

**District** from 1B

Grove, and he just held the guy off, so he gets another shot.”

In the 1500 meters, Samuel Ulrich and Chad Hughes took first and second place with times of 4:19.64a and 4:19.99a, which allows them to go to the state meet for the event as well. Ulrich won Outstanding Male Runner of the meet, and also took first in the 800 meters with a time of 2:04.83a. He will represent the Vikings at state in that event as well.

In the 400 meters, Jaxson Jensen took second with a time of 55.42a and will compete in the state event this weekend.

One of the more surprising upsets of the season was brought by Elijah Blankenship, who spent most of his time on the baseball team this season but was able to place second in the 200 meters (23.61a) and the 100 meters (11.74a), with the district meet being only the second track meet Blankenship competed in for his whole high school career.

“Just watching him play football, we knew he had some foot speed, but he qualified in four events,” said Johnson. “We had two kids who were sick at the end of the meet and couldn’t run the 4x400, and one of the last things I did before my entries were closed was to throw Elijah’s name in there — just in case they needed him.

“It’s one thing to go run a 100-meter race, but running a 400 is a whole different world when you haven’t done any training.”

The 4x100 team took first at the meet with a 45.63a, and the 4x400 team took second with a time of 3:41.91a. Both relay teams will compete at state this weekend. The 4x100 team includes Hunter Petterson, who also took first in the 100 meters race with an 11.73a, Lacouture, James Smith, Blankenship, Jensen and Loomis. The 4x400 team will include Petterson, Ulrich, Jensen, Elijah and Jacob Blankenship and Chad



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**(Clockwise from top):** Hunter Petterson (left) celebrates after winning the 100-meter dash, with teammate Elijah Blankenship (right) finishing second; members of the boys 4x100-meter relay team James Smith, Hunter Petterson, Camp Lacouture and Elijah Blankenship on the podium after winning the title; Corduroy Holbrook, Brea Blankenship and Rylee Colton of the girls winning 4x400 relay team take a victory lap. Gracie Freudenthal (not pictured) ran the anchor leg.



Hughes.

On the girls’ side, Andrea Osbon took first place in the shot put with a 39-03.00, as well as second in both the discus (107-04) and the javelin (109-08 PR). Osbon will compete at state in all three events.

On the track, Brea Blankenship took first in the 800 meters with a 2:30.89a, and second in the 1500 meters with a 5:09.47a, earning her a state appearance in both events this weekend.

Rylee Colton took second in both the 800 meters (2:31.05a) and 3000 meters, in which she ran a PR time of 11:04.50a; she will run in both races for the Vikings at state.

Both Brea Blankenship

and Colton were also on the winning 4x400 relay team, in addition to Corduroy Holbrook and Gracie Freudenthal. The team finished first with a time of 4:26.92a and will compete at state with Arianna Brown and Jane Lacouture on the team as well.

Finally, on the girls’ team, Freudenthal had fantastic performances in both hurdles competitions, coming in first in the 100-meter hurdles with a season record (SR) of 16.12a, and second in the 300m hurdles with a SR of 48.46a. She will compete in both events at state this week-end.

“It’s been a long process from when she last ran a hurdle race as a sopho-

more to this season,” explained Johnson, “and this season was really short, so we really had to do a lot of heavy lifting late. She came on just when she needed to. I think she’s in a good place compared to where she was even a week ago.”

The state meet will take place at Siuslaw High School this Friday and Saturday (May 21-22), beginning at 11 a.m. both days.

Tickets can be purchased at [bit.ly/siuslaw-tickets](http://bit.ly/siuslaw-tickets) for \$3 per event, and spectators are encouraged to rotate in and out as events end, as only 100 spectators are allowed in total at any given time.



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