

BHS athletes receive rings to recognize state titles

Distance runner Emma Baeth and wrestler Jaden Martin awarded rings by Lew Brothers Tires

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Emma Baeth and Jaden Martin, who graduated from Baker High School last month, have been awarded rings commemorating their individual sports state championships during the past school year.

Martin, who won the Class 4A state wrestling title in the heavyweight division in February, received his ring on Wednesday, July 6 at Lew Brothers Les Schwab Tires. The other ring is for Emma

Baeth, who set a BHS record in winning the 1,500-meter race at the Class 4A state track meet in May. Baeth, who is a wildland firefighter and was called away to work on a blaze, wasn't able to attend the ceremony with Martin.

Rocky and Diana Brown, co-owners of the tire shop, have been awarding rings to individual and team state champions for more than a decade.

"Sometimes it's a whole team, sometimes it's an individual," Rocky Brown said of the ring awards. "In 2010 we won a state championship in football, we were involved in the football program so we spearheaded the fundraising (rings) for that team. So we kinda became championship ring central."

Since then, whenever a BHS



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Jaden Martin shows off his custom engraved championship ring on July 6, 2022.

team or individual wins a state title, Lew Brothers hosts a ring event for the public.

The rings are designed and sold by Josten's.

"These rings typically run from two hundred to four hundred dollars," Brown said. "They're real trophy rings, just like the Super Bowl players receive, by the same company."

BHS wrestling coach Brandon Young, and Buell Gonzales Jr., athletic director for the Baker School District, attended Wednesday's ceremony along with Martin.

"The big guys can't move around like he can," said Young about Martin's heavy-weight wrestling victories. "He's flexible, fast."

"I just wanted to thank my coach," Martin said. "I wouldn't be where I am without you."

Both Martin and Baeth plan to attend Southern Oregon



Logan Hannigan-Downs photo

Baker senior Emma Baeth celebrates after winning the 1,500-meter race at the Class 4A state track meet on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Hayward Field in Eugene. Baeth set a new school record.

University in Ashland this fall, and both former Bulldogs intend to continue their athletic careers in college.

Martin said he's signed up for the SOU wrestling squad, and Baeth will compete in track and cross-country.

Three Bulldogs earn baseball all-state honors

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Three Baker High School seniors were named to Class 4A baseball all-state teams by a vote of coaches around the state.

Logan Capon, who pitched and played multiple positions, was named to the second team as a utility player.

Connor Chastain was a third-team pick as an outfielder, and Hayden Younger was named honorable mention as an infielder.

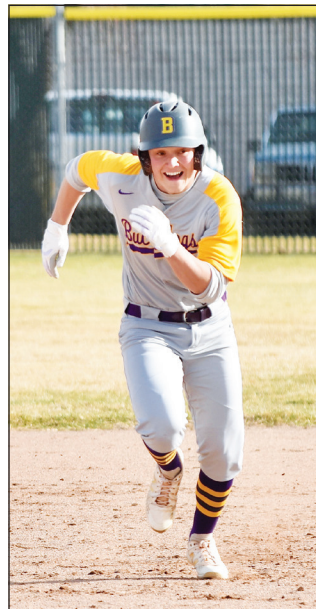
The all-state selections were the latest honors for Capon, Chastain and Younger.

The trio was also picked to play in the Oregon Class 4A All-Star Series June 18-19 at North Marion High School. The annual event features the state's top Class 4A graduating seniors.

Younger, Chastain and Capon were all first-team picks for the Greater Oregon League this season.

The trio helped Baker finish second in the league and advance to the Class 4A playoffs.

Baker beat Estacada 9-8 on May 21 at the Baker Sports Complex, then lost to Hidden Valley 7-0 on May 25 to finish

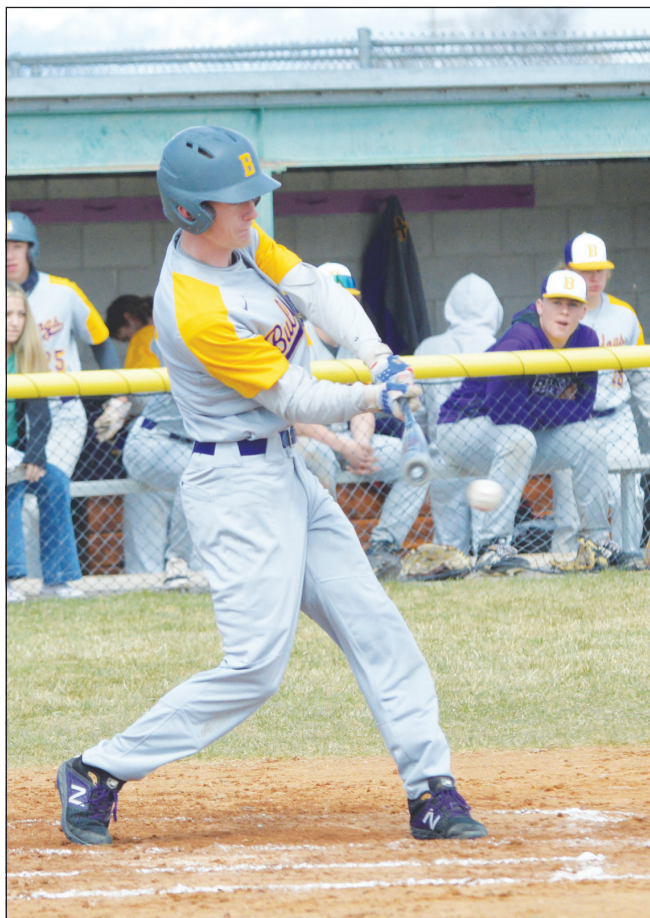


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Baker's Logan Capon runs the bases during the Bulldogs' 8-6 win over Homedale, Idaho, on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at the Baker Sports Complex.

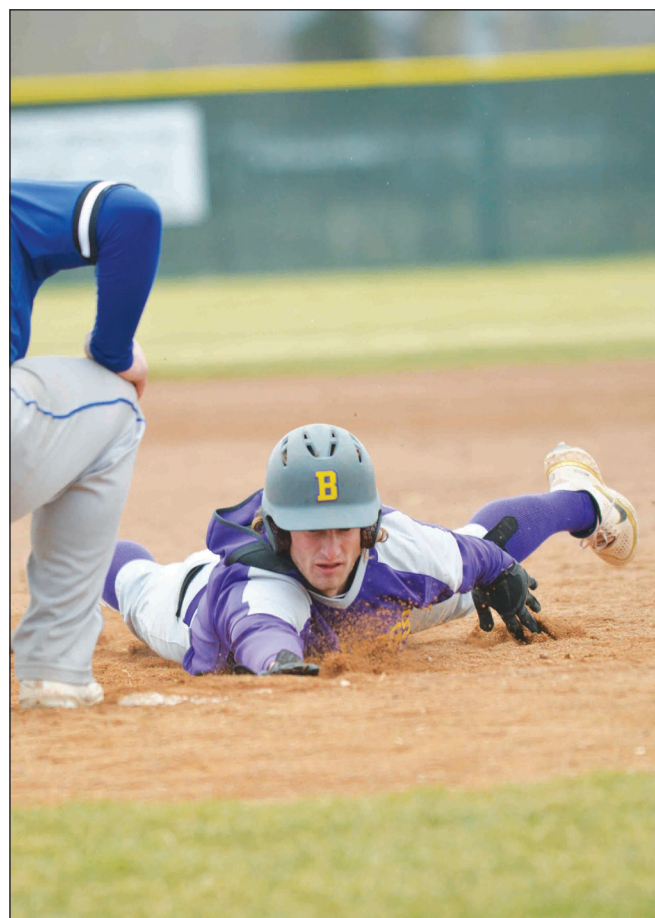
the season with a 16-12 record.

La Grande, which won the state championship, had several players on all-state teams, including player of the year, Devin Bell, and coach of the year, Parker McKinley.



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Baker's Connor Chastain bats against Ontario during a doubleheader on Friday, April 15, 2022, at the Sports Complex.



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Baker's Hayden Younger slides safely into first base after a pickoff attempt on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at the Sports Complex.



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