 Facing strong winds and chilly temperatures, the HHS track team traveled to Yuma to compete at the pre-qualifier meet on Tuesday, April 28.
 “Of course it was bitterly cold all day, but the kids did well despite the conditions,” said coach Sandra Rahe.
 “We have several athletes that are fractions of seconds away from qualifying times,” she said, “but because of the weather, specifically the wind, it makes it that much harder to qualify.”
 While the tracksters may not have qualified to compete at the state track meet, Rahe noted several are getting better each week and breaking their personal bests.
 Rahe said, “We are entering the ‘home stretch,’ and I am excited to watch the kids perform well at league and regionals.”
 The Dragons brought home five gold medals and had several other top finishers at Tuesday’s meet.
 In sprint races, Marissa Smith finished first in both the 100 and 200 meter dash while HHS long-distance runner Jeremy Loutensock ran for a first place finish in the 1600 meter run. The trackster also came in second in the 800 and 3200 meter runs.
 Once again reaching state-qualifying distances, Kyle Carper claimed first place in both the long and triple jump field events. He also brought home two silver medals in the 200 and 400 meter dash races.
 Heather Duester, Mallory Bennett, Marci Vasa and Smith earned second place honors in the girls’ 4x200 meter relay. The same team grabbed third place in the 4x100 meter relay.
 Third place medals were also earned by Alex Quintana in the 110 and 300 meter hurdles as well as the relay team of Phawn Carper, Patricia Adams, Emma Adams and Ella Stewart in the 4x110 yard throwers’ relay.
 Finishing with 63.5 points, the girls placed fifth at the Yuma meet. Team scores in order of ranking included Wray with 141.5 points, Akron 138, Yuma 102, Merino 77, Holyoke 63.5, Otis 40, Caliche 34, Liberty (Joes) 26, Haxtun 22, Woodlin 21, Hi-Plains 19, Idalia 14, Lone Star 5 and Arickaree 3.
 Holyoke boys earned fourth place with 85 points. Other team scores in order of placing included Merino with 112 points, Yuma 100, Wray 94, Holyoke 85, Hi-Plains 83, Otis 53.5, Akron 53, Caliche 35, Idalia 22.4, Haxtun 17, Arickaree 11, Woodlin 7 and Lone Star 3.

Girls’ results
 100 meter dash—Smith, first, :13.76; Duester, eighth, :14.83.
 200 meter dash—Smith, first, :27.55.
 400 meter dash—Carolina Hermosillo, seventh, 1:25.52.
 1600 meter run—Becca Brandt, sixth, 6:38.71; Nicole Brandt, eighth, 6:43.23.
 100 meter hurdles—KrisAnna Ham, seventh, :19.31; Shelby Beavers, eighth, :19.74.
 300 meter hurdles—Ham, fifth, :55.93.
 4x100 meter relay—Duester, Bennett, Vasa and Smith, third, :54.31.
 4x200 meter relay—Duester, Bennett, Vasa and Smith, second, 1:53.27.
 4x800 meter relay—Hermosillo, Becca Brandt, Nicole Brandt and Ham, fourth, 12:07.10.
 800 sprint medley—Kaylee Groshans, Sarah Heermann, Beavers and Vasa, fifth, 2:08.64.
 4x110 yard relay throwers—Carper, Patricia Adams, Emma Adams and Stewart, third, 1:02.85.
 Triple jump—Vasa, tie for eighth, 29’ 11”.

Boys' results

- 200 meter dash—Carper, second, :23.80.
- 400 meter dash—Carper, second, :52.70; Brandon Oosthuysen, fourth, :53.31.
- 800 meter run—Loutensock, second, 2:16.38.
- 1600 meter run—Loutensock, first, 5:12.89.
- 3200 meter run—Loutensock, second, 11:35.49.
- 110 meter hurdles—Quintana, third, :19.02.
- 300 meter hurdles—Quintana, third, :45.52.
- 4x200 meter relay—Taylor Haidle, Casey Sage, Quintana and Oosthuysen, fourth, 1:41.82.
- Triple jump—Carper, first, 43' 7".
- Long jump—Carper, first, 20' 8.5".