

Ione athletes move up district ladder in track and field

The Ione track team took 14 athletes to the Dick Horyna Invitational April 11. The girls placed ninth of 23 teams while the boys placed 17 out of 22 teams. The athletes set 15 personal records (PRs) on the day, as well as two season bests (SBs) and three new benchmarks.

Placing were: 1st, Jessie Flynn, long jump; 2nd, Rachel Holland, javelin, and Jorge Aguilar, shot put; 3rd, women's 4x100 relay team, comprised of Holland, Yaniva Garcia, Maggie Flynn and Jessie Flynn; 4th, J Flynn, 300M Hurdles; 5th, J Aguilar, discus; 6th, men's 4x100 relay team, comprised of J Aguilar, David Smidmajer, Hector Aguilar and Henry Padberg; and 7th, Holland, 200M.

Benchmarks were: H Aguilar (92') and TJ Patton (79'7") in javelin and the women's 4x100 relay (57:16a).

Season Bests were: J Flynn (16'1.5") and Karsen Dumler (12'10) in long jump.

Personal Records (PRs) were: 100M—Padberg (12.62a), Smidmajer (13.35a), M Flynn (15.04a) and Garcia (15.31a); 200M—Padberg (26.64a) and Holland (29.12a); shot put—J Aguilar (40'1"), Dumler (27'11") and Ashley Medina (22'1"); discus—J Aguilar (113'1"), Patton (92'3"), Kaitlin Garrett (74')

A Medina (71'6"); javelin—Chris Pryor (45'); and long jump—Garcia (13'1/2").

In the district top 10 are: TJ Patton, #7 800M and #10 1500M; Men's 4x100, Jorge Aguilar, David Smidmajer, Hector Aguilar and Henry Padberg, #3; Jorge Aguilar, #4 shot put and #3 discus; Rachel Holland,



Ione's Jessie Flynn takes fourth in the 300M hurdles with a time of 53.57a. Flynn is ranked first in District 3 for three out of four events; her other event is as the anchor of the relay. She is also ranked #1 at the state level in long jump and 300M hurdles and is currently in a four-way tie for #3 in high jump.

—Photo by Paula Emmel

#4 100M, #4 200M, #3 400M, #2 Javelin; women's 4x100 relay, Rachel Holland, Yaniva Garcia, Maggie and Jessie Flynn, #4; Yaniva Garcia, tied at #9 long jump; Jessie Flynn, #1 300M hurdles, #1 in high jump and #1 in long jump.

At the state level: J Aguilar, tied at #6 in shot put and holding #9 in discus; Holland, #4 in javelin.

These athletes are working their way up the district ladder and improving at each meet. They are also climbing that ladder in multiple events. Several are in the top 20 for more than an event. Check out their progress at www.athletic.net (Oregon 1A, District 3).

Ione's next meet is a twilight meet, the Apple Blossom Invitational, at Hood River this Friday, April 17, at 4 p.m.

Full Ione stats from the Dick Horyna Invitational, with places noted to eighth, are as follows:

Mens Results

100 Meters - Varsity
Henry Padberg, 12.62a
David Smidmajer, 13.35a
Hector Aguilar, 14.37a
200 Meters - Varsity
Henry Padberg, 26.64a
800 Meters - Varsity
TJ Patton, 2:35.01a
4x100 Relay - Varsity

6. Jorge Aguilar, David Smidmajer, Hector Aguilar, Henry Padberg, 52.40a
Shot Put - 12lb - Varsity
2. Jorge Aguilar, 40-01.00
Karsen Dumler, 27-11.00
Chris Pryor, 22-08.00
Discus - 1.6kg - Varsity
5. Jorge Aguilar, 113-01
TJ Patton, 92-03
Javelin - 800g - Varsity
Hector Aguilar, 92-00
TJ Patton, 79-07
Chris Pryor, 45-00
Long Jump - Varsity
Karsen Dumler, 12-10.00

Womens Results

100 Meters - Varsity
Rachel Holland, 14.61a
Maggie Flynn, 15.04
Yaniva Garcia, 15.31
200 Meters - Varsity
7. Rachel Holland, 29.12a
300M Hurdles - 30" - Varsity
4. Jessie Flynn, 53.57a
4x100 Relay - Varsity
3. Rachel Holland, Yaniva Garcia, Maggie Flynn, Jessie Flynn, 57.16a
Shot Put - 4kg - Varsity
Kaitlin Garrett, 23-01.00
Ashley Medina, 22-01.00
Sonia Medina, 20-02.50
Discus - 1kg - Varsity
Kaitlin Garrett, 74-00
Ashley Medina, 71-06
Sonia Medina, 54-11
Javelin - 600g - Varsity
2. Rachel Holland, 96-10
Yaniva Garcia, 54-04
Ashley Medina, 50-09
Long Jump - Varsity
1. Jessie Flynn, 16-01.50
Yaniva Garcia, 13-00.50
Maggie Flynn, 12-07.00

Mustang softball faces losses despite hard-hitting offense

The Mustang softball team faced 3A Enterprise last Tuesday and was handed two crushing defeats.

Still struggling to put together seven innings of solid defense, the Mustangs have been hitting the ball well.

Sydney Qualls picked up an RBI sacrifice hitting from the left side as a slap hitter. Taylor Hamby and Meranda Lemmon each got RBIs, while Sydney Maben picked up a pair in the losses.

Traveling to Burns on Saturday, the ever-battling ballers played hard, fighting the weather as much as the Burns Highlanders.

Meranda Lemmon was in the circle for both games



Mustang softball slugger Morgan Orem of Ione connects with the ball last week. —Contributed photo

as the Mustangs again suffered two losses, 14-3 and 8-3. At the plate in the contest, Morgan Correa, Morgan Orem and Riley Kollman each had RBI hits,

while Sydney Maben again picked up another pair of RBIs.

The Mustangs will next play at home on Saturday at 11 a.m. against Culver.

Ione boys take first in Bike Pit championships



Timothy Emmel takes the checkered flag to win the second of the 2015 series Quad Pro races held on April 12. —Photo by Paula Emmel

The Bike Pit in Pilot Rock has announced the results of the 2014 Winter Championship. Among the winners were Tim Emmel and Luke Emmel of Ione. Full results are as follows: Quads Intermediate—1st, Tim Emmel

Cody Fisher; 2nd, Natalie Walker; 3rd, Aubrey Mills
PeeWee Quad 6-12—1st, Cody Fisher
250 Beginner—1st, Cole Meighan; 2nd, Samantha Mills
450 Beginner—1st, Paul Vilavicencio; 2nd, Joseph

Barton
450 Junior—1st, Austin Rogers

Combined/Open Beginner—1st, Luke Emmel
40+ Beginner—1st, Jerry Lemay; 2nd, Reed Hardwood

40+ Intermediate—1st, Matt Granandrea

65cc 9-11—1st, Riley Walker
Riders had to compete in four out of five races to be considered for the championship trophy in the 2014 series. For the 2015 series, the Bike Pit has added a raced and riders now have to compete in five out of six races. The next race in the series is May 17 at 10 a.m.

For more information on the Bike Pit, visit www.pilotrockbikepit.com.

Oregon NRCS accepting proposals for Conservation Innovation Grants

PORTLAND, Ore.—The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces up to \$250,000 of funding available in Oregon for eligible individuals, local and state governments, non-governmental organizations, and tribes through the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program. The deadline to submit an application for the CIG is May 29.

Authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, CIG funds support the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies to further agricultural production solutions. Projects must be within Oregon and may be county-based or state-wide

in scope.

"CIG is an integral part of our overall conservation strategy in Oregon," said NRCS State Conservationist Ron Alvarado.

CIG proposals must involve producers who are eligible for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and should demonstrate the use of innovative technologies or approaches to address a natural resource concern.

These resource concerns must fit into one of the following sub-categories: energy, air quality and atmospheric change, water quality or quantity, plant health/vigor, soil quality and health, and wildlife habitat. CIG does not fund research projects.

Eligible applicants submitting proposals for the Oregon CIG may request up to \$75,000 of matching federal funds. Applicants must match the USDA funds awarded on a dollar-for-dollar basis from non-federal sources with cash and/or in-kind contributions.

Since 2009, the Oregon CIG program has awarded over \$1.8 million in competitive grants. A full listing of recent Oregon CIG projects can be viewed online at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>.

Applicants with questions regarding the application process should contact the CIG Program Manager, Todd Peplin, at 503-414-3292, or by e-mail at toddp@or.usda.gov.

TV shoot planned for May 2

Ione's annual 1,000 Yard TV Shoot is planned for Saturday, May 2, at the Frank and Joe Halvorsen Farm, Ione. Registration for the shoot will take place from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Pre-registration is accepted or participants may register the morning of the event.

The main event will be a contest to see who can shoot a metal gong the size of a 27" TV from 1,000 yards. Entry fee for the shoot is \$20 per person for one shot, with a prize of \$100 for hitting the gong. If more than one person hits the gong, then a shoot-off will commence after everyone has shot. Only one person will win the \$100 prize in each class. Classes

include elk or deer rifle, heavy target or bench guns, and open site 500 yards.

A rifle raffle and other shooting activities will be available, including sporting clays and a pistol range. Lunch will be available on site. All proceeds will go to purchase children's prizes for Ione's Fourth of July Celebration.

To get to the Halvorsen's farm, drive three miles up Gooseberry Road and turn right on Halvorsen Lane. Go west four miles and signs will guide you from there.

For more information, contact Eric and Brandi Orem at 541-989-9808 or eboremfarms@hotmail.com.

Ione library board, budget meeting planned

The Ione Library District Board of Directors will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 21, at 2:30 p.m. The budget meeting for the Ione Library District will follow at 3:30 p.m.

The meetings will be held at the Ione Public Library, 385 W. 2nd Street. The public is welcome to attend.

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be met with funds generated from the Veterans' Home program. ODVA does not expect the match requirement to result in any significant increase in

resident rates.

In addition, the federal grant provides an opportunity to recoup the majority of the costs associated with these items. The total anticipated budget is \$4.3

million.

Smith serves as the Co-Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, which approved the recommendation unanimously.

Blue Mountain Community College

Alumni in the Spotlight



Blue Mountain Community College



Catherine Heath
BMCC Class of 2012
Radiologic Technologist

Catherine Heath grew up in Ione and knew she wanted to go into diagnostic imaging. She chose BMCC as an affordable option to complete her general studies prior to transferring to a diagnostic imaging program at Linn-Benton Community College.

"I was able to do all of my prerequisites through BMCC to get into the diagnostic imaging program. BMCC gave me all of the tools I needed to be successful in my program." Now this Ione native is a successful - and very busy! - radiologic technologist for St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

Have you heard about the BMCC bond?

BMCC wants to continue to provide a high-quality education for students so they can succeed like our many distinguished alumni! Check out the bond page on our website to learn more about how BMCC could continue to provide an affordable education for family-wage jobs, a safe and secure learning environment and protect the community's investment. Look for the bond on the May 19, 2015, ballot!

www.bluecc.edu/about-bmcc/bond-measure

WAREHOUSING

Port of Morrow Warehousing is opening a new cold storage warehouse June 2015. We are taking applications for Warehouse Operations and Office Staff positions beginning April 13, 2015. We offer competitive pay and industry leading benefits for medical and retirement.

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or GED expected
- Demonstrate ability to add, subtract, multiply and divide, using whole numbers, common fractions and decimals
- Able to work in (0° to -5° F) degree warehouse environment
- Adjust and perform changing job duties, tasks, and functions
- Must be able to lift up to 75 lbs.
- Must possess a valid driver's license
- Punctual
- Previous warehouse experience a plus
- Shift Work, Overtime and Weekend Work

Prospective candidates MUST apply in person at Port of Morrow Warehousing located at 73336 Lewis and Clark Drive Boardman, OR beginning April 13, 2015. Prospective employees will be subject to drug screening as part of hiring process as well as ongoing participation in the PORT of Morrow Warehousing Drug Testing Program. Port of Morrow is a DRUG FREE Workplace and EOE employer.