

# Ione FFA chapter president attends Washington leadership conference

Madison Orem, chapter president of the Ione FFA Chapter attended the FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. June 7-12, 2022, with her advisor, Erin Heideman. Orem earned a coveted state scholarship for this opportunity in 2020 and was able to use it this year.

The Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) provides FFA members a premier leadership experience while exposing them to the rich history of Washington, D.C. WLC is one of the many ways the National FFA Organization offers members exceptional leadership training designed to serve them for years to come. The conference helps guide attendees to become engaged citizens and make positive differences in their communities and beyond.

In addition to the conference, Orem and Heideman had the opportunity to visit the folks at the National Association of Wheat Growers, National Cattlemen's Association and Congressmen Cliff Bentz. "It was a really special experience and one that has motivated me to be more involved and informed within my community and my country," said Orem. "Being involved in the FFA program has opened so many doors for me."

In addition to the role Orem plays within the Ione



Madison Orem, president of the Ione FFA Chapter, stands on the steps of our national capitol in Washington, D.C. in June.

FFA Chapter, she was also elected the District Vice President. 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.

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abeth Lopez, 23, Boardman.

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# Columbia Little League minors take championship



Pictured (L-R): Casyn Adams, Landry James, Gage Rosenbalm, Kaden Cline, Peyton Matheny, Carter Adams, Jack Allen, Joel Wilson, Lucas Matheny, JJ McDaniel, Cooper Stefani, Charlie Mullins, Cooper Harris. Coaches Nate James, Brad Adams, Austin Allen.

The Minors Team of the Columbia Little League Baseball took the championship at the district playoffs recently played in Burns, OR. The Minors Team (8-10 year old) includes Heppner regular season players JJ McDaniel, Gage Rosenbalm, Carter Adams, Joel Wilson, Cooper Stefani, Peyton Matheny, Charlie Mullins, Lucas Matheny, and Casyn Adams. The team is managed by Austin Allen and coached by Brad Adams and Nate James.

This team opened up play against the Harney County all Stars and was able to defeat them by 10 run mercy rule in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, winning 11-1.

The second game brought on a game vs Hermiston who had the first round by. In a back and forth game the Columbia team was able to pull out the victory in the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning with a walk off, bases loaded, base hit by Joel Wilson to win 14-13.

Next game was against a Baker team that had previously beaten La Grande. The first four innings had Columbia and Baker in a 10-9 game. After some errors and walks, Baker was able to pull ahead and get a 25-10 victory. This loss moved Columbia to the bottom side of the bracket in a

must win situation against Hermiston, with the winner advancing to the championship. To start the game our bats were on fire. Columbia jumped out to an early 8-0 lead. Throughout the game Columbia was able to maintain that lead and pull out the 19-14 victory.

Moving into the Championship round to again face Baker was a success. The Columbia team, having played four games to Baker's two, had pitching challenges with rest rules and just overall fatigue from a long week. The kids proved they were ready to play after the first inning and the game was tight with Columbia holding a 4-2 lead. The boys' bats continued over the next couple innings, and they were able to expand the lead 7-3. Moving into the 4<sup>th</sup> and with some pitching changes, the kids began hitting the ball as well as a 9/10 year old group can and expanded the lead and closed out the game 20-8 in a shortened game.

Being a double elimination bracket, to take home the District Championship the team had to again face Baker. The kids were able to grab a quick sandwich, drink some water and Gatorade and prepare for the final game. The outside temps in the shade were starting to hit around the upper 80s to lower 90s but Columbia once again showed they were ready for the moment. As the visiting team, Columbia was able to jump out to a quick 5-0 lead. After the first inning the game was 5-1. In the second inning the bats continued, seeing the kids able to bat through the entire lineup 1 1/2 times

and expanding the lead to 13-1. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> and top of the 4<sup>th</sup>, the score was 19-3 and Columbia was three outs away from winning. They were able to get the three outs to secure the Championship. These championship games featured some great pitching from the Columbia teams as well as some top notch hitting, including an in the park grand slam.

The Majors Team (10-12 year old) is managed by Mike Haugen and Coached by Jeromy Wilson and Aaron Barnett. Heppner regular season players representing the team were Jace Wilson, Mason Haugen, Cameron Barnett, Brody Ogden, Kord Dikenson and Matt Wilson. The team had a couple of difficult matchups in the District tournament. The first matchup was against Baker Nationals. In a tight game the score after five innings was still 1-0, Columbia. Baker tied it up in the 6<sup>th</sup> and ended up taking the lead in the 7<sup>th</sup>. Columbia lost the game 2-1 after seven complete innings. Day two brought a matchup against the best of Harney and Grant counties. Grant County had a pitcher who threw extremely well for a 12 year old and the Columbia team was only able to manufacture three hits for the game and losing 6-0.

Kids come together from Heppner, Ione, Stanfield and Echo to make up the Columbia team. Their expenses are offset by donations from local businesses and companies, as well as grants. Beginning July 9, the team will open play in the state tournament against District 2 champions in Turner, OR.

# Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

**June 9, 2022:** - Laura Viridiana Banuelos Leal, 23, Boardman, and Jose Francisco Contreras Ortega, 26, Boardman.  
**June 10, 2022:** - Glenn

Cesar Salas, 28, Hermiston, and Mayte Carrillo Gutierrez, 26, Hermiston.

**June 15, 2022:** - Danielle Marie McDowell, 39, Heppner, and Kacie Gene Gray, 21, Heppner.


**June 16, 2022:** - Jairo Josafat Garcia Soria, 23, Boardman, and Laura Eliz-

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