

Sainty tracksters head to state

On Friday, May 17, the Regional Track and Field Meet was held at Lewis Field on the campus of Fort Hays State University. Regional consisted of 24 teams from Northwestern Kansas including: Brewster, Cheylin, Dighton, Golden Plains, Greeley County, Healy, Hoxie, LaCrosse, Logan, Natoma, Northern Valley, Otis-Bison, Palco, Quinter, Rawlins County, St. Francis, Stockton, Trego Community, Triplains, Wallace County, Victoria, Weskan, Western Plains, and Wheatland-Grinnell.

St. Francis placed third in the boys division and tied for 15th in the girls division. St. Francis qualified eight athletes for the State Track Meet in five individual events and two relays by placing in the top four positions during the regional competition. Athletes qualifying for the state were: Thomas Douthit, Zach Gienger, Logan Lampe, Michael Leibbrandt, Steven Nelson, Derek Queen, Dallas Reed, and Mason Schiltz. The 4 X 100 meter relay team comprised of Logan Lampe, Derek Queen, Thomas Douthit, and Michael Leibbrandt set a new school record by turning in an outstanding time of 44.28 seconds to win the event. The old school record was 44.44, set in 2009, by Trent Kinen, Trent Raile, Matt Raile and Drew Zweygard.

Winning individual events at the regionals and qualifying for state, were the boys' 4 X 100 meter relay (Logan Lampe, Derek Queen, Thomas Douthit, and Michael Leibbrandt), boys' 4 X 400 meter relay (Michael Leibbrandt, Steven Nelson, Logan Lampe, and Derek Queen), Dallas Reed in the womens' pole vault, and Steven Nelson in the mens' 110-meter hurdles.

Steven Nelson qualified for the state in three events: 110-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles, and the 4 X 400-meter relay. Mason Schiltz qualified for state in the mens' pole vault by placing second. Mason cleared the same height as the event winner, but placed second due to more misses. Zach Gienger qualified in the mens' discus.

St Francis male athletes placing in regionals were:
Zach Gienger: third in discus (142' 2")
Logan Lampe: sixth in 200 meters (24.30)

Steven Nelson: first in 110 meter hurdles (16.67); third in 300 meter hurdles (42.56)

Derek Queen: fifth in 400 meters (52.21)

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

4 X 100 meter relay: first (new school record) (44.28) Logan Lampe, Derek Queen, Thomas Douthit, and Michael Leibbrandt.

4 X 400 meter relay: first (3:31.62) Michael Leibbrandt, Steven Nelson, Logan Lampe, and Derek Queen.

The Indians placed third in the team standings scoring 53 team points. LaCrosse ran away with the boys Regional team championship with 136 points. Weskan placed second with 59 points. The remainder of the team scoring was: fourth Wallace County (42); fifth Grainfield-Wheatland (40); sixth Otis-Bison (32), seventh Hoxie (30); eighth Brewster (26); ninth Greeley County (22); 10th Natoma (20); 11th (tie) Dighton (14); 11th (tie) Victoria (14), 13th (tie) Golden Plains (11); 13th (tie) Northern Valley (11); 15th (tie) Palco (10); 15th (tie) Trego Community (10); 17th (tie) Western Plains (8); 17th (tie) Rawlins County (8); 19th Stockton (5); 20th (tie) Quinter

(2); 20th (tie) Cheylin (2); and 2second (tie) Logan (1); 2second (tie) Triplains (1).

Schedule for state meet in Wichita

The high school track teams will be competing in the Kansas State Track and Field Meet at Cessna Stadium on the campus of Wichita State University on Friday and Saturday.

Athletes who placed in the top four positions at regional meets will be competing for the state championship in many events. Athletes will become qualified for the finals by their preliminary finish. The top nine qualifiers in the long jump, triple jump, shot put, discus, and javelin will qualify for the finals. This procedure is new this year. Also new this year, the top eight placers in each event will receive medals on the awards stand.

The state track schedule for St. Francis athletes is below. Please note that times are estimates.

Friday, May 24

8 a.m.: Girls pole vault (North Pit) - Dallas Reed.

9:20 a.m.: Boys 110 meter hurdles (Prelims) - Steven Nelson.

10:05 a.m.: Boys 4 X 100 meter relay (Prelims) - Logan Lampe, Thomas Douthit, Derek Queen, Mikey Leibbrandt (Alternates: Steven Nelson, Cade Bracelin)

11:15 a.m.: Boys 300 meter hurdles (Prelims) - Steven Nelson

1:15 p.m.: Boys 4 X 400 meter relay (Prelims) - Logan Lampe, Steven Nelson, Mikey Leibbrandt, Derek Queen (Alternates: Thomas Douthit, Garrett Brunk).

Saturday, May 25

8 a.m.: Boys Discus - Zach Gienger.

Boys Pole Vault (South Pit) - Mason Schiltz.

10 a.m.: Boys 100 meter hurdles (Finals) - Steven Nelson (if qualified).

3:20 p.m.: Boys 4 X 100 meter relay (Finals) - (names above) (if qualified).

4:45 p.m.: Boys 300 meter hurdles (Finals) - Steven Nelson (if qualified).

7 p.m. Boy 4 X 400 meter relay (Finals) - (names above) (if qualified).



STEVEN NELSON practices hurdles for state track meet. Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

(2); 20th (tie) Cheylin (2); and 2second (tie) Logan (1); 2second (tie) Triplains (1).

Girls'

St. Francis female athletes placing in the Regional Meet were:

Dallas Reed: first in pole vault (9' 0")

McKenzie Taylor: fifth in 100 meter hurdles (18.22; 18.00 in

prelims).

Hoxie won the girls division scoring 75 team points. Grainfield-Wheatland placed second with 68 and Rawlins County third with 58 points. The remainder of the field placed as follows: fourth Dighton (50); fifth Greeley County (33); sixth Trego Community (28); seventh Natoma (27); eighth Palco (tie) (26); eighth (tie) Quinter

(26); eighth (tie) Logan (26); 11th Triplains (23); 12th (tie) Weskan (21); 12th (tie) Golden Plains (21); 14th Northern Valley (19); 15th (tie) Cheylin (12); 15th (tie) Wallace County (12); 15th (tie) St. Francis (12); 18th Otis-Bison (10); 19th Victoria (7); 20th (tie)

Stockton (2); and 20th (tie) Western Plains (2).

State track

The Kansas State Track and Field Meet will be held at Cessna Stadium on the campus of Wichita State University on Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25.

Club Clips

Lawn Ridge 4-H Club

February

The monthly meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club was held on February 4 at the clubhouse. President Taylor Archibald called the meeting to order. Jordan Raby led the club in the flag salute. Bryce Raby led the club in singing Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. Roll call was answered by 13 members and two leaders. Bailey Merklin read the minutes to the previous meeting. There was no communications. Jordon gave the treasure's report. Leader, Lynn Laten reported on 4-H Council.

The food stand will be open for the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy fund raiser and each club will work a shift. There was no old business to discuss

Under new business, the club moved to do a model meeting. Natasha will write up the script. We will have practice on February 25.

Jordon gave a project talk on this archery project. Taylor gave a demonstration on how to wrap an ankle. Bradley Hansen led

the club on playing 4 corners for recreation.

Catelin Isley read the announcements. Katie Wurm led the club on the 4-H pledge. Valerie Wurm moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

Valerie Wurm, Club treasurer

March

The meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club met on March 17 at the clubhouse. Club leader, Lynn Laten fixed a St. Patrick's Day lunch for everyone to enjoy. After lunch was served, the club moved to the meeting.

President Taylor Archibald called the meeting to order. Flag salute was led by Jylian Laten. Brady Hansen led the club in singing a song. Roll call was answered by 10 members and 2 leaders. Minutes were read and approved. Jordon Raby gave the treasure's report. Lynn reminded everyone about model meeting and County 4-H Days. Natasha Wilson reported on the last 4-H Council meeting.

Under new business, it was discussed if the club would like to have a team for the Walk Kansas. Bryce Raby moved that we have a team and it was seconded by Katie Wurm. After some discussion, it was decided that each member would pay for their own entry fee and each person would email or text Lynn with the week's results on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

There was no program. Cateline Isley read the announcement. The next meeting will be April 15 at the clubhouse. The 4-H pledge was led by Katie. Jordon moved to adjourn the meeting.

After the meeting was adjourned, the club then ran through the model meeting.

Valerie Wurm, reporter

April

The monthly meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club was held on April 21 at the clubhouse. President Taylor Archibald called the meeting to order. Katie Wurm led the club in the flag salute. Roll call was answered

by 7 members and 2 leaders. Minutes were read by secretary, Bailey Merklin. There were no communications. Treasurers report was given. Lynn Laten gave the leaders report.

Under old business the club decided to go to Denver on June 9 and deliver toys to the Children's Hospital, then head to the Ronald McDonald House and prepare the afternoon meal for them. A committee was appointed to get the menu ready. The committee will be Katie Wurm, Taylor Archibald, Jylian Laten and Penny Archibald. They will report back at the next meeting with their idea and plans.

In new business, the club is going to paint the tables and chairs at the fairgrounds. We will meet at the fairgrounds on May 22 at 5:30. The fair booth theme was talked about.

No program was held. Vice President Cateline Isley read the announcements. Next meeting will be Parents Night. Jylian Laten led the club in the 4-H pledge. Brady Hansen moved to adjourn the

meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

Valerie Wurm, reporter

May

On May 5, after a potluck supper, the lawn Ridge 4-H Club had their annual Parent Night meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club was called to order by President Penny Archibald. Jetter Isley led the club in the flag salute. Roll call was answered by 11 members and 2 leaders. Secretary Natasha Wilson read the minutes of the previous meeting. Christy Wurm gave the treasure's report. Lynn Laten reported on the 4-H Council meeting.

There was no old business. Under new business, the club voted to donate to the Relay for

Life. It was also voted to sell fair window paintings. Natasha will get with us at a later date with more details on this.

Lynn Laten had brought her trophies and ribbon and some outfits that she had sewed while she was in 4-H. She talked about her 4-H days and how things have changed. Natasha Wilson brought her record book and talked about how important it was to turn it in. Christy Wurm brought pictures and talked about all the trips she had won through 4-H and her record book.

Nina Isley read the announcements. The next meeting will be June 3 at the clubhouse. The 4-H pledge was led by George Lennox. Meeting was adjourned.

Christy Wurm, reporter



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