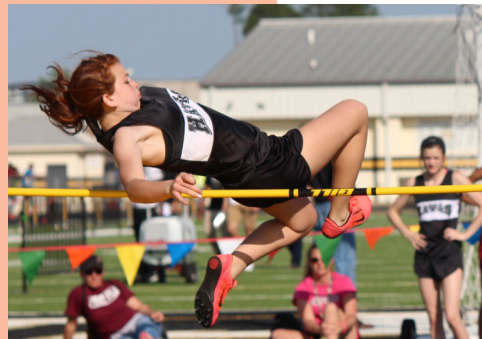


# Born to Run

## from start to finish

It is really difficult to set (or break) any records when Mother Nature wreaks havoc on the track season. Her fury left more than one track meet rained out. While the boys only got one chance to show what they could do, the girls found success more than once. Without a lot of practice early on, Gracie McDougal ran the 2400 at the Liberty-Eylau meet and took first place. "While I was running my third lap, I got ahead of my competitors and clocked a time of eleven minutes and twelve seconds," Gracie said.

With a break in the weather, the eighth grade girls placed third at the Texas Middle School meet and the seventh graders took home second. Both teams managed to place second in district. The boys will just have to wait until next year to show what they can do. "I wish we could've competed more than we got to, so we might have placed better," Sergio Rodriguez said. Even though the weather didn't cooperate and meets didn't go as planned, all four teams were there from start to finish like they were born to run. ~Kaylee Kelley and Hanna Snyder



Madison Allen



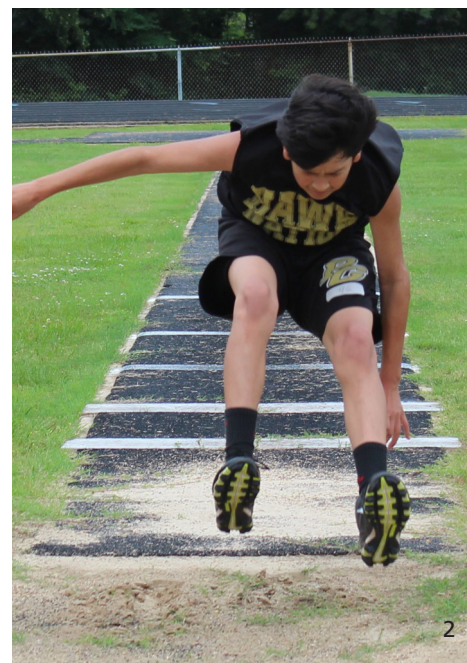
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"It was very enjoyable coaching the kids and watching them grow mentally and physically throughout the season."

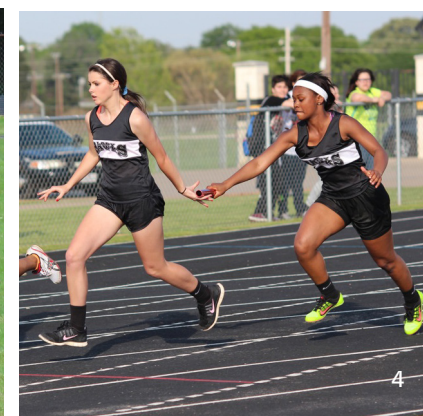
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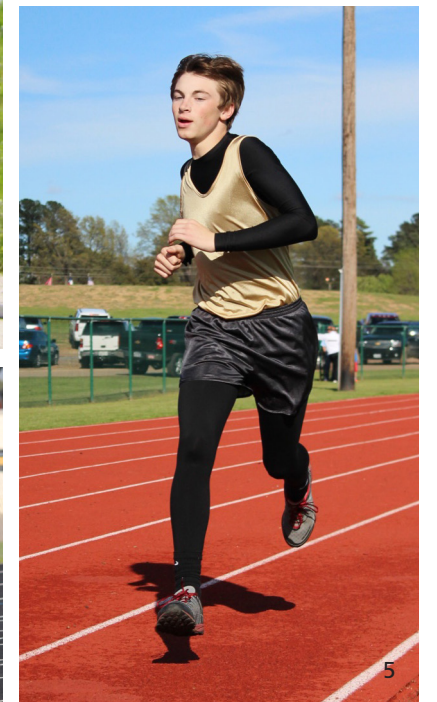
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1. Clearing the 100 hurdles, Sydney Hopkins runs neck and neck with a Lady Leopard. "It was my first track meet to do hurdles, so all I could think about was getting over them," Sydney said. 2. Practicing his long jump, Dylan Hopkins leans forward trying to get that extra inch. "I always got nervous before running, but once I started I felt better," Dylan said.



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3. Setting her feet, Macey Adams gets ready to "throw" at the Liberty-Eylau meet. "Winning first in shot put helped boost my confidence, and I learned to really like it," Macey said. 4. Taking the baton from Bre Jones in the 400 meter relay, Madison Summit races to the finish line. "We practiced a lot and knew what we were supposed to do, but we were still afraid we would drop the stick," Madison said. 5. Pushing through the 800 meter run, Caleb Hemphill picks up his pace at the TMS meet. "It was a difficult race and even though I didn't win, I tried my best," Caleb said.



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