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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Prairie City and Dayville compete at 1A Special District 4 Championships

The Prairie City Panthers will send three track and field boys to state, advancing from Friday's 1A Special District 4 Championships in Baker City.

"Things went really well for our team," said Prairie City head coach Nate Barber. "Everyone was able to PR in at least one event. We were able to get a few athletes on the podium to place in the top six."

Seniors Levi Burke and Syd Holman and junior Tristan McMahan will make the trip to compete Friday-Saturday, May 17-18, at Western Oregon University in Monmouth at OSAA's 1A Track and Field Championships.

Burke is district high jump champion, after clearing the bar with a mark of 6-05, and he placed second in javelin with a throw of 151-01.

"Levi was running around doing high jump, javelin and long jump all at the same time," Barber said. "I think this might have made his legs a little tired when he was finishing up his long jump."

Burke was in second place in the preliminaries for long jump, but was out-jumped in the finals to take fifth.

"Syd had an excellent race in the 100," Barber said, adding it was a photo finish. "We have a very fast district."

Holman finished in third place, clocking in at 11.67. He also had his personal best time in the 200-meter dash, finishing fourth, and set a personal record in the long jump, placing third with a mark of 19-04.25.

Tristan McMahan is fairly new to the 110-meter hurdles but placed fourth with a time of 16.83.

"Tristan has only competed in the 110 hurdles at one other meet, so his technique will get better and his times will get faster by the time we get to state this weekend," Barber said. "As long as we can keep them all healthy and have a good week of practice, we should be able to finish well."

McMahan also set a personal record in triple jump, placing fifth, and was eighth in long jump.

Senior Jonathan Lawrence placed seventh in the 1,500, with a personal best time, and Jake McHatton, a junior, finished fourth in discus.

For the girls, Abbey Pfefferkorn had her personal best record in the 200, placing fourth with a time of 29.44, and Paige Moore placed seventh in the 400, setting a personal record. Samantha Workman had a season-best effort in pole vault, finishing seventh.

Dayville Tiger athletes, led by head coach Josh Williams, came away with several personal records, but the team of seven ended their season at the district championships.

"I feel that we finished up the track season strong,"



Eagle file photo
Prairie City Panther Syd Holman launches forward in the long jump, earlier in the season.

Williams said. "Whether it was throwing or running, my athletes kept improving almost every meet."

He said their goals at the beginning of the season included working hard as individuals, and he feels his team met those expectations.

Senior Austin Walker set personal records in the 100, shot put and javelin, and freshman Haylee Collins had personal bests in 100, discus and javelin.

"I'm proud of all my athletes this year and hope they had a lot of fun competing in track," he said. "I'll miss my seniors, Gabe (Walker-Hopkins) and Austin Walker but look forward to continue working with the younger athletes next year."

Monument and Long Creek battle at 1A Special District 3 Championships

Monument Tiger Mark Thomas, a sophomore, set a personal record in the 1,500, and finished in second with a time of 4:22.37 at the 1A Special District 3 Championships.

He also drew a wild card for the 800-meter run, finishing in third in that event with a personal best time of 2:09.28.

Thomas will advance to the OSAA 1A State Track and Field Championships set for Friday-Saturday at Western Oregon University in Monmouth.

Monmouth head coach Jeff Schafer said he is proud of his team.

"Everyone made the podium at districts," he said, noting freshman Nic Ciochetti was unable to attend the event. "My athletes worked so hard this season, and it definitely showed as they kept setting new PRs each track meet."

Coach Schafer said he was impressed with Fayette Schafer as captain for the team, despite having

a full load at school as a senior.

"She is a strong competitor and a great team leader," Schafer said. "It was great to have an older student on the team to help set the tone and the younger athletes can look up to."

Faythe placed fourth in discus at the district meet with a throw of 85-0.

The coach said his other athletes, Thomas, Ciochetti, sophomore Donovan Schafer and Aubrianna Osborne have a "ton of potential" for the coming seasons.

"I am excited to see what the future holds for these track athletes next year," the coach said. "It was a fantastic season. I am so proud of what the Tigers accomplished."

Long Creek head coach Linda Studtmann led a team of 13 athletes this season.

Several of the Mountaineers came close to qualifying for state, including sophomore Lucchese Douglas who placed third in javelin with her personal best throw of 90-03 and sophomore Dorothea Johnson who landed in third in triple jump.

Senior Gladys Johnson had personal best throws in shot put and javelin.

For the boys, the relay team of sophomore Thomas Kreamier, junior Henry Grannis, freshman Carter Burnette and junior James Kreamier set a personal record in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 48.35 to place third, shaving over 1.5 seconds off their time.

Grannis improved his discus throw by over 9 feet with a 102-06 to place fifth out of 19 athletes and bettered his time in the 100.

Burnette extended his throw in discus and javelin.

Senior Mathéo Buchart had personal best records in his three events, 100, shot put and javelin.

Studtmann said that although none are advancing to state, she was impressed with her athletes pushing themselves at the district championships.

"They did great, and I'm proud of them," she said.

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