

Mustangs run Regionals at EOU

By Hannah Finch

The Mustangs started last week off with the District 2A-5 Preview at the Weston-McEwen track on Tuesday, April 19 before heading to Eastern Oregon University on Saturday for 1A/2A/3A Regionals. There, several of Heppner's athletes made the podium, and Heppner's five girls placed third overall as a team against 23 other teams.

Hallee Hisler and Hayden McMahon started the meet off racing in the 100m Prelims. Both advanced to the finals, where Hisler ran a 14.08 and placed ninth in the women's, and McMahon ran a new PR of 11.99 to place seventh in the men's. Both runners also competed in the 200m and broke their personal records. Hisler finished fifth out of 32 other runners and ran a 28.46. McMahon also had a PR in the 200m and ran a 25.63.

In the 400m, Hannah Finch finished second with a new personal best of 61.56. Arianna Worden ran with her and finished 10th, running a 68.58. For the boys, Jacob Finch placed 12th with a new PR of 58.07, and Aden Lathrop also ran a new PR of 61.42. Coming in 10th place was Ed Ellsworth running a 57.61. Ellsworth also competed in the 300m hurdles, running his fastest time yet of 46.10.

Trevor Nichols ran a close 800m and finished second with a new PR of 2:01.35. Nichols also placed second in the 3000m. Running with him in the 800m was Joseph Sherman, who placed eighth with a time of 2:17.6. Sherman also competed in the high jump and jumped a new height of 5-08, putting him at second in the district.

For the girls 800m, Finch finished first with a time of 2:34.73. Running with her was Irelynn Kollman, who finished third and

set a new PR of 2:42.07. Kollman also raced the 1500m and set another new PR of 5:33.33. Also running in the 1500m was Saige Jensen, who also ran the 3000m and placed sixth overall, setting a new PR for herself of 13:37.86.

A competitive 4x400m relay promised to end the meet in a grand finale. The girls relay team (Arianna Worden, Irelynn Kollman, Hallee Hisler and Hannah Finch) finished first with a new time of 4:27.65, putting them three tenths of a

second behind first in 2A state. The boys relay team (Jacob Finch, Ed Ellsworth, Joseph Sherman and Trevor Nichols) finished fourth overall with one of their fastest times, running a 3:48.52.

The successful meet at EOU marked the halfway point for Heppner's regular track season. This week, the Mustangs will travel to Stanfield on Tuesday before heading to Hermiston to race against some bigger 6A schools.



BEO Bancorp reports first quarter earnings

BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced first quarter 2022 consolidated net income of \$808,000 or \$0.67 per share, compared to \$1,337,000 or \$1.11 per

share for first quarter 2021. Total assets were \$831.8 million, up 17.4 percent year over year. Net loans of \$470.4 million were down 7.5 percent from the same period in 2021, while deposits were at \$766.1 million up 17.7 percent year over year.

“In comparing first quarter of 2022 to 2021, we notice the nonrecurring effects that economic stimulus money had in 2021. We also note the continued growth in deposits that are attributable to stimulus payments, SBA programs, as well as increased market share in various branches and loan production offices,” said President and CEO Jeff Bailey.

Chief Financial Officer Mark Lemmon said, "Banking in general continues to see an extreme amount of liquidity, as evident by our continued growth in deposits. Shareholder equity is up 12.5 percent over the past year; Return on Average Assets and Return on Average Equity are 0.39 percent and 6.79 percent respectively."

Chief Operations Officer Becky Kindle said, "It is good to see the easing of pandemic related mandates. Our staff and customers are enjoying the return to more normal interactions."

“Asset quality has fared well even with drought concerns of the past year. Renewal season for our ag portfolio showed minimal concerns,” said Chief Credit Officer Ed Rollins.

Chief Lending Officer John Qualls added, "Recent snow and rain across our trade area is welcomed. The weather has definitely delayed spring field work, but the moisture and strong commodity prices make us optimistic for the coming ag cycle."

"Global unrest, as well as the Federal Reserve's attempts to contain inflation, and its effect on interest rates will give us all plenty to watch and consider in the quarters ahead," concluded Bailey.

DEADLINE:
MONDAYS
AT 5PM

Umatilla National Forest firewood permits available

Umatilla National Forest personal-use firewood permits will be available through several local vendors beginning Sunday, May 1, and at Forest Service offices during regular business hours beginning Monday, May 2.

All National Forests in Oregon and Washington are now offering personal-use firewood free of charge; however, a permit is still required to cut and haul firewood. The maximum limit for personal-use firewood on the Umatilla National Forest is 12-cords-per-household-per-year. Individuals that require more than 12 cords, or those

wanting to sell firewood, may purchase a commercial or “charge” firewood permit for \$10 per cord with a \$30 minimum permit. Charge permits can only be purchased through a Forest Service office.

Vendors are issuing personal-use firewood permits in increments of four-cord packets and may charge an additional processing fee up to \$2 for each packet acquired through local businesses. A list of vendors is available on the Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla.

“Our vendors provide a great service to our woodcutters by offering fire-

wood permits during hours that are convenient for the public,” said Eric Watrud, Forest Supervisor. Most vendors are open early mornings, late evenings and on the weekends. An additional fee is not charged if you acquire a permit from a Forest Service office.

viduals with completing the procedures to receive the personal-use firewood packet either through an in-person appointment or through the mail.

Firewood cutters are required to carry an axe, a shovel, an 8 oz. capacity or larger fire extinguisher, and have their chainsaw equipped with an approved spark arrester when cutting wood.

Some areas on the Umatilla National Forest are still not accessible due to mud, snow or snow drifts. Forest visitors are asked to use extreme care to avoid getting stuck or causing extensive and illegal resource damage to the land and vegetation. Woodcutters are asked to:

- Contact the local Ranger District office before heading out to make sure the area you're traveling to is accessible.

- Avoid driving off roads and onto wet, unstable ground or fragile meadow environments to load firewood.

-Be prepared. Pack additional food, water, clothing and other emergency

The public is reminded that some roads and trails are closed in areas with significant flood damage from the 2020 February and May flood events. Detailed closure maps and updates on flood repair activities are available on the Forest website and at any Forest office. Closure signs will also be posted on the ground.

As we move into the hot, dry summer months, Public Use Restrictions (PURs) may be implemented. Restrictions will be announced by 6 p.m. on the day prior to the restriction(s) going into effect. Weekend restrictions will be announced by 6 p.m. on Friday. An updated recording at 1-877-958-9663 will let you know if firewood cutting is: allowed all day; restricted to specific hours (i.e., 1 p.m. chainsaw shutdown); restricted to specific areas of the Forest; or closed completely due to wildfire danger. Restrictions will also be posted on the forest's website. The public is responsible to check if firewood cutting is allowed.

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