



Monument's Pettit repeats as 100-meter state champ

Relay team places fourth

By Angel Carpenter
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Monument High School has a student population of just 19, but that didn't stop their four-member girls track team and one boy from shining at the OSAA 1A Track and Field State Championships held Thursday and Friday at Uni-

versity of Oregon's Hayward Field in Eugene.

Sophomore Sophie Pettit won her second consecutive 1A 100-meter dash Friday.

"It was really cool to repeat," Pettit said. "The competition for the sprints was a lot tougher this year. Everyone has gotten a lot better."

She posted a time of 12.7, shaving .05 off her winning time from last year. Pettit also placed fourth in the 200 with a season-record time of 26.67,

fifth in the long jump (15-06.00) and fourth as a member of the 4x100-meter relay team (53.46), which included Fayette Schafer, Kyla Emerson and Dinorha Vidrio Landin. Freshman Aubrey Bowlus was on hand as an alternate.

"The 4x100 was really exciting," Pettit said. "At the beginning of the year, none of us thought we would go to state. It was really cool just to take the team to state and compete there. I think the relay and the

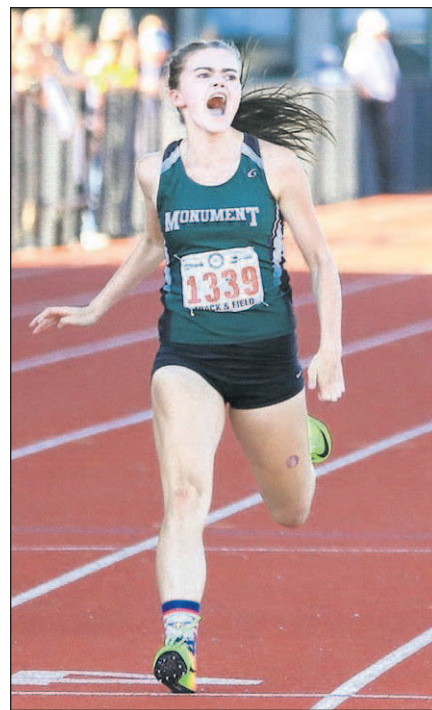
100 were my favorite."

She said reaching state each year is her goal.

"I'm looking forward to next season," she said. "I'm really trying to get a four-time repeat in the 100."

Emerson set a personal record when she placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.90, and she was sixth in the 300-meter hurdles (50.93).

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Monument's Sophie Pettit lets out a victorious yell after winning the 1A girls 100-meter dash Friday at the OSAA Track and Field State Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene.

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Sonna Smith awarded Coach of the Year

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Grant Union track and field head coach Sonna Smith was honored Saturday in Eugene as the Girls 2A Coach of the Year by the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association.

She received the plaque at Autzen Stadium, awarded for the 2016 girls team she led to a state championship title. The team included Chelsie Kodesh, Kaylee Wright, Kenzie Wilson, Samatha Brock, Sydney Brockway, Jozie Rude and Kori Pentzer.

Smith said she gives much of the credit for the award to her assistant coaches, including Ken Boethin, hurdles; John Houk, long jump and triple jump; Kelsy Wright, javelin; Angie Lusco, discus and shot put; Buzz Gilmore, pole vault; and Emma Robinson, high jump. Smith trains athletes for sprints, distance and relay.

Smith once before received a Coach of the Year award when the Grant Union boys 2A team won the state title in 2007.



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Grant Union head track and field coach Sonna Smith received the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association 2A girls Coach of the Year Award. In the photo, she stands with the plaque at the Grant Union track in John Day.

'COULDN'T BE PROUDER'

Young Grant Union girls team soars to second at state

Sophomores win titles in javelin, triple jump

By Angel Carpenter
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The young five-member Grant Union girls team aimed for the top spot at the May 17-18 2A Track and Field State Championships in Eugene, landing in second with 82 points, just four points behind 11-member East Linn Christian.

Two Grant Union Prospector sophomore girls earned state track and field titles at University of Oregon's Hayward Field, including Kaylee Wright, who set a season-record with her javelin throw of 128-11, and Trinity Hutchison in the triple jump with a leap of 34-10.00.

The Prospectors were hoping for a repeat of last year's state championship win, and after the close loss, the team is already making plans for a strong comeback in 2018.

After seeing East Linn, a team of juniors and seniors, pull ahead of them in one of the last events of the day — the 4x400-meter relay — a race which Grant Union didn't have on the list this year, the Prospectors started plans to improve their score.

"The athletes that are coming back next year immediately sat down and thought of who they could recruit for next year for the 4x400," said Grant Union head coach Sonna Smith.

This year's Prospector girls team was comprised of one freshman, three sophomores and one junior.

Earning 28 points for Grant Union, Wright also had second-place finishes in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.91, the high jump at a height of 4-10.00 and was part of the second-place 4x100 team, which also included Sydney Brockway, Hutchison and Sierra Cates, with a time of 50.97.

"That was something I was really proud of," Wright said of the relay. "We went in second and ended the day better than we had planned. Our time was improved — not easy being sophomores and freshmen, competing against seniors and juniors."

Cates said their handoffs improved significantly over the season.

"We worked on our handoff all week," she said. "They all did a good job, and we ended up being faster, each leg of the race."

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Trinity Hutchison of Grant Union triple jumps Friday at the OSAA Track and Field State Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene. Hutchison won the event with a jump of 34 feet, 10 inches. More photos can be found online at MyEagleNews.com/sports.

Grant Union softball still in the game

Lady Pros face Glide at 2:30 p.m.

By Angel Carpenter
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The Grant Union Prospector softball team will compete in round one of the OSAA Softball State Championship this week as they face the Glide Wildcats at 2:30 p.m. today in Glide.

The Grant Union team, led by head coach DeAnna Nash, also includes one athlete from Dayville School

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- Grant Union Prospectors at Glide Wildcats
- Today, 2:30 p.m.

and one from Prairie City School.

If Grant Union (No. 11, 18-6) beats Glide (No. 6, 18-5), they will play the winner of the Dayton versus Burns game in quarterfinal action Friday, May 26, the time to

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Grant Union Prospector Reagan Shelley gets the signal from head coach DeAnna Nash to take it on home from third in Friday's league playoff against the Burns Hilanders in Vale.

Humphreys finishes second in javelin at state meet for Dayville

By Angel Carpenter
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Dayville sophomore Kristina Humphreys threw javelin for second place at 117-09 at the OSAA 1A Track and Field State Championships.

She competed on Friday at University of Oregon's Hayward Field in Eugene along with 11 other athletes

in the finals.

Humphreys said she only recognized two of her opponents this year.

"It was a really cool experience visiting with the other competitors, asking how far they throw," she said.

Humphreys won the title last year with a throw of 129-02.

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