

Track team, district champs



The boys track team, District Champions for the second year in a row.

The Heppner men's track team walked away with a hard-earned district championship at the 2A District 5 Championship meet on Friday, May 10. This year, the Wapati district and the Columbia Basin district combined, creating a district stacked with elite athletes. Heppner athletes stepped up to the challenge with the small women's team earning seventh place.

The following members of the track teams will compete at state after qualifying at district: Hunter Nichols in the 800, 3000, 4x400m; Jayden Wilson in 400, 4x400; Mason Lehman in 400, 4x400; Trent Smith in 4x400; Leo Waite in the 300m hurdles; Derek Howard in shot-put and discus; Trevor Antonucci in 1500 and Madelyn Nichols in 1500, 800.

At the district tournament the day started with the field events at 11 a.m. with Derek Howard, Carson Brosnan, and Conor Brosnan running between the discus and the javelin. In the javelin, Carson Brosnan threw a personal record of 129'6" for seventh place and Derek Howard threw 130'1" for sixth place. Derek Howard took second place with a discus throw of 122'10" and Conor Brosnan made the podium with his throw of 9'63" which earned him seventh place.

Conor Brosnan and Derek Howard then joined Blake Wolters at the shot-put ring, and all three stood on the podium. Brosnan took eighth place with a throw of 34'9.75", Wolters took seventh with a throw of 37'2" and Howard stood on top with a first-place throw of 50'0".

The jumping squad stepped up to earn some unexpected points for the team. Hailey Holmgren took seventh place with a jump of 12'9" and Jayden Wilson, ranked eighth before the meet, took sixth place with a jump of 18'8". Freshman Hannah Finch jumped an impressive 31'3.5" in the triple jump, earning third place behind two senior jumpers from Grant Union. Jackson Lehman took a risk jumping from the 36-foot board to move up to sixth place with a jump of 37'7", increasing his personal best jump by 1.5 feet.

The running events started with the 4x100 team running for seventh place and earning the team two points. Madelyn Nichols qualified for state in a relaxed 1500m run, placing second overall. Trevor Antonucci pulled in front of a competitive field in the second half of the 1500m run, earning first place and pulling Trent Smith and Jordan Sweeney to sixth and seventh place. Brock Hisler set a personal record time of 12.67 in the 100m

dash, and Brian Collins earned ninth place with a solid run of 12.05. Hannah Finch earned seventh place in the 100m dash by running 13.73 and Julianna Teeman came in 10th with a time of 14.62.

Marlee Mitchell ran an impressive 400m dash, earning fifth place with a personal best time of 1:05.36. In the men's race, all three Heppner athletes ran in the fastest heat and earned three places on the podium. Jackson Lehman ran 57.17 for seventh place, Mason Lehman ran a personal best time of 53.14 for third place, and Jayden Wilson ran 52.23 for second place. Mason Lehman earned the wildcard place for state with his time, so both Wilson and Lehman will compete at the state competition.

Leo Waite stepped up in the 110m hurdles earning third place with a personal record time of 18.47, and Austin Moses took sixth place as well. Hailey Holmgren also earned eighth place in the women's 100m hurdle race.

Next came the 800m race. The 800 races started strong with Madelyn Nichols breaking the Heppner High School record by a second with a run of 2:26.71. Lillian Imes also placed in the 800m event, earning seventh place. Hunter Nichols, battling sickness that earlier in the week had him down with a high fever, did his job by winning the 800 in the second lap. Jordan Sweeney and Trent Smith also ran in the loaded field, earning ninth and 10th places. The 200m races, always fast and competitive, earned Heppner extra points with a well-earned fourth place run for Jayden Wilson in a time of 24.21. Bryan Collins earned ninth place with a personal record time of 24.74, and Mason Leman took 10th. Hannah Finch, Marlee Mitchell and Julianna Teeman ran strong races in a tough field, earning ninth, 10th and 12th places.

The 300m hurdle race, always exciting to watch, left three Heppner athletes on the podium. Austin Moses took eighth place; Jackson Lehman took third place with a personal best time of 45.25 and Leo Waite earned a place at state with a second-place finish in a personal record time of 44.41. Hunter Nichols, struggling with exhaustion and sickness, gutted out a photo finish win in the 3000-meter run and then turned around to do what he could for the 4x400m relay.

The women's team started the relays with a season record time of 4:35.26. The men's team, filled with nerves, stepped up to the line. Trent Smith started the race, pushing through a painful hamstring to put the Mustang's in position

to win. Jayden Wilson took the baton and put as much distance as he could between him and the runner behind him, handing it off to Mason Lehman with a solid lead. Lehman knew that he had to push the lead even larger, as the anchor, Hunter Nichols, was still recovering from the 3000-meter run and hurting from his previous sickness and he would be racing the winning 400m runner in the district. Nichols took the baton and with all the grit he had, finished the race in first with a time of 3:35.06, tying their personal record time from the Centennial Invitational.

The men's team ended up taking the District Championship for the second year in a row. Tough minds, bodies and team spirit led the whole team to perform at their best and come together to celebrate. Nichols was helped off the podium and cared for by his teammates, in a show of the strength the Heppner Track and Field team has.

Shooters qualify for state

Sixteen members of the Morrow County 4-H shooting club have qualified to compete in the state 4-H trapshooting tournament which will be held June 17-19 at the Albany Gun Club. To qualify, members of the club are required to shoot all of the mail-in-tournament rounds in January, February and March. Qualifying scores are based on the percentage of target hits over the course of that time period.

Members who have qualified to compete at state are Preslie Bowles, Carter Eyenetich, Gage Heide-man, Radley Griggs, Corey Rice, Owen Guerra, Conner Wilson, Briar Reeves, Mason Orem, Aden Lathrop, Kalvin Rietmann, Morgan Cutsforth, Teagan Ramsey, Jake Heideman, Colt Parker, and Lexi Cutsforth.

Chamber Chatter

Thursday, May 16, Annual Heppner High School Mustang Mop Up. If you have a project that you would like to have scheduled during Mustang Mop Up, please contact the Heppner High School at 541-676-9138. Their goal is to "do as much good as they can community wide."

Thursday, May 16 from noon to 1 p.m., Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group hosted annual luncheon at the Heppner Senior Center dining room. Updates on the programs WCVEDG is working on and guest speakers from Portland General Electric will be on the agenda. Alvin Liu with Gateway Café will cater a BBQ lunch. RSVPs are required no later than May 13 at 541-676-5336 or heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

Thursday, May 16 through Monday, May 27, City of Heppner Community Clean Up with a free dumpster for garbage collection at the city yard on Riverside Avenue. There will also be a spot to leave yard debris and burnable material. The city will not accept tires, hazardous waste or household chemicals and the dumpster is for city of Heppner residents only. Contact city of Heppner at 541-676-9618.

Friday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Free Spray Days 2019 organized by the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District at the Heppner City Park. Come down and grab your free gallon container of pre-mixed container of SpeedZone which is a non-restricted herbicide for turn/ornamentals. All participants will be required to sign a cooperative agreement. This free spray is being sponsored also by Morrow County Grain Growers, Oregon Dept of Agriculture and NRCS. Please contact Morrow SWCD at 541-676-5452 for questions or more information.

Friday, May 17 at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday, May 18 at 2:15 p.m., SAGE Center Movie Event. The movie will be "Toy Story" with admission of \$3 per person

and includes free popcorn. There will be bottled water and concession available for cash purchase. For more information, contact SAGE Center at 541-481-7243.

Thursday, May 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Annual Community Bank barbecue. The community is invited to a free barbecue lunch served by the Community Bank employees to be held in front of the bank.

Thursday, June 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oregon WORKS Community Internship Workshop at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center in Boardman. The Port of Morrow was one of four locations in Oregon selected to host an Oregon WORKS Community Internship Workshop. A community-wide summer internship program makes connecting talented young professionals to local businesses easier for both the businesses and those seeking employment. During this workshop, employers will learn how to attract and retain interns by working together to develop a county wide marketing and outreach plan. The plan will be developed over the next year and ready for implementation during Summer 2020. This Community Internship Workshop is presented by the McMinnville Economic Development Partnership by grants from The Ford Family Foundation and the Oregon Community Foundation. All employers in Morrow County are invited to participate in this free workshop. Lunch will be provided. RSVP online at <https://bit.ly/2IOBL2x> by May 30, 2019. For more information contact Kalie Davis, Workforce Training Program Manager 541-571-1624.

Saturday, June 8 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Cutsforth Park, Annual youth fishing derby sponsored by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Morrow County Parks. The fishing derby is open to children ages 14 and younger, with lunch provided for the youth.

Sunday, June 9 from

5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Chasing Ebenezer will be the entertainment for the Music in the Park concert at the Heppner Park on Main St. There will be a meal available to purchase (by donation) prepared by the Hopeful Saints Ministry volunteers. Bring a lawn chair.

Sunday, July 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Dakota Brown will perform for Music in the Park at the Heppner Main St. Park. There will be a meal available to purchase (by donation) prepared by the Hopeful Saints Ministry volunteers. Bring a lawn chair.

Saturday, July 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fifth Annual Veteran Benefit EXPO19 at the Pendleton Convention Center. Learn about available federal, state and local veteran benefits including health care, disability compensation, pension, business, burial, transportation, education, recreation, long-term care, records, ID's, home loans and more. This event is designed to provide a one-stop shop for Oregon veterans of all eras and walks of life to learn about and access the full range of their earned benefits. For more information about the Expo, visit www.expo.oregonvda.com. For questions, please contact Tyler Francke at 503-373-2389 or tyler.francke@state.or.us.

Thursday, August 1 is the deadline to apply for Morrow County Cultural Coalition grants. Applications for cultural-based activities are being accepted, with grants to be awarded for up to 50 percent of the total project cost. For complete guidelines and application form, contact Gayle Gutierrez at 541-676-5630 or via email at ggutierrez@co.morrow.or.us.

Sunday, August 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wasteland Kings will be the entertainment for Music in the Park at the Heppner Main St. park. There will be a meal available to purchase (by donation) prepared by the Hopeful Saints Ministry volunteers. Bring a lawn chair.

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Spelling winners announced

Students from school districts in Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties participated in the Inter-Mountain Education Service District's spelling contest on Monday, May 6 at Blue Mountain Community College. The IMESD sponsors the spelling contests for each county every year.

A total of 35 students participated. Those who competed in the IMESD county contest had already won a spelling contest in their division at their schools. There are three divisions: Division One (1st-5th grades), Division Two (6th-8th grades) and Division Three (9th-12th grades).

At the contests, students took a 35-word written test. First through third places were selected in each of the three divisions. An awards ceremony immediately followed, with winners receiving medals. The first-place winner from each division is invited to participate in the state

competition, which occurs on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend in Salem at the Oregon State Fair.

"IMESD congratulates all of our spelling contest winners and thanks all of the students who devoted time to compete this year," said Lizette Berryessa, IMESD spelling contest coordinator.

Winners from Morrow County in Division One were first place, Rafael Sepulveda, Windy River Elementary (Morrow County SD); second place, Jackson Hobbs, A.C. Houghton Elementary (Morrow County SD) and third place, Lane Critchlow, Heppner Elementary (Morrow County SD)

Division Two winners were first place, Stephanie Booher, Riverside Jr/Sr High School (Morrow County SD); second place, John Lindsay, Heppner Elementary (Morrow County SD) and third place, Gaven Harwood, Windy River Elementary (Morrow County SD)

In Division Three the winners were first place, Emma Rietmann, Ione Community School (Ione SD) and second place, Angel Flores Rosas, Riverside High School (Morrow County SD).

For more information about the spelling contest, contact Berryessa at 541-966-3126 or lizette.berryessa@imesd.k12.or.us.

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NOTICE!

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