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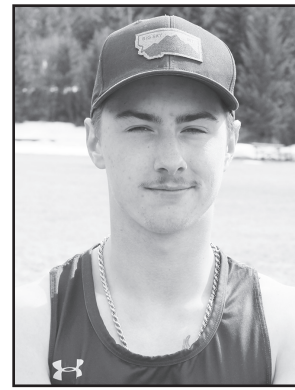
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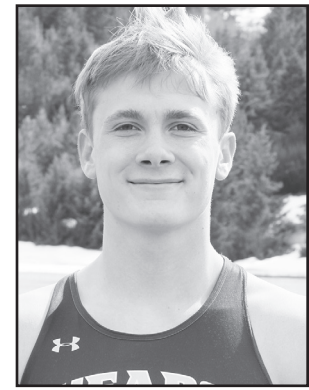
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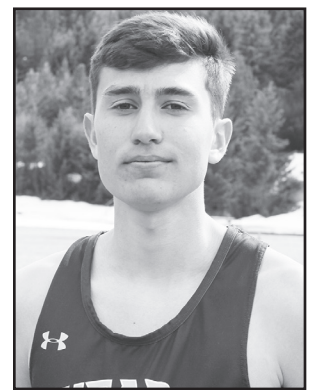
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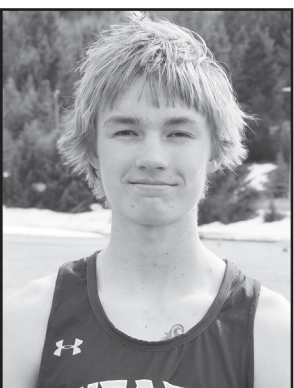
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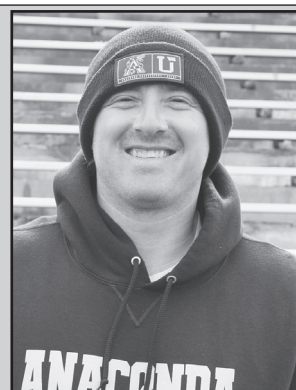
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2023 Copperhead Boys & Girls Track Team

Track sets sights on state after solid season

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Like other spring sports, Anaconda's track and field team was affected by the never-ending winter this year, but despite the bitter conditions, the team still competed with the best – and some athletes occasionally found themselves standing at the top spot on the podium.

Head Coach Riley Schell commended the team for how they handled the turbulent season, saying "With winter hanging on late into 'spring' it has been a tough year for our athletes. Over halfway through the season, we had more track meets we traveled to than outside practices."

Schell noted that the team enters each season with the mindset that winter elements will be against them, however this year proved to be more challenging in that regard.

"We have come to expect that during the first few weeks of the season are going to be in the gym. However, this year was an exception," said Schell. "I think the kids worked hard and embraced the challenge of preparing for events in the gym and the coaches planned practices that utilized as much of the space we could."

Overall, Schell said that he was pleased with how this season went, saying "I think the kids have done

a good job closing the gap fast once we got outside to practice. They have consistently been getting better each week and we are healthy for the most part."

Coach Schell also mentioned some athletes that stuck out to him, and he said they did well in filling the shoes of last year's departures.

"I would say, consistently, that Cali Pesanti has performed at a high level in the pole vault (having prequalified for state), and as coaches, we are looking for more records to be broken these next few weeks. Camy Hoiland has also prequalified in the long jump, but has held her position as one of the fastest girls in the district," said Schell. "I think that Larkin Galle has jumped into the scene in the 400 and 800 and has been very impressive, and freshman Rachel Rogers has emerged as one of our fastest sprinters and has established her spot on the relays. Sophomore Kendra Redd is our best female thrower and I'm excited to see how far she can go in the postseason."

On the boys' side, Schell mentioned Jimmy Lovett as one of the most improved, citing his change in events from last year to this one.

"I think that he (Lovett) has made the biggest change from a distance guy last year to putting

on a ton of muscle and exceeding in the sprints," said Schell. "Gabe Galle is right there with him and has consistently ran and jumped well up to this point. Tytan Cook is improving each week in both hurdle races, as well as Wade Dahood in the triple jump."

On the girls' side, Camy Hoiland, Cali Pesanti, and Larkin Galle have stood apart as the biggest contributors for the Copperhead girls.

Camy Hoiland quickly found a home at or near the top of the leaderboard in just about every 100m dash event this season. The star sprinter posted three second-place finishes and two third-place finishes. Hoiland kicked off the season with a win in the 100m dash at the Dave Tripp Memorial Meet in Polson. She would also find success in a variety of different events both running and jumping, as she took first place in the 200m race at the Salmon Invite, while also posting two wins with the 4x100 relay team. Oddly enough – especially given her success in running events – it would be Hoiland's 15'0" mark in the

Cali Pesanti would be the second Copperhead to prequalify for state, and she did so by meeting the 9'0" requirement in the pole vault. Aside from the pole vault, Pesanti would also contribute to the team in the 100m, 100m hurdles and

4x100 relay. Her relay team, which also consisted of the Hoiland sisters and Jade Moses, won twice this year as they took first at both the Dave Tripp Memorial and Salmon Invite meets.

And Larkin Galle currently has an 800m victory to her name from the John Cheek Top-8 meet, as well as a 4x100 win at Salmon Invite. Galle was also a part of the 100-100-200-400 SMR team that won at Salmon.

For the boys, Gabe Galle routinely placed inside the top 10 in both the 100m and 200m. Galle secured a second-place finish in the 100m at the Salmon Invite while also finishing second in the 200m both at Salmon and the John Cheek Top-8 meet. He was part of the 1600m sprint-medley-relay (SMR) team that won at Salmon, and he took home first place in the long jump at the Darby/Florence Invitational.

Tytan Cook carved out a name for himself in both the 110m and 300m hurdles events this season. In the 110m, he would record two separate third-place finishes at the Salmon and John Cheek meets. Cook recorded his first win of the season at home in the friendly confines of Mitchell Stadium as he took first place in the 300m hurdles at the John Cheek Top-8 Meet. Cook accompanied Galle on

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James Lovett gets some encouragement from Jeff Dahood.

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the 1600m SMR team that won at Salmon.

Finally, James Lovett and Wade Dahood both recorded respectable seasons. Lovett posted many fifth- and sixth-place finishes in the 100m dash, and he was part of the 4x100 and 1600m SMR teams that won at Salmon. Dahood made a big difference for the

Copperheads in the triple jump, recording several top-10 finishes and a lone

The Copperheads took to the track again this past weekend, where they competed at the Western 6B District Meet in Missoula – and saw more student-athletes hit their marks for state.

Cami Hoiland qualified for state again, this time in the 100m, as she dashed her way to a time of 13.08 seconds. Larkin Galle punched her ticket to state in the 800m, as she completed the event in 2:25.09, which eclipses the 2:26.00 mark needed to qualify.

The girls' 1x400 relay team of Hoiland, Galle, Pesanti and

Jade Moses dominated the competition and qualified for state with their time of 50.96 seconds.

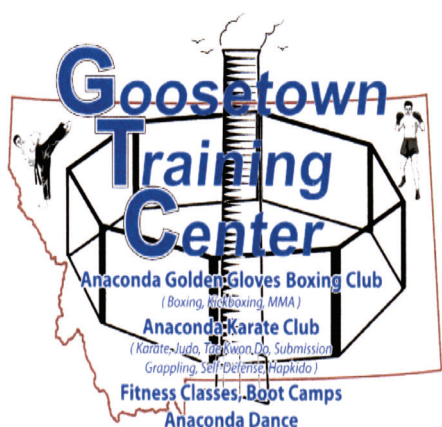
All that remains for the Copperhead track and field team is the Western B & C Divisional Meet in Missoula, which will take place on Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20. Following divisionals, those who qualify for state will make the short journey to Butte for the MHSA AA & B State Meet at Bulldog Memorial Stadium. The state meet is slated to begin on Thursday, May 25 and last through Saturday, May 27.

Coach Schell's hope entering the postseason is fairly simple, and that is

to see more athletes qualify for state. However, he does state that expectations are high, primarily for the girls in the divisional meet.

"We will be looking for our girls to earn a first-place team finish, as the last two years they have been district champs. I believe we'll score more points as a boys' team this year as well. Our goal at the beginning of every season is to get all athletes through districts to divisionals," he said.

As for the State meet, Schell says that having the event in Butte will be a good opportunity for the community and families to see the athletes shine on the biggest stage.



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Lady Copperheads had a roller-coaster season

PATRICK WILLIAMS
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Originally slated to begin their season on April 6, the Anaconda Lady Copperhead softball team had to sit and wait for nearly two weeks before they were able to begin their season due to the winter weather.

Once the wait was over, however, the team went full speed ahead despite only having 12 players in a sport that requires nine on the field at a time.

The Lady Copperheads kicked off their season within the friendly confines of the Charlotte Yeoman-Martin Softball Complex, where they took on the Three Forks Lady Wolves. Despite Three Forks sticking around in the early innings, Anaconda would prove to be much as they prevailed by an 11-8 score.

A quick turnaround would prove too tall of a task for the Lady

Copperheads, as they would suffer two crushing defeats by Class B-powerhouse Florence-Carleton.

Anaconda would regain their winning ways when they traveled to Deer Lodge to take on the Lady Wardens. Clearly dominant, the Lady Copperheads would put on a batting clinic that resulted in their posting 20 runs in their 20-4 run-rule victory. Mikayla McKelvy led the team in runs with four to her name. Brynn Coughlin and Cara Fortner each recorded three runs.

That effort would be backed up on Tuesday, April 25 when the Lady Copperheads posted a 17-0 shutout win over the Lady Wardens. In both of their wins over Deer Lodge, every Copperhead to appear at the plate posted at least one run. Jaidyn Holdaway, Ashley Mitchell and Cara Fortner posted three runs each. Both Holdaway and Fortner recorded two RBIs. Grace Mehrens

had two runs on two hits, while also recording two RBIs.

After their sweep of Powell County, the Lady Copperheads would run into a slew of tough opponents, the first being Manhattan, which saw AHS fall 23-1. The tough defeat would be followed by two losses to Thompson Falls and Plains at the Anaconda Mixer. A rematch with Manhattan would not hold a better outcome, and the team also fell to Troy at the Loyola Mixer.

The drought would finally meet its end for the Lady Copperheads when they ventured over to Three Forks for a rematch. Similar to the first game between the two teams, Three Forks would keep the contest tight in the beginning. Anaconda would have a breakthrough sixth inning though, as Coughlin, Fortner, Mitchell and Holdaway would reach home and push the

Lady Copperheads ahead 9-6, which was the final score for the game.

Senior Day would see the Lady Copperheads take on the Ennis Mustangs in a crucial doubleheader. The first game would start fairly well for Anaconda, as the team boasted a 6-2 lead after the second inning. Not to be deterred, Ennis would slowly chip away at the lead before the Lady Copperheads pulled ahead again with a three-run fifth inning. Not long after, Ennis claimed a 10-9 lead in the top of the sixth inning, and they would keep Anaconda off the scoreboard for the final two innings. Unable to produce one last surge, the Lady Copperheads dropped the first game, 11-9.

The second of the two games would see Ennis take control early

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and not relinquish. As a result, the Lady Copperheads fell 21-0.

A busy end of the week would continue into the weekend as the team traveled to Butte for the Laverne Combo Invitational. The tough four-game schedule saw the Lady Copperheads fall to four Class A opponents – Butte Central, Whitefish, Corvallis and Ronan.

The season came to an end for the Lady Copperheads when they dropped a divisional tournament play-in game to Three Forks, 8-1.

For the entire season, the Lady Copperheads' premier hurler, Ashley Mitchell, pitched a total of 62.2 innings. She recorded 4 wins

and was charged with 6 losses on the season. Throughout the year, Mitchell struck out an incredible 94 batters while surrendering 105 hits and 115 runs, 65 of which were earned.

Unlike the previous season, Anaconda had a few more pitching options to choose from. Brynn Coughlin was the primary reliever throughout the season, and she pitched a total of 12.2 innings. For the season, Coughlin surrendered 31 hits and 59 runs. She struck out a total of 16 batters this season.

Aside from her niche for pitching, Ashley Mitchell also led the team at the plate as she boasted a .511 batting average on the season.

Mitchell recorded 23 hits, 17 of which were singles, four were doubles and one a triple. She also belted one homerun, batted in 14 runs and crossed the plate 15 times.

Cara Fortner and Brynn Coughlin ranked second and third in hitting for the Lady Copperheads. Fortner tallied 12 hits, 13 RBIs and a team-high 16 runs. Coughlin would post 13 hits, 11 runs and 11 RBIs.

Jaidyn Holdaway and Grace Mehrens also held a respectable stat line in the batting category. Holdaway recorded 12 hits, 9 runs and 6 RBIs, while Mehrens accumulated 12 hits, 12 RBIs and 11 runs.



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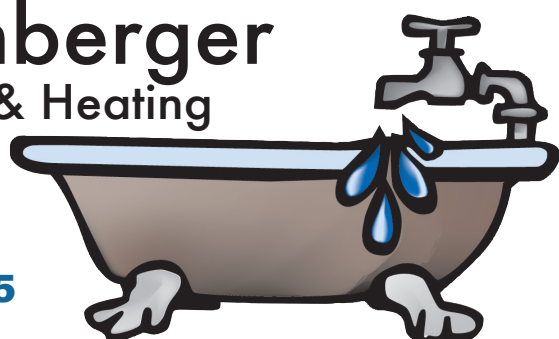
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2023 Copperhead Golf Team



Logan McKay, left, Kohl Wolfe, Bradley Wolfe, Tanner Cromwell, Jacob Sawyer, Aidan Tuss and Quincy Saltenberger are the Copperhead golfers who played in the Class B State Tournament in Shelby earlier this week – with the boys' team coming home victorious. Photo courtesy of Mark Torney.

Boys' golf in a 'State' of success; girls' future looks bright

PATRICK WILLIAMS
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While all the spring sports teams saw success in their own right, the Anaconda golf squad's was unmatched. Throughout the season, both the boys' and girls' golfers looked past the uncertainty of spring sports by charging ahead and taking the opportunities given to them – and for the boys it was all the way to the state title.

Head Coach Mark Torney referenced the foul elements as one of the main roadblocks for this year's team, however he added that his team handled it well.

"It's been difficult with the spring we had, and having to practice indoors so much, but the kids have been really resilient," said Torney as he alluded to the fact that the team partook in only 9-10 outdoor practices this season.

To say that the Anaconda boys golf team performed well this season would be an understatement. Wins have been abundant for the boys, both overall and individually, and it didn't take long for those to occur. At this year's season-opening tournament, the Tobacco Valley Invitational in Eureka, the boys' team would prevail over the rest of the competition while also having four individual athletes

place in the top five.

They would continue their fantastic season start by winning the Darby/Florence Invitational and having three golfers place inside the top ten.

Throughout the rest of the season, the boys would frequently finish near the top of the leaderboard, and they would do so with style. At Loyola's Spring Swing Tournament, the boys would break the school record by posting an opening-round score of 303. That number broke the previous school record of 306, which was posted by Paul Johns, Cory Donahue, Kramer Smith, Spencer Johnson and Allen Johnson in 2006.

Tanner Cromwell was undoubtedly the leader of the boys' team. Cromwell recorded a tournament win in the season-opening Tobacco Valley Invitational, sharing the first-place title with his teammate Bradley Wolfe. Aside from his win at begin the year, Cromwell would be a common name in the top-five for most of the tournaments in which he participated.

Along with Cromwell were Jacob Sawyer and Bradley Wolfe. Despite being new to the team this year, Sawyer proved to be consistent as he routinely finished inside the top ten this season. His best finish would also come from the Tobacco Valley Invitational in Eureka when he placed fourth.

As for Wolfe, he shared that season-opening first place title with Cromwell, and he regularly finished near the top of the leaderboard this season.

Torney recognized the boys' talents as well as their improvement throughout the season.

"Tanner (Cromwell) has been the most steady of the boys, (and) Bradley Wolfe has been right there with him. In the last three tournaments, Jacob has been solid as well," Torney said.

Torney mentioned that the boys should return Tanner Cromwell, Bradley Wolfe and Aidan Tuss to next year's squad for their final season. With three of the five from this year's team returning, Torney is confident that some of his younger JV golfers can fill the shoes of seniors Kohl Wolfe and Jacob Sawyer.

At this year's lone JV tournament in Deer Lodge, Kellen Connors led the Copperheads with a score of 96. Colin Sampson and Chanse Mattson both finished right behind Connors, as the two boys recorded a round score of 97.

Prior to the start of the season, Coach Torney placed high expectations on the boys' team by stating his goal for the guys to compete for divisional and state trophies. While the team did not take first place at divisionals, their second-place performance set them up to compete against the

best programs in the state at this year's state tournament in Shelby.

At this year's divisional tournament in Eureka, Tanner Cromwell, along with Jacob Sawyer and Bradley Wolfe, qualified for state individually. Cromwell led the boys with his fourth-place finish and a total gross score of 77. Sawyer and Wolfe finished in 10th and 11th places, respectively. Sawyer fired a round of 81, while Wolfe recorded an 83. Overall, the boys' team finished in second place with a total round score of 327.

While the wins may not have been there for the Anaconda girls' team, the foundation has been set for the girls to become more successful in the years to come.

The girls' team was rather young in age this year as there was only one senior, Kaylee Tuss, amongst two freshmen and two eighth graders. One eighth grader, Logan McKay, quickly began to place herself as one of the scoring leaders for the girls. In her first varsity tournament, McKay finished 10th overall out of 28 finishers as she shot a 117 in the first round and 116 in the second, giving her a total score of 233. She would record a respectable eighth-place finish at the Darby/Florence Invitational, while also leading the girls' team at the Spring Swing in Missoula.

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While the girls did not qualify as a team, two Copperhead girls reached state individually after finishing in the top 15 at divisionals. Freshman Quincy Saltenberger tied her teammate Logan McKay, as the two girls shared 10th place with each posting a score of 105.

Torney had high remarks for both Saltenberger and McKay as the two prepared for their

shot at the state title.

"The two girls qualified for state is really awesome. Considering one is an eighth grader and the other is a freshman, that's really huge," said Torney.

Even more impressive is the fact that the two youngsters did so in a season that, on the surface, appeared to be a rebuilding year.

"Last year we lost four seniors, and we had only one incoming senior this

season. To have those girls join the team in what was basically their first year of golf and make state was pretty awesome," said Torney, while also noting that he was proud of the progress that all of the girls made through the season.

As he looked ahead to the state tournament, Torney said that one common foe sits atop Class B, and that is reigning State Champion Jefferson

High School. The Copperheads beat Jefferson in an earlier tournament this season, but apart from that the Panthers have had Anaconda's number – until the state tournament, that is.

Coach Torney noted that the team would have to clean up on their mistakes at divisionals and play their best in order to have a shot at the crown this week.

"At divisionals, we had a few holes that

were higher scoring holes and we haven't typically had that this year. But the kids bounced back from it, and they handled adversity very well. If we can clean that part of it up, then we will feel very good about our odds," said Torney, who concluded by providing his optimistic outlook for the team:

"They have a chance. Things have to break just right, but they certainly

have a chance."

Well it turned out the Copperheads had more than just a chance, as they took the lead on the first day of the MHSA Class B State Golf Tournament in Shelby on Tuesday and never looked back, holding on to win the title on Wednesday over Jefferson by three strokes. The full story on the Copperheads' state championship is printed in today's edition of the Anaconda Leader.

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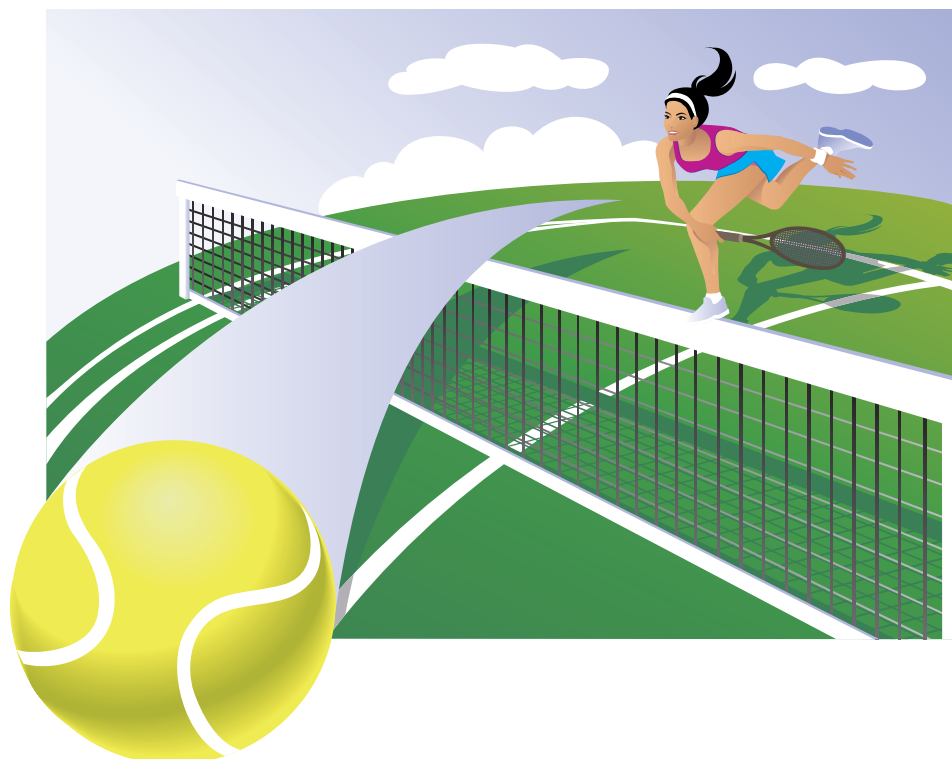
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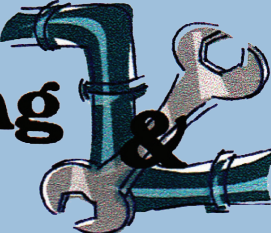


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Copperhead tennis prepares for the postseason

PATRICK WILLIAMS
ANACONDA LEADER SPORTS

Anaconda's tennis team recently wrapped up another stellar regular season, and now the group has its sights set on making their name known at the postseason meets.

Despite some schedule shuffling, the team began their 2023 season in Ronan for the Ronan Mixer.

On the girls' side of the competition, Kiera Skocilich and Samantha Staley gave the ladies their first win of the season over Ronan as they defeated the Maidens 8-5 in a doubles match. The girls' squad would be unable to record another win on the day, as they fell 2-0 to St. Ignatius, and 4-0 to Bigfork.

The boys' team earned one outright win over Bigfork, as Dylan Clark would prevail 8-2 in a singles match. There would be a few individual wins for the Copperheads against both Ronan and St. Ignatius as well. Tucker

Jette prevailed over Ronan's Hayden Fussell by an 8-4 tally. Anaconda would be perfect in doubles matches against the Chiefs, as Logan Smith and Brayden Villasenor took down Nathaniel Franks and Hayden Fussell, 6-2, 6-4, (10-8). Rylen Gaona and Dylan Clark defeated Dante Baltz and Rowan Parks, 8-7, (7-3). Joseph Howell and Ammon Law also earned a doubles win as the duo defeated Tre Heath-Laframbois and Erich Morigeau of St. Ignatius (Mission), 6-2, 6-4.

With the winter elements giving way to beautiful sunny days, the Copperheads would host their own Mixer event at the Washoe Park Tennis Courts on Tuesday, May 2. A busy week it was, as only a few days later they traveled to Missoula on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6 for the Best of the West meet at Fort Missoula Park.

At the Anaconda Mixer, the boys' side would prevail over Bigfork by a total score of 3-2. In the singles

matches, Canyon Hurley defeated the Vikings' Cole Carlsen, 6-0, 6-4. Bigfork's Landon Livingston defeated Dylan Clark 6-2, 6-0, and Aiden James (AHS) toppled Juan Childs (BF) 6-1, 7-5. In the doubles matches, Ammon Law and Joseph Howell would prevail over Malachi Comly and Andrew Wallen, 6-4, 6-1. Rylen Gaona and Travis Bailey fell to Dylan Porrevecchio and Seth Christians 6-4, 6-0.

The Copperheads and Vikings did meet in three JV matches, all of which were won by the Vikings.

Cole Carlson defeated Logan Smith, 8-3, and Juan Childs beat Brayden Villasenor, 8-7 (10). In the JV doubles match, Malachi Comly and Andrew Wallen defeated Cobey Strommen and Raine Lofing, 8-2.

Anaconda's girls would not be as fortunate as the boys were against Bigfork, as they fell to the Valkyries, 2-0. Jade Sisler defeated Joselyn Fullmer, 6-0, 6-1 in the lone singles match of the

day, while Amanda Leonard and Grace Holtmeier defeated Paulina Lendeckel and Emily Gee, 8-2.

Per Head Coach Spencer Fehr, the Copperheads defeated the Mission Bulldogs in their final dual of the day. Statistics were unavailable.

In the first and only round of the Best of the West meet in Missoula, the Copperheads would take down the Troy Trojans, 2-1.

Canyon Hurley prevailed once again, defeating Troy's Winter Sedler, 8-5. Troy's Forrest Sedler would win over Tucker Jette, 8-1. In the lone doubles match versus Troy, Brayden Villasenor and Bryley Krumm defeated Tyler Simanovicki and Tyler O'Connor, 8-7 (1).

In the only Anaconda-Loyola matchup of the day, Alex Jasperson of Loyola defeated Anaconda's Cobey Strommen, 8-3.

After facing off against Bigfork at Washoe Park, the Copperhead

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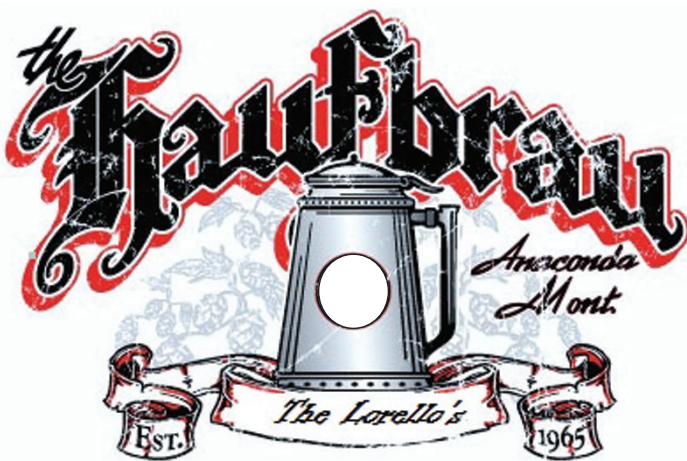


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Editor's picks: Four sports in four photos

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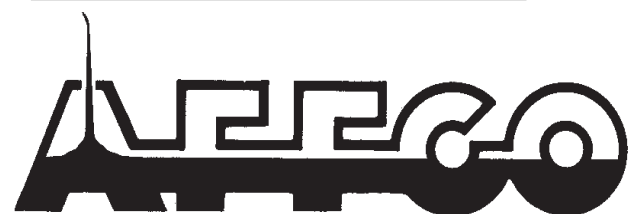
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would meet the Vikings again, however, this time the scores would be more favorable to the opposition. Canyon Hurley would record his second win of the week over Bigfork's Cole Carlsen, as he defeated him 8-1. Hurley would be the only Copperhead to win in the singles matches as both Travis

Bailey and Raine Lofing lost. The Copperheads split their doubles matches, as Ammon Law and Joseph Howell defeated Dylan Porrevecchio and Seth Christians, 8-6. Unfortunately for AHS, Aiden James and Logan Smith would lose to Malachi Comly and Andrew Wallen, 8-3.

In the last dual of the first day, AHS lost to Cut Bank, 5-1. Canyon Hurley was the only victorious Copperhead, as he defeated the Wolves' Jackson Black by an 8-2 score. A second day of competition was scheduled, however it had to be nixed due to rainy conditions in the area.

The Copperhead tennis team will begin their postseason today with the divisional meet in Missoula at Fort Missoula Regional Park. After that, those who qualify will head to the state meet in Great Falls, which is scheduled for Thursday, May 25 through Saturday, May 27.



Emily Gee makes a backhand return in her match Anaconda hosted against Jefferson and Darby.



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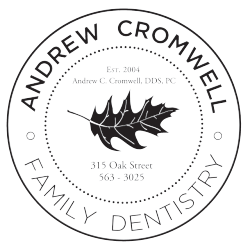
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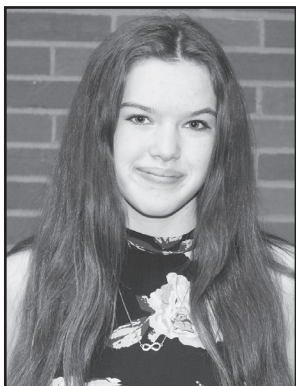
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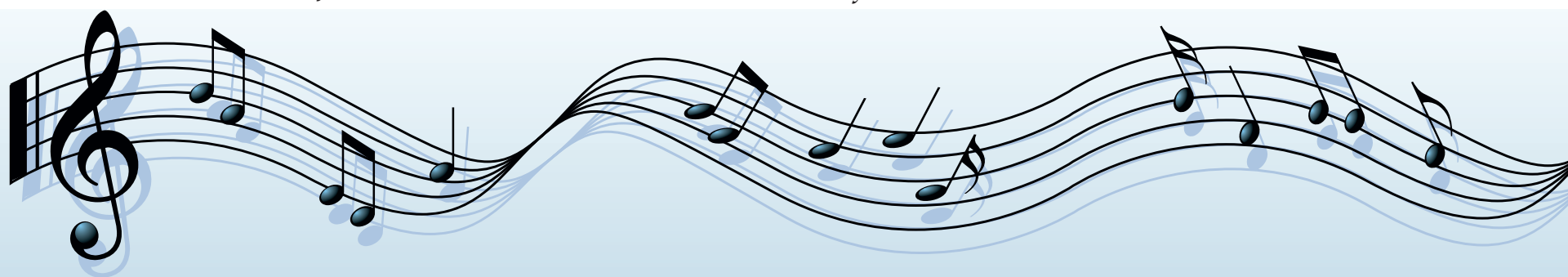
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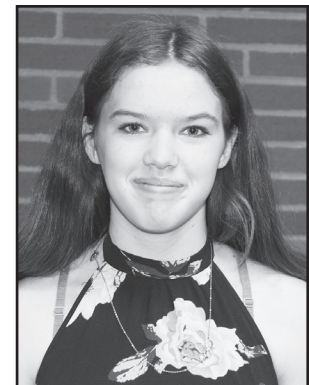
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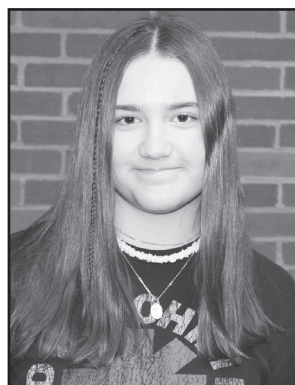
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Another stellar year for the AHS music program

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Spring may be the season for outdoor sports, but it's also the time when music fills the air, and it did so in the Smelter City in particular this year as the Anaconda Junior/Senior High School Music Program took its turn to host District Music Festival, but that was just part of what was overall another stellar year for the high school music scene in Anaconda in 2022-2023.

The fall saw the marching band

take the field – and Main Street – for Homecoming, then it was straight into preparations for the most wonderful musical time of the year: Christmas, and with it Christmas concerts.

While extremely cold temperatures and seasonal illnesses did take their toll, the band, choir and orchestra all had their chance to take the stage during the holidays (or a little bit afterward) and delight their families with many Christmastime favorites.

Then once the holidays were over, it was time for students to prepare

their pieces for District Music Festival, which Anaconda hosted in April at venues around town for three days of song. The preparations paid off, as 36 Superior ratings were handed out to Anaconda solo, duet and ensemble performers plus another 31 Excellent ratings. Earning a Superior rating qualified the kids for the Western State Solo and Ensemble Festival in Missoula, which netted another 15 Superiors for Anaconda's high school musicians at the state level. Those Superiors were: Bailey/Nielsen Duet; Bailey/Tuss

Duet; Blue Belles; Caissey/Lofing Violin Duet; Caissey/Skocilich Duet; Chor/Patterson Duet; Choraleers Senior Ensemble; Giana Chor, Viola Solo; Isabell Guiberson, Cello Solo; Jaidyn Caissey, Vocal Solo; Lofing/Nielsen Duet; Night Owls; Raine Lofing, Vocal Solo; Senior String Ensemble; Travis Bailey, Vocal Solo.

And now it's on to the grand finale: the All-City Band, Choir and Orchestra Concerts. The All-City Band Concert will be on May 23, All-City Orchestra on May 24 and All-City Choir on May 30, all at the Memorial Gym and all at 7 p.m.



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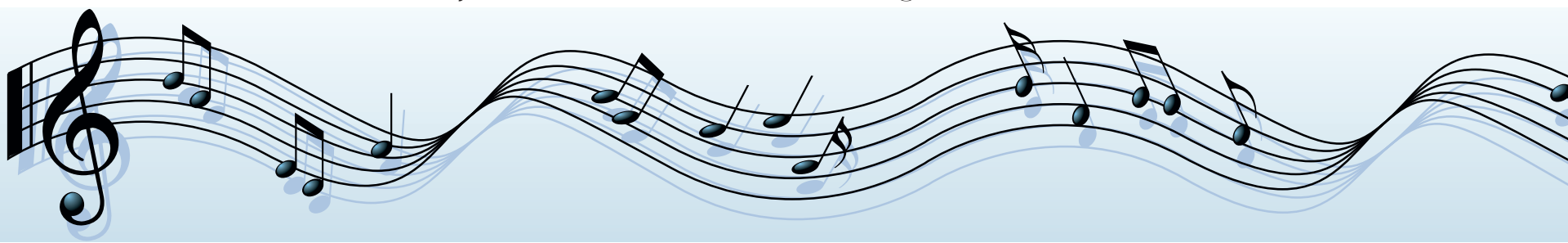
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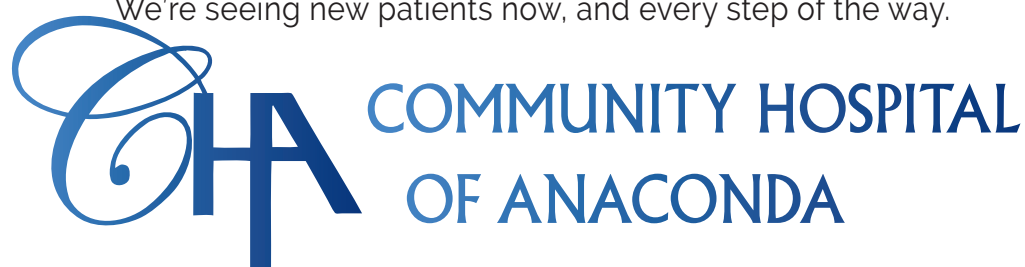
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