ran a PR lap in the long relay with a split of 56.88 seconds.

Shadow was Ione's other scorer; she scored in all four of her events. She placed third with her team-



Top: The men's relay team shows off their 4x100 sixth-place medals. They received seventh-place medals in the 4x400 relay. Bottom: The women's 4x100 relay team receive third-place medals at the state championship meet. -Photos by Paula Emmel

mates in the relay, sixth in the 100M dash with 13.66a seconds, eighth in the 200M dash with the time of 24.32a and sixth in long jump with 15'1"...also just ½" short of her best jump of the season.

Coaches Ryan Rudolf and Paula Emmel said they were pleased with the overall performances of their team.

"Each individual met or exceeded their ranking going into state, with their placing in the final championship rounds," Rudolf said.

Both coaches would have liked the women's relay team to take the district title, but said the girls came close and they couldn't be disappointed in their effort.

The two teams in front of them simply ran a good race, the coaches agreed; Shadow had nearly caught up with them and was nipping their heels at the finish line. Rising to the challenge of the Ione Lady Cardinal's relay team, Portland Lutheran (first with 52.61a) ran their season best and St. Paul (second with 52.73a) ran their second best time of the season.

"We had a successful season, full of the joy of competition and meeting individual goals, while improving throughout the season," Emmel said. "The accumulation of state medals shows their efforts. As a community, we are proud of them."

Moore, Haguewood bring home state medals



Jacob Moore (L) picked a great day to throw his personal best in the shot put. With a previous best of 45'9 ¾", Moore threw nearly two feet further (47'7 ½") at the 2A state track meet at Western Oregon University to earn second place in the event. Carrie Haguewood (R) jumped 4'10" in the high jump and finished sixth. Andrew Bara was ninth in the 110M hurdles. Emma Osmin finished ninth in the 200M dash and was 10th in the 100M dash. -Contributed photo

Rodeo standings

High school rodeo standings as of May 25, 2011 are:

Bull Riding: 8th, Willy Gentry, 9pts
Tie Down Roping: 7th, Devin Robinson, 32 pts; 14th, Willy Gentry, 21 pts; 22nd, Garrett Robinson, 11pts
Steer Wrestling: 4th, Devin Robinson, 39pts; 10th, Garrett Robinson, 26pts; 12th, Willy Gentry, 18 pts

Team Roping: 16th, Devin and Garrett Robinson, 16pts
Breakaway: 9th, Blake Greenup, 21pts; 15th, Taighler Dougherty, 17pts
Barrel Racing: 6th, Blake Greenup, 40pts; 13th, Taighler Dougherty, 17 pts
Goat Tying: 20th, Blake Greenup, 5pts
Pole Bending: 2nd, Blake Greenup, 68pts; 4th, Taighler Dougherty, 52.5

Heppner receives Wildhorse Foundation grant

The City of Heppner received a Wildhorse Foundation grant in the amount of \$4,500 to purchase small and large rescue rams that will attach to their rescue system for extrication.

The grant was one of 36 given out by the foundation at their May 11 Recipients Luncheon at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino. The total grants awarded at the luncheon came to \$195,082 for the first quarter, bringing the total since the Foundation began in 2001 to over \$5.3 million.

The Wildhorse Foundation is a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) as a result of its gaming operation.

Over the Tee Cup

May 24 saw 18 ladies out for a sunny day of golf at Willow Creek Country Club. The low gross of the field was taken by Pat Edmundson, and low net by Ena Kilkenny. Ann Elgin had the least putts.

For flight A, Nancy Prophet had the low gross, Carol Mitchell had low net, Virginia Grant had the least putts and Nancy Prophet had the long drive.

The Wildhorse Foundation awards grants to applicants in the areas of public health and safety, education, the arts, historic preservation, gambling addiction services, salmon restoration, environmental protection, and cultural activities. A heavy emphasis of the giving fell under the Education category followed by Public Health, Public Safety and Environmental Protection.

The quarterly deadlines for requests are January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. For more information on Wildhorse Foundation guidelines or to receive an application, call the Foundation Administrator, Tiah DeGroff at 541-966-1628 or visit www.wildhorseresort.com.

On flight B, Karen Thompson held low gross, Burul DeBoer had low net, Lorrene Montgomery had least putts and Pat Dougherty had the long drive, while Lorrene Montgomery also walked away with K.P.

For flight C, it was Laurel Rogers who had low gross and Suzanne Jepsen who had low net, while Steagall and Betty Carlson tied for least putts. Ann Elgin had the long drive.

In other standings, Ann Elgin had a chip-in on hole #8.

Rebekah card party cancelled

Due to Heppner Graduation being on Saturday, June 4, Holly Rebekah Lodge will not be hosting their monthly card party. The next card party will be held October 1.

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