Mustangs take a bite out of the competition at Bulldog Invite

The Mustang track and field team attended the Bulldog Invite May 2 in Hermiston. The varsity men came in second only to the powerhouse Hermiston team, with the Mustangs' score of 94 beating out Ione, Stanfield and Echo.

The Heppner women were low on numbers, putting them last as a team, but both Alison Cecil and Makayla Silvia tore up the track, achieving personal records at the meet and placing in the top seven in all their events.

Heppner's Derek Howard during the shot put at the Bulldog Invite last week. -*Contributed photo*

Individual scores, with places shown to eighth, are as follows:

Men's Varsity Finals Results

100 Meters
8. Amund Berg 12.81a
Gavin Hanna 13.40a
Carson Brosnan 13.40a
200 Meters
7. Amund Berg 26.16a
400 Meters
7. Gibson McCurry 1:01.70a
Austin Moses 1:03.06a PR
800 Meters
3. Leo Waite 2:19.16a PR
4. Evan Kollman 2:29.69a PR
6. Austin Moses 2:37.22a PR
1500 Meters
2. Trent Smith 4:34.48a
4. Jorden Sweeney 4:48.61a PR
8. Mitchell VonGunten 5:29.49a PR
3000 Meters
1. Hunter Nichols 9:31.13a PR
3. Trent Smith 10:03.28a
Jorden Sweeney 11:04.63a PR
Evan Kollman 11:18.62a PR
Mitchell VonGunten 12:04.84a PR
110m Hurdles - 39"
4. Jake Wallace 18.76a PR
300m Hurdles - 36"
5. Alex Lindsay 47.58a PR
7. Jake Wallace 48.78a PR
8. Leo Waite 49.47a PR
Gibson McCurry 51.98a PR
Shot Put - 12lb
1. Derek Howard 49-04.00 PR
Discus - 1.6kg
5. Derek Howard 95-10
Austin Moses 51-11
Javelin - 800g
7. Gavin Hanna 125-01
8. Jake Wallace 120-06
Carson Brosnan 115-01
High Jump
4. Gibson McCurry 5-02.00
Long Jump
3. Alex Lindsay 18-00.00
Triple Jump
6. Gavin Hanna 32-07.50
7. Leo Waite 30-09.00

Women's Varsity Finals Results

100 Meters
5. Makayla Silvia 14.22a PR
200 Meters
6. Alison Cecil 29.71a PR
7. Makayla Silvia 29.85a PR
400 Meters
2. Alison Cecil 1:10.73a PR

The Mustang team will next move on to compete at the 2A Columbia Basin District Championships this Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13, at Ward Rhoden Stadium, Prineville.

Every Mustang athlete is competing in at least one event, making this year's event one to watch.

Fowler, Garcia head to district tennis

The Ione/Heppner tennis team will send two athletes to the Special District 4 tournament held at Whitman College Friday and Saturday in Walla Walla, WA.

Bryan Fowler of Heppner and Yavina Garcia of Ione both took fourth in singles' play in the sub-district tournament to land spots in districts.

Garcia placed behind Meghan Belshe, Sherman; Johanna Albert, Weston-McEwen; and Lynne Roberts, Helix.

Bryan Fowler at the tennis sub-district tournament. -*Contributed photo*

Fowler came in behind Erik Jones and Cody Dunn, both of Helix, and Douglas Gomez, Umatilla.

Chamber lunch

The chamber will receive a final report from the Heppner High students who have been working with Rita Van Schoiack of Blue Mountain Investment Management at the next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Thursday, May 18, at noon in Heppner City Hall. Cost of lunch is $10; Heppner Market Fresh will cater. Please RSVP at 541-676-5536 to guarantee a lunch.

'It's a Wonderful Life' at HHS next week

HHS students will present "It's a Wonderful Life" next Monday and Tuesday at the high school. -*Contributed photo*

The Heppner High School drama club will present Frank Capra's "It's A Wonderful Life" next week, May 15 and 16, at 7 p.m. in the Heppner High School cafetorium. Admission is $3.

Cast members include Kane Sweeney, Leo Waite, Emily Cecil, Reiah Waite, Stephany Dupry, Makayla Silvia, Austin Moses, Genevieve Smith, Hailey Holmgren, Tyson Vawsor, Roen Waite, Felix Matthew, Malychi Wenbreg, Brianne Smith and J.C. Dompier.

Heppner students to attend Music in May

FOREST GROVE, OR—Three Heppner students will be traveling to Forest Grove later this month to participate in the annual Music in May Festival.

Heppner High sophomores Trevor Antonucci and Leo Waite and junior Reiah Waite will be among 400 student musicians who attend three days of rehearsals and lessons May 25-27 at Pacific University. Leo Waite will play the trumpet, while Trevor Antonucci will sing first bass and Reiah Waite will sing first alto. This is Reiah's second time to the festival; Trevor and Leo will be attending for the first time. The students will perform a grand finale concert on Saturday, May 27, at 3 p.m. at the Stoller Center.

The Music in May Festival is celebrating its 69th anniversary as the only college-sponsored high school music festival in the Northwest. Student musicians from communities throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California are participating in the annual event. Students stay in residence halls with school chaperones for the three-day festival and conclude the weekend with a concert featuring orchestra, choir and band.

Music in May was started in 1948 by former Pacific University music education professor Richard Greenfield to assist high school string instrumentalists. High school band, choir and orchestra students are selected to participate based on their school music ensemble director's recommendation and the instrumentation needs of the Music in May ensembles.

Three distinguished guest conductors have selected challenging literature for their ensembles to perform in the finale concert. Clark Potter, Professor of Conducting from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will conduct the orchestra. Joey Martin, Director of Choral Activities, Texas State University, San Marcos will serve as the conductor of the choir. Conducting the band will be Charles Menghini, President, Vandercook College of Music, Chicago.

Director of Music in May Michael Burch-Pesses will conduct the combined ensembles in "America the Beautiful" to conclude the festival. Twenty-two Pacific University students will also serve as mentors to the high school students during the festival.

Admission to the grand finale concert is $8 for adults and $6 for students and senior citizens. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance by contacting the Music in May office at 503-352-2198.

HCC announces grant progress for façade work

Hardman Community Center reports that approval for a Diamonds in the Rough grant for façade work looks promising but still needs HCC Board approval.

HCC secretary Claudia Smythe reports that the grant organization requires the facade to be designed with the original tall doors and double-decker windows. The current plans for door designs have been approved by the state, which prefers that the Hardman center strengthen the existing window frames with metal rather than going to larger wood frames.

Don Ward says he may be able to build the doors—he would do a prototype first—but suggested HCC budget for store-bought just in case. HCC members found two commercial sources for custom nine-foot doors, and the windows will be 1/8-inch thick for additional strength to complement the metal reinforcing.

The grant requires 50 percent matching in funds or in-kind donations, and after running some numbers, the center reports that they are "a little more than good" due to donated contractor and volunteer labor and the financial commitment of members.

Scott Smythe will act as Contractor of Record and donate up to 40 hours of his time; other contractors donating time are Dave Piper and Jerry Gentry, while HCC's main volunteers will be Jim Kirkpatrick and Don Ward. Mark Rietmann and Phil Carlson will also donate time if their spring 2018 schedules allow it. HCC reports the need for a couple of backup volunteers in case one of the others can't fulfill their commitment. Weather permitting, work is planned for the first week of April 2018.

However, these plans still need HCC Board approval, so members can contact the board to voice their opinions. Board members include Sam Martin Sr., Dick Paris, Bob Stevens and Dan VanSchoiack, or contact Smythe at hcc@hughes.net or 541-676-9718.

Finally, Smythe says this project will only use funds that have been specified as matching for 2018 and that 2017 projects are fully funded.

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