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Clark bulldogs with state's best

Sophomore earns third in first go-round

By Angel Carpenter
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PRINEVILLE – GW Clark of Long Creek finished 10th overall in steer wrestling at the June 10-13 Oregon High School Rodeo Association's State Finals.

Clark, who finished his sophomore year at Monument School in May, rides with the Harney County High School Rodeo Club.

He went third in the first

go-round in Prineville and seventh in the second, placing 10th in the final standings.

He qualified for the Silver State High School Rodeo in Reno, Nev. which begins later this month, but he opted to enter rodeos closer to home.

Clark also competed in team roping and calf roping throughout the year.

He plans to compete in high school rodeos in the fall as a junior.



GW Clark of Long Creek competes in steer wrestling at the Oregon High School Rodeo Association State Finals in Prineville. He was third in the first go-round and placed 10th in the final standings at the June 10-13 event.

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Track athlete prepares for Junior Olympics

Monument's Pettit qualifies in 5 events

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MONUMENT – Track athlete Sophia Pettit finished eighth grade at Monument School in May, and is now making grand plans for the summer months.

She did well at the Oregon Middle School Track Championships, earning first in the long jump and the 100-meter dash.

She was also third in the 200 and 10th in high jump.

Then, on June 10-13, she competed at the AAU Region 22 National Qualifier Track and Field Meet in Oakdale, Calif.

She qualified in five events, including the pentathlon, for the AAU Junior Olympics to be held in Virginia in August.

She earned golds in long jump and triple jump, silvers in pentathlon and the 100-meter dash, and bronze in the 200.

Before Junior Olympics, Pettit will be busy taking part in a six-day academic development experience in Los Angeles at the National Youth Leadership Forum: Inside Sports & Entertainment.

The straight-A student, who is also involved in extracurricular activities at her school, was nominated by her English teacher Michelle Engle for the program.

She'll receive training at the forum in fields such as law, marketing, branding, business management, recruiting and critical success skills.

Sophia is the daughter of Earl and Nittaya Pettit.

ALL-LEAGUE, ALL-STATE Grant Union Baseball

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Hayden Young, infield, junior

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Brady Burch, outfield, junior

Justin Gravley, pitcher, senior

Ricky Weikum, infield, junior

Billy Copenhaver, first baseman, sophomore

Jerry Carter, outfield, senior

Wade Reimers, infield, freshman

OUTDOORS

JD Farmers Market blooms

Twice as many visitors enjoy opening day

By Angel Carpenter
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JOHN DAY – Visitors milling about the John Day Farmers Market for Saturday's opening day found an abundance of fresh produce, flowers, baked goods, lotions, soaps, jewelry and other handcrafted items.

"We've had a really good turnout," said co-manager Sandy Bay, who organizes the event with her husband Jim. "We've had two times as many visitors as usual – We're thrilled."

Sandy said by the end of the day, 250 visitors were counted.

The market also started off with twice as many vendors as usual, 14 this year, and they expect four more vendors next Saturday.

Jim said the market offers produce not only from farmers, but also those with large gardens who like to sell their surplus.

He added that some vendors just show up twice a year.

"It was the very best opening," he said. "It's just going to grow from here – there is a lot of enthusiasm."

To sign up for a table or for more information, call the Bays at 541-932-2725.



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Katherine Wood, left, buys tickets for a fundraiser drawing from John Day Community Garden secretary Becky Carey at Saturday's Farmers Market. At right is Sarah Russ, with JJ Collier in back. Proceeds from the drawing will help improve the community garden's irrigation system. Below left: Rose Howe of Monument shows her soaps and lotions to Nancy Randleas and her grandchildren, baby Ezra and Logan, last Saturday. Below right: On opening day of the 2015 John Day Farmers Market, several vendors were reporting brisk sales.



JD area welcomes BMW rally riders

Visitors benefit local nonprofits, enjoy scenery

By Angel Carpenter
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JOHN DAY – BMW motorcycle riders motored to the Grant County Fairgrounds last weekend for their annual Chief Joseph rally.

BMW Riders of Oregon president Jay Bennett of Corvallis said it's the John Day area roads, the strong BMW biker community, and the friendly local residents that keep the group coming back.

Highlights included a chuck wagon breakfast at a local ranch, the proceeds



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Mark and Joan Crosby drove from Reno, Nev., to last weekend's Chief Joseph BMW Motorcycle Rally held at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day.

benefiting the Grant County Stockgrowers Association.

That event drew 85 riders to eat a hearty breakfast and

also learn about ranch operations.



S.R. Lockwood of Anaheim, Calif., left, shows his 3-wheeled "Scorpion 3" motorcycle, made from a kit with a BMW motorcycle, at the Chief Joseph Rally.

"It's our way to try to connect the riders to the community," Bennett said.

John Fiedor of Dayville led a Geology Rocks tour for riders on Friday and Saturday. Each tour covered 125 miles with seven stops.

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