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Team photos for Golf, Softball, Tennis and Track.

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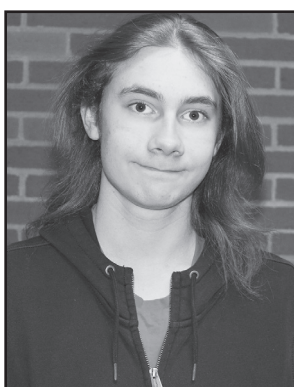
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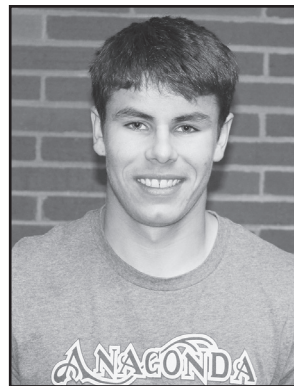
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Another stellar season of music for Anaconda

JAMES S. ROSIEN
EDITOR

Anaconda Junior/Senior High School's music program is wrapping up another stellar music season, with the program looking to close the school year out on a high note with the All-City Choir Concert on Tuesday, May 28 at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Gym. That's after just

wrapping up with the All-City Band and All-City Orchestra concerts earlier this week.

These spring concerts offer the public the chance to see and hear many of the pieces the Copperhead vocalists and instrumentalists have been preparing over the past year. And if their efforts at District Music Festival in April and State

Music Festival in May are an indicator, then they're more than prepared.

The AJSHS music program posted a whopping 33 Superior ratings at District Music Festival in Butte – the top rating that qualifies performers to advance to State Music Festival – along with another 25 Excellent ratings.

Then at State Music Festival 17 of the



The 2024 All-City Orchestra Concert is pictured. Leader photo: Nikki Johnson

individual, duet and small ensembles who'd earned Superior ratings at the district level went on to earn them again at state, plus another 10 Excellent ratings. In case you missed it earlier this month, here are the Superior ratings from state:

- Dylan Clark, solo string bass;
- Brenna Carney, solo viola;
- Jaidyn Holdaway, solo violin;

- Kendra Redd, solo violin;
- Ryleigh Warner, solo violin;
- Travis Bailey, solo vocal;
- Brenna Carney, solo vocal;
- Megumi Heuberger, solo vocal;
- Jaidyn Holdaway, solo vocal;
- Logan Lorengo, solo vocal;
- Kendra Redd, solo vocal;
- Samantha Staley, solo vocal;

- Freshmen String Ensemble;
- Choraleers Freshmen Ensemble;
- Choraleers Sophomore Ensemble;
- Coppertones Vocal Ensemble;
- Night Owls Vocal Ensemble.

And here are the Excellent ratings from state:

- Stainer/Zeren Violin Duet;
- Taylor Ehman,

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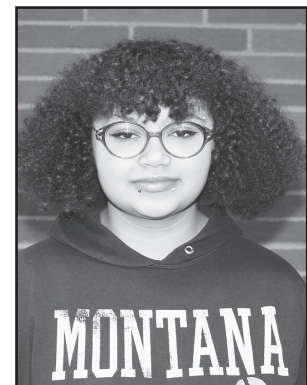
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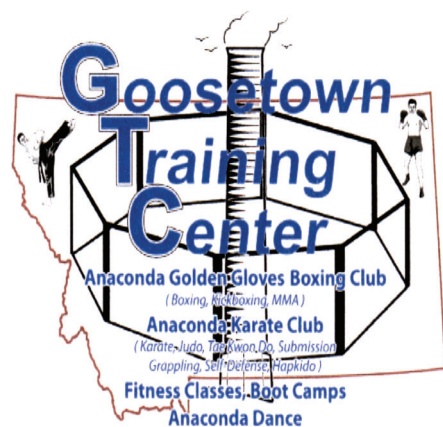
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cello solo;

- Giana Chor, viola

solo;

- Tommy Lovett,

violin solo;

- Sophomore String

Ensemble;

- String Trio

(Heuberger, Clark,
Sousa);

- Blue Belles Vocal
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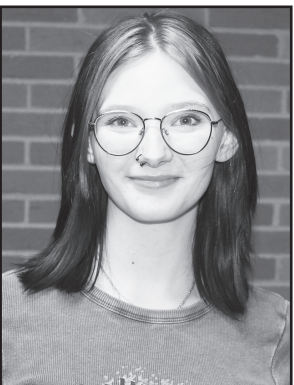
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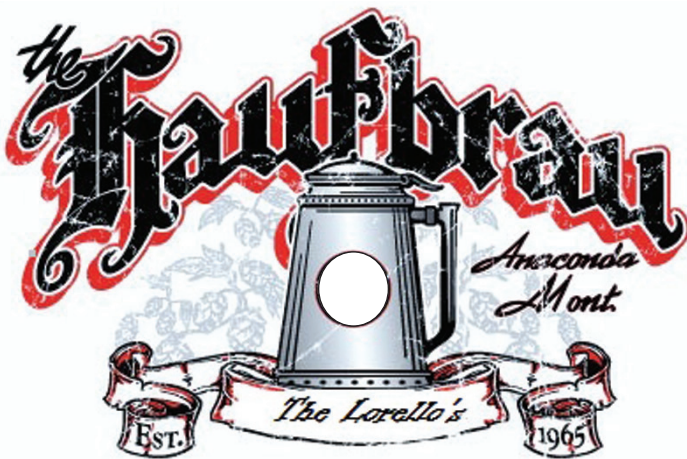
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Swing toward youth is showing promise for Lady Copperheads

JAMES S. ROSIEN
EDITOR

Five eighth graders, three freshmen, two sophomores and three graduating seniors adds up to a bona fide youth movement for the Lady Copperhead softball team. While that did come with its share of hardships throughout the 2024 season these girls

stuck with it and by the season's end it showed, as Anaconda took a team that had hung 20 runs on them when the first met right down to the final out with the tying run in scoring position when the chips were on the line for the playoffs.

But that's getting ahead of the game a bit. After opening

up with losses to Manhattan, Three Forks and Florence-Carlton, Anaconda had their breakout game against their Deer Lodge Valley rivals from Powell County High School, beating the Lady Wardens 19-4 on what was an early-season Senior Day. Every Lady Copperhead came

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Mary Sandoval

around to score at least once, while Brynn Coughlin pitched her way to a two-hitter over four innings, giving up one earned run while striking out seven.

Coughlin would go on to belt a three-run homer while striking

out 13 against Plains-Hot Springs in the Lady Copperheads next victory – also a 19-run effort compared to 5 for the Trotters. Ali Mari knocked in three runs of her own with a pair of doubles.

Their next W was

in the rematch with the Lady Wardens, which went much the same as the first meeting as every Lady Copperhead took a trip around the bases at least once and 23 times all together to

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Left: Addie Olson squares up to bunt against Three Forks. **Right:** Brynn Coughlin brings the heat against Three Forks. Photos courtesy of Carly Moodry.



The Lady Copperheads celebrated Senior Day with a victory against Powell County High School in April. Before that, the families of this year's seniors on the team, Taryn Coughlin, left, McKayla McKelvy, middle, and Ryleigh Warner, right, and of course the three seniors themselves were honored at a ceremony at the Charlotte Yeoman-Martin Softball Complex. Photo courtesy of Carly Moodry.

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Powell County's 5. Taryn Coughlin drove in four runs while McKayla McKelvy, Ali Mari and Brynn Coughlin – who did not give up a single earned run over four innings pitched –

each had three. The next one in the win column was against Browning at the Laverne Combo in Butte. Brenna Walker was the hero at the plate that day, going 3-for-3 with

3 runs and 4 runs batted in, while Jaidyn Holdaway took her turn in the circle, throwing a one-hitter over three innings with just four earned runs and seven strikeouts.

It all came down to Ennis, who had defeated Anaconda 20-6 when they met earlier in the month, but the Lady Copperheads turned it around for the play-in game for

divisionals last week, and nearly took the Lady Mustangs the distance. They even outhit Ennis, 11 to 8, and Brynn Coughlin turned in one of her best outings in the circle as the

sophomore recorded a whopping 16 strikeouts.

Anaconda led 2-0 after two-and-a-half innings, then were down 7-3

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after six, but the Lady Copperheads mounted a comeback as McKayla McKelvy hit a two-run single with no outs in the top of the seventh.

Anaconda went on to load the bases and had their shot, but it wasn't to be – this time, at least, as Ennis held on for a 7-5 win, but with a young team

that's started to gel under new coaches Bob and Mary Sandoval, the future's already looking brighter for the Lady Copperheads.

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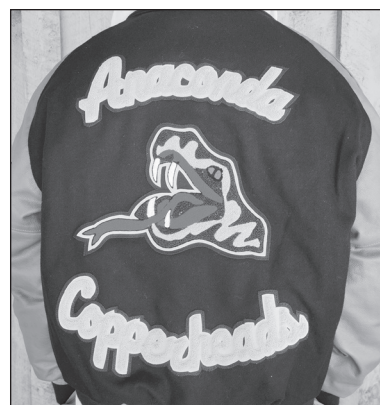
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Jaidyn Holdaway slides in safe at home in the Lady Copperheads' Senior Day win over the Lady Wardens. Photo courtesy of Carly Moodry.

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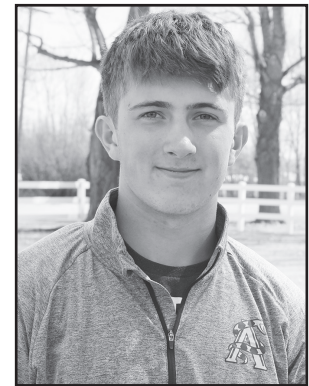
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2024 AHS Golf Team



Another strong year for golf is par for the course

JAMES S. ROSIEN
EDITOR

The Copperhead boys' and girls' golf teams have wrapped up another successful season, one that included plenty of hardware for both teams and individual AHS golfers alike.

The season started with a third-place finish for the boys and fourth place for the girls at the Florence-Darby Invitational where three Copperheads also medaled: Tanner Cromwell and Bradley Wolfe, who earned third- and sixth-place finishes for the boys, and Logan McKay who took fourth for the girls.

Anaconda then faced Jefferson County High School – the boys' old rivals from the previous season when they battled their way to the state title – and while this time it was the Panthers who came out on top, the Copperhead girls had their backs with a 4-1 match win over the Lady Panthers.

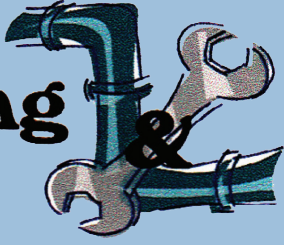
The boys got their groove back with a victory at the Tobacco Valley Invitational, doing so in comeback fashion after having been down by seven strokes to Florence-Carlton after the first day of the two-day

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tournament. That all changed on the second day of the tourney, as the Copperheads shot a +44 compared to a +70 for Florence to earn the win in a big way. Tanner Cromwell led the way for the Copperheads, taking home first place as well, while Bradley Wolfe took third place and Aidan Tuss finished ninth. On the girls' side, Logan McKay continued to lead the way, this time finishing in fifth place, and Grace Galle took ninth.

Both Cromwell and McKay also earned second-place finishes at the Spring Swing in Frenchtown, where the boys' team also finished second and the girls took third. The teams had the same placings at the Shelby High

School Invitational as well. Aidan Tuss was the top finisher for the Copperheads, taking fourth place, while Bradley Wolfe was sixth and Tanner Cromwell ninth, while Logan McKay again took fifth for the girls.

Next up were a couple of tournaments on their home turf at the Old Works Golf Course, the first being the Anaconda Invitational, which was won by Cromwell and the boys' team. Bradley Wolfe finished fourth, as did Logan McKay. Then it was time for the Western B Divisional Tournament, hosted by the Old Works, where the teams braved a frigid, blustery "spring" day to mount another comeback and earn their place at state.

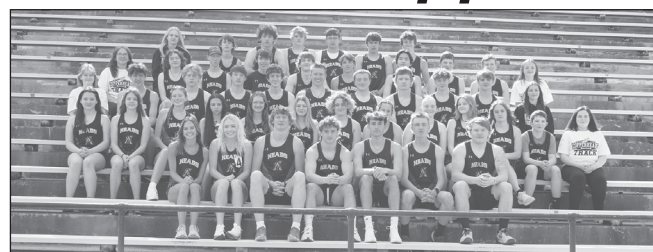
Logan McKay finished in second place as the girls fought their way through a playoff to finish fourth and qualify for state, while the boys came back from fifth to take second place.

The stage was set for state, and both teams gave it their all, but the boys' quest to repeat as state champs fell short as they took fifth place while the girls finished eighth. Both Cromwell and McKay made All-State, and that was another strong season in the books for Copperhead golf. While the boys are graduating their remaining three players from their 2023 state title, there's plenty of youth in the ranks for both teams so the future will continue to be bright for AHS golf.



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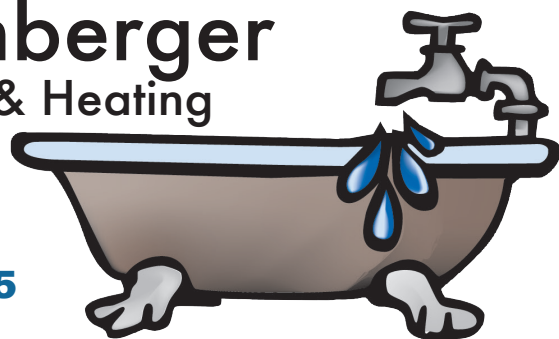


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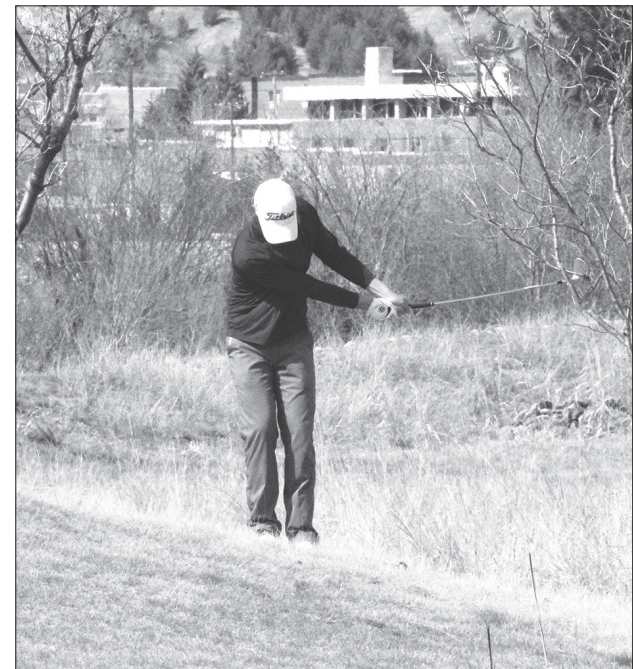
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Top left: Grace Galle hits her approach at the Old Works Golf Course during a freezing divisional tournament. **Top middle:** Logan McKay taps a putt at the Old Works at divisionals. **Top right:** The weather was better for the Anaconda Invitational at the Old Works, where Tanner Cromwell chips off a hillside. **Further left:** Bradley Wolfe hits a chip of his own at the Old Works. **Left:** Head Coach Mark Torney, middle, gives the rundown to all the teams at the Anaconda Invitational. *Leader photos: James S. Rosien*

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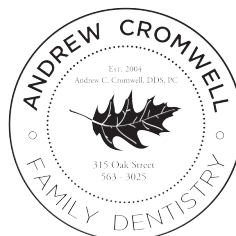


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Future is bright for AHS tennis

JAMES S. ROSIEN
EDITOR

After a developmental season

for many a young tennis player, the Copperhead boys' and girls' tennis teams are poised for future success.

"It was a really good year to develop our players," said head coach Spencer Fehr, who at the start of the season indicated that the team had grown substantially this year after an influx of younger players who'd learned the sport through an after-school program. That gave them some much-needed

experience going forward.

"This year we had a lot of mid-level players so we were able to get some wins over the course of the season," Fehr said. "We'll have a lot of kids coming back who put in the work. We have a lot of freshmen and sophomores who can play. If they play this summer and come back in the spring, they can do some damage."

The season isn't quite over just yet

either, as amongst the singles and doubles players they sent to the divisional tournament in Missoula, a pair of doubles teams – Joseph Howell and Ammon Law, who took fifth for the boys, and Rachel Law and Kiera Skocilich, who took sixth place for the girls – qualified for the Montana Class B/C State Tennis Meet taking place in Missoula on May 23-25. We wish them all well at state – go Copperheads!

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Serves and returns: Pictured are **Aiden James**, top left, **Joseph Howell**, top right, **Rachel Law**, above left, **Ammon Law**, above right. Photos courtesy of Carly Moodry.



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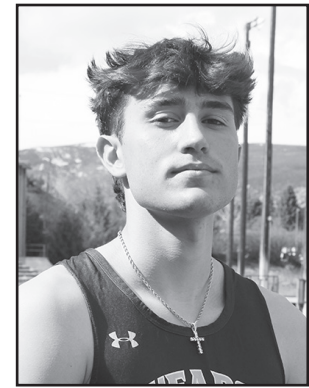
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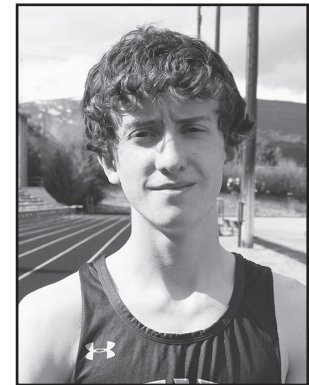
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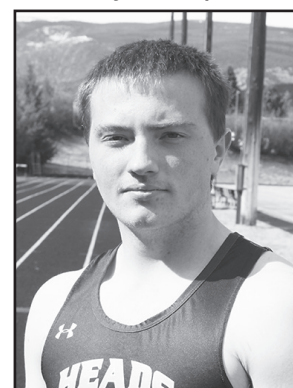
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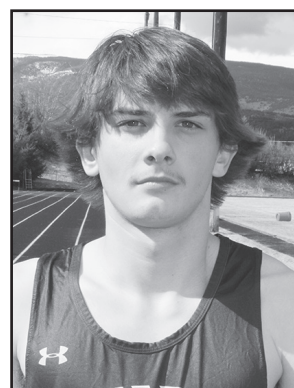
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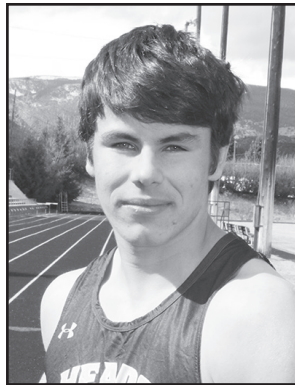
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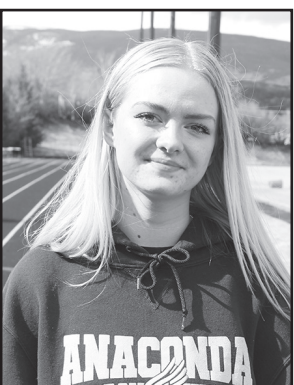
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Divisional Track Trophies

The Copperhead girls' track team, right, tied for first place at the Western B/C Divisional Meet in Missoula, while the boys' track team took third place. Both teams will now advance to the Montana Class A/B State Track Meet in Laurel this weekend. Courtesy photos.





2024 AHS Track Team

After taking divisionals by storm, Anaconda track and field teams have their eyes on state

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The Copperheads just put the rest of Class B on notice after the girls' track and field team tied Loyola-Sacred Heart for first place in the Western B/C Divisional Track Meet and the boys took sole possession of third, qualifying both teams for the Montana Class A-B State Meet that's currently underway in Laurel. Those results will be published in the May 29, 2024 Anaconda Leader.

It's been quite a run so far for the track and field teams this season, dating back to March and their season opener in Corvallis where the girls' team placed fifth overall – and were tops amongst the Class B competitors at the meet. The opener featured five Anaconda girls who took top marks in Class B – Cali Pesanti in the pole vault and the girls' 4x100M relay team along with Camy and Ady Hoiland and Jade Moses, and SheaLee Novak in the 800M.

Pesanti did it again, breaking her own school record by vaulting 10 feet at the Florence-Darby

Invitational to claim first place and auto-qualify for state. Other first-place finishers for Anaconda at the Florence-Darby meet included the girls' 4x100M relay team – this time with Rachael Rogers along with Moses and Ady and Camy Hoiland – as well as Brody Galle in the long jump.

Tytan Cook, who's had a heck of a season, won both the boys' 110M and 300M hurdles at the Gallatin Valley Invitational. He won the 110M hurdles at the Roy Bisson Salmon Invitational as well – and was not alone, as he and nine other Copperheads posted first-place finishes in individual and relay events. Those first-place winners were: Brody Galle (boys 400M); Jacob Patterson (boys 3200M), Cook (boys 110M hurdles); the boys 1600M sprint medley relay (SMR) team of Teague Cromwell, Galle, Cook and Zach Blodnick; River Hurley (boys triple jump); Camy Hoiland (girls 100M and 200M); Larkin Galle (girls 400M and 800M); and SheaLee Novak (girls 3200M). The boys' team took second overall at Salmon, with the girls placing third.

Brody Galle won the boys' 100M

at the John Tomich Invitational in Butte, while Cook again captured the 110M hurdle crown as the boys' team finished fourth while the girls took third.

At their lone home track meet of the season, the John Cheek Top 8, the Anaconda girls' 4x100M relay team of Moses, Rogers and Ady and Camy Hoiland were back atop the leaderboard with a first-place finish, and Cook again took the hurdles' crown – this time in the 300M.

Wade Dahood had himself a day at the Dillon Invitational Track Meet, laying his claim to the 110M hurdles crown by taking first place, as well as placing first in the triple jump. Eight other Copperheads had first-place finishes that day as well. Those first-place finishers were: Zach Blodnick in the 800M; Jacob Patterson in the 3200M; Wade Dahood in both the 110M hurdles and the triple jump; Tytan Cook in the 300M hurdles; and Teague Cromwell in the pole vault. And winning first place for the girls were Camy Hoiland in the 200M; the girls' 4x100M relay team of Ady Hoiland, Jade Moses, Rachael Rogers and Camy Hoiland; and

Ady Hoiland in the long jump. Both the boys' and girls' teams took second place at what was the final regular-season track meet of the year.

The Copperheads were primed for success at the District 6B Track Meet in Missoula, where the girls' team took second and the boys finished third. Once again there were numerous first-place finishes for Anaconda as well. The girls' 4x100M team of Ady Hoiland, Jade Moses, Rachael Rogers and Camy Hoiland took first place, as did the girls' 4x400M relay team of Rogers, Larkin Galle, Moses and Camy Hoiland. Galle also chalked up a first-place finish in the girls' 1600M, as did Kendra Redd in the girls' shot put, while for the boys it was Tytan Cook who again captured first place in the hurdles – 110M and 300M both.

Then it was on to divisionals, also in Missoula, and that's where they put the Montana Class B track world on notice with the girls tying Loyola-Sacred Heart for the division title. As a team, the girls scored 94 points,

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matching Loyola's total and far ahead of third-place Superior. The boys finished third, ahead of Superior and behind Loyola and Florence-Carlton.

The girls notched first-place finishes in both the 4x100M and 4x400M relays, featuring the team

of Camy and Ady Hoiland, Jade Moses and Rachael Rogers for the 4x100M and Camy Hoiland, Jade Moses, Rachael Rogers and Larkin Galle for the 4x400M. Cali Pesanti brought home the gold in the pole vault, as did Ady Hoiland in the long jump. For the boys,

Tytan Cook again swept the 110M and 300M hurdles and River Hurley won the javelin.

The stage is now set for the state meet in Laurel, with AHS situated well to make some waves, both individually and as a team. Go Copperheads!



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Here's a very cool sequence of Teague Cromwell doing a successful pole vault at the John Cheek Top 8 meet at Mitchell Stadium. Photos courtesy of Carly Moodry.

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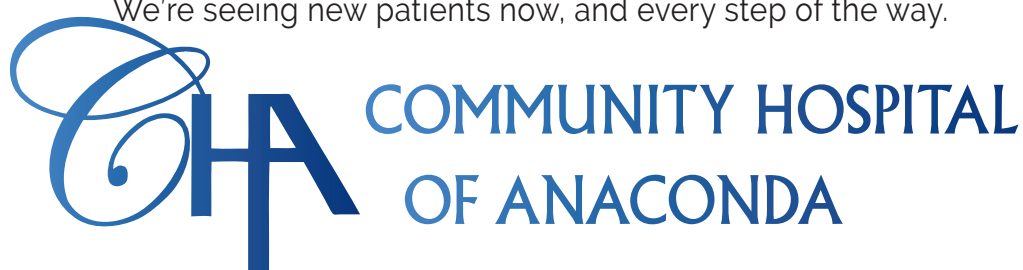
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