



CONNOR HATHAWAY has his next move planned as he works to flatten his opponent out on the mat. Connor placed second in the 6 and under division in the Atwood tournament.

Herald photo by Shawna Blanka

Sainty kids wrestle tough

There were eight St. Francis Kid Wrestlers that competed in the Atwood Wrestling Tournament Saturday.

6 and under: Connor Hathaway, 64 pounds was 2-1, placed second.

8 and under: Logan McCarty, 52 pounds 2-1, placed second.

10 and under: Isaac Hathaway, 67 pounds 0-3 placed fourth. Shadryon Blanka, 90 pounds 3-1 placed third; Jesse Baxter, 110 pounds 0-3 placed fourth.

12 and under: Tayton Weeter, 92 pounds 2-0 placed first; Connor Keller, 80 pounds 2-2 placed fourth; Kouper McQuigg, 105

pounds 0-3 placed fourth.

All the kids wrestled very well, said Shawna Blanka, coordinator, there was some tough competition. It was the first tournament for the Hathaways and McQuigg and they all wrestled well. Weeter had a very exciting championship match and ended up winning 11-10 in overtime.

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er immigrants from 28 countries repeated the Pledge of Allegiance, gave the Oath of Allegiance and sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Then each person was presented to the judge for citizenship. They were also individually presented

their certificate which included their nationalization certificate and information for getting a passport.

They were also given the opportunity to become a voter. Being a voter was a big thing to Lounie and she is ready to vote in her first election in April.

I agreed to take the responsibility of voting and serving on a jury, she said.

Lounie gave up her Philippine

citizenship. American-born citizens are just that – American born by chance, she said. But, I am a citizen by choice.

A reception was held in honor of Lounie on Sunday at Majestic Service.

"I was happy at how many people came," she said. "I am happy to be in the United States and in St. Francis – a community that is so supportive."

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Walk which was held that same weekend last year, a parade, having a display of Tobe Zweygardt's artwork, games for young and old, cake walks, bands including a polka, sidewalk sales, walk/run, golf tournament (there is an annual tournament held in conjunction with the alumni), photos projected on the band shell, trap shoot and a fishing tournament – something for everyone.

Officers elected

It was decided that officers needed to be elected. Kary Meyer was selected as the chairperson with Glenn Isernhagen as the vice chair; Jenice Hartman volunteered to be the secretary and Dawn Zimbal, the treasurer. It was agreed that if those present would each give \$25, they would have some seed money to work with as there will be advertising and other expenses. Jeremy Roelfs volunteered to set up a website and Allison Grice will make posters.

Next meeting

The group agreed to meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 11, at Majestic Service for another planning meeting. Anyone who would like to be a part of the planning and have ideas are welcome as are those who would like to help in any way.

Attending the meeting

Those present at the Monday meeting were: Mike Hansen, Junior Rath, Milton Lampe, Jana LaBarge, Linda Rogers, Norman Morrow, Rodney Neitzel, Tammy and Allison Grice, Eddy and Sherry Schultz, Jeremy Roelfs, Jenice Hartman, Dennon Flemming, Lea Keller, Glenn and Louanne Isernhagen, Casey McCormick, Dawn Zimbal, Diane Hockenberry, Kay Shay, Walter Douthit, Shirley Zweygardt, Ruth Milliken, Travis Jensen, Kate Jenkins, Cara Hunt and Kary Meyer.

Agency announces updates on important programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency reminds producers that the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extended the authorization of the 2008 Farm Bill for many Commodity Credit Corporation commodity, disaster, and conservation programs through 2013.

The extended programs include, among others: The Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment program, the Average Crop Revenue Election program, and the Milk Income Loss Contract program.

Farm Service Agency is preparing the following actions:

- Farm Service Agency will begin sign-ups for Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment and Average Crop Revenue Election Program for the 2013 crops on Feb. 19.
- The Direct and Counter-Cyclical payment program signup will end on Aug. 2; the Average Crop Revenue Election program sign-up will end on June

3. The 2013 Direct and County-Cyclical and Average Crop Revenue Election programs provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that all eligible participants in 2013 may choose to enroll in either programs for the 2013 crop year. They are not required to stay with their choice made in 2012.

All dairy producers' Milk Income Loss Contract program contracts are automatically extended to Sept. 30, 2013. Eligible producers therefore do not need to re-enroll in milk income program. Specific details regarding certain modifications to the milk income program will be release soon.

Farm Service Agency will provide producers with information on program requirements, updates and signups as the information becomes available. For more information about the programs and loans administered by the agency, visit any county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Club Clip

Lawn Ridge 4-H Club

Nov. 6

The Lawn Ridge 4-H Club met on Nov. 6 at the fairgrounds for the monthly meeting. President Taylor Archibald called the meeting to order. Valerie Wurm led the club in the flag salute. Bryce Raby led the club in a song. Bailey Merklin read the minutes of the previous meeting. The treasurer's report was given. Lynn Laten, club leaders, informed the club on the K-State girl's basketball game in February and told about the need to start thinking about a fair theme. The Christmas Party Committee told the club that they were going to go to a hockey game on Dec. 28 in Kearney.

Under old business, the discussed the food stand and what the expenses were and where they had made money. After looking at a detailed report of each item sold, they will do some adjusting next year.

Under new business, Lynn talked to the club about some new ideas for maoney makers. Nothing was decided t the meeting. Lynn also asked the club if they would like to paint the chairs for the Extension office. The club agreed that they would do this as a community service project. Lynn will talk to Linda and let members know more at a later date.

Cateline Isley gave a project talk on therapeutic riding.

Brady Hanson led the club in the 4-H Pledge. The club then set up for the Achievement Banquet.

Dec. 10

The Lawn Ridge 4-H Club met on Dec. 10 at the club house for the monthly meeting. Vice president, Cateline Isley, called the meeting to order. Brady Hanson led the club in the flag salute. Bryce Raby led the club in singing "Happy Birthday" since there were three birthdays.

Roll call was answered by seven members and two leaders. Bailey Merklin read the minutes of the previous meeting. The treasurer's report was given. Lynn Laten, club leader, informed everyone need to have a signed participating form before they could go to Kearney. The Christmas Party Committee talked about going to Kearney on the 28th. The club has second row seats behind the goal.

There was no old business discussed. Under new business, the club decided to cook hams again with the proceeds going to the toy drive. Valerie and Kattie Wurm will be on the committee.

The announcements were read by Cateline. Kattie led the club in the 4-H Pledge.

Jan. 21

The Lawn Ridge 4-H Club met on Jan. 21 at the club house for the monthly meeting. President, Taylor Archibald called the meeting to order. Kattie Wurm led the club in the flag salute. Roll call was answered

by eight members and two leaders.

Bailey Merklin read the minutes of the previous meeting. Lynn Laten, club leader, informed the members that Country Club Days entries are due by Feb. 25. Country Club Days and favorite Food Show will be March 19 and Model Meeting will be March 4.

Under old business, Christy Wurm reported on the ham sales. They cooked 16 hams and all were sold. Penny Archibald reported on the Toy Drive. They ended up with four boxes full of toys. They will try to deliver them in April and cook a meal at the Ronald McDonald House.

Christy also reported on the SOS. In November, members delivered five boxes of food, cards from the school and several checks to the Bird City Legion. Hulda Dorsch was going to take them from there to the next location so they could be boxed up and sent to the soldiers.


Under new business, it was moved and seconded that the club will do a model meeting.

Bryce Raby led the club in playing hot potato. The announcements were read by Cateline Isley. Brady Hanson led the club in the 4-H Pledge. Refreshments were served by Bailey Merklin.

Valerie Wurm club reporter

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Fiscal Year 2013 LPCI Signup Ends February 15
 February 15, 2013, is the cutoff date for the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative (LPCI) applications in Kansas to be considered for Fiscal Year 2013 funding.

Fiscal Year 2013 CCPI Signup Ends February 15
 February 15, 2013, is the cutoff date for the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) applications in Kansas to be considered for Fiscal Year 2013 funding.

Fiscal Year 2013 OAI Signup Ends February 15
 February 15, 2013, is the cutoff date for the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative (OAI) applications in Kansas to be considered for Fiscal Year 2013 funding.

Fiscal Year 2013 AWEP Signup Ends February 15
 February 15, 2013, is the cutoff date for the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) applications in Kansas to be considered for Fiscal Year 2013 funding.

Stop by your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office to get more information about helping you help your land. Applications are accepted year round.
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 Web sites: <http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/lpci>

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La fecha límite de aplicación para LPCI para el Año Fiscal 2013 es el 15 de Febrero del 2013
 El viernes, 15 de Febrero del 2013, es la fecha límite para aplicar para la Iniciativa de Pollos de Pradera, en ingles: Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative (LPCI), en Kansas para ser considerados para los fondos del Año Fiscal 2013.

La fecha límite de aplicación para CCPI para el Año Fiscal 2013 es el 15 de Febrero del 2013
 El viernes, 15 de Febrero del 2013, es la fecha límite para aplicar para la Asociación de Iniciativa de Conservación Cooperativa, en ingles: Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI), en Kansas para ser considerados para los fondos del Año Fiscal 2013.

La fecha límite de aplicación para OAI para el Año Fiscal 2013 es el 15 de Febrero del 2013
 El viernes, 15 de Febrero del 2013, es la fecha límite para aplicar para la Iniciativa del Acuífero Ogallala, en Ingles: Ogallala Aquifer Initiative (OAI), en Kansas para ser considerados para los fondos del Año Fiscal 2013.

La fecha límite de aplicación para AWEP para el Año Fiscal 2013 es el 15 de Febrero del 2013
 El viernes, 15 de Febrero del 2013, es la fecha límite para aplicar para el Programa de Mejoramiento de Aguas para la Agricultura, en ingles: Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP), en Kansas para ser considerados para los fondos del Año Fiscal 2013.

Interesados pueden pasar por la oficina más cercana del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA) y visitar el personal del Servicio de Conservación de Recursos Naturales (NRCS) ó ponerse en contacto con el personal del Distrito de Conservación de su localidad para más información acerca de cómo puede ayudar su tierra. Las aplicaciones son aceptadas durante todo el año.
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