

# Ione FFA to install new officers Thursday



The Ione FFA Chapter will host its first annual FFA banquet on Thursday, May 14, at 6 p.m. at the Ione Legion Hall. Highlighting the evening will be the installation of next year’s officers. Pictured (L-R): Tarynn Angell (Vice President), Katie Gilbert (Secretary), Morgan Orem (President), Emily Taylor (Treasurer), Austin Carter (Reporter) and Danny Doherty (Sentinel). Community members are invited to join the chapter for a meal and program. Guests are asked to bring a side dish. —Photo by Erin Heideman

# COUNTY DECLARES DROUGHT

-Continued from PAGE ONE in Baker, Wheeler, Crook, Harney, Klamath, Lake and Malheur counties.

Tallman said the county court believes it is “the fair thing to do” to follow suit and declare an emergency in Morrow County so livestock and crop producers can get emergency aid if needed. That need is likely, since the Oregon Water Resources Dept. has already placed the Umatilla Basin in “drought likely” status due to reservoirs being at roughly 50 percent of normal with a continued dry forecast. The John Day Basin has been classified as “drought unavoidable” with

no snowpack or storage. Tallman also said the county court has formally requested that Gov. Brown declare a drought emergency in Morrow County effective immediately. “There is minimal or no snow pack for the Umatilla and John Day Basin, and river flow amounts are at historical lows,” stated the court’s letter to the governor. “Agricultural economic impacts are anticipated.” Tallman said Umatilla County is also taking similar steps and that the state is likely to review the two counties’ requests at the same time.

# May water supply report: Oregon snowpack peaks up to 90 percent below normal

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Oregon announced its May water supply outlook report shows a continued trend this year for record-low snowpack throughout the state and well below normal stream-flow forecasts for the summer. As of May 1, the statewide snowpack was at 11 percent of normal, and only 15 out of 112 snow monitor-

ing stations had any snow left at all. Throughout the winter, Oregon’s snowpack was confined to the highest of elevations and was well below normal across the entire state. Sixty percent of the long-term snowpack monitoring sites set records for the lowest peak snowpack levels, as well as the earliest peak dates, since measurements began more than 30 years ago.

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# Cardinals burn up the track on way to districts

The Ione track team attended the Umatilla Finale on Thursday, May 7, bringing home fifth place for the men and fourth for the women. The team also achieved two season bests (SBs), both by Cord Flynn and shot put and javelin, one benchmark by Kaitlin Garrett in javelin, and seven personal records (PRs). PRs were freshman Emily Taylor, in javelin and long jump (two of three events); junior Jessie Flynn in 200M and discus (two of three events); freshman Sonia Medina in Javelin; junior David Smidmajer in 100M; and sophomore Chris Pryor in javelin.

Next up for the Cardinals was the Arlington Invitational on Saturday. The Ione men’s team came in tenth, while women walked away with seventh place as a team. The Ione team members also brought home 10 PRs from freshman Maggie Flynn in 400M, shot put and long jump (three of three events); sophomore Karsen Dumler in shot put and discus (two of three events); sophomore Chris Pryor in discus; sophomore Hector Aguilar in javelin; freshman Kaitlin Garrett in discus; junior Rachel Holland in javelin; and junior Frances Knop in javelin. “Our younger athletes are really coming on strong and improved in many of their events this week,” said coach Paula Emmel. “With districts on the horizon, this is exciting to see them come together as a team.”

In the 1A Top 10 going into districts are Jorge Aguilar, #10 in shot put; Rachel Holland, tied for #5 in javelin; and Jessie Flynn, #1 in 100M and long jump, #2 in 300M hurdles, #4 in 200M, #6 in 100M hurdles and in an eight-way tie for

#6 in high jump. In the Top 10 for 1A Special District 3 from Ione are: 100M-#1 Jessie Flynn, #7 Rachel Holland; 200M-#2 Jessie Flynn, #7 Rachel Holland; 400M-#4 Rachel Holland; 100M Hurdles-#3 Jessie Flynn; 300M Hurdles-#1 Jessie Flynn; 4x100 Relay-#4 Women, #6 Men; Shot Put-#4 Jorge Aguilar; Discus-#9 Jorge Aguilar; Javelin-#3 Rachel Holland; High Jump-three-way tie #3 Jessie Flynn; Long Jump-#1 Jessie Flynn; and Triple Jump-#7 Rachel Holland. “Not far behind those standings are several other team members in multiple events: TJ Patton, Maggie Flynn, Kaitlin Garrett, Cord Flynn, David Smidmajer and Hector Aguilar have been climbing up the district ladder,” said Emmel. “We may see several of them place at district as well as many more improvements from the rest of the team.”

The 1A Special District 3 championships will be held in Moro, OR at 10:30 a.m., this Saturday, May 16. Full team stats from last week with placings shown to eighth are as follows:  
**Umatilla Finale Mens Results**  
100 Meters - Varsity  
8. David Smidmajer 13.08a  
200 Meters - Varsity  
6. David Smidmajer 28.04a  
8. Jorge Aguilar 29.51a  
Shot Put - 12lb - Varsity  
1. Jorge Aguilar 40-04.00  
Cord Flynn 31-10.00  
Karsen Dumler 28-09.00  
Chris Pryor 23-06.00  
Javelin - 800g - Varsity  
8. David Smidmajer 102-07  
Cord Flynn 97-06  
Chris Pryor 62-01  
Long Jump - Varsity  
Karsen Dumler 12-09.00  
**Womens Results**  
100 Meters - Varsity  
Maggie Flynn 15.23a  
Emily Taylor 15.98a  
200 Meters - Varsity  
2. Jessie Flynn 27.70a  
3. Rachel Holland 29.30a



Cardinal Maggie Flynn launches the shot put for a personal record in Arlington Saturday. Flynn was three for three for PRs in her events that day. —Photo by Paula Emmel

Shot Put - 4kg - Varsity  
7. Rachel Holland 25-01.25  
Ashley Medina 21-08.00  
Sonia Medina 20-05.00  
Frances Knop 19-03.00  
Discus - 1kg - Varsity  
4. Jessie Flynn 73-08  
Maggie Flynn 66-01  
Kaitlin Garrett 65-10  
Ashley Medina 59-03  
Sonia Medina 55-05  
Frances Knop 39-02  
Javelin - 600g - Varsity  
2. Rachel Holland 103-11  
Kaitlin Garrett 61-03  
Emily Taylor 61-01  
Ashley Medina 48-06  
Sonia Medina 43-07  
Frances Knop 29-09  
Long Jump - Varsity  
1. Jessie Flynn 15-05.00  
Emily Taylor 11-07.00  
**Arlington Invitational Mens Results**  
100 Meters - Varsity  
David Smidmajer 13.17a  
Hector Aguilar 14.57a  
200 Meters - Varsity  
David Smidmajer 27.75a  
Hector Aguilar 29.58a  
Shot Put - 12lb - Varsity  
4. Jorge Aguilar 38-11.00  
Karsen Dumler 29-09.00  
Discus - 1.6kg - Varsity  
Jorge Aguilar 107-08

Karsen Dumler 81-01  
Chris Pryor 66-09  
Javelin - 800g - Varsity  
Hector Aguilar 97-06  
David Smidmajer 74-04  
Chris Pryor 59-08  
Long Jump - Varsity  
Karsen Dumler 12-09.50  
**Womens Results**  
100 Meters - Varsity  
1. Jessie Flynn 13.25a  
Emily Taylor 17.00a  
400 Meters - Varsity  
1. 11 Rachel Holland 1:07.69a  
Maggie Flynn 1:14.54a  
100m Hurdles - 33” - Varsity  
4. Jessie Flynn 18.40a  
300m Hurdles - 30” - Varsity  
2. Jessie Flynn 49.44a  
Shot Put - 4kg - Varsity  
Maggie Flynn 26-08.50  
Kaitlin Garrett 24-06.00  
Frances Knop 18-01.00  
Discus - 1kg - Varsity  
Kaitlin Garrett 76-09  
Frances Knop 38-01  
Javelin - 600g - Varsity  
3. Rachel Holland 108-00  
Emily Taylor 60-11  
Frances Knop 38-09  
Long Jump - Varsity  
1. Jessie Flynn 15-09.75  
7. Maggie Flynn 13-03.00  
Emily Taylor 9-02.75

## Sheriff’s Report

**October 8 (cont.):** -A person in Heppner advised that a female was grabbed inappropriately by a male subject, after which the female’s son got between the two and the male threatened the son. They requested contact. -MCSO arrested Sherry Lynn Nelson, 51, on charges of probation violation – alcohol. Subject was lodged at Umatilla County Jail. -MCSO received report that a male subject in Irrigon was at a residence threatening to beat people up. Male subject was intoxicated. There were two children at the house. Deputy made contact with the male. He left and was advised that if he returned and caused more issues that night he would be arrested for disorderly conduct. **October 9:** -A male in Heppner advised Morrow County Sheriff’s Office that he believes his mother had

some silver coins stolen from her house. -MCSO received report that a small child was screaming at the top of his lungs in a nearby house. It was unknown who the child was or if there were any adults present in the house. -A female in Pendleton advised she and her boyfriend got into an argument and he was threatening to kill himself. Caller requested a welfare check at his home and the surrounding area. **October 10:** -A caller in Boardman advised a cow jumped out of the bushes and hit his vehicle and damaged it. Caller advised the cow was okay but there were several others out; he woke up the owners but they did not speak English. A deputy responded. The cow owners and caller would work out damages among themselves. -A caller in Heppner advised MCSO that a vehicle had

been parked in the alley behind his house for the last three days; he advised the vehicle was a hazard and he wanted a deputy to figure out what it was doing there. A deputy responded and determined the vehicle was not a hazard and was not blocking the alley. -MCSO received report of a flatbed trailer that was submerged in Willow Creek Reservoir and was now visible due to the water level. -A caller in Irrigon reported a possible motor vehicle accident. Reporting person called back and advised units could stand down; it was just two subjects visiting with each other. **October 11:** -A caller advised Morrow County Sheriff’s Office that he located a camp in the mountains that appeared to have been abandoned or the party unable to return. There were tents, chairs, clothes, and a woman’s wallet. Oregon State Police

handled the call and checked out the camp. MCSO assisted and contacted the female who was camping there and advised her to clean it up or face offensive littering charges. -MCSO was advised of a couch in the eastbound fast lane on I-84 near Boardman. An officer responded and the couch had already been moved to the median. OSP was advised and would contact ODOT. **October 12:** -A woman in Irrigon requested a welfare check on her elderly brother; she advised they usually heard from him every morning by 8 a.m. but had not heard from him yet at 9 a.m. and couldn’t reach him. A deputy responded. The male was fine, just felt like sleeping in. -A person in Irrigon reported to MCSO about a male subject wanting to buy juvenile females and take them to Mexico.

## Blue Mountain Community College

Alumni in the Spotlight



### 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.

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