T&F: Boys and Girls sweep standings at meet

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Green County High School Track and Field traveled to Campbellsville April 22. Both boys and girls brought home first place honors in the overall team scores.

The results are as follow:

Boys 4x800 Meter Relay 1- Green County 'A' (8:56.00 8:57.55) 1- Zach Jewell, 2- Blake Bryant, 3- Gage Cornett, 4- Jayden Marr. Girls 100 Meter Hurdles 1- Emma Renfrow (18.37 18.70), Mia Blaydes (19.97).

Boys 110 Meter Hurdles 2- Jake Bishop (18.74 18.72), Nash Johnson (18.47 18.93). Girls 100 Meter Dash 3- Brianna Purvis (13.53 14.51), 5- Amelia Creason (14.25 14.83), 6- Makyla Shively (x14.88), 14- Caleigh Harmon (x15.84), Baylee Stilts (x16.23)

Boys 100 Meter Dash 7- Jaden Pierce (13.04 12.77), 24- Alex Eastham (19.09 18.80).

Girls 4x200 Meter Relay 2- Green County 'A' (2:03.00 2:02.11) 1- Brianna Purvis, 2- Amelia Creason, 3- Emma Renfrow, 4- Makyla Shively.

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay 1- Green County 'A' (1:40.00 1:37.59) 1- Jake Bishop, 2- Nash Johnson, 3- Jullian Seymour, 4- Darian Mitchell.

Girls 1600 Meter Run 4- Kally Corbin (6:26.00 6:13.09), 9- Claire Goff (x7:10.02).

Boys 1600 Meter Run 3- Gage Cornett (5:20.54 5:15.24), 5- Houston Hodges (5:24.00 5:30.27), 6- Blake Bryant (x5:37.05)

Girls 400 Meter Run 2- Lindsey Nelson (66.60 70.53), 10- Haylee Curry (1:26.58 1:30.18).

Boys 400 Meter Run 1- Jullian Seymour (54.17 54.24), 9- Tanner Willis, (63.26), 10- Austin McCandless, (67.00 x64.01), 11- Blake Bonta, (x65.40), 15- Daven Curry (67.47 x68.87), 20- Alex Eastham, (1:38.00 x1:37.24).

Girls 300 Meter Hurdles 1- Emma Renfrow (54.35 57.42), Mia Blaydes, (59.67).

Boys 300 Meter Hurdles 1- Nash Johnson (45.70 44.15), 2- Jake Bishop (48.30 46.78), 4- Gage Bale (51.66 x49.19).

Girls 800 Meter Run 4- Carlee Coffey, (2:43.10 2:54.78).

Boys 800 Meter Run 3- Blake Bryant (2:22.80).

Girls 200 Meter Dash 2- Amelia Creason (30.40 30.20) 4- Brianna Purvis (31.21 30.95), 5- Makyla Shively, (x31.16), 10- Harmon, Caleigh (x33.03), 13- Baylee Stilts (x33.91), 14- Anna Coffey (30.29 x34.04).

Boys 200 Meter Dash 2- Darian Mitchell (24.67 24.99), 3- Jullian Seymour (25.21 25.07), 7- Gage Bale (26.76 x26.67), 19- Ethan Patterson (x30.51), 20- Blake Bonta (x30.98), 22- Alex Eastham (43.41 x41.05).

Girls 3200 Meter Run 2 Kally Corbin, (14:26.95), 4- Claire Goff (16:34.50).

Boys 3200 Meter Run 1- Zach Jewell (10:38.35 11:38.79), 2- Jayden Marr (11:40.63), 3- Houston Hodges (11:49.26 x11:48.34).

Girls 4x400 Meter Relay 2- Green County 'A' (5:07.10) 1- Baylee Stilts, 2- Mia Blaydes, 3- Emma Renfrow, 4- Carlee Coffey.

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay 2- Green County 'A' (3:55.00 3:54.79) 1- Jullian Seymour, 2- Gage Bale, 3- Darian Mitchell, 4- Blake Bryant.

Girls Long Jump 1- Amelia Creason (13-03.50 13-07.00), 2- Makyla Shively (13-00.00), 6- Caleigh Harmon, (x10-10.00).

Boys Long Jump 4- Tanner Willis, (15-09.00 15-10.00), 5- Jaden Pierce (18-08.25 15-04.00), 11- Austin McCandless (14-03.00 x13-06.00), 12- Ethan Patterson (x12-10.00) Girls Triple Jump 1- Brianna Purvis (26-07.00 26-10.00).

Boys Triple Jump 2- Jake Bishop (33-06.00 33-06.00), 3- Gage Bale (33-00.00), 4- Tanner Willis (32-00.00 x31-01.00), 6- Ethan Patterson (x27-01.00).

Girls High Jump 1- Haylee Curry, (4-06.00 4-02.00).

Boys High Jump 2- Nash Johnson, (5-04.00 5-02.00), 4- Jake Stone (J5-00.00), 5- Blake Bonta (4-02.00 x4-10.00), 6- Daven Curry (x4-06.00), -- Ethan Patterson, (NH).

Girls Shot Put 4- Autumn Sidebottom (26-03.00 24-10.00), 6- Bailee Willis (22-00.00), 7- Abrie Meadows (24-04.00 x21-08.00).

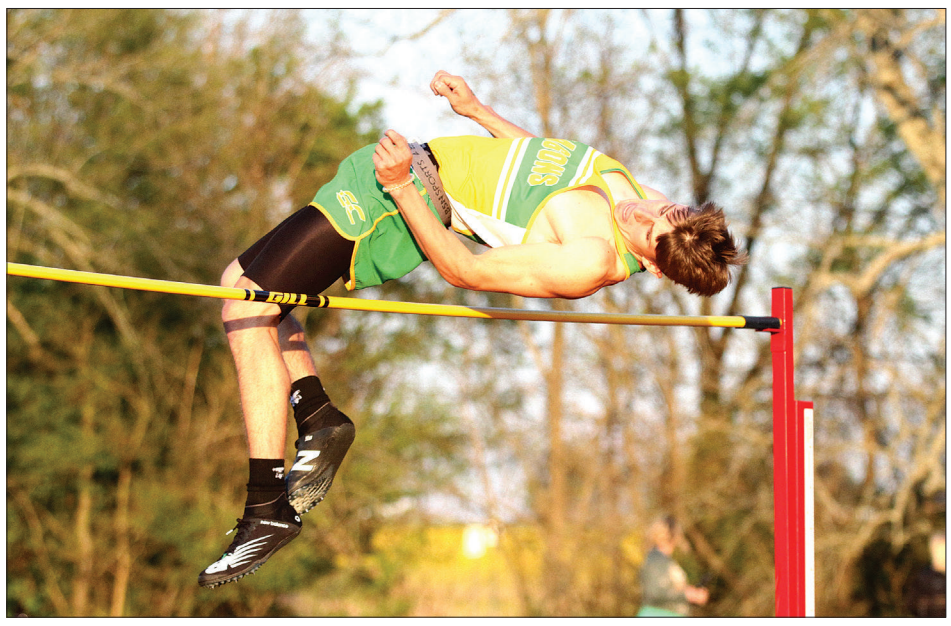
Boys Shot Put 5- Kelson McKinney (40-10.00 39-04.00), 8- Jake Stone (38-04.00 37-01.00), 11- Koltyn Milby (33-11.00 x33-08.00), 14- Mason Froggett (30-09.00 x31-04.00), 16- Carson Scott (29-06.00 x29-10.00), 20- Ryder Dotson (25-11.00 x26-09.00).

Girls Discus Throw 2- Autumn Sidebottom (84-11 78-02), 5- Abrie Meadows (58-10 63-04), 8- Bailee Willis (55-09 x50-08).

Boys Discus Throw 3- Kelson McKinney (113-02 123-00), 5- Jake Stone (102-07 105-02), 13- Mason Froggett (85-09 x82-05), 15- Koltyn Milby, (82-08 x80-05), 16- Ryder Dotson, (87-11 x77-05), 20- Carson Scott, (82-00 x70-05).

Women - Team Rankings - 17 Events Scored 1- Green County 168, 2- Taylor County (127), 3- Hart County (77), 4- Adair County (51), 5- Washington County (27), 6- Cumberland County (22), 7- Campbellsville (15), 8- Russell County High School (6).

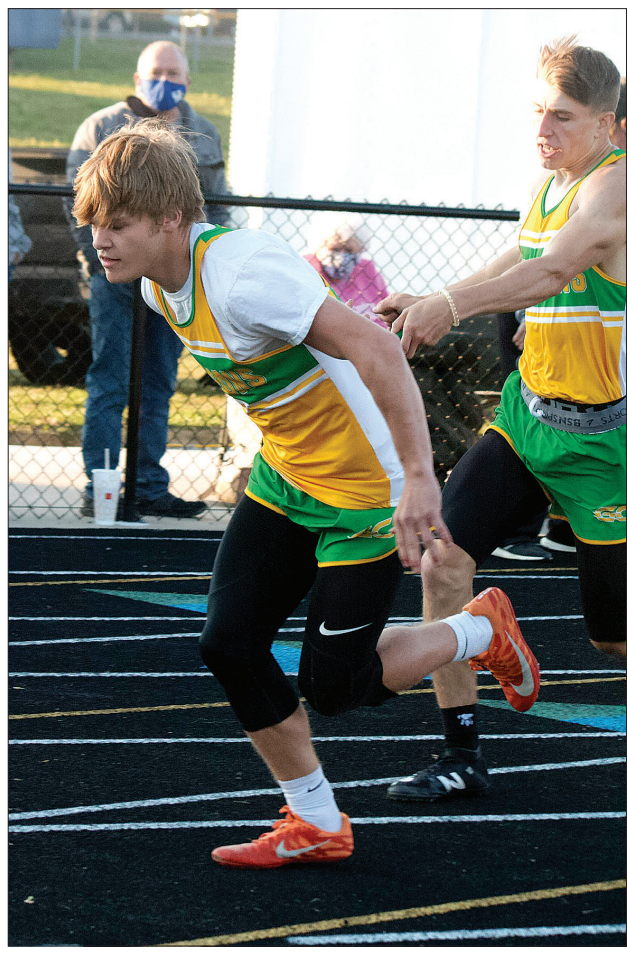
Men - Team Rankings - 17 Events Scored 1- Green County (172), 2- Taylor County (144), 3- Hart County (78.50), 4- Adair County (58.50), 5- Russell County High School (58), 6- Campbellsville (41), 7- Cumberland County (31), 8- Washington County (3).



After placing third in the 110m hurdles and first in the 4x200m relay, Nash Johnson reports to the high jump pit and places second with a height of 5'2." Johnson completed three events within an hour, before returning to the track for the 300m hurdles. Johnson finished his fourth event with a first place win after running a 44.15 300m hurdles.

Green County boys outranked the competition with 172 points last week. The girls also won with 168 points in the meet.

Senior Jake Stone throws a personal best in the discus event, (102-07, 105-02).



Senior Nash Johnson hands off to freshman Jullian Seymour on their way to a season's best in boys 4x200 meter relay.

Photos by Angelina Alcott & Jalen Willis

Junior Emma Renfrow shines in the girls 4x200, her team placing second. Renfrow also won in girls 100 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles.

529 plans: More versatile than ever

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If you have children or grandchildren, you may already be somewhat familiar with the 529 plan, a popular education savings vehicle. But you may not have kept up with some recent changes in the plan's capabilities and in the educational environment in which the plan might be used.

Let's start with the learning environment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, colleges and universities switched to online classes, or at least to a hybrid of in-person and online. And even before the pandemic, many schools offered remote classes, though obviously not to the same extent. But after COVID-19 subsides, it's likely that the online component will remain an important part of higher education. What does this "new world" mean for you, when you're saving for college? Will a 529 plan still be relevant?

In a word, yes. First of all, a 529 plan can offer tax advantages. Earnings in a 529 plan are federally tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. And if you invest in your own state's 529 plan, your contributions may be tax deductible. (Withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes as well as a 10% penalty.) Because tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor before investing.

Online learning costs are eligible for a 529 plan's tax benefits just as much as those incurred from in-person classes. Tuition, textbooks, supplies, computers and services – all of these should qualify, assuming the school meets certain criteria. Also, students enrolled half-time or more don't have to live in a dorm for room and board expenses to be covered by a 529 plan – they can live in off-campus housing. However, these room-and-board costs typically must equal the cost of living on campus. Some schools identify a specific cost for "commuters" or "at-home students," so you will need to contact the college directly to determine qualified room-and-board costs.

Now, let's take a quick look at what some changes in the rules governing 529 plans over the past few years might mean for you. Eligible expenses from your 529 plan include the following:

• K-12 expenses – Parents can withdraw up to $10,000 per student, per year, from their 529 plan to pay for tuition expenses at elementary and secondary schools. So, if you intend to send your children to a private school, this use of a 529 plan might interest you.

• Apprenticeships – 529 plans can be used to pay for fees, textbooks, equipment and other supplies connected to apprenticeship programs registered with the Department of Labor. These programs, typically offered at a community college, combine classroom instruction with on-the-job training.

• Student loans – Families can withdraw funds from a 529 plan to repay the principal and interest for qualified education loans, including federal and most private student loans. There's a lifetime limit of $10,000 for student loan repayments per each 529 plan beneficiary and another $10,000 for each of the beneficiary's siblings.

All of these newer uses of 529 plans may contain additional guidelines and exceptions, and state tax treatment varies, so you'll want to consult with your tax advisor before taking money from your account. But it's valuable for you to know the different ways you can put a 529 plan to work.

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