

Mustangs shine with multiple podium finishes at Carnival of Speed

Heppner athletes claim several top-10 spots in 2A rankings



Joseph Albitre clears 5 feet, 8 inches in the high jump at the Carnival of Speed. The Heppner junior finished second in the event. -Photo by Susan Hisler



Nick Wenberg hands the baton to teammate Hayden McMahon during the 4x100-meter relay at the Carnival of Speed. The Heppner boys placed sixth in the event with a time of 47.22 seconds. -Photo by Susan Hisler

MILTON-FREEWATER — The Heppner Mustangs turned in a strong showing at the Carnival of Speed track and field meet on Friday, April 25, with the girls varsity team placing fifth overall with 51 points and the boys team finishing seventh with 35.7 points.

Junior Lily Nichols led the way for the Mustangs with a dominant win in the girls 800 meters, clocking a personal-best time of 2:24.82. Nichols also claimed second place in the 3000 meters, finishing in 11:13.02. Teammate Hallee Hisler added two more top-two finishes for the girls squad, placing second in both the 100 meters (12.96) and 200 meters (26.49), the latter a season best. Several Heppner girls rank in the 2A top 10 in their events this season, including the girls

4x400 relay team, which sits at third in the state.

On the boys side, senior Marty Medina earned a fourth-place finish in the 3000 meters with a season-best 10:22.03 and added an eighth-place showing in the 800 meters (2:11.23 PR). Junior Chris Humphreys continued to excel in the field events, placing second in the javelin with a throw of 154'7", and adding a pair of top-six finishes in the shot put (5th, 38'4") and discus (6th, 110'7"). Humphreys currently ranks second in 2A javelin and sixth in state discus.

Junior Joseph Albitre also had a standout meet, taking second in the high jump (5'8") and seventh in the long jump with a personal-best 18'4". Albitre is also ranked sixth in 2A for the high jump.

The girls 4x400 relay team of Healy Hisler, Lily Nichols, Hallee Hisler, and Brooklyn Hendricks capped the day with a strong second-place finish in 4:18.38.

Heppner will look to carry this momentum into the 59th Centennial Invitational this Saturday in Gresham.

Full results are as follows:

Boys Varsity

100 Meters:

7th – Hayden McMahon (12), 11.79 (SR)
19th – Nick Wenberg (12), 12.25

22nd – Joseph Albitre (11), 12.54 (PR)

800 Meters:

8th – Marty Medina (12), 2:11.23 (PR)

3000 Meters:

4th – Marty Medina (12), 10:22.03 (SR)

4x100 Relay:

6th – Heppner (Nick Wenberg 12, Joseph Albitre 11, Marty Medina 12, Hayden McMahon 12), 47.22

Shot Put (12 lb):

5th – Chris Humphreys (11), 38'4"

6th – Landon McMahon (11), 37'2" (PR)

24th – Lucas King (9), 31'5.5"

Discus (1.6 kg):

6th – Chris Humphreys (11), 110'7"

11th – Landon McMahon (11), 101'5"

26th – Gage Heideman (9), 83'5"

Javelin (800g):

2nd – Chris Humphreys (11), 154'7"

20th – Gage Heideman (9), 108'8" (PR)

44th – Austin Willis (11), 82'7" (PR)

High Jump:

2nd – Joseph Albitre (11), 5'8"

Long Jump:

7th – Joseph Albitre (11), 18'4" (PR)

11th – Nick Wenberg (12), 17'10.5"

Girls Varsity

100 Meters:

2nd – Hallee Hisler (12), 12.96

27th – Teagan Kelton (11), 14.82 (PR)

33rd – Laia Puelles (10), 15.00 (PR)

200 Meters:

2nd – Hallee Hisler (12), 26.49 (SR)

8th – Healy Hisler (10), 28.08

26th – Teagan Kelton (11), 31.33 (PR)

400 Meters:

3rd – Healy Hisler (10), 1:03.10

26th – Ashli Paullus (10), 1:17.29 (SR)

34th – Loren Trujillo (11), 1:23.81 (SR)

800 Meters:

1st – Lily Nichols (11), 2:24.82 (PR)

17th – Loren Trujillo (11), 3:26.37

1500 Meters:

7th – Brooklyn Hendricks (10), 5:37.51 (PR)

3000 Meters:

2nd – Lily Nichols (11), 11:13.02

100m Hurdles (33"):

12th – Laia Puelles (10), 19.10 (PR)

300m Hurdles (30"):

19th – Laia Puelles (10), 58.71 (PR)

4x400 Relay:

2nd – Heppner (Healy Hisler 10, Lily Nichols 11, Hallee Hisler 12, Brooklyn Hendricks 10), 4:18.38

Shot Put (4 kg):

31st – Avia Boutefuhr (9), 22'0"

Discus (1 kg):

31st – Avia Boutefuhr (9), 64'5" (PR)

Javelin (600g):

24th – Teagan Kelton (11), 75'3"

29th – Loren Trujillo (11), 69'11"

38th – Avia Boutefuhr (9), 56'4"

High Jump:

10th – Natalie Piper (10), 4'4" (SR)

Long Jump:

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Heppner sweeps Ladycats in high-scoring softball

The Heppner Mustangs came out swinging in a doubleheader sweep over Union/Cove on Friday, riding dominant offensive performances from Isabel Payne and Kadie Henrichs to 13-8 and 21-4 victories, respectively.

In Game 1, Heppner rallied from a 4-0 deficit behind a clutch performance from Payne, who drove in four runs on two hits. She launched a three-run homer to center field in the fourth to tie the game and added an RBI single in the fifth as the Mustangs surged ahead.

Union/Cove retook the lead briefly in the bottom of the fourth, but Heppner exploded for five runs in the fifth, highlighted by Ava Gerry's two-run single. Payne added her second home run of the game in the sixth, part of a three-run inning that sealed the win.

Payne also went the distance in the circle, allowing eight hits and eight runs (six earned) while striking out nine. Gerry led Heppner at the plate, going 3-for-4. Payne and Ciciley Stefani also recorded multiple hits.

Union/Cove's Kali Amy was a bright spot for the home team, going 3-for-3 with three RBIs. Hannah

Robbins added a two-run home run.

In Game 2, Heppner's offense erupted for 16 runs in the third inning alone, turning a close game into a runaway 21-4 win. Henrichs led the charge with four hits and four RBIs, including a two-run double and a pair of RBI singles.

The third-inning barrage included contributions from nearly every Mustang hitter. Isabel Payne drove in three with a single, Delaney Stefani doubled in three more, and Avree Lathrop, Makenzie Maben, and Ava Gerry each added RBI singles. In total, Heppner racked up 24 hits in the game.

Payne again started in the circle, allowing just four hits and one earned run over five innings while striking out four.

Amanda Lawyer led Union/Cove with two hits, and Amy added an RBI. Despite turning a double play defensively, the Ladycats couldn't contain Heppner's bats.

The Mustangs traveled to face Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii on Tuesday. They will host Vale in a doubleheader this Friday.

Morrow SWCD to meet

Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will meet Tuesday, May 6, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Ag Service Center in Heppner.

conference call, please contact the SWCD beforehand at 541-676-5452.

Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

To join via Zoom or

Heppner Mustangs triumph over Pilot Rock

By Brian Bunch

The Heppner/Ione Mustangs secured a decisive 13-3 victory against the Pilot Rock Rockets on Tuesday, April 22. The Mustangs' offense was firing on all cylinders, racking up 11 hits and capitalizing on Pilot Rock's pitching struggles.

Alakae Rodriguez led the charge with three runs on three hits with two RBIs, joined by Caylan Proudfoot with three runs on one hit and three walks with one RBI. Jace Wilson added two runs on two hits with an

RBI, while Andrew Lindsay tallied two runs as a courtesy runner on Ryan Haugen's two hits. Shad Greenup earned two RBIs on one hit and one walk.

On the pitching side, R. Haugen earned the win, pitching four innings, allowing three runs on four hits with one walk and striking out seven. Caleb George closed out the game, giving up three hits in three scoreless innings with two walks and six strikeouts.

Down the Final Stretch

With eight games left

in the season (seven league, one non-league) the Mustangs are looking to make a run and gain momentum going into the postseason. The next five games the Mustangs will host in Heppner before going on the road for the last three of the season. April 29 they hosted Pilot Rock at 4 p.m. before a non-league tilt against 3A-SD2 Burns/Crane on May 2 at 4 p.m.

Still locked into third place in the league, the Mustangs (6-3 league, 9-5 overall) have their work cut out for them as two of the

last three league opponents are in the top four in the league standings. But with only three weeks left in the season, there are still plenty of big-time match-ups to be played from the top to the bottom of 2A/1A-SD7. Will chaos ensue? Will the Mustangs find themselves at the top of the league when it matters? Only time will tell...

Holly Rebekah plans May Day meal and games

In conjunction with Lexington's May Day Festivities on May 3, Holly Rebekah Lodge will have a loaded baked potato meal at the lodge hall. The meal will go from 10:30 a.m. until the potatoes are sold out.

For only \$5, a person may purchase a large baked potato with the following toppings: chili, grated cheese, onions, bacon bits, sour cream and butter. Extra toppings will be available for a small fee.

Following the meal, at approximately 3:30 p.m., the ever-popular Bingo will begin. Again, the cost is only \$5 for a packet of 10 Bingo cards, which will be used for 14 games plus three blackout games. Winners may even walk away with a prize.

The proceeds from these two events will go toward the trade school/vocational school scholarship which is given to graduating seniors from both Heppner and Ione high schools. All ages are

welcome to come to either or both of these events.

Also May 3, the Mini Bakers from Heppner will be having a bake sale upstairs at the Lodge Hall. All funds raised from their bake sale will go to the Wildland Fire Fighters. This will also start at 10:30 a.m., so be

sure and stop by and purchase some goodies from these busy bakers.

The Lexington Holly Rebekah Lodge is located at 135 W. Main Street, Lexington—look for balloons.

Upcoming Events

Ladies Night May 8th - Bill and Robin Canaday will be preparing a choice of Beef or Chicken Shish Kabobs, Pasta salad or Mix Salad and Dessert

Youth Night May 15th - Open to all youth, gun raffle, general raffle, Spaghetti dinner

Lodge Hours:
Wed 4pm to close with dinner at 6pm
Thurs 4pm to close (Lodge at 8pm)
Fri & Sat 4pm to close with dinner from 5pm to 8pm off the menu



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Members and their Guests

5th Annual May Day Celebration!
Come Join Us Saturday May 3rd in Lexington!
New Friday Night Kick Off Event
more details to come!

FIREMANS BREAKFAST
Parade! ENTERTAINMENT
Axe Throwing
Food & Games! Soap Box Derby
Bouncy House Vendors

Proceeds to support
Community Bible Church Food Bank

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MAY DAY KICK OFF
FRIDAY MAY 2ND, 2025
Lexington Fire Hall and Event Area

Benefiting our area Fire Departments: Heppner, Lexington, and Ione

- 5pm ~ Cocktail Hour
- 6pm ~ Firemen's Benefit Dinner Catered by Broken Spoke
- 7pm ~ 10pm Live Music

CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Live Music

Beer Garden