

Ione FFA successful at District FFA Convention



Pictured (L-R): Madison Orem, Grace Ogden, Gary Walls, Carter Eynetich and Liam Heideman. -Contributed photo.

Members of the Ione FFA Chapter competed at the 2022 District FFA Convention held at the Workforce Development Center in Boardman Tuesday, January 25, where three members earned the right to advance to the state convention in March.

In advanced portfolio, Grace Ogden earned first place and Madison Orem earned second. In beginning portfolio, Liam Heideman earned first place. All three will compete at the state level.

Advanced job interview second place was Madison Orem and in beginning job

interview, Carter Eynetich earned fourth place. Grace Ogden and Liam Heideman also competed in this area.

Gary Walls earned the opportunity to represent the district at the State FFA Convention in his proficiency area, Diversified Crop Production Placement for his job at Crum Farming and Madison Orem will represent in Beef Production Entrepreneurship with the work she does with her own herd.

Each year, the local district elects six students to represent the district and whose main responsibilities are working with the

district FFA advisor to put on district leadership camp in the fall. Madison Orem was elected district vice president.

Madison will represent Ione at the sectional level in the job interview career development event February 16th at Eastern Oregon University.

Ione FFA was chartered in 2015 and is part of the Oregon FFA Association and the Blue Mountain District. The district consists of Pilot Rock, Athena-Weston, Milton-Freewater, Hermiston, Pendleton, Irrigon, Heppner, Boardman, Stanfield, Echo and Ione.

Local student makes Mt Hood dean's list

Local student Mackenzie Heideman has made the Dean's list at Mt Hood Community College, it was recently announced.

"Congratulations on your outstanding accomplishment of earning a place on the Dean's List. The Mt Hood Community College board, faculty and staff want to congratulate you on your academic achievement for fall term, 2021,"

the announcement from the college said.

"Because of your effort and hard work, you have met or exceeded the requirements of the Dean's List. The Dean's List includes those full-time students who have achieved a 3.65 to 3.84 grade point average with a minimum of twelve credits," said Alfred McQuarters, vice president

of instruction at the college. "You deserve the highest praise for your accomplishment. This accomplishment is now reflected on your Mt Hood Community College transcript. We have the greatest confidence in you and your chances for continued success in your future endeavors whatever they may be," he concluded.

Wrestlers bring home medals

Kylie Holden, a junior, competed in the Irrigon Girls' Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday. Holden won two out of three matches in the tournament and brought home a silver medal. She won her first match by fall over an Echo/Stamfield opponent in just 22 seconds.

Her second-round match came against a familiar opponent, Shelby Elliot from Riverside. Holden had lost to Elliot in two previous encounters. Despite getting off to a strong start and scoring the first takedown, she again lost by fall. Elliot would go on to win the gold medal in the weight bracket.

Her third match was

against an opponent from her former high school, Grant Union. Holden had little trouble securing the win with a pin early in the second round.

Also competing for Heppner in the boys' division were junior Tyler Boor and sophomore Nathan Ellsworth. Boor won all of his matches by fall or technical fall and won the gold medal for the 152 lb. bracket. Ellsworth won two matches and brought home a bronze medal at 220 lbs.

The entire Mustang boys' wrestling team will next compete in their only home event of the season on Saturday, February 5. The tournament, sponsored

by the Bank of Eastern Oregon, is considered one of the premier small school tournaments in the state. There will be 16 teams from around Oregon in attendance ranging in size from 1A to 4A. Wrestling is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on three mats with championship matches centerstage on one mat, under the spotlight, later in the afternoon.

The Heppner girls' wrestling team will be traveling to Redmond on February 5 to compete in the girls' regional state qualifier. The girls compete against all classifications, 1A to 6A, at the regional and state levels.

BMC season standings at halfway point

By Blake Carter

League play is already over halfway over for the Blue Mountain Conference. After more than six games, every team has had the chance to play against each other, and the conference has found who the teams to beat are. (In parentheses the first record represents the teams record on the season, and the second record only considers conference contests.) As of January 31st, 2022, these are the current conference standings:

Girls: First Place Stanfield Tigers (17-3, 7-1); Second Place Union Bobcats (16-3, 7-1); Third Place Enterprise Outlaws (10-8, 5-2); Fourth Place Grant Union Prospectors (8-10, 5-4); Fifth Place Heppner Mustangs (7-10, 2-6); Sixth Place Weston McEwen TigerScots (8-11, 1-6); Seventh Place Pilot Rock Rock-

ets (4-15, 0-7).

Union and Stanfield have continued to prove that they are the teams to beat, in their only head-to-head, Union pulled out a six-point victory. Enterprise still very much remains in the conference title race, their big home victory over Union puts them in prime position to move up in the standings. Grant Union comfortably sits in fourth place, as the bottom three teams fight for a fifth place bid at the district tournament.

Boys: First Place Stanfield Tigers, (14-7, 8-1); Second Place Heppner Mustangs (15-3, 7-1); Third Place Union Bobcats (11-8, 5-3); Fourth Place Pilot Rock Rockets (6-12, 3-4); Fifth Place Grant Union Prospectors (4-14, 3-6); Sixth Place Weston McEwen TigerScots (8-9, 2-5);

Seventh Place Enterprise Outlaws (2-16, 0-8).

Stanfield and Heppner sit in a tie atop the BMC standings after each team took one game in the two game season series. A possible tiebreaker match will be something to watch for if both teams are able to win out. Union slid down slightly in the standings after a tough road loss in Pilot Rock. However, with that win Pilot Rock put themselves within striking distance of Union for the third place spot. Grant Union and Weston-McEwen remain in a close race for the last spot in districts, however fourth, fifth and sixth place are all close so anything can change in these final two weeks. Enterprise sits in last hoping to find a couple wins before their season closes.

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