

# Lady 'Stangs race to state

### Back to back second-place finishes



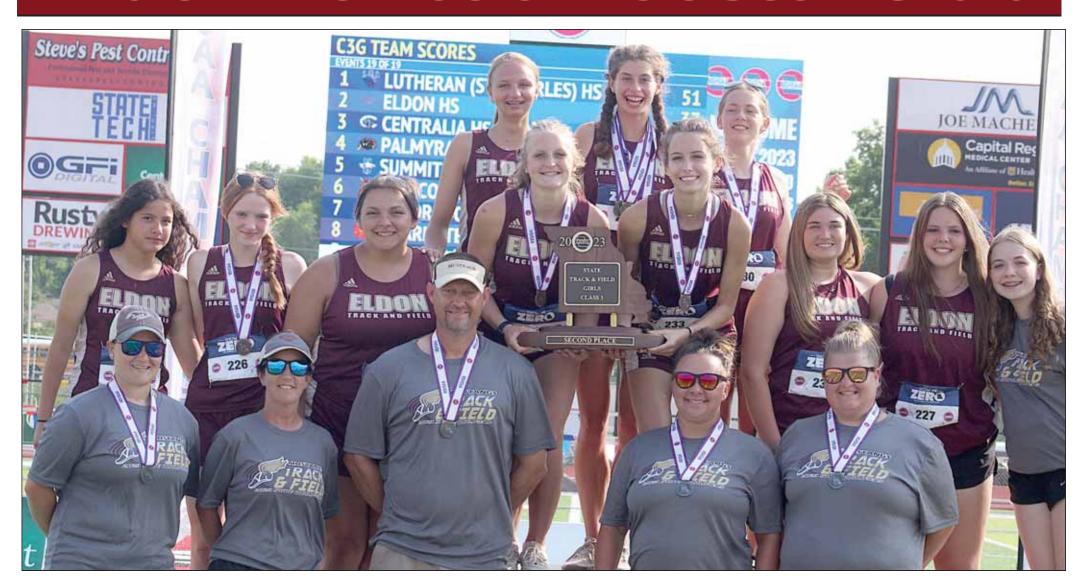




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# E.A.B.C. Congratulations Eldon Track Team!

### Eldon Athletic Booster Club



The Eldon Lady Mustangs finished second at the MSHSAA Class 3 Girls Track and Field Championships May 25-26, at Jefferson City High School. The Lady Mustangs finished with 37 points, finishing second only to Lutheran St. Charles. Members of the team are, from left, front row: coaches Sydney Prater, Kay Reed, Tobby Eldridge, Renee McDevitt and Taylor Wall; middle row: Emily Ramirez, Heather Bradfield, Leanda-Sanchez-Wilson, Anmarie Dillon, Karmen McNeil, Delaney McGhay, Corin Davis and Helen Adrent; back row: Brittany Wallace, Zoe Martonfi and Mikala Huckabee. This is the second consecutive second-place finish for the Lady Mustangs.



# Saluting success on the track



Back on top - The Eldon Lady Mustang track and field squad won its seventh Tri-County Conference championship in 10 years Thursday, May 4, at School of the Osage. Members of the team are, from left, front row: Hannah Beanland; middle row: Audrey Dinwiddie, Mikayla Huckabee, Leandra Wilson-Sanchez and Ravyn DeLong; back row: Delaney McGhay, Corin Davis, Zoe Martonfi, Stevana Wixson, Karmen McNeil, Anmarie Dillon, Ashlynn Hill, Adrianna Frakes, Kamdyn Wright, and Heather Bradfield. Submitted photo)

### 1600-meter relay squad secures Eldon's finish

It came down to the final eryone stepped up and did spot in the finals. In their fi-track event before the Eldon their job," she said. Lady Mustangs were able to secure the team's second- seconds from their time. place finish.

The quartet of Heather to a 4:13," McDevitt said. Bradfield, Karmen McNeil, There were no changes, ei-Mikala Huckabee and Anmarie Dillon had been work- der, according to McDevitt. ing hard all season. Early on it "The same girls were on the had been a bit of a struggle, team, it was just working to-harder," Dillon said. "I think the sectional meet.

Then things really clicked, was amazing to watch.' according to their coach,

Rene McDevitt.

The team shaved nearly six

ther to the team, or to the or- more about believing in

but they managed to put gether as a team and everyone the things together, running a doing their job. They started (Huckabee and Bradfield, re-4:18.21 to clinch their spot in to believe in themselves as ally wanted us seniors (Dillon much as I believed in them. It and McNeil) to get a state

In the prelims, the Lady ene McDevitt. Mustangs ran a 4:13.49 and good to get out of there with "At Sectionals is when every earned the last qualification at least one medal."

nal, the girls finished with a time of 4:14.62, which falls right in line with what they "We went from around 4:19 had been doing in the post season.

Dillon agreed that it was themselves.

two underclassmen medal.



Dillon added "It feels really One fast quartet - Eldon's 4x400-meter relay team finished eighth at the MSHSAA Class 3 Championships Saturday, May 27, at Jefferson Ctiy High School. Team members are, from left: Anmarie Dillon, Karmen McNeil, Mikala Huckabee and Heather Bradfield.



Heather Bradfield



Mikala Huckabee



Anmarie Dillon Senior



Karmen McNeil Senior





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Triumphant walk - The Eldon Lady Mustang track and field team heads to the medal stand to collect their second-place trophy at the MSHSAA Class 3 Track and Field Championships Saturday, May 27, in Jefferson City. The Lady Mustangs finished with 37 points, finishing behind Lutheran St. Charles

## **Martonfi** makes Mustang memories

Eldon High School junior ing to her coaches. Zoe Martonfi has not etched her name in the annals of the most about Zoe's accomplishprogram. She has carved them in stone.

Zoe, the daughter of Steve field athlete in school history 3 Track and Field Champison City.

Zoe won four state medals at the meet, giving her 11 in ner," head coach Tobby Elthree years. Sara Rhine is second with nine overall state four years. medals in (2012-2015).

events (800m run, 1600m run and 300m hurdles). She seems up to the task. also added a third-place finish in the triple jump. That down the events and set the Championships in her career.

be a versatile athlete. She has preciates the comments, even state medals in the following couragement to her teamhigh jump, 100-meter hur- when no one is watching," El-

"One of the things I like Lady Mustang track and field ments is the respect the other teams' athletes have for her," said assistant track coach and head cross country coach Kay and Robin Martonfi, is now Reed. "She is kind to all of the most decorated track and them and has formed several friendships throughout her after her marvelous perfor- cross country and track seamance at the MSHSAA Class sons. Her humble spirit is also evident after her races, onships May 26-27, in Jeffer- jumps etc. She isn't boastful at all.'

dridge said. "She understands that you have to be willing to SAA Class 3 Track and Field make your body uncomfortable in practice and often at
May 27, in Jefferson City. She won three of her four meets in order to get better.'

adds up to 36 points. As a times and practices, but she team, the Lady Mustangs fin-still has to complete the plan. ished second with 37 points. We are always honest with During her three-year run, Zoe. This has helped build Martonfi has also proven to tremendous trust and she apwon state medals in eight in criticism. She is willing to different events. She also has be accountable. She is an enevents: 3200-meter relay, mates and she tries hard dles and the long jump.

But Zoe is so much more than a great athlete, accord
dridge said. "These things help separate her from other high school athletes."



"Zoe is a very gusty run- Just running - Zoe Martonfi leads the way as she wins the 1600-meter run at the MSH-Saturday,

#### Eldridge says she usually **Simply the Best**

Zoe Martonfi has won 11 medals

- 100m hurdles 6th
- 300m hurdles 2nd • triple jump - 4th
- 2022 • 1600m run -2nd
- 300m hurdles 2nd • 4x800m relay - 3rd high jump - 3rd
- 2023 • 800m run - 1st
- 1600m run 1st • 300m hurdles - 1st
- triple jump 3rd



Reaching - Zoe Martonfi reaches to the sky as she finishes third in the triple jump Friday, May 26, at the MSHSAA Class 3 Girls Track and Field Championships at Jefferson City High School. Martonfi won three other events over the weekend.

Earning their point - The Eldon Lady Mustang 4x400-meter relay team poses with the second-place trophy Saturday, May 27. Members of the team are, from left: Brittany Wallace (Substitute), Mikala Huckabee, Anmarie Dillon, Karmen McNeil, Heather Bradfield and Emily Ramirez (Substitute). The relay team finished eighth, which provided the Lady Mustangs the point needed to earn the second-place finish.

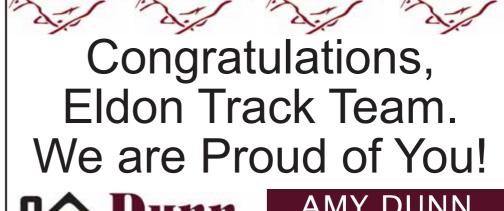
#### On the Cover -

Our cover features scenes from Eldon's second-place showing at the MSHSAA Class 3 Championships May 26-27 at the Licklider Complex on the campus of Jefferson City High School. Clockwise, beginning upper left: Eldon seniors Anmarie Dillon and Karmen Mc-Neil give the second-place trophy a little kiss; Eldon's Zoe Martonfi is all smiles on the medal stand and why shouldn't she be? She won four medals, including three championships. And finally, the girls make their way down the track to pick up their second-place trophy.



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# Second straight second-place finish

### Martonfi wins three events as Lady Mustangs earn state track trophy

ond track trophy in program Palmyra.

tang squad saw a relay team championship showings. earn a medal on its way to its second consecutive second- ter hurdles (44.61 seconds); strong. place finish in the MSHSAA the 800-meter run (2 min-Championships May 25-26, 1600-meter run (5:04.59). All a tight schedule. So much so a leap of 10.61 meters (34 feet top 20," he said. But they kept at the Licklider Complex at three of those events occurred that her coaches tried to get 9.75 inches) Jefferson City High School.

The Lady Mustangs fin- time span. tang track and field team, a ished with 37 team points, strong performance by its star trailing Lutheran St. Charles, to come from behind in the get her medal. Not that it Huckabee and Anmarie Dil- discus with a throw of 32.15 athlete could very well give and finishing one point ahead last 75 meters to eke out the mattered. Martonfi, now has longot into the finals and fin-meters (105-6); Corin Davis, them at least a shot at the sec- of Centralia and two clear of win. The 800 and 1600 were a whopping 11 state track and ished eighth in that race with 14th in the discus with a toss of

Junior Zoe Martonfi had a Well that star athlete did historic weekend, racking up each time, then pulling away. er part and the Lady Mus- four medals, including three "That's kind of my style," her part and the Lady Mus- four medals, including three

Martonfi won the 300-mewithin a 2 hour, 30 minute her back out of the sun follow-

small leads until the final lap history.

pace. I know I can finish really and I am so excited about rep-

There was concern about

more dominant as she held field medals, most in school a time of 4:14.62.

got me really pumped up," she said. "I like to set the she said. "I felt really great worked really hard." resenting me team.

She also finished third in

Eldon's 4x400-meter relay

"Winning that first medals team," relays coach Renee the shot put with a toss of 9.15 of me really pumped up," McDevitt said. "The girls meters (30-0.25)

dridge agreed.

"Earlier this season, this ter next year." Class 3 Girls Track and Field utes, 16.02 seconds) and the her being able to manage such the triple jump on Friday with team wasn't even cracking the getting better each time out. Other Lady Mustangs who

ime span. ing the 300 hurdles, but she team of Heather Bradfield, competed in the meet were: In the 300 hurdles, she had had to climb the podium to Karmen McNeil, Mikala Delaney McGhay, ninth in the 28.53 meters (93-7) and Le-"I am so very proud of this andra Sanchez-Wilson, 15th in

rorked really hard." "We are such a young Head track coach Tobby El- team," Eldridge said. "We have a chance to be even bet-

# Throwers show plenty of promise

throwers to the state meet petitors late and she finished very good chance of having and although none of them ninth with a throw of 32.15 medalists next season. managed to crack the top meters (105 feet, 6 inches). eight, all three of them will rethe way toward another state better," she said.

medal as she managed to throw of 28.53 meters (93 sophomore Leandra Sanchez make the finals in the discus. feet, 7 inches).

The Lady Mustangs sent three she got passed a pair of com-seniors. Eldon could have a first throw of the day.

turn and will look to help lead definitely could have done She was the lone freshman turning to action.

finish. Her teammate, Corin the state meet. incoming free Delaney McGhay just Davis, finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the Eldon's youth was also could be able to missed earning an all-state competition. She had a best served in the shot put as a bit," she said.

"I felt I threw okay, but I more. Davis is a freshman. had all of her throwers reamong the 16 competitors at

-Wilson finished 15<sup>th</sup>, uncork-

Eldon high school's throw- She was among the top It should be noted that six ing a best throw of 9.15 meers had a really good season. seven for most of the day, but of the top eight finishers were ters (30-0-2.5) inches on her

Throwers coach Taylor Wall said she is looking for-McGhay is only a sopho- ward to next season as she

"We also have at least one incoming freshman who Eldon's youth was also could be able to help us quite

> MSHSAA Track and Field Championships Class 3 Girls Team standings 1. Lutheran St. Charles - 51

4. Palmyra - 35 5. Summit Christian - 32 6. New Covenant - 27 7. El Dorado Springs - 26 8. Incarnate Word - 24

2. Eldon - 37 3. Centralia - 36

9. Winfield - 23

10. Kauffman - 20



Fling it - Corin Davis finished 14th in the MSHSAA Class 3 girls discus Friday, May 26, at Jefferson City High School.

Letting go - Delaney McGhay qualified for the finals on her

way to a ninth-place finish in the discus at the MSHSAA Class 3 Track and Field Championships Friday, May 26, at Jefferson



Girls who throw things - Eldon's three state qualifying throwers pose with the team's second-place trophy from the MSHSAA Class 3 Track and Field Championships in Jefferson City. Throwers are, from left, Corin Davis, Leandra Sanchez-Wilson, Delaney McGhay and Eldon throwers coach Taylor Wall.



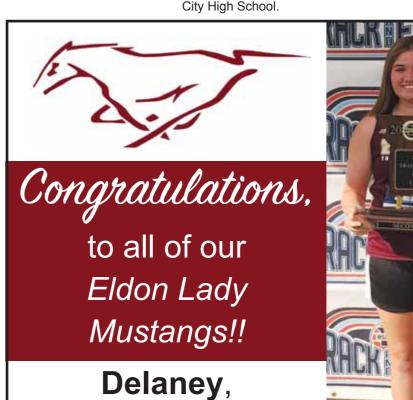
Good spot - Leandra Sanchez-Wilson finished 15th in the MSHSAA Class 3 girls shot put Saturday, May 27, at Jefferson City High School.

Full-court news coverage





All alone - Zoe Martonfi kicks it into high gear and appears to be all alone on her way to victory in the 800-meter run Saturday, May 27, at the MSHSAA Class 3 Girls Track and Field Championships at Jefferson City High School.



I am so proud of you!

Love, Dad