



**SAM LUNSCFORD, center, shows the trout he caught to Brett Poling, right. Poling held the fishing tournament out at his pond on Saturday. Tanner Gilliland holds the tag which marked the fish as one of the big ones in the pond.**  
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Twenty-one teams enter Saturday's fishing tourney

A fishing tournament was held at the Poling Pond on Saturday. There were 21 teams participating in the tournament. The wind was brisk and cold on Saturday morning. Fishermen were dressed in coats with hoods and some had gloves on. Not

ideal weather for fishing but the fishermen lined the banks of the Poling Pond and kept right on throwing their lines out. Sam Lunsford and his teammate, Tanner Gilliland, caught one of the tagged fish and it was a big one. Brett Poling said

he didn't have a scale but it had to be one of the bigger fish caught that day. Doyle Easter caught the other tagged trout. Everyone caught something, said Cynthia Poling. That's what it is all about!

## Young tracksters compete

**By Kent Kechter**  
St. Francis junior high tracksters were in action in Atwood on Monday, May 6. The meet was not on the original school schedule, but was added when the track meet regularly scheduled at St. Francis was snowed out on Thursday, May 2. Seven teams competed including Decatur Community, Dighton, Hoxie, Quinter, Rawlins County and St. Francis.

The St. Francis athletes competed very well. Several individual event winners were: Quinton Cravens, the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.18; Taylor Rogers, 200-meter hurdles with a 28.84 clocking; the boys 4 X 100 meter relay team consisting of Quinton Cravens, Joel Hill, Jeremiah Neitzel, and Taylor Rogers, finished first with a good time of 50.37; Sophie White's time of 33.97 in the 200-meter hurdles earned her a first place finish; Madi Tice, Zoe Sundstrom, Jylian Laten and Hanna Bracelin won the girls 4 X 100 meter relay in 58.94 seconds; a 2:11.06 time turned in by Devin Patton, Jylian Laten, Zoe Sundstrom, and Madi Tice won the girls 4 X 200 meter relay.

**Boys'**  
St. Francis won the boys' division. St. Francis scored 111 points to narrowly edge Decatur Community with 110 points. Wichita County placed third with 91 team points. The remainder of the boys team scoring was: fourth Rawlins County (77), fifth Quinter (65), sixth Dighton (46), and seventh Hoxie (20). Indians placing in the Atwood meet were:

Tate Busse - fourth in 1600 meters (5:43.12); fourth in high jump (4' 10").  
Quinton Cravens - first in 100 meter hurdles (17.18); third in triple jump (32' 10 1/2"); fourth in long jump (14' 11").  
Trayton Doyle - sixth in shot put (32' 7").  
Sayed Fierro - third in 100 meter hurdles (18.28); fifth in 400 meters (1:02.84).  
Ryan Grover - third in shot put (35' 11").  
Joel Hill - second in triple jump

(33' 1"); third in discus (108' 0"); third in long jump (15' 1").

Luke Lampe - fifth in long jump (14' 10 1/2").

J.R. Landenberger - sixth in 100 meters (13.31).

Jeremiah Neitzel - fifth in 200 meters (27.78); sixth in shot put (31' 4").

Taylor Rogers - first in 200 meter hurdles (28.84); second in 100 meters (12.74); third in high jump (5' 0").

4 X 100 meter relay - first (50.37) Quinton Cravens, Joel Hill, Jeremiah Neitzel, and Taylor Rogers.

4 X 200 meter relay - third (1:59.37) Sayed Fierro, Tate Busse, Luke Lampe, and Dalton Straub.

**Girls'**  
St. Francis placed fifth in the girls division. Decatur Community won the girls competition with 91.5 team points. Quinter was second with 90. Hoxie and Dighton battled for third with Hoxie edging Dighton 76.5 to 75. St. Francis was fifth with 64 team points. Rawlins County (63) and Wichita County (48) were sixth and seventh respectively.

Lady Indians placing in the Atwood Meet were:

Hanna Bracelin - third in shot put (30' 3 1/2"); fifth in long jump (12' 9 1/2").

Jenna Confer - sixth in 3200 meters (19:49.40).

Makayla Rogers - sixth in shot put (29' 0").

Zoe Sundstrom - fifth in 100 meter hurdles (19.43).

Madi Tice - third in 400 meters (1:09.11); fourth in 200 meters (29.94).

Sophie White - first in 200 meter hurdles (33.97); second in 100 meter hurdles (18.18); fourth in 100 meters (14.81).

4 X 100 meter relay - first (58.94)



**SEVENTH GRADER, Tate Busse, runs in several events.**  
Photo by Kent Kechter

Madi Tice, Zoe Sundstrom, Jylian Laten, and Hanna Bracelin.  
4 X 200 meter relay - first (2:11.06) Devin, Jylian Laten, Zoe Sundstrom, and Madi Tice.

# Track team places first

**By Kent Kechter**  
The St. Francis high school boys' track team won the championship of the Oberlin Invitational Track and Field Meet on Tuesday, April 30. The Indian boys scored 89 points throughout the day to narrowly edge Norton Community High School for the team championship. The Lady Indians scored 15 points to place 10th.

Two Indian relay teams turned in very good times and earned first place finishes in the meet. The 4 X 100 relay team of Thomas Douthit, Logan Lampe, Derek Queen, and Michael Leibbrandt ran 45.52 time to win the gold. Logan Lampe, Michael Leibbrandt, Steven Nelson, and Derek Queen turned in a 3:37.70 clocking in the 4 X 400 meter relay, also winning first place.

Individual event winners for the Indians were Steven Nelson in the 300 meter hurdles (44.05) and Zach Gienger in the discus (132' 4"). There were no individual event winners for St. Francis in the girls division.

**Boys'**  
Close behind the champion Indians in the team scoring was Norton Community with 85 points. Weskan earned 76 points for a third

place finish. Smith Center placed fourth with 70 team points. The remainder of the team placings in the boys division were: fifth Hoxie (60), sixth Oakley (51.5), seventh Wheatland-Grinnell (51), eighth Decatur Community (27), ninth Rawlins County (25.5), and 10th Phillipsburg (21).

St. Francis athletes placing in the boys division were:

Cade Bracelin - fourth in javelin (141' 0"); fifth in long jump (18' 3").

Thomas Douthit - sixth in 100 meters (11.48).

Zach Gienger - first in discus (132' 4"), third in shot put (40' 0").

Casey Keller - second in high jump (5' 10").

Logan Lampe - fourth in 200 meters (24.28).

Steven Nelson - first in the 300 meter hurdles (44.05), third in the 110 meter hurdles (16.92).

Lenny Olivares - fifth in discus (115' 2").

Derek Queen - second in 400 meters (53.85).

Mason Schiltz - second in pole vault (12' 6").

4 X 100 meter relay - first (45.52) Thomas Douthit, Logan Lampe, Derek Queen, and Michael Leibbrandt.

4 X 400 meter relay - first (3:37.70) Logan Lampe, Michael Leibbrandt, Steven Nelson, and Derek Queen.

**Girls'**  
The girls division was won by Decatur Community with 136 points. Norton Community placed second with 93 team points. The remainder of the girls team results were: third Smith Center (63), fourth Hoxie (61), fifth Wheatland-Grinnell (50), sixth Rawlins County (48), seventh Oakley (41), eighth Phillipsburg (34), ninth Weskan (17), and 10th St. Francis (15).

St. Francis girls placing in the Oberlin Invitational were:

Dallas Reed - second in pole vault (8' 6").

McKenzie Taylor - fifth in the 100 meter hurdles (17.29).

Valerie Wurm - sixth in 100 meters (13.24).

4 X 100 meter relay - fourth (55.47) Emily Elfers, McKenzie Taylor, Valerie Wurm, and McKayla Taylor.

**League meet**  
The track teams will be refining their skills for the Northwest Kansas League Track and Field Meet to be held in Oakley on Friday, May 10. The meet begins at 3 p.m.

## Colby Invitational held

On Friday, May 3, the St. Francis high school track teams competed in the Colby Invitational Track and Field Meet. St. Francis competed with limited squads, as many tracksters did not compete in the meet because they were on a state journalism trip to Lawrence.

Thirteen boys teams competed in the Colby Invitational. St. Francis placed sixth in the boys' division and 12th in the girls' division. The Indians had two individual event winners. Zach Gienger won the boys discus with a good toss of 139' 1/2". Mason Schiltz won the pole vault by clearing 12' 6". The Lady Indians had one individual event winner. Dallas Reed cleared 8' 0" to win the girls' pole vault.

**Boys'**  
Goodland won the boys division with 92 points. Holcomb was close behind with 87.5 points. Wallace County placed third with 60. The remainder of the boys team scoring was: fourth (tie) Wheatland-Grinnell (53), fourth (tie) Colby (53), sixth St. Francis (45), seventh Brewster (44), eighth Oakley (34.5), ninth Weskan (29), 10th Hoxie (27), 11th Golden Plains (24), 12th Logan (5), and 13th Triplains (3).

St. Francis athletes placing in the Colby Invitational were:

Zach Gienger - first in discus (139' 1/2"), fourth in shot put (40' 10").

Wyatt Landenberger - sixth in long jump (17' 8 1/2").

Steven Nelson - second in 300 meter hurdles (44.06).

Lenny Olivares - fifth in discus (112' 7 1/2").

Mason Schiltz - first in pole vault (12' 6").

4 X 100 meter relay - third (45.80) Logan Lampe, Steven Nelson, Thomas Douthit, and Mikey Leibbrandt.

4 X 400 meter relay - fourth (3:41.02) Logan Lampe, Steven Nelson, Mikey Leibbrandt, and Mason Schiltz.

**Girls'**  
Colby easily out-scored the other thirteen teams in the girls division with 111 team points. Hoxie was a distant second with 75 points. The rest of the field finished up as follows: third Grainfield-Grinnell (59.5), fourth Oakley (59), fifth Goodland (52), sixth Holcomb (46), seventh Logan (37.5), eighth

Weskan (30), ninth Triplains (26.5), 10th Quinter (21), 11th Golden Plains (16.5), 12th St. Francis (14), 13th Wallace County (9), and 14th Brewster (1).

Lady Indians scoring in the meet were:

Dallas Reed - first in pole vault (8' 0").

Justice Wiley - fourth in 3200 meters (13:51.84).

Valerie Wurm - sixth in 100 meters (13.69).

## Wrestlers have the highest grade point average

The Northwest Kansas League has announced the Winter Academic Team awards and found the St. Francis wrestling team with a "winning pin" of grade point averages. The team had a grade point average of 3.37. Both Zach Gienger and Casey Keller were top averages for their weights in the state and Mikey Leibbrandt was in the top five of his weight. "This was cool!" said Scott Carmichael, principal. "Congratulations to Coach Dylan Loyd and the wrestling team."

The girls' basketball team placed fourth in the league with a 3.62 grade point average. The boy's basketball team placed fifth with a 3.23. average.

All of our teams did a wonderful job both in competition and in the classroom, Mr. Carmichael said.

Placing behind the St. Francis wrestlers were: Decatur Community, 3.21; Rawlins County, 3.14; Oakley, 2.88; Hoxie, 2.78; Wichita County, 2.73; and Greeley County, 2.28.

Placing first in girls' basketball was Oakley with a 3.86 grade point average; Wallace County was second with 3.84; Dighton, 3.71; St. Francis, 3.62; Quinter, 3.61; Decatur Community, 3.60; Greeley County, 3.52; Hoxie, 3.35; Wichita County, 3.27 and Rawlins County, 3.23.

Placing first in the league boys' basketball was Decatur Community with a 3.45 grade point average. Wallace County was second with 3.43; Hoxie, 3.39; St. Francis, 3.23; Oakley, 3.17; Wichita County, 3.14; Rawlins County, 3.04; Quinter, 2.97 and Greeley County, 2.87.

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