

## Annual Watershed Field Day draws 153 students



Students practice with compasses at the mapping station during the annual Watershed Field Day.

Approximately 153 fifth grade students from Boardman, Irrigon, Lone and Heppner attended the annual Willow Creek Watershed Field Day. It was held on Wednesday, May 4 at Duane Neiffer's property west of Lexington.

Water was the focus of the presentations during the daylong education program. The day was broken into hands-on teaching sessions including: soils, weather, plants, compass and GPS/mapping, macro invertebrates, water quality and stream bank restoration. The students planted tress to stabilize stream banks.

Lone team leaders and helpers included: Arthur Ekstrom, Nick Christian, Sara Peck, Alyssa Rietmann, Kyle Palmateer, Amanda Emery, Ashly Grams, Kelly Thompson and Tyler Brown.

Lone student presenters included: Kristal Temple and Austin Arballo-mapping site; Kim Morris and Kasie Peterson-streambank restoration site; and Tyler Raible and John Walton- macro invertebrates site.

Heppner student presenters included: Krystal Nairns, Dan Basile, Emily Bergstrom, Cara Kennedy, Julie Moore and teacher, Dieter Waite- water quality site. The students were

taught how to measure water quality parameters including pH, turbidity, conductivity, temperature and dissolved oxygen levels.

Agency presenters included: Bill Ewing, Oregon Women in Timber; Cory Cooley, Morrow SWCD; Larry Lucher, OSU Extension Agent; Dennis Hull and Marilyn Lohman, Pendleton Weather Service Office; and Matt Kolding, Hermiston Extension Service/retired Plant Identification.

Teacher presenters included: Gary Hunt of Irrigon Schools, Duane Neiffer of Lone School District and Dale Holland of Lone School District.

The hands-on experience for the students is very important in teaching them about conservation of our soil and water and how that affects all of us, stated a Morrow SWCD spokesperson. Also the field day ties into existing science, agriculture and natural resource classes or units.

The continued success of this field day is due to the support from many agencies, teachers, students, parents and schools. Craig Satter and Terri Martinez, Umatilla/Morrow ESD, coordinated the field day with the help of the Natural Resources System Consortium.

## Rhea to graduate from California State University

Macy Rhea, a 2000 Heppner High School graduate, is graduating from California State University at Northridge on June 2 with a degree in communication studies.

Rhea was nominated for induction into Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Association's official communication honor society. The society is open to communication studies undergraduate majors who

have maintained a 3.0 gpa or higher. She also received the Fall 2004 Kent Joel Snyder Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded each semester to two communication studies seniors or graduate students who have demonstrated academic achievement as reflect in grade point average.

Rhea has already received her associate's degree in marketing with an emphasis in merchandising from the Fashion Institute of Design and Marketing.

## HJHS ends track season with champion and runner-up titles



Champion and title holders: (Back Row L-R): Spencer Palmer, Josh Shank, Bryan Holland, Jared Huddleston, Catherine McElligott, Jordan Hatfield and Brent Eckman; (Front Row L-R): Chris Wellington, Kristen Van Cleave, Erin Price and Maggie Armato. Not pictured: Sherilyn Peck.



Champion title holder, Nikki Fritz.

The Heppner Junior High School track teams participated in team championships on May 6 at Stanfield High School track. The sixth and seventh grade boys were runners up to Umatilla, as were the eighth grade boys. Both the sixth and seventh grade girls and the eighth grade girls were champions.

Bryan Holland shined in the sprints taking the 100m (12.94 seconds) and 200m (26.47 seconds) titles. He also helped to capture the 4x200 relay title. Holland also moved up in the all time top 10 for 400m runners. He also placed third in high jump.

Brent Eckman took the high jump district title at 5 feet 1 inch and ran a leg of the champion 4x200 relay team. He also placed third in the 100-meter hurdles and eighth in the 100 meter.

Jordan Hatfield took off in the triple jump with a new school record and district title, leaping 35 feet 3 inches. Chuy Elguezabal set the old record at 34 feet 9 inches in 2000. Hatfield also captured the 300-meter hurdles title with a time of 48.01 seconds and took second in the 400 meter. He also ran a leg of the champion 4x200 relay team.

Jared Huddleston was the district champion in javelin with a throw of 139 feet 8 inches and ran a leg with the champion 4x200 relay team. He also placed second in the high jump and sixth in the 100 meter.

Josh Shank left a big impression on junior high track with a new school record and district titles in the long jump and 200 meter. He leaped to 18 feet 6-1/2 inches; the old school record was set by Derek Gunderson at 18 feet 5 inches in 1995. The 200 meter was ran in 25.23 seconds, breaking Gunderson's record 25.25 seconds in 1995. Shank came up short of Alex Lindsay's 100-meter dash

record since 1982 of 12.06 seconds, with his 12.22 seconds and 57.61 seconds in the 400m to second all time best.

Chris Wellington repeated as the 400 meter district champion with a 1 minute .78 second run. He also broke the Gunderson record with a 25.4 second run in the 200 meter. He didn't get to run in the heat with Shank for the title race. Wellington's 12.65-second 100-meter run moved him to fourth all time best.

Spencer Palmer took the district javelin title and a new school record with a throw of 153 feet 6 inches. Palmer had set the school record April 1 at Umatilla with a throw of 150 feet 11 inches, breaking Bryson Wood's throw of 141 feet 4 inches in 2003. Palmer also took second in the 800 meter, fifth in the 400 meter and sixth in the triple jump.

Catherine McElligott has had a tremendous season breaking seven school records this season. She was a repeat district champion in the 1500 meter, 300-meter hurdles and 800 meter and also added a javelin title in 2005. She first broke the 300-meter hurdles record at Pendleton on April 29 with a time of 50.66 seconds. Pam Orr set the old record in 1981 with a time of 51.73 seconds. McElligott again broke the 300-meter hurdle record May 6 with a time of 50.49 seconds. The 800 meter record was set by McElligott in 2004 with a time of 2 minutes 41.98 seconds, but broke it twice this season to set it at 2 minutes 38 seconds. At the championships she took first in the 800 meter with a time of 2 minutes 43.07 seconds. McElligott also held the 1500 meter record at 5 minutes 27 seconds in 2004, but broke it twice this season to set it at 5 minutes 14 seconds at the May 6 meet. The javelin record was held by Kristen Van Cleave at 88 feet 4 inches in 2004, was broke by Maggie Armato on April 15 at Sherman County with a throw of 96 feet 6-1/2 inches and broke again by McElligott on April 29 with a throw of 101 feet. McElligott took first in javelin at the championship meet with a throw of 99 feet 1 inch. McElligott now holds the 1500 meter, 800 meter, 300-meter hurdles and javelin records and is in the top four all-time in the 400-



Heppner Junior High Track Team- (Back Row L-R): Braden Britt, Sam King, Kristen Van Cleave, Jared Huddleston, Coach Susan Hisler, Jordan Hatfield, Ashley Wolff, Brian Holland and Spencer Palmer; (5th Row L-R): Josh Shank, Sherilyn Peck, Nikki Fritz, Catherine McElligott, Erin Price, Brittany Boothe, Drew Johnson and Stephanie Cutsforth; (4th Row L-R): Kassey Wilson, Eddie Waddell, Wacy Coil, Matt Holland, Hollie Whatley, Chris Wellington and Brent Eckman; (3rd Row L-R): Kathryn Strouse, Emily Thompson, Maggie Armato, Lane Wright, Mark McCabe, Whitney Smith, Sarah Kendrick and Dalton Wellman; (2nd Row L-R): Kaylee Helfrecht, Leann Schwarz, Alex Pickles, Taighler Dougherty, Brynna Rust, Cory Silvia and Tomas Elguezabal; and (1st Row L-R): Lindsay Cutsforth, Tyler Robinson, Nick Kempas, Grant Smith, Devin Robinson, Joe Pranger, Dylan Lucher and Jodessa Chapa. Not pictured: athlete Donald Matthews and assistant coach Melissa Coiner.

meter dash for Heppner.

Erin Price also had a tremendous season. She captured the long jump, 400 meter, 200 meter and 100 meter hurdles district champion titles on May 6. She now has a new school record in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.07 seconds set on May 6. Annie Hisler held the old 100-meter hurdles record at 18.17 seconds in 1994. Price barely missed Abby Kahl's 400 meter record of 1 minute 5.71 seconds with a time of 1 minute 5.91 seconds on April 26. She also ranks top two in the 1500 meter and 800 meter.

Kristen Van Cleave captured shot put and triple jump district titles with a throw of 27 feet and jumps totaling 29 feet 1 inch. Van Cleave ranks top five in 300 meter and 100-meter hurdle races and placed second in both races at the championship meet.

Sherilyn Peck took the triple jump district title with jumps totaling 28 feet 5 inches. She also took the 100-meter title with a time of 14.27 seconds and the 200-meter title with a time of 29.44 seconds. She also placed fourth in long jump.

Maggie Armato was the discus district champion with a throw of 67 feet 3 inches. She also broke the javelin school record on April 15 with a throw of 96 feet 6-1/2 inches. At championships, she also placed second in javelin with a throw of 100 feet 7 inches, fourth in shot put and eighth in 400 meter.

Nikki Fritz was a repeat district high jump champion with a jump of 4 feet 5 inches. She also placed seven in the 200 meter and sixth in the 4x200 relay.

Other participants and their placements include: Jodessa Chapa- 4th- 1500 meter, 7th- 800 meter and 5th- 4x100 relay.

Brynna Rust- 2nd- 100 meter, 2nd- 200 meter and 2nd- 4x200 relay.

Lindsay Cutsforth- 5th- long jump and 2nd- 4x200 relay.

Emily Thompson- 5th- 4x100 relay.

Taighler Dougherty- 2nd- 4x200 relay and 4th- high jump.

Sarah Kendrick- 2nd- 4x200 relay and tie for 6th- high jump.

Ashley Wolff- 5th- 4x100 relay and 8th- discus.

Leann Schwarz- 5th- 4x100 relay.

Stephanie Cutsforth- 3rd- 400 meter and 6th- 4x100

relay.

Kathryn Strouse- 2nd- 100 meter, 3rd- 200 meter, 5th- javelin and 6th- 4x200 relay.

Kassey Wilson- 6th- 100 meter and 6th- 4x100 relay.

Brittany Boothe- 6th- shot put, 6th- 4x100 relay and 8th- 100 meter.

Whitney Smith- 2nd- high jump, 2nd- 400 meter, 6th- 4x100 relay and 6th- 4x200 relay.

Kaylee Helfrecht- 4th- 300-meter hurdle, 6th- 4x200 relay, 8th- 100-meter hurdle and 8th- long jump.

Tomas Elguezabal- 5th- 300-meter hurdle and 7th- javelin.

Mark McCabe- 2nd- 4x100 relay, 5th- shot put and 6th- 200 meter.

Drew Johnson- 2nd- 4x100 relay, 3rd- 200 meter and 3rd- 300-meter hurdle.

Nick Kempas- 2nd- 4x100 relay and 7th- 200 meter.

Wacy Coil- 2nd- 4x100 relay and 6th- javelin.

Cory Silvia- 7th- 300-meter hurdle.

Lane Wright- 6th- discus.

Sam King- 2nd- shot put, 2nd- discus and 3rd- javelin.

Eddie Waddell- 2nd- 300-meter hurdle, 3rd- 4x200 relay, 4th- long jump and 5th- 100-meter hurdle.

Joe Pranger- 3rd- 4x200 relay and 5th- 300-meter hurdle.

Dalton Wellman- 3rd- 4x200 relay, 3rd- 300-meter hurdle, 5th- high jump and 6th- javelin.

Braden Britt- 3rd- 4x200 relay, 6th- 100-meter hurdle and 8th- high jump.


## Soccer signup to be held

A.Y.S.O. soccer signup will be held for children ages 4-11, a copy of the child's birth certificate is required at registration.

Registration will be held at the Heppner Neighborhood Center, June 2 from 5-7 p.m. and June 3 from 4-6 p.m. Cost for soccer will be \$35 for the first child and \$30 for each additional child. For more information, contact Jessica Lehman at 939-8571.

## Transfer Station grand opening to be held

Morrow County will be having the grand opening of the North Morrow County Transfer Station on Friday, May 20 at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend.



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If your moving plans are flexible, however, keep in mind that summer is the peak moving season. The availability of moving equipment and personnel during "off peak" times can allow the move to be tailored more precisely to your specific requirements.

If your move must be made in the summertime, schedule as far in advance as possible to avoid delays in pick up and delivery. It is generally not a good idea to agree to having your shipment picked up "as soon as possible". The dates should be definite.

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