

# Locals shine in regional track



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Local talent shined Saturday at the Class C regional track meet in Breckenridge.

The bulk of the Class C schools in The News coverage area — 14 all together — made the trek to the regional and many of the athletes earned trips to the state championships Saturday, May 30, in Byron Center.

## PREP ROUNDUP

Host Breckenridge finished first in the boys' event with 77 points, qualifying six runners for the state meet. Michigan Lutheran Seminary was second in the team standings (71) and Ithaca third (68).

New Lothrop, with six individuals headed to Byron Center, placed first in the girls' meet, scoring 109½ points. Hemlock was second with 74½ points and St. Louis third with 67.

Casey Ward led the Breckenridge boys' team, qualifying first in the pole vault (13-feet-7) and was second in the 300-meter hurdles (41.6). The Huskies also qualified first in the 400 relay (44.8) and 800 relay (1:32.9).

Qualifying for the state meet in the 400 were Nouvel's Tim Thomas (50.5) and New Lothrop's Jerry Johnson (52.3), and in the 300 hurdles Ithaca's Chad Mills Thomas also qualified in the 200 (.23.4), as did Seminary's Matt Holtz (23.6).

Qualifying in the 3200 was Seminary's Chad Johnson (9:54.9), in the high jump Ithaca's Daryl McCray (6-5½) and in the long jump Holz (19-5½) and St. Louis' John Gorsuch (18-10½).

Qualifying in the 100 was Holtz (23.6) and in the 110 hurdles were Mills (15.6) and Ithaca teammate Jim Garcia (16.2). Qualifying in the pole vault were New Lothrop's Todd Bennett (12-9), Ithaca's Thad Sherman (12-9) and Gerrit Powell (12-4) and Hemlock's Jason Drown (11-9) and in the 1600 Johnson (4:31.6).

Sanford Meridian qualified in the 3200 relay (8:13.0) and 1600 relay (3:32.2), New Lothrop in the 400 relay (45.9) and Ithaca in the 800 relay (1:33.9).

The New Lothrop girls' team was led by Nancy Gross, who qualified first in the 100 hurdles (16.1), 300 hurdles (47.9), 200 (26.9) and ran in the 800 relay (1:47.1).

The Hornets' Kerry Gross qualified in the long jump (15-4½), Jody Krupp in the 1600 (5:38.3) and Kellie Gauthier in the 800 (2:21.7). New Lothrop also qualified in the 1600 relay (4:18.6) and 3200 relay (10:06.3).

Qualifying in the shot put were St. Louis' Rachel Sparling (34-4) and Ithaca's Heather Davidson (34-1), in the high jump St. Louis' Dana Sparling (4-9) and in the 100 hurdles Breckenridge's Katrina Montysalo (16.8) and Hemlock's Carr Call (16.9).

Qualifying in the 100 dash were St. Charles' Kari Collier (13.0), Hemlock's Sherrie Lumsden (13.0), Seminary's Synara Leyner (13.1) and St. Louis' Heather Bozung (13.1).

Qualifying in the 1600 run was St. Louis' Lorenda Godefroidt (5:30.9), in the 400 Sanford Meridian's Tammy Walker (1:03.0) and in the 300 hurdles Ithaca's Emily Kenney (49.2). Qualifying in the 200 was Leyner, Godefroidt in the 800 and 3200.

Hemlock qualified in the 3200 relay (10:05.9), 400 relay (52.8) and 800 relay (1:50.4) and Chesaning in the 400 relay (53.5).

## BOYS' TRACK

### Rockets make state meet

Reese stayed right on schedule to take a spot at the Class C state championship in Byron Center with a regional win at Bad Axe.

The Rockets scored 142 points. Mayville was second at 87. Cass City finishes eighth with 20 points and Unionville-Sebewaing had 17 in 10th place.

Matt Kumar won three events for Reese, taking the 110 hurdles (14.68), the 300 hurdles (40.34) and the high jump (6-6½). Reese's Jeremy Bierlein qualified for states with a 15.62 in the high hurdles behind Kumar.

Brad Lethorn of Reese qualified for two events, winning the long jump (19-6¾), and taking second in the pole vault (13-3) behind Mayville's Jeremy Malloy (13-9). Lethorn has vaulted 15-feet this season. Other pole vault qualifiers include USA's Pat Stecker (12-3) and Reese's Ron Lethorn (11-9).

Mayville's Jamie Cain took two events, the 400 (51.21) and the 200 (23.96). Reese's Toby Johnson was second in the 200 (24.99).

Jerry Deo of Mayville won the 100 (11.33) and Reese's Matt Kern was second (11.49).

Reese's Craig Randall took the 800 (2:02.9), Mayville's Tony Budreau won the 3200 (10:21) and Reese's Greg Francis won the shot put (47-10½).

Reese won the 400 relay (45.21), the 1600 relay (3:31.94) and the 3200 relay (8:13.3). Mayville won the 800 relay (1:32.72).

### A-F wins Cass City region

Akron-Fairgrove easily qualified for the Class D state track finals with a regional win at Cass City that included qualifying performances in 13 events. Kingston scored 54 points and Owen-Gage had 13.

The state finals are May 30 at Forest Hill Northern in Grand Rapids.

Fairgrove qualifiers were Jason Ball in the high jump (5-11) and pole vault (12-6). Steve Richardson in the 100 (11.44) and the 200 (23.00). Heath Wehrman in the 1600 (5:02.91) and the 3200 (11:23.84). David Fry in the discus (115-10½). Heath Finn (53.73) and Bill Donhoe (53.97) in the 400. Tony Parrish in the 800 (2:29.33), and Mark Becker in the 3200 (10:56.05).

The Vikings also won the relays — 400 (46.75), 800 (1:37.60), 1600 (3:40.78), and 3200 (8:56.03).

Kingston pole vaulter Jim McLaughlin, qualified with a vault of 11-2 while Jamie Frickie made the 300 hurdles with a time of 42.93.

### Caro sends seven to state

Caro's Cricket Hernandez and Scott Klein qualified for the Class B state meet in three events Saturday at the Caro regional. Hernandez qualified third in the pole vault (12-7) and Klein third in the 100-meter dash (10.97) while both were members of the second-place 400-meter relay team (45.2) and 800 relay team (1:34.84).

Caro finished third in the team scoring with 61 points. Flint Beecher was first with 165 points and Corunna second with 62. The state finals are Saturday, May 30, in Wyoming Park.

Kevin Klein and freshman Mike Hahn made up the rest of the 400 relay team, while Kevin Klein and Jason Smith completed the 800 relay team. Hahn also qualified fourth in the 100 dash (11.02) and Mike Mitin third in the high jump (6-3).

### Clare wins Evart regional

Clare tallied 112 points to place first in the Class C regional meet in Evart. Farwell scored 46 points, Coleman 34 and Shepherd 15.

Clare's Bryan Johnson qualified for the state meet, set for Saturday, May 30 in Byron Center in the 110-meter hurdles (15.0) and 300 hurdles (40.8) and Jim Stinson in the 200 (23.6) and 400 (50.9). Matt Cavaleri qualified in the 1600 (4:33.1) and 3200 (10:05.8) and Joe Crawford in the 3200 (10:10.8).

The Pioneers also qualified in the 400 (46.2), 800 (1:33.7), 1600 (3:33.0) and 3200 (8:20.9) relays.

Farwell's Tony Smith qualified in the 100 (11.4) and 200 (23.5) and Brent Duxtader in the long jump (20-3¼). Coleman qualified Casey Rakoczy in the 800 (2:02.1) and 1600 (4:34.4) and Chad Ockert in the shot put (47-9¾).

### B'port sends three to finals

Bridgeport's Bernie Federspiel, Quentin Snow and Chris Cork are headed to the Class B state finals Saturday, May 30, in Wyoming Park.

Federspiel qualified third in the pole vault (12-7). Friday in the regional meet at Ogemaw Heights Snow qualified third in the long jump (20-1¼) and Cork fifth in the long jump (21-9).

## GIRLS' TRACK

### F'Muth wins regional

Frankenmuth will run for a Class B state track championship after easily capturing the regional crown in West Branch on Saturday.

Last year the Eagles won the Class C girls' championship, and Saturday qualified for the Class B state meet with 137 points after winning eight events at the regional. Lakeville was second at 93, Ogemaw Heights was third at 68. Chesaning finished fifth (37½). Vassar sixth (30), Birch run seventh (21) and Swan Valley 11th (7).

Jenny Barber continued on her hot streak, winning the 800 (2:22.3) the 1600 (5:16.9), the 3200 (11:33.1) and ran a leg of the 3200 relay (9:54.6). Sara Carnes, Alisa Rummel and Ann Lemire ran the other legs of the victorious 3200 relay.

In addition Lemire a freshman won the 400 (1:00.1) and a leg of the winning 1600 relay (4:15.7) with Jaime Cloutier.

Rummel and Kristi Kern.

Kern also won the 100 high hurdles (16.2) and the 300 hurdles (48.0).

Chesaning's Julie Johnson, Stef Escamilla, Jodie Warner and Erin Larner won the 800 relay (1:51.0), while Frankenmuth placed second (1:52.4) with Kern, Lynette Keith, Katy Weber and Lauren McCarthy.

Chesaning also qualified for the state tournament — May 30 in Wyoming Park — in the 1600 relay with a second-place finish (4:17.4).

Vassar's Barb Guile won the high jump (4-11), Frankenmuth's Jae Arvilla was second in the shot put (33-11½) and Vassar's Kerry Krumnauer was second in the 100 (13.1). They all qualified for the state meet.

### Reese wins at Bad Axe

The Rockets won four events at the Class C regional at Bad Axe, and took the regional with 86 points. Mayville finished fifth with 46 points, Cass City was sixth with 37 points and Unionville-Sebewaing had 32 points for seventh place.

Mayville and Reese finished first (10:12.97) and second (10:17.5) in the 3200 relay while Mayville's Andrea Foote was first in the 3200 (12:37.0).

Reese's Amy Rembisz won the 100 (12.68), the 200 (27.26) and took second in the 400, Sophie Ortega won the 800 (2:29.3), and the Rockets won the 1600 relay.

USA's Karol Shotz won the 400 (1:00.75), and Andrea Kieser took the shot put for USA (35-7).

Ellie Reponen of Cass City won the discus (111-5) while also qualifying in that event were Reese's Amy Zwerk (110-10), Mayville's Melissa Lieber (109-10) and Kieser (107-1).

Qualifiers will compete for state titles at Byron Center.

### King to represent Caro

Angie King is Caro's lone athlete headed to the Class B state meet Saturday, May 30, in Wyoming Park. King qualified second in the high jump (5-1) Saturday in the Caro regional.

Caro placed third in the team scoring with 42 points. Flint Beecher was the top team with 96 points and Marine City second with 88½.

### Fairgrove tops at regional

Akron-Fairgrove scored 154 points at the Cass City Class D track regional, placing athletes in 10 state events. Kingston and Owen-Gage each scored 25 points at the regional.

The state meet is set for May 30 at Forest Hill Northern in Grand Rapids.

Akron-Fairgrove qualifiers are Molly Tonkin in the 100 hurdles (16.91) and the 300 hurdles (50.19), Danielle Saiget in the 800 (2:34.02), the 1600 (5:39.87) and the 3200 (13:34.24), Shannon Gwizdala in the discus (91-5), Kristy Trisch in the shot put (31-8) and Stefanie Miklowicz in the 800 (2:45.98). The Vikings also qualified in the 800 relay (1:55.05), the 1600 relay (4:43.09), and the 3200 relay (10:40.38).

### Shepherd second at Evart

Shepherd scored 56 points to finish second in the Class C regional meet at Evart. Whitehall led the team scoring with 94 points. Clare scored 50 points, Farwell 49 and Coleman 34½.

Shepherd qualified in the 400 relay (52.5), 800 relay (1:48.1) and 1600 relay (4:10.4) for the state meet Saturday, May 30, in Byron Center.

Clare's Julie Stark qualified in the long jump (15-3¾), Dana Cole in the 800 (2:26.6) and Staci Robinson in the 200 (27.7). Shane Haas qualified in the shot put (34-8) for Farwell, which also qualified in the 3200 relay (10:10.8).

Coleman's Andrea Rank qualified in the 1600 (5:30.5) and 3200 (12:06.4). The Comets also qualified in the 3200 relay (10:06.3).

## BASEBALL

### V. Luth. 11-9, St. Chas. 9-8

Matt Bauer led Valley Lutheran in the first game with two hits and two RBIs. Jeremy Niederstadt, who pitched the distance, also had two hits. Aaron Krauss and Eric Kaschinske had a pair of hits for the Chargers in the second game. A.J. Garno had two hits for St. Charles.

### Merrill consolation champs

Merrill defeated Farwell in the consolation game of the St. Louis Invitational, 15-0. The Vandals dropped their first game of the six-team tournament to St. Louis, 2-0, but bounced back for a 9-5 victory over Beal City in their second game. Merrill's Joel Buckley pitched a three-hitter and struck out 11 in the consolation title. Allen Maier was 8-for-11 on the day with two triples, a two-run homer run and six RBIs.

## SOFTBALL

### 'Muth 'Blue' champs

Frankenmuth lost its first game, but won its next two to win the "Blue" division of the eight-team Mount Morris Invitational.

The Eagles, who dropped their first game to Flint Central, 4-1, knocked off Swartz Creek in five innings, 13-1, and Millington in the title game, 7-5.

Amy Picklemann allowed four hits struck out two and walked seven to collect the win against Millington. Janet Schultz had three hits and drove in two runs and Tony Sebold had two hits for the Eagles (24-7-1).

Saginaw High's Michael Grant, center, takes off after getting the baton from Robert Collins.

## TROJANS

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Milam said.

The only other athlete from a local school who won an event in the girls' meet was Mount Pleasant's Carrie Whitehead, who won the 3200-meter run in (11:58).

In boys' action, Traverse City scored 109 points, giving Saginaw High second with 72.

"We'd be a state contender every year if we could get the kids to come out," said Perry, who is weak in the field events.

Traverse City, he said, had five entries in each of the field events, giving the northern school a big

## BOYS

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Traverse City, 109. 2. Saginaw High, 72. 3. Midland High, 64. 4. Alpena, 47. 5. Midland Dow, 42. 6. Flint NW, 41.5. 7. Swartz Creek, 23. 8. Mount Pleasant, 22. 9. Cadillac, 19.5. 10. (tie) Bay City Western, Bay City Central, 18. 12. Flushing, 15. 13. Arthur Hill, 14. 14. St. Johns, 11. 15. Owosso, 6. 16. Clio, 5.

## STATE QUALIFIERS

(Note — the top two finishers in each event automatically qualify, while others may have met additional qualifying standards set by the state. Listed below are the champions in each event and any local qualifiers.)

Pole vault: 1. Joe Thomas, Traverse City, 14-8.

Shot put: 1. Shawn Alpers, Traverse City, 53-11. 2. Chris Parmele, Midland Dow, 51-6. 5. Bob Murray, Midland Dow, 49-9. High jump: 1. Jeff Gregory, Traverse City, 6-8. 2. Brian Kerestes, Midland High, 6-6. Long jump: 1. Dave Szebach, Alpena, 20-7. Discus: 1. Shawn Alpers, Traverse City, 170-3. 11. High Hurdles: 1. Raphael Cooper, Saginaw High, 14-5. 300 Hurdles: 1. Raphael Cooper, Saginaw High, 39:81. 100 Dash: 1. Eric Davis, Saginaw High, 11:09. 2. Todd Daimon, Midland Dow, 11:38.

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Joe Rocha added two singles, driving in two runs.

Bridgeport scored five runs in the third inning to put the game away, two coming on suicide squeeze plays, the first turning into a base hit when Guerra beat out the ball.

"We've really come on the last two weeks," Bridgeport coach Bob Andrezejewski said. "The last two weeks we've played a lot of games, nine this week alone, and that's what this team needed."

"Our confidence level is high. These young men never give up. We've got 18 on the team and everyone contributes and knows their role. I'm really happy and pleased for these kids. They've worked hard for this."

Alma coach Denny Kreiner said his team ran out of pitching in the finals.

"I don't care what your defense does, if the pitching isn't any good, your defense can't get in front of everything," Kreiner said. "We're happy to get here. This is a rebuilding year for us, so this is nice."

A key play in the Bearcats' drive to the title came in the seventh inning against Garber.

Jason Young doubled, scoring three runs, putting Bridgeport in front, 5-4.

Garber came back to score a run, sending it to extra innings, but a suicide squeeze by Nat Gobeyne scored one run and Matt Stedry's single brought in another in the eighth to give Bridgeport the win.

Guerra went all the way in beating Swan Valley Brian Arndt, Andy Willmer and Joe Ezell all ripped two-run singles against the Vikings. Rob Cavanaugh came on in relief

## Kent State sweeps CMU

KENT, Ohio — Kent State got what it needed Saturday to win the Mid-American Conference baseball tournament.

The Golden Flashes beat Central Michigan twice to earn a berth in the NCAA regional tournament, including a win over former Nouvel star Aaron Knepper.

CMU needed just one win Saturday, but fell, 9-3, in the first game, and then dropped a 3-1 decision

edge.

"That's what hurt us this year," he said.

But the Trojans still have their share of fine athletes, including hurdler/sprinter Raphael Cooper, who won four events Saturday.

Cooper took the 110 high hurdles (14.54), the 300 intermediate hurdles (39.81), and ran legs of the winning 400 relay (43.76) and the 800 relay (1:30.57) teams.

"I stayed focused on snapping my trail leg down and tried to build up speed after the hurdles," explained Cooper, a senior who also played cornerback for the Trojan football team.

1600 Run: 1. Mark Grwatsch, Swartz Creek, 4:31.3. 400 Dash: 1. James MacLean, Mount Pleasant, 49:99. 800 Run: 1. Bill Thompson, Flint NW, 1:56:09. 2. Matt Slaggett, Arthur Hill, 2:00:79. 200 Dash: 1. Todd Daimon, Midland Dow, 22:71. 3200 Run: 1. Andy Hayes, Traverse City, 9:46:91. 400 Relay: 1. Saginaw High, 43:76. 2. Midland High, 44:29. 800 Relay: 1. Saginaw High, 1:30:57. 1600 Relay: 1. Saginaw High, 3:26. 3200 Relay: 1. Traverse City, 8:05:30. 2. Midland High, 8:13:93.

## GIRLS

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"For the state meet I have to try to build my speed up to the first hurdles, and get faster after the last one," he added.

Eric Davis, the top Saginaw sprinter, won the 100 dash (:11.09), but pulled up with a hamstring injury during the 200-meter dash, an event he was relatively sure to qualify in.

The Trojans won the 1600 relay (3:26) with Reggie Menzie, Kevin Bond, Morris Donald and Michael Grant, the 400 relay (43.76) with Cooper, Eric Davis, Robert Collins and Michael Grant; and the 800 relay (1:30.57) with Grant, Bond, Cooper and Albert Bogan.

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Shot put: 1. Kelly Drummelsmith, Owosso, 36-1. 2. Shonda Sylvester, Arthur Hill, 35-4¼. High jump: 1. Darci Brosier, Clio, 5-2. Long jump: 1. Robyn Elov, Traverse City, 16-7¼. 2. Shontel Richardson, Saginaw High, 15-6. Discus: 1. B. McGarry, Traverse City, 111-8. 100 Hurdles: 1. Stephanie Doty, B.C. Western, 15:52. 2. Kelly Cummings, Mount Pleasant, 16:58. 300 Hurdles: 1. Stephanie Doty, B.C. Western, 46:96. 2. Heather Long, Heritage, 47:34. 100 Dash: 1. Patricia Hayes, Saginaw High, 12:76. 2. Felicia Washington, Saginaw High, 13:00. 1600 Run: 1. Janice Nelson, Saginaw High, 5:21:68. 400 Dash: 1. Alexis Thomas, Saginaw High, 59:08. 2. Latasha Tate, Saginaw High, 59:50. 800 Run: 1. Janice Nelson, Saginaw High, 2:19:77. 2. Katy Kamal, Mount Pleasant, 2:21:82. 200 Dash: 1. Alexis Thomas, Saginaw High, 26:39. 3200 Run: 1. Carrie Whitehead, Mount Pleasant, 11:58. 400 Relay: 1. Saginaw High, 49:79. 800 Relay: 1. Saginaw High, 1:43:4. 2. Midland High, 1:49:1. 1600 Relay: 1. Saginaw High, 4:07:64. 3200 Relay: 1. Traverse City.

of Hoeh in the Garber game and picked up the victory, working the final two innings.

Dow trailed, 6-0, to Central before scoring six in the fourth inning, three on bases loaded walks, to knot the game at 6-6.

The Chargers tacked on four more in the fifth and then held on to win.

The top pitchers for both teams didn't see action because Dow and Central meet Monday on the Wolves' field to determine the SVL championship.

"We showed what we had," Dow coach Tom Roberts said. "We weren't holding back. We threw our staff, basically, except for our No. 1

pitcher, Daron Beitel, who worked Thursday.

"We've been there before (down by a big margin), so we didn't panic."

Central coach Tom Merkel said his team held back a little Saturday, but after losing a district qualifier on Thursday his team also wanted to win.

The big bat for Dow was swung by Matt Blasy, who ripped two doubles and scored two runs. Beitel added two singles and also scored two runs.

The Chargers' Mick Pangborn twice walked with the bases loaded to drive in two runs without an official at-bat.

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