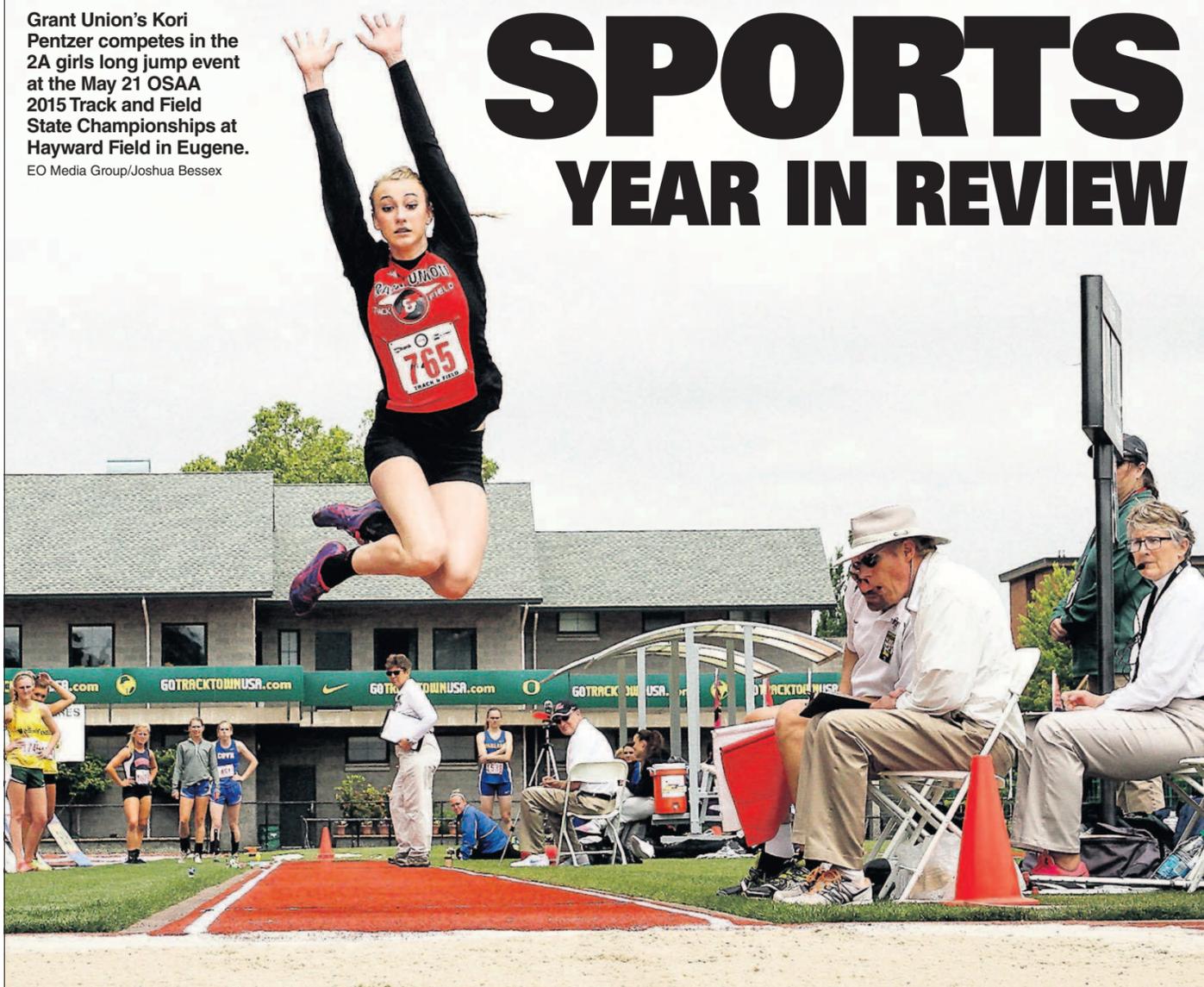




Grant Union's Kori Pentzer competes in the 2A girls long jump event at the May 21 OSAA 2015 Track and Field State Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene.
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SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW



Highlights from area sports in 2015

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The year is swiftly coming to a close, and looking back, there have been many athletes around the county who've pushed themselves to the limit in 2015.

While there were plenty of exhilarating moments, here's a glance back at just a few of the high points.

Grant County track and field teams compete at state

Making a big headline splash were athletes from three Grant County schools competing at the May 25-26 State Championship Track Meet at Eugene's Hayward Field. Grant Union, Prairie City and Monument teams each had athletes pulling out stellar performances.

Grant Union Prospector Kori Pentzer was the 2A state champion long jumper with a leap of 17-5.25; she also finished second in the triple jump with 36-1.75 and was sixth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Jozie Rude had a fourth-place finish in shot put, fifth in javelin and sixth in pole vault.

Chelsie Kodesh finished fourth in javelin and 11th in discus.

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From left: Ione's Jessie Flynn, Monument's Treiquella Osborne and Echo's Kelsey Ranger stand at the podium after medaling in the 1A girls long jump at Thursday's OSAA 2015 Track and Field State Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene.



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The four-member Monument girls track team qualified for the state championship in Eugene. From left: Dinorha Vidrio Landin (4x400), Treiquella Osborne (discus, long jump, triple jump), Maya Thomas (1,500, 3,000, 4x400) and Emily Dailey (high jump, 4x400). The team is coached by Earl Pettit.



Grant Union track team members qualifying for the state championships include: Michael Ashmead (long jump), Andrew Copenhagen (pole vault), Chelsie Kodesh (discus, javelin), Kori Pentzer (long jump, triple jump, 100 hurdles) and Jozie Rude (discus, shot put, pole vault). The team is lead by head coach Sonna Smith.

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Prairie City's Garrett Hitz clears the bar during the 1A boys pole vault event at the State Championship meet.



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Sophie Pettit, right, sprints to the finish line at the AAU National Junior Olympics last summer.