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UNICORNS were in the spotlight for the Daddy-Daughter Dance on March 25. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



MISS MOULTRIE-DOUGLAS JULIA KERKHOFF dances with Lula Hallett in her arms at the March 25 Daddy-Daughter Dance. Photo by Dominik Stallings.

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Hornaday's squad looking forward

By Lenny Sementi

Head boys track coach Ryan Hornaday boasts one of the largest small school track teams in the state year in and year out and this year is no different. The long-time track coach heads into the spring with an eye on the state meet at the end of the year after a good indoor season and a promising outdoor season looming. He will be building on a great cross-country season where his distance runners qualified for the state meet as a team and collected two individual all-state honors.

Jackson Barrett and Josiah Hortin were part of the successful cross season and a week away from a third-place finish at state for the basketball team collected two medals each at the Top Times Indoor State Championships in Bloomington this past Friday. Four other Warriors, including another basketball player in senior thrower Chirrs Boyd, joined them on the podium. The trio, still shaking off the grind from an extended basketball campaign along with senior sprinter Ben Hornaday will be counted on to lead the way heading into the outdoor season.

Boyd stood the highest on the awards stand, missing a state championship by a mere two inches, taking second in the shot with a toss of 55'75". Juniors Hortin, Barrett, Will Foltz and freshman Boyd Brewer were one spot back, collecting third-place hardware in the 3200-me-

ter relay. Hortin's (4:27) and Barrett's (4:31) second medals came in the open 1600, finishing fourth and seventh, respectively, posting PRs. Freshman Blake Mcleese was one of only three underclassmen that earned all-state honors in the grueling open 3200 finishing his day in seventh overall with a personal best time of 10 minutes and 6 seconds.

Foltz competed in the open 800 but came up a few seconds shy of a top-ten finish. The black and gold contingent qualifying was ten strong, also boasting a strong 800-meter relay consisting of Hornaday, Bryce Graves, and a pair of freshmen Dylan Graves and Kamden Fleener. The foursome was looking strong before a mishap with the baton ended their day.

"We closed the books on a successful indoor season last night," the coach said the day after. "The vast majority of our guys got a ton of work done in January and February and competed well all winter with the culmination at the Illinois Top Times with several medals," stated boys coach Ryan Hornaday. "Our basketball players and non-basketball guys alike are all well prepared to have a great spring. We're a diverse group. We'll get contributions from underclassmen and upperclassmen alike as well as scoring ability across the board-throwing events, jumping events, sprint events, distance events, and relays."



JORDAN FEAGIN and his daughter Lane Feagin dance together during the March 25 Daddy-Daughter Dance. Photo by Dominik Stallings.

Lady Warriors softball team marches on

By Lenny Sementi

March weather in the state of Illinois is anyone's guess. It changes not just daily but on the hour, creating havoc on spring sports early in the season. Tuscola's softball team has had numerous games postponed or canceled due to cold and rain, making it tough to find consistency this past week they managed to get in a pair while embracing the weather.

The ladies in black and gold posted non-conference wins over Monticello 9-2 on Tuesday at home and notched another out-of-league conquest on Friday down Cerro Gordo-Bement in Bement on Friday 20-0. Isabelle Wilcox collected the win in both battling the rain the entire evening against Monticello and the final 2-frames at Bement. The senior hurler scattered 6 hits and 3 walks out over 5 innings of work while striking out 3 in a rain-shortened first game of the week. And, then, fired the first no-hitter of her career in the lopsided victory on Friday on the road in a run-rule shortened affair fanning 3.

Ava Boyer had a week at the dish adding 3-home runs to her early season totals. She had two hits, both dingers and 5-rbi's verse Monticello and scored the first run of the contest following a leadoff free pass in the bottom

of the 1st. She moved on a sacrifice bunt by Wilcox and scored on an RBI single by big sister Ella. Addy Ring started the ball rolling in the second with a 2-out single to the right, setting the table for a 2-run homer by Ava Boyer. Wilcox followed with a walk, stole second, and scored on an over-throw to make it 4-0 Warriors after 2. Makenna Fiscus started a 5-run 5th with a leadoff double. Ring moved her with her 2nd base knock of the game and the duo scored on a 3-run blast over the left field fence by non other than Ava Boyer. Ring was 2 for 4 on the day with 2 runs scored. Ella Boyer, Emily Czerwonka, Alaina Smith, Claire Meyer and Fiscus all added a hit apiece to the box score.

The Warriors scored in every inning at Bement. The Boyer sisters did more than their fair share of the damage, going a combined 5 for 7 on the day, including 3-HRs and 9-RBIs. Ella was 3 for 3 on the day with 5 RBIs and a pair of round-trippers, while Ava drove in 4 on a 2 for 4 night that included a dinger of her own. Ring slapped and swung her way to a 3 for 3 night that resulted in 3-rbi's and 3-runs scored. Wilcox, Zoey Thomason and Fiscus delivered a pair of hits each in the win, while Meyer donated a hit, an RBI and 3 runs scored.