

Husky junior high girls win conference

Northern Valley Junior High ended their track season by competing in the Great Northern Elementary Conference track meet in Logan on May 8. The meet was rained out with three events to go and resumed on May 9 at noon.

The Northern Valley Junior High girls gave great effort and won first place, claiming the league track title. The girls won 8 events. Regan Simpson led the girls with four gold medals, setting a meet record in the 1600m. Regan also set the Northern Valley school record in the 800m.

The boys had a good day, finishing in second place.

Results:

JH Boys

1st, Eastern Heights/K-town, 196

2nd, Northern Valley, 146

3rd, Damar, 68

4th, Logan, 50

JH Girls

1st, Northern Valley, 183 1/2

2nd, Eastern Heights/K-town, 131 1/2

3rd, Logan, 109

4th, Damar, 15

6th Grade Boys & Girls

1st, Logan, 223

2nd, Eastern Heights/K-town, 150

3rd, Damar, 94

4th, Northern Valley, 56

Northern Valley Junior High Boys

75m Hurdles — 1st Austin Herman, 11.8; 5th, Tyson Callaway; 6th, Calen Bach

75m, 2nd, Austin Herman

100m, 4th, Phillip Compton

200m, 3rd, Phillip Compton; 4th, Tyler Montgomery; 5th, Alex Tharman

400m, 1st, Austin Herman, 1:00.5; 2nd, Phillip Compton; 4th, Alex Tharman

800m, 3rd, Gunnar Hays

1600m, 1st, Gunnar Hays, 5:30.1; 3rd, Tyson Callaway; 6th, Brandon McDowell

Triple Jump, 1st, Austin Herman, 37' 1"; 3rd, Tyson Callaway; 4th, Calen Bach

Discus, 2nd, Nate Land; 5th, Dillon Hogan

Shot, 3rd, Nate Land; 4th, Dillon Hogan

High Jump, 5th, Tyler Montgomery

Long Jump, 6th, Nate Land

400m Relay, 2nd, Hays, Montgomery, Compton, Callaway

800m Relay, 2nd, McDowell, Tharman, Bach, Land

Medley Relay, 4th, Tharman, Montgomery, Bach, Hays

Northern Valley Junior High Girls

75m Hurdles, 1st, Ashley Constable, 14.4; 2nd, Erika Chandler; 4th, Keziah Whitesell

75m, 1st, Keziah Whitesell, 10.6; 3rd, Sarah Whitney; 4th, Kenzi Husted

100m, 1st, Regan Simpson, 13.6; 5th, Keziah Whitesell; 6th, Melissa Hawks

200m, 1st, Regan Simpson, 27.7; 5th, Melissa Hawks; 6th, Sarah Whitney

400m, 2nd, Erika Chandler; 4th, Keziah Whitesell

800m, 1st, Regan Simpson, 2:35.1; 4th, Kynzie Stevens

1600m, 1st, Regan Simpson, 5:53.0; 3rd, Kynzie Stevens

Triple Jump, 3rd, Kenzi Husted

Shot, 2nd, Cassie Field; 3rd, Erika Chandler; 5th, Ashley Jeffries

Discus, 1st, Cassie Field, 76' 6"; 3rd, Ashley Jeffries; 5th, Haley Graham

High Jump, 4th, Kelsey Raburn; 5th, Kynzie Stevens

Long Jump, 1st, Melissa Hawks, 14' 2"

400m Relay, 3rd, Raburn, Simpson, Whitney, Hawks

800m Relay, 3rd, Field, Raburn, Husted, Stevens

Medley Relay, 3rd, Whitney, Raburn, Chandler, Constable

Northern Valley 6th Grade Girls and Boys — 4th place

Girls 75m, 6th, Dakota Hilburn

75m, 3rd, Hunter Chandler

100m, 3rd, Jordan Baird

200m, 2nd, Jordan Baird; 5th, Ian Vincent

400m, 5th, Hunter Chandler

Discus, 3rd, Ian Vincent

Long Jump, 5th, Kolton Hilburn

Shot, 1st, Ian Vincent — 27' 11"; 2nd, Jordan Baird

High Jump, 3rd, Hunter Chandler

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Hunting 'incidents' number 19

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There were 19 hunting incidents (accidents) and one fatality in Kansas in 2007.

The Kansas Wildlife and Parks defines an incident as the discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting, which causes injury or death to a human being.

Previously when someone was hurt, it was called an accident, now the state notes it as an incident.

The state estimated that hunters spent about 2.5 million days in the field in Kansas last year.

Of the 19 incidents, 11 of them involved one hunter following game with a weapon and hitting another hunter. In other words, not observing a safe zone of fire.

Wayne Doyle, who heads the Kansas volunteer hunter education instructors program, says he believes hunting is safe and getting safer because volunteer instructors are teaching safety to almost a half-million new hunters.

"Be certain of your target and what lies beyond it," he said.

The second most common incident involved careless handling of firearms.

Half of the six incidents were self-inflicted.

Doyle said he believes that all could have been avoided by always controlling the muzzle of the firearm.

"Not pointing it at yourself or resting the muzzle on your foot while taking a break just makes sense," he said. "It will surprise no one that alcohol figured into two of the careless handling incidents."

One incident involved a shooter failing to properly identify his target.

"While walking up turkeys after a beer or two," he said.

"The shooter mistook another hunter for a turkey, causing serious wounds.

"Be certain of your target."

The fatality can not be classified until legal proceedings are complete, but involved a young man hunting geese from a layout blind. A shot was fired from a nearby road, killing him.

"Not one of these incidents had to happen," said Doyle. "Once a shot is fired, it cannot be called back."

"My advice is think before you shoot; this will help make Kansas an even safer place to hunt."

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