

# Cougar Sports

By Bru and the Crew

The junior high Cougars paid a visit to Benkelman for their second track performance of the year last Thursday. The team showed great improvement from last week's meet.

In the seventh grade girls division Amber Manners finished 6th in the long jump, fourth in the 400, and third in the 1200. Alex Hazuka finished sixth in the 800, and seventh in the long jump. Dominique Johnston finished eighth in the 800 and 1200. The girls also were able to put together a sixth place 4 by 100 and a fourth place 4 by 400.

The eighth grade girls also showed improvement. Diana Garcia placed fifth in the long jump and high jump, Danae Magnani finished eighth in the long jump and shot put, Elsa Burr finished eighth in the discus, and fourth in the shot put. Elizabeth Keltz finished fifth in the high jump and brought home the gold in the shot put. The girls also put together a fifth place 4 by 100.

The junior high boys also had a successful and exciting meet.

In the seventh grade boys division C J Antholtz and Thomas Frisbie showed that they are quite the distance running duo. Antholtz finished third in the 800 and the 1200. Frisbie finished eighth in the 800 and second in the 1200, he also finished third in the 200m hurdles. The boys were able to bring home fifth in the 4 by 100 and 6th in the 4 by 400.

The eighth grade boys had arguably the best day of all the

Cougars. Reece Leonard finished eighth in the 1600 and the 800, Derek Vandike finished seventh in the high jump and fifth in the triple jump, Christian Benitez finished eighth in the 200 and sixth in the triple jump. Devon Janicke was the afternoon's top athlete, finishing second in the triple jump and long jump and first in the 100m dash.

The high school Cougars had the week off but started their campaign for stardom again this week by starting with a junior varsity track meet at Goodland on Monday followed by a varsity meet on Tuesday at Colby. A varsity meet is set for Friday at Hoxie. Look for Jeremiah White, Austin Manners, Ethan Young and Stephanie Busse, among others, to carry the momentum of their stellar performances at our home meet to this week's meet.

The golf team traveled to Benkelman last Tuesday. Casey Vandike was the top Cougar golfer finishing with a score 103. However none of the Cougar men placed they will be looking forward to redeeming themselves at Lacrosse this upcoming Thursday. See next week's paper for full details.

The return of Wil Orten and Kenan Reeh to the varsity line up of the Cougar men will be the bright spot for the Cougar men at Lacrosse. Both were absent from the Benkelman meet for personal reasons.

We would also like to wish the FFA livestock judging group luck as they travel to Oakley on Wednesday.



Eighth grader Elizabeth Keltz throws a shot put at the Cheylin track meet on March 30. Times photo by Darci Schields

# Student receives academic honor

By Steve Haynes  
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Three St. Francis high school seniors and one Cheylin senior were among 59 students honored by the Kansas Honors Program at a dinner Wednesday in Oakley. Also on the list were one Brewster High senior and two from Golden Plains High School in Rexford.

The program, sponsored by the University of Kansas Alumni Association, honors students across Kansas who make up the top 10 percent of their graduating classes. The dinner in Oakley, held at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center across from the courthouse, was one of 41 put on by the association.

The program, begun in 1971, honors top students regardless of their plans for higher education or family ties. Many of the students said they would be attending Kansas State University or another school, though several said their plans included KU.

Students get a certificate and a copy of Webster's New College dictionary. Several of the superintendents and principals accompanying the senior recalled getting their dictionaries in the early years of the program.

Alumni volunteers had to take over the program after KU officials called to say the university's plane was fogbound in Lawrence and probably couldn't land in Colby or Oakley anyway.

Sherrie Wiedeman of Colby was the regional chair for the dinner and the designated master of ceremonies. She asked Jeff Mason, a Goodland lawyer and KU law grad, to fill in for the scheduled speaker, Dr. Don Steeples, a professor of

geophysics and former deputy provost of the university, who grew up in western Kansas.

Melissa Stramel of Colby, a pharmacy graduate, took over for Danny Lewis, director of alumni programs for the association, who was to have presented the gifts.

The crowd, including principals and students, parents and area KU alums, filled the dining room at the service center.

Mr. Mason gave the students a little advice as they get ready for college, but warned:

"I am not an expert. An expert is someone who's more than 50 miles from home. Also, I don't expect you to remember anything I say."

He advised parents to be patient with their children.

"Some of you probably feel like you've fallen off the stupidity cliff recently," he said. "But some day your child will come back to you as a resource. Be prepared for them to come home, too."

He told the students they shouldn't be afraid to change majors. He advised them to dream big.

"Don't underestimate yourselves," he said. "Go out and get to work. Have fun and stay curious."

St. Francis students at the dinner included Tilyn Bell, Isaac Schiltz and Christina Schoenrogge. Cheylin senior attending the dinner was Wil Orten.



Wil Orten

## South of McDonald *By Sandy Binning*

George and Kathy Banister attended Rita Officer's retirement open house last Sunday afternoon in McDonald.

Merinda Binning, Devon and Trinity were Wednesday through Sunday Spring Break guests of Jerry and Sandy Binning.

Joe and Charlene Kramer attended Rita Officer's retirement open house last Sunday in McDonald.

Lynn and Rita Officer returned home last Tuesday from Wichita where Rita kept doctors appointments and they visited family in Ellinwood and Seward.

Rita Officer's brother, Kenny and wife Joan Dewey of Seward came last Sunday morning for dinner. They also brought Rita's mom, Betty Dewey from Ellinwood.

Mark and Marilee Gundlach, Seth and Gracie, also joined the family for Sunday dinner on the first of April. Randy and Melissa Regier, Alexi and Herman Breytbenach joined the family for supper.

Dee Carrow was called on Rita Officer last Monday afternoon.

Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Easter dinner guests of Ote,

Ellen, and Linda Dewey were Craig and Barb Morton, R.J. Hohn, and Tom and Kelly Dewey and children.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children took in the Atwood Easter Egg Hunt Saturday afternoon.

Debbie Banister was a Friday evening till Sunday afternoon guest of her parents, George and Kathy Banister.

Kathy Banister went to Oberlin last Saturday and accompanied vocal and instrumental students from Cheylin for Regional Music Contest.

Chris and Mary Copeland and John Binning of Hays were Easter weekend guests of Jerry and Sandy Binning.

Additional Easter dinner guests were Fred and Lavina Waters, Garrett and Donna Binning, Porsha, Bianca, and Jazzmin, and Robert Binning.

Easter dinner guests of Bethel Goltl were Charles and Val Coleman, Don Bruder, Elaine Johnson, and Kenny Johnson.

Easter dinner guests of Joe and Charlene Kramer were Ryan and Diane Shay and family of St. Francis, and Dennis and Elda Kramer and girls.

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