

Mustang spikers bring home first relay ribbon in years

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at Salem. It was the Mustang's first blue ribbon at the relays in a lot of years. He long-jumped 21-0 in the co-ed meet at Pendleton Tuesday, but has yet to triple jump. Schmidt also won the senior pentathlon.

Jim Parker is continuing a tradition of outstanding shot putters and discus throwers at

HHS. He has thrown personal bests of 133-0 in the discus and 44-8 in the shot. A 43-11 and 124-8 mark earned him second in the shot and fourth in discus at Salem. Parker was the high-point performer among boys at the pentathlon.

Bryan Marlin has been showing good form in the long jump and he too has yet to

triple jump. Marlin has been jumping consistently over 19 feet and has had two 20-footers, but scratched. He placed fifth at the Willamette Relays and was second in senior pentathlon.

Mary Kincaid has been picking up points in the high jump with two 4-6 performances. She hasn't quite ob-

tained the form she needs but is potentially a five-footer.

"One of the bad things that has been a result of our early meets is a lack of event running for our distance runners," said head coach Dale Conklin. "We don't know where they're at."

The only true distance test came in the distance medley

relay at Salem where the foursome of Dan Nix, Marlin, Scott Sherer and Larry Palmer ran 11:54.4, which is 15 seconds faster than the same basic group ran last year. The effort was good for third place.

"There aren't any distance runners among the girls and so we had to leave the boys

home Tuesday," Conklin said.

Palmer ran his mile leg of the relay right around five minutes and Nix ran only a 1320-yards, far below his usual speciality.

"I have an idea we need to get the distance runners some speed work," concluded Conklin. "They're all in shape. They have been logging lots of

miles in conditioning. But, they may not be ready for racing."

Other place finishers have been Margaret Kincaid, first in sophomore pentathlon for girls, and Buck Estes, first in sophomore boys pentathlon. Estes and Marlin teamed with Mike Jones and Bruce Shehan for a sixth place finish at

Willamette in the 880-yard relay. Steve Marlatt was third in novice discus.

Final results were not available at the conclusion of Tuesday's Co-ed meet at Pendleton but it was believed the Mustangs earned two blue ribbons competing against Pendleton, Lewiston, Idaho, Enterprise, Joseph, Pilot Rock and Helix.

It was thought the team of Healy, Schmidt, Mary Kincaid and Parker won the high jump relay and the team of Schmidt, Healy, Marlin and Margaret Kincaid won the long jump relay. The 400-relay team of Jones, Mary Kincaid, Marlin and Healy was tied for fourth. And the javelin relay team of Kellie Hammond, Dawn Honneger, Parker and Marlin may have captured a place.

VFW elections; district meet here in April

Election of officers for the coming year will be held during an April 10 meeting of Heppner VFW Post 4184.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the Wagon Wheel Cafe. The following night, April 11, at 8 p.m., the Auxiliary of Post 4184 will also hold an election of officers during that group's regular business meeting. The Auxiliary meeting will be held in the Columbia Basin conference room.

A District 8 meeting of VFW and VFW Auxiliary units will be held in Heppner April 23 at 8 p.m. in the American Legion Hall. All local members are urged to attend both meetings.

Flooded ag lands are eligible

The flooding that occurred in February caused severe damage to agricultural lands in many areas of Morrow County.

Farms suffering severe damage may be eligible under the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) administered by the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS). Judy Buschke, Executive Director of the Morrow County ASCS office, announced this week that funds have been approved for Morrow County. However, this time the funds received are somewhat less than what was originally requested.

A farm may be eligible to receive some assistance if the damage:

- Is unusual in character and is not the type which would recur frequently.
- Materially affects the productive capacity of the farmland.
- If not treated will impair or endanger the land.
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A farmer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive up to 80 per cent of the cost for performing the following types of measures:

- Removing debris from farmland.
- Grading, shaping, or re-leveling severely damaged farmland.
- Restoring permanent fences.
- Restoring conservation structures and other similar installations.

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