

# Cougar Sports

With Bru and the Crew

There are hints of warm weather and the grass is starting to grow. Those are classic signs that spring is just around the corner. And with spring comes spring sports!

Both the Cheylin track team and the golf team are looking to have fantastic seasons this year. Let's take a quick look at what to expect from both squads in the upcoming season....

## Track

The track team has its largest squad in several years and is looking to accomplish a lot this season. Several of the key Cougars returning on the men's side include sprinter/jumper Devon Janicke, distance runner Reece Leonard, and thrower Walker Janicke.

Other Cougar track men include Matays Cimbulka Rusty Porubsky, Michael Barnett, Tommy Frisbie, CJ Anholtz, Gavin Lennox, and Carter Porubsky.

The lady Cougars return some experience as well. Jumper/sprinter Shayla Hubbard should have a good season for the Cougars. Distance runner Kalin Ritchey will contend as one of the best distance runners in the league. Allie Frisbie returns after making it to state

in the hurdles last year. Sprinter/jumper Diana Garcia and thrower Elizabeth Keltz are also primed for breakout seasons.

Other lady trackers include Ellie Pochop, Elsa Burr, Itzel Cobos, Arias Castillo, and Vanesa Castillo.

## Golf team

The golf team is primed for a great run as well. The Cougars made it to state last year, as they have in several of the past years.

They placed second in the regional and sixth at state. Four of the six players from last year's varsity will be returning. Seniors Ty Carmichael, Casey Vandike, Connor Hazuka, and Eddie Frisbie will be ready to go strong for the Cougars. The final two varsity spots will be filled by last year's junior varsity players, Shawn Pochop, Derek Vandike, Ivan Kemp, and Jacob Brubaker.

Cheylin had a dominant junior varsity who constantly placed two or three players in the top five, and all Cheylin players were usually in the top 10. It is also interesting to know that either Kemp or Brubaker took first at every junior varsity meet. Hopefully two of these four players can step up

to help the varsity and the other two will continue to make considerable junior varsity contributions. Freshmen Jorge Gonzalez and Kevin Estrada will also be competing for the junior varsity.

## National Honor Society

I would like to extend my congratulations to our new National Honor Society inductees. New members Ivan Kemp, Devon Janicke, Reece Leonard, Elizabeth Keltz, and Vanesa Castillo join current members Jacob Brubaker, Shawn Pochop, Mary Anne Orten, Allie Frisbie, Ty Carmichael, and Walker Janicke.

The honor society is for students who are in good standing with the school and who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average through the first half of their sophomore year.

## Comments

I wish both spring sports programs best of luck in their upcoming sports seasons. The whole community is behind you and we all know what you are capable of achieving. I'd also like to tell all you Cougar supporters to encourage all of our student athletes as you see them. GO COUGARS!!!!



LOGAN MCCARTY wrestles at the State Folkstyle Championship.

Photo courtesy of Shawna Blanka

# Kid wrestlers do well at state

There were 11 St. Francis wrestlers participating in the USA Wrestling Kansas 2014 State Folkstyle Championships, with Tayton Weeter bringing home sixth place. There were 1,442 wrestlers, representing 162 teams across the state of Kansas, competing in Topeka.

This tournament is a tough tournament with very good wrestlers throughout the entire 16 man brackets, said Shawn Blanka, coach. There are no divisions like in high school of the smaller schools and bigger schools at the state tournaments. This has everyone just split by age and weight.

Wrestlers and their results were:

8 and under: Logan McCarty, 61 pounds, lost his first match 0-5 decision to D. Helmers, Kansas Young Guns; won 8-3 decision over R. Lopp, Hutchinson; lost 3-8 decision to J. Traw, Southwest Timberwolves.

10 and under: Shadryon Blanka, 95 pounds-lost his first match

2-3 to M. Casement, Maize; won by fall over B. Lowe, Blue Valley; won 1-0 decision over L. Sutton, Salina and lost 0-4 decision to S. Heilman, Great Bend.

Colton McCarty, 110 pounds-lost his first match by fall to C. Winter, Brawlers; won 2-1 decision over C. Hornbuckle, Ottawa Mat Masters; lost 10-11 decision to D. Dale, Hays.

Rylan Doyle, 150 pounds-lost to T. Calef, Rose Hill; won 4-2 decision over A. Andrews, Osawatomie; lost by fall to C. Lahmeyer, Olathe Southside Falcons.

12 and under: Tayton Weeter, 100 pounds-won 9-5 decision over T. Asper, Chaparral; lost 3-15 decision to B. Myers, Jr. Panthers; won 10-7 decision over W. Maravilla, Hugoton; lost 1-11 decision to J. Finney, Plainville and lost by fall to B. Myers, Jr. Panthers to place sixth.

Cody Baxter, 130 pounds-lost by fall to W. Hendrickson, Kan-

sas Young Guns; lost by fall to C. Hinck, Mission Valley.

14 and under: Trayton Doyle, 235 pounds-lost a 2-9 decision to J. Gilbertson; won by fall over J. Elley, Trailhands; lost 0-1 decision to Q. Scott, Lawrence Elite.

High school: Garrett Brunk, 145 pounds-lost by fall to C. Frame, Kansas Young Guns; lost by fall to B. Archuleta, Smoky Valley.

Lane Hobrock, 170 pounds-lost 3-11 major decision to E. Elston, Mulvane; lost by fall to R. Green, Hutchinson.

Kyler Zwegardt, 220 pounds-lost by fall to C. Atkins, Kansas Young Guns; lost by fall to N. Ornelas, Newton.

Shakotah Blanka, 285 pounds-lost 0-5 decision to Q. McCoy, Eureka; had a bye and then lost by fall to R. Gonzalez, Newton.

"Everyone wrestled very well and it was fun to have so many that made it to the state tournament," said Coach Chris LaBarge.



GUS HESPE with the ball as Keigan Taylor and Grace Wright play defense against him during the National Honor Society games. This was the 4th and 5th grade division.

Photo courtesy of Darci Shields

# Senior plays in all-star game

Mason Schiltz of St. Francis Community High School and Shayla Hubbard of Cheylin High School are among the basketball players who have been invited to play in the Colby Community College 21st annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Basketball Classic games.

The All-Star games featuring senior basketball players will be held on Sunday, April 6 in the Colby Community Building. The girl's game is set to tip-off at 4 p.m. and the boy's game will tip-off at 6 p.m.

Other northwest Kansas girls playing in the game are Diamond Brown, Dighton; Jordan Christensen, Golden Plains; Laura Dennis, Oakley; Audra Nowak, Victoria; Brook Ottley, Oakley; Hailey Waigel, Trego; Shania Wilkison, Phillipsburg; Katie Withington, Rawlins County; Addie Zeman, Trego; Jansassa Swaney, Stockton; Shambrey Budd, Dighton; Dristina Farber, Hoxie; Keshia Green, Rawl-

ins County; Brooke Hammond, Northern Valley; Amy Myers, Heartland Christian; Brittany Plummer, Tri-Plains; Paige Ramey, Wheatland; Haileigh Shull, Colby; Gabi Spresser, Hoxie; Hailee Spresser, Golden Plains; and Kenzie Hemmer, Oakley.

Coaches for the girl's teams are Ron Wolf from Plainville High School and Shelly Hoyt from Hoxie High School. Paige Ramey will not be playing due to injury, but will be honored at the game.

Other boys participating in the game are Kade Spresser, Hoxie; Hadley Gillum, Plainville; Austin Baalman, Oakley; Logan Frederking, Plainville; Clay Schemm, Sharon Springs; Cayden Daily, Sharon Springs; Trey Ellis, Phillipsburg; Jordan Baird, Almena; Asaac Alinor, Dighton; Grant Wickham, Phil-

lipsburg; Braydon Hubbert, Oakley; Chase Kennedy, Hoxie; Reed Stephens, Stockton; James Peterson, Atwood; Hayden Walker, Weskan; Mathew Barnett, Dighton; Kyle Breth, Oberlin; Tanner Furbush, Norton; Tristan Schwarz, Rexford; Devon Ghumm, WaKeeney; Darius Herl, Oakley; Keil Kelly, Abilene; Clayton Riedel, Hays; Jordan Windholz, Hays; and Shane Jones, Hill City.

Coaches for the men are Chris Drees from Plainville High School and Aaron Dardes from Hoxie High School.



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