

# Local athletes off to running start in first meet of season

Morrow County teams made a good showing at the Bulldog Invite in Hermiston Thursday, March 23. The Heppner men's varsity team came in third in a field of 12 behind only Hermiston and Weston-McEwen, while Ione men placed eighth as a team. Riverside placed fifth and Irrigon placed 10<sup>th</sup>. For the women's varsity, Heppner placed fourth in a field of nine, while Riverside took sixth and Irrigon tied with Umatilla for eighth. Ione did not run a women's team. On the individual side, several local athletes placed in the top three in their events, many of those breaking seasonal (SR) or personal (PR) records. Heppner's Trevor

Nichols placed second in both the 800- and 1600-meter races. Gage Hart of Heppner placed third in the 1600-meter and the 3200-meter. Heppner's Dailen Schultz placed third in the 110m hurdles, while Jacob Finch placed third in the 300m hurdles. The boys' 4x400 relay team of Owen Cunningham, Jacob Finch, Hayden McMahon and Trevor Nichols also placed third in their event. On the women's side, Riley Archer of Heppner placed second in the 800-meter race. Heppner's Lily Nichols placed second in the 3200-meter, third in the 1600-meter and third in the 300m hurdles. Hallee Hisler placed third in the 200-meter, Ire-

lynn Kollman placed third in the 800-meter, and Ariana Worden placed third in the 3200-meter. Placing third in the 4x400 relay was the Heppner team of Ariana Worden, Lily Nichols, Hallee Hisler and Irelynn Kollman. Representing the north end of the county, Pedro Chavez of Boardman placed first in the 400-meter and second in the high jump. Tyrese Boyd of Riverside took first in the javelin, while Miriam Landeros, also of Riverside, placed second in the 100m hurdles. The Irrigon Knights team of Paul Sanchez, Jatón Black, Koebie Campos and Antonio Lemus took third in the men's 4x100 relay.

# MCSO new math curriculum

-Continued from PAGE ONE and staff respond to that type of a schedule and see how it might more positively impact our attendance overall." Stocker also said the district was gearing up for 2023-24 hiring and that she is optimistic for a light hiring year. "It's always our objective to have that retention of staff," she said, adding that they had only a few resignations, and those were for normal life events like retirement or moving closer to family. "Hopefully our employees are feeling like this is a good place to be." Also at the meeting, the board approved the adoption of a new K-6 math curriculum. The new curriculum is called i-Ready Classroom Mathematics MCSO instructional coach Sarah Christy and data coach Rachel Herron gave a presentation on the math curriculum, which is what is called a discourse-based curriculum. That means students learn by talking to each other and explaining their thinking. Lessons include a try-discuss-connect format.

The curriculum includes a diagnostic classroom assessment and two follow-up assessments, worktexts containing students' lessons and practice, and online materials for students' practice and differentiation. Christy said the diagnostic aspect "helps teachers understand where the kids are performing and helps inform their instruction." Herron said her job as data coach is to make sure the kids are placed correctly and that the assessments are being used to drive that instruction.

The goal is to make teaching as efficient as possible, Christy added, and the diagnostic is used as a baseline for instruction. The student worktexts include reference problems worked on in class, practice problems, family letters that summarize the math concepts learned in class, and a math glossary the students can use to look up math terms in English and Spanish.

"Because they use high-quality, rich problems, and students have time to dig into the problems using the try-discuss-connect routines, there are fewer problems in the practice pages compared to other programs," said Christy. "They really want students to dig into the discourse of mathematical thinking." The program offers two kinds of math practice, one in the workbooks in class and one online. The online portion of the curriculum includes a student dashboard where they can access their diagnostic, teacher-assigned assessments and assignments, personalized learning, digi-

tal manipulatives and learning games. Personalized learning is separate from students' classwork and is assigned based on a student's diagnostic results. "This gives the students lessons at their academic level that they need," Christie said. "It's impossible for the teachers to teach one-on-one, and this is what this program will provide for them."

The curriculum is based on Oregon education standards and has four levels of instruction—core, one year below, skills/WIN and personalized instruction. If they only taught core, they would only reach about 11 percent of students, Herron said. By being able to draw from standards from one year below core, she said, they automatically meet 60 percent of the students' needs.

The third layer is skills, or WIN, time, where every student gets individualized, teacher-taught lessons based on their academic needs. The final layer is personalized instruction through the online portal.

Morrow County School Board member Rosa Delgado asked about the accessibility of the curriculum in other languages, specifically Guatemalan dialect. "I just feel like they're slipping through the cracks sometimes," said Delgado.

In response to a question, the presenters said not only do they have access to both English and Spanish, but there are multiple languages available through the online portal.

MCSO Superintendent Matt Combe said the district is fortunate to be the size it is and have instruction coaches who can dig deeper into the data and support the schools with that information.

"The teachers have really embraced that," responded Christie. "They're asking for more of it."

"We have so many resources at our hands to meet all of the levels of the kids," added Herron. "With the coach's help, we try to give the teachers everything they need."

The board also approved a draft of the district's Student Investment Account (SIA) integrated plan. MCSO Director of Educational Services Marie Shimer told the board the plan is required as part of the grant application process for Oregon Dept. of Education (ODE) funding. SIA is the K-12 portion of the funding approved by the Oregon Legislature in the Student Success Act (HB 3427).

The ODE's application process was designed in response to requests from educational leaders and state legislators to combine six separate program requirements and common goals into one plan and create an accountability framework for measuring progress over time.

Shimer said the district's planning team has spent the last several months gathering feedback from students, families, community and staff, as well as trying to assess the district's strengths and challenges.

The intended outcomes of the plan are continued growth in students K-8 showing one or more years of learning growth in English language arts and math; improved attendance rates at all grade levels; improved after school, Friday school and summer school opportunities; and providing continued mental health counseling and CARE support across all grade levels.

She said they had identified several key strategies to help accomplish those outcomes. Some of those include building stronger community partnerships across the county, solid intervention systems, systems of data monitoring, and maintaining partnerships with Community Counseling Solutions and local law enforcement through the school resource officer program.

Finally, some key investments for the upcoming biennium include comprehensive counseling support, increased instructional coaches at the 7-12 grade levels, school nurses in all three communities, elementary PE teachers in each building, continued STEAM Fridays, behavior tech support at each elementary building, English language development programing in affected buildings, high school tutors, educational technology support, community engagement activities, STEAM related spaces in each community and additional elementary staffing to maintain low student-teacher ratios.

Now that the draft has been approved by the board, it will be submitted to the ODE before coming back to the school board for final approval. The district anticipates \$4,101,989.44 in preliminary SIA funding for the 2023/2025 biennium.

In other business, Morrow County School Superintendent Matt Combe told the board the latest COSA state budget report is in and the numbers are similar to last month as far as funding for the biennium.

"We're still optimistically hoping for 10.3 billion, which will help keep up with the inflation demands and keep us pretty much status quo," said Combe. "But many continue to predict that it will land in the 10.1 to 10.2 range."

He said the district is currently in the budgeting cycle process for the 2023-24 school year with a budget committee meeting May 9.

The next regular meeting of the MCSO board will be Monday, April 10, at 6 p.m. at Windy River Elementary in Boardman.

## Full Heppner and Ione stats are as follows:

- Men's Results**
- 100 Meters Varsity**
- Henry Giefing, 11.81a (0.6)PR Ione
  - Hayden McMahon, 12.02a (2.4)SR Heppner
  - Saul Lopez, 12.61a (2.4)PR Heppner
  - Tyelor Moore, 12.73a (1.3)PR Heppner
  - Chace Jones, 13.44a (3.1)SR Heppner
  - Dailen Schultz, 13.58a (0.6)PR Heppner
- 200 Meters Varsity**
- Hayden McMahon, 25.14a (3.3)PR Heppner
  - Henry Giefing, 25.29a (3.1) Ione
  - Tyelor Moore, 27.28a (4.6)PR Heppner
  - Owen Cunningham, 27.33a (4.6)PR Heppner
  - Landon McMahon, 29.88a (4.6)PR Heppner
  - Dailen Schultz, 29.99a (4.6)SR Heppner
- 400 Meters Varsity**
- Owen Cunningham, 03:03.94aPR Heppner
  - Trevor Nichols, 02:08.46aSR Heppner
  - Mika Limberg, 02:13.96aPR Ione
  - Jacob Finch, 02:27.68aSR Heppner
- 800 Meters Varsity**
- Trevor Nichols, 05:02.82aPR Heppner
  - Gage Hart, 05:10.61aPR Heppner
- 3200 Meters Varsity**
- Gage Hart, 10:42.27aPR Heppner
- 110m Hurdles - 39" Varsity**
- Dailen Schultz, 19.81a (0.5)PR Heppner
- 300m Hurdles - 36" Varsity**
- Jacob Finch, 49.74aPR Heppner
- 4x400 Relay Varsity**
- Owen Cunningham, Jacob Finch, Hayden McMahon, Trevor Nichols, 4:04.30a Heppner - A
- Shot Put - 12lb Varsity**
- Bryce Rollins, 37-09.50 Ione
  - Saul Lopez, 35-03.00SR Heppner
  - Lewkus Burright, 32-07.50SR Ione
  - Landon McMahon, 30-08.00PR Heppner
  - Nate Ellsworth, 30-06.00PR Heppner
- 38. Tyelor Moore, 29-04.00PR Heppner**
- 41. Carter Eynetich, 28-04.00PR Ione**
- Discus - 1.6kg Varsity**
- Bryce Rollins, 112-02 Ione
  - Lewkus Burright, 103-08 Ione
  - Tyelor Moore, 84-02PR Heppner
  - Ty Boor, 83-09PR Heppner
  - Carter Eynetich, 82-00PR Ione
  - Saul Lopez, 77-00SR Heppner
  - Chris Humphreys, 73-00PR Heppner
  - Landon McMahon, 68-11PR Heppner
  - Nate Ellsworth, 68-04PR Heppner
- Javelin - 800g Varsity**
- Trevor Nichols, 125-00SR Heppner
  - Lewkus Burright, 117-08SR Ione
  - Chace Jones, 115-09PR Heppner
  - Bryce Rollins, 112-04SR Ione
  - Chris Humphreys, 105-07PR Heppner
  - Carter Eynetich, 86-02PR Ione
- Long Jump Varsity**
- Henry Giefing, 17-06.75 Ione
  - Ty Boor, 16-00.00SR Heppner
- Triple Jump Varsity**
- Ty Boor, 34-03.00SR Heppner
  - Saul Lopez, 31-07.75SR Heppner
  - Jacob Finch, 29-03.75PR Heppner
- Women's Results**
- 100 Meters Varsity**
- Hallee Hisler, 13.59a (2.6)PR Heppner
  - Teagan Kelton, 15.36a (4.5)PR Heppner
  - Makiyah Christian, 15.69a (1.9)PR Heppner
  - Dusty Robinson, 15.96a (4.5)PR Heppner
  - Denisse Bracamontes, 16.62a (2.8)PR Heppner
- 200 Meters Varsity**
- Hallee Hisler, 28.47a (3.3)SR Heppner
  - Teagan Kelton, 34.32a (3.3)PR Heppner
  - Makiyah Christian, 34.74a (3.2)PR Heppner

## WCCC Sunday Men's Play

The opening day of Sunday Men's play at Willow Creek saw 14 participants on a very cold morning. Breakfast was served, and then the wait began for the greens to thaw out so play could begin. After the frost delay, the following are the results:

KP #4-13, Dallas Harsin, 5'9"

KP #7-16, Doherty/Ferguson

Low Net—1<sup>st</sup>, Charlie Ferguson/Mike Doherty, 34; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kelly Fox/Curt

Day, 38.

Low Gross--1<sup>st</sup>, Duane Disque/Dennis Peck, 57; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dave Pranger/David Allstott, 58.

The next men's play will be on Sunday, April 2, hosted by Jim Swanson, Scott Burright and Tom Wolff. The signup sheet for Wednesday night play is on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. All players are asked to sign up before the beginning of play on April 12.

**BUCKNUM'S TAVERN**

 146 N Main Street Heppner 541-676-5274

**Lunch & Dinner Menu**

Specials 3/30-4/5

**Thursday**-Reuben and Jojos for \$9

**Friday**- Bacon and Swiss chicken breast sandwich with fries for \$9

**Friday night** 630-9pm BBQ chicken breast, roll, salad, and roasted potatoes for \$11

**Saturday** soup is chicken and wild rice

**Monday**-chicken burger with ham and Swiss and jojos for \$9

**Monday night** 6-9pm Prime rib, mashed potatoes and gravy or fries, roll, salad or clam chowder, and corn for \$20

**Tuesday**- breakfast burrito for \$9

**Tuesday night** 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos

**Wednesday**- Clam chowder, salad, and breadsticks for \$9.

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**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS LADIES NIGHT**

**Thursday, April 6th**


**Dinner at 6:00pm**

**BBQ Salmon, Roasted Veggies**

**Coleslaw and Dessert**

**Dinner prepared by Mark and Jan Huddleston, Ken and Kaedene Bailey and Mark and Tami Rietmann**

**Installation of Officer's will begin around 7:00 pm (family memebtrs are welcome to attend)**

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