

Mustang softball swings for state champ double-header

The Mustang softball team took home the 1A/2A Special District 5 championship last Saturday to earn the number one seed going into the 1A/2A State Championships Wednesday.

The Mustangs will play number eight seed Nestucca at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, at the Heppner softball field. The winner of that game will advance to quarterfinals on Friday, playing either Perrydale or North Douglas/Elkton.

In the district championships, Baily Bennett earned All Star Player of the Year. Micha Hintz, Makenzie Correa, Baily Bennett and Maggie Collins made All Stars, and Tessa Gould



Baily Bennett received All Star Player of the Year at the Special District 5 softball championship last week. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

and Larissa Gray received honorable mention.

Propheter to represent Mustangs in state track

The Heppner High School track team did well at the Blue Mountain District championship Saturday in Union, OR. The weather held out and most of the athletes had personal records.

Kaelyn Lindsey got 7th in the 100M with a time of 14.09 and 6th in the 200M with 28.9.

Faith Jones finished 13th in 200M with 33.3.

Kaden Clark and Tommy Bredfield finished 11th and 17th in the 200M with a 25.6 and 26.3.

Colby Hedman was 10th in the 400M with 59.2 and 12th in the 800M with 2:33.

Skylar Palmer finished the distance for the team in the 1500M with a 5:20 and 800M 2:32.

Ryan Dougherty finished 5th in 100HH with a 20.1 and 6th in the High Jump with 4'6".

Kelly Wilson triple jumped to a distance of 29'5", which earned her a 6th place finish.

Emma Osmin ran the 300 Hurdles and placed 4th with a 51.8.

The girls 4x100M relay sprinted to a great 3rd place finish with a time of 53.7; it was a personal best for Kindie, Osmin, Lindsey, and Wilson.

A huge PR for Bryce Fowler in the Shot Put



Top: Mustang track member Earl Propheter placed second in the 300 hurdles with a time of 43.6, making him the Mustangs' lone state qualifier for track this year. Bottom: The Heppner girls' 4x100M relay team of Kindie, Osmin, Lindsey, and Wilson placed third in districts. -Contributed photo

placed him 3rd in districts with a throw of 37'2".

Earl Propheter was the lone state qualifier in the 300 Hurdles with a time of 43.6 and 2nd place. He will compete on Thursday evening in Eugene at the state meet.

"I'm super proud of these athletes who put in

the time and worked so hard in practice all season. They showed up to districts and performed. A few heart-breaking moments, but such a great group of kids, they will go far in life," says coach Nancie Mathews.

Check their scores and times and follow Earl's races on www.athletic.net.

Ione track makes the leap to state meet

The Ione Cardinals showed their colors in the 1A Special District 3 Championship Meet this past Saturday, and will be taking at least 11 athletes to state this week.

The Ione men's team placed second behind Condon-Wheeler (80) with 79 points. Ione women placed third with 73 points.

District results for Ione are as follows:

1A Special District 3 Champions:

Men's 4x100 Relay (August Peterson, Justin Estabrook, Luke Jobs, Evan Rietmann), 47.20a

Bailey Haguewood—Long Jump 20'1.5" and Triple Jump 39'11.5"

Jessie Flynn—300M Hurdles 52.27a, High Jump 4'10", Long Jump 16'7"

Earning high point medals were:

1st, (Men's) Bailey Haguewood—34 points

2nd, (Women's) Jessie Flynn—32 points, behind Condon-Wheeler's Ellie Logan

Advancing to state (placed first or second in district meet):

August Peterson—100M

Bailey Haguewood—Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump

Jessie Flynn—300M Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump

Shadow—Long Jump

Emily Holland—Javelin

4x100 men's relay team—Gus, Justin, Luke, Evan

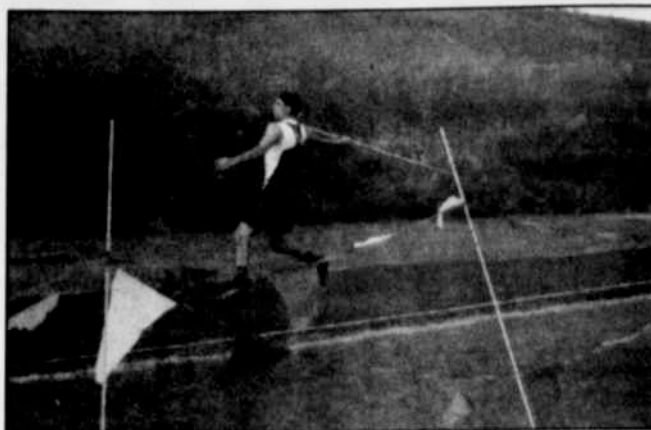
4x400 men's relay team—Francisco, Evan, Luke, Gus

4x100 women's relay team—Jessie, Adara, Rachel, Shadow

Plus relay alternates (to be determined)

Also placing

Evan Rietmann, 3rd—



Top: Bailey Haguewood throwing the javelin to achieve his PR of 148'9". Bottom: The 1A Special District 3 champion 4x100 men's team of Evan Rietmann, August Peterson, Justin Estabrook and Luke Jobs. -Photos by Paula Emmel

100M; 3rd-Long Jump

Gus Peterson, 3rd—400M Long Jump—Bailey Haguewood, 20'1.5"; Evan Rietmann, 19'7.5"; Shadow Kendrick, 15'11.75"

Triple Jump—Luke Jobs, 35'1"

800M—Ann Rietmann, 2:50.84a

Men's 4x100—Gus, Justin, Luke, Evan, 47.20a

Women's 4x400—Ann, Emily, Adara, Rachel, 4:54.53a

Men's 4x400—Francisco, Evan, Luke, Gus, 3:50.92a (tied PR) Long Jump—Jessie Flynn, 16'7"

1A Track & Field Championships will be held May 23-24 in Eugene at Hayward Field. Event schedules can be found at <http://www.osaa.org/track/>.

Mustang golf teams place ninth, seventh in state

After some shuffling in the standings, the Mustang boys' golf team ended up in ninth place in the state tournament, while the girls wrapped up their season as seventh in the state.

Playing for the boys at Emerald Valley Golf Club in Creswell, OR last week, Austin Gutierrez led the

team in individual standings, tying for 20th with a final score of 172. Kyle Harrison took the 31 spot with 179, John Propheter was tied for 40 with 191, Tate Gentry held the 57 spot with 201 and Shane Miles was tied for 68 with 229.

The girls' battleground was at Eagle Crest Ridge

Course in Redmond, OR. Blake Greenup held the best individual score for the team, holding the 23 spot with a final score of 190. Stacey Halvorsen was 27 with 197, Maddie Lindsay stood at 44 with 209, Paige Grieb was 51 with 215 and Macy Gibbs tied for the 66 spot with 237.

Conservation agencies sponsor 'Ranching for Profit' workshop

Boardman, OR—Ranchers will find ways to increase the profitability and the health and productivity of their ranches at a Ranching for Profit workshop 9:30-4:30 Thursday, June 27, in Boardman. Dave Pratt of Ranch Management Consultants, Inc. will conduct the workshop.

The morning session will focus on ranch profit-

ability. Pratt will discuss why working "in" your businesses won't improve profit unless you work "on" your businesses first. He will explain the three "secrets" for increasing profit and offer profitability benchmarks you can use to identify "deadwood" and pinpoint "profit drivers" for your ranch. The afternoon session will focus

on grazing methods that increase pasture health and productivity while lowering costs. According to Pratt, input costs have increased five times faster than cattle prices. Land values have risen even faster. Pratt says, "A ranch using practices that were profitable in the 70s and 80s loses money in today's

environment."

"Many farms and ranches are structured to fail and survive only through internal subsidies like inherited wealth, appreciating land values and off-farm income," he adds.

In contrast, Pratt claims that many Ranching for Profit alumni earn a healthy profit. Pratt says he doesn't

have a one-size-fits-all recipe for success, but can offer insights and practical tools developed and refined by the experiences of thousands of profitable Ranching for Profit alumni from all over the world.

The workshop will be at the Port of Morrow conference center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. Advance registration is \$25 and in-

cludes lunch. Registration after June 21 or at the door is \$30. RSVP to 541-676-5021 x110 or john.fast@or.usda.gov. Registration forms are also available at www.morrowswcd.org.

The event is sponsored by NRCS, Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District, Morrow County Livestock Growers and OSU Extension.

Heppner Les Schwab wishes to congratulate the Heppner FFA Chapter Banquet award recipients

Micha Hintz - recipient of the Star Junior Award

Garrett Robinson - (L) recipient of the DeKalb Award (outstanding senior) and Zech Hintz (R)

Kenzi Hughes - Recipient of the Star Sophomore Award

John Gould, (left) Heppner Les Schwab manager and **Tim Gould**, (right) recipient of The Green Hand of the Year Award

Rylee Kollman recipient of The Star Chapter Farmer Award

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