

Cardinals fly toward state finals

It was a sunny day with a cross breeze for Ione's district finals. Ione had three 3rd place, six 4th place, five 5th place, one 6th place and two 7th place finishes among the 14 team members participating. The Cardinals put together a new women's 4x100 for the day, as teammate Shadow Kendrick went to districts for tennis instead of track; she will be advancing to state in tennis. The new relay mix was: Makenna Ramos, Emily Holland, Charlette Burghard and Dominika Senkerikova; Senkerikova ran the anchor leg for the first time, with a time of 55.42a. Their time was just shy of the season best time of 55:aa when Makenna, Dominika, Charlette and Shadow ran the race.

Ione had 11 new PRs at district and two season bests. Season bests were Steven Holland in the 400M with 55.62a, placing 5th, and Jeremy Coleman in the 1500M with a time of 7:02.82a.

PRs were:
Men's 4x100: 46.79a, Evan Rietmann, Justin Estabrook, Luke Emmel and Steven Holland

Men's 4x400: 3:48.09a, Luke Emmel, Evan, Francisco Ramirez and Steven Holland

100M: Justin Estabrook, 12.23a

200M: Justin Estabrook, 25.67a; Makenna Ramos, 29.39a and Emily Holland, 32.80a

400M: Makenna Ramos, 66.12a

3000M: Charlette Burghard, 12:42.57a

Discus: Jeremy Cole-



3000M district champion Charlette Burghard advances to state. -Photo by Orissa Burghard

man, 95' 5"
Javelin: Emily Holland, 104' 7.25"

High jump: Steven Holland, 6' 0"

Overall, the boys placed fourth and the girls placed sixth of 11 teams.

Advancing to state for the Cardinal track team are the men's 4x100 relay team: seniors Luke Emmel and Steven Holland, juniors Evan Rietmann and Justin Estabrook, and alternates (sophomores) Francisco Ramirez and Bailey Haguewood; senior Steven Holland, high jump; senior Makenna Ramos, 400M; and sophomore Charlette Burghard, 3000M.

"Overall, we were proud of the team's efforts," says coach Paul Emmel. "We will practice hard this week in preparation for the state championship in Monmouth this weekend."

For full district results check out www.athletic.net. Follow the state meet results at <http://www.osaa.org/track/2012/3a2a1astats/>.

Mustang track gallops to state



The Heppner Mustang boy's 4x400 relay team members are among the athletes headed to state. The team consisted of Seth Palmer, Jacob Moses, Jeff McConnell, and Bryce Fowler. They took second in districts. -Contributed photos

The Blue Mountain Conference district track meet is over, with several Mustang team members headed to state track finals this Friday and Saturday at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, OR.

Team members going to state and their placings in districts are:

Conner Pappas: 1st,

100M; 2nd 200M
Emma Osmin: 2nd,

300M hurdles
Andrew Bara: 2nd,

110M and 300M hurdles
4x400 relay team of Bryce Fowler, Jeff McConnell, Jacob Moses and Seth Palmer, 2nd

Carrie Haguewood, 1st, high jump and long jump

Mustang golf wows at districts

Mustang golf results from districts are as follows:

The Heppner boys' team of Austin Gutierrez, 84; Kyle Harrison, 85; Zac Orem, 86; Adam Collin, 88 and Luke Jobs, 95, took first place with an overall team score of 679. They played against Grant Union, 760; Nixyaawii, 778; Echo, 795 and Horizon Christian, 392.

The Heppner girl's team of Blake Greenup, 87; Jordan Peterson, 108; Maddie

Lindsay, 101; Paige Grieb, 116 and Stacey Halvorson, 124 took second place with an overall team score of 851. The played against Grant Union, 245; Cove, 305; Nixyaawii, 314; Horizon Christian, 342; Burns, 449; Vale, 552; Union, 703; Ontario, 844; Baker, 888; La Grande, 904; Enterprise, 976; Nyssa, 1142 and Wallowa, 490.

"The kids did a great job," said Coach Greg Grant.

New manager at Community Bank

By Andrea Di Salvo

Customers and visitors to Community Bank in Heppner will be greeted by a smiling new face in the form of new branch manager Nicole, or Nikki, Worden. The 29-year-old took over as the bank's manager in April.

Worden was born in Portland, OR but raised in Union, OR. She graduated from Union High School in 2001 and then lived and worked in La Grande, OR before moving to Heppner in 2011. While in La Grande, Worden put in time as a fast food waitress, spent four years working at Walmart, and then started as a teller at US Bank. She spent two years with US Bank before taking a job as a personal banker with Wells Fargo. She was promoted

to assistant manager during her three years there.

Worden's family moved to Heppner last fall after her husband, Heppner graduate Rick Worden, was hired as the Morrow County finance director. She spent six months as a stay-at-home mom to their three kids—Daemon, seven; Arianna, six and Eva, two—before hiring on at Community Bank.

With kids and work, Worden has plenty to occupy her time, but she manages to find some time for her favorite things, crafting and cooking. She crafts hair bows and other creations and sells them through her online boutique, Pretty Ever After. She says she also loves to try new recipes of all kinds, though she always has a back-up in the fridge



Nikki Worden is the new branch manager at Community Bank.

-Photo by Andrea Di Salvo in case her kids don't like her experiments.

Worden says she likes being back in a small town.

"Heppner is very open and friendly," she says. "It's great for the kids; the school system is fantastic."

She adds that the slow-

er, more people-oriented pace at Community Bank is a nice change.

"I came here from a bank that was high-paced, high pressure," says Worden. "It's nice to be in a bank where the community is the focus, not just the bottom line."

OWF plans golf scramble

The Oregon Wheat Foundation Board will hold its 16th annual Oregon Wheat Foundation Golf Scramble on Tuesday, May 22 at the Pendleton Country Club. The scramble benefits foundation education

and scholarship programs. There will be awards for first, second and third place team scores; individual KP and long drives; hole-in-one; raffle drawings and much more.

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with complimentary pastries and coffee; play begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Lunch is included.

To register or be an event sponsor, contact the OWGL office, 115 SE 8th St., Pendleton, or fax 541-276-1723 by Friday, May 18. Details available at www.owgl.org/foundation/.

Heppner softball first in league



The Heppner softball team celebrated a victory over Echo last Tuesday night. They have locked in first in league and are ranked first in state going into district finals. Mustang softball will be hosting districts in Heppner on Saturday, May 19. -Contributed photo

Orr chosen for Shrine team



(L-R): Cody Orr (player), Greg Grant, Herman Winter, Dennis Starr and Lane Graham (alternate). -Contributed photo

The Tri-County Shrine Club held a recognition dinner for East-West Shrine Game player Cody Orr from Heppner and alternate player Lane Graham from Spray last week. The players were chosen for the wide receiver/defensive end position.

Club president Herman Winter said the dinner was to honor the boys, who are from the Tri-County Shrine Club area that covers Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties. The guest speaker for the evening was Dick Crist, the Potentate Representative from District #1. Coach Greg Grant and Coach Dennis Starr spoke on the outstanding qualities of the young gentlemen both on and off the field.

The players also introduced their family and friends and praised their coaches and families for their support.

Other area players on the Shrine East team are:

Austin Beard, North Valley

Derek Burkhardt, Vale

Kyle Burnett, Sherman

Tanner Canaday, Myrtle Point

Justin Cheny, Cascade

Christian Skylar Emery, Nyssa

Pete Finnegan, Central

Andrew Fullerton, Imbler

John Hanson, Philomath

Sean Heil, Scio

Blake Ireland, Lost River

Tyler Jacobo, Bandon

Anthony Kelly, Gold Beach

Mitchell Kuenzi, Stayton

Justin Larson, Dayville

Marcus Lynn, Enterprise

Kipp Marstall, Gold Beach

Ryan Opie, Crane

Cody Orr, Heppner

Dallas Reich, Weston

Jesus Retano, Culver

Colten Richards, Baker

Dalton Richardson, Phoenix

Jake Robison, Newport

Gary Rose, Mazama

Lane Roseberry, Lakeview

Kyle Smith, Elmira

Nolan Stampke, Burns

Dee Stephens, Ontario

Scott Whispell, St. Mary's

The East-West game will be held in Baker City

August 4 at 2 p.m. Contact

Gene Orwick for tickets and information.

Ione T-ball gears up



Ione's T-ball team gears up for its game in Condon last Friday. The Farm Team (sponsored by Loren Heideman Farming) has nine players. Pictured are John McElligott, Liam Heideman, Carter Eynetich, Lily Ried and Corey Rice. The Farm Team is coached by Erin Heideman and Dawn Eynetich. Their next game is Friday against Condon-Fossil in Condon. -Photo by Erin Heideman

Organic Initiative applications due

Potential Organic Initiative applicants should contact their local NRCS office soon to find out if they are eligible. Applications for the final ranking

period of 2012 are due at NRCS offices by close of business on June 1. This is the final ranking period for this year's Organic Initiative.

Organic Initiative conservation practices in Oregon include buffer strips, conservation crop rotation, cover crops, drip irrigation, fencing, field borders, mulching, nutrient and pest management and more.

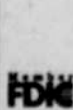
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