

Annual wrestling tourney is Saturday

By Betty Jean Winston

The annual St. Francis Invitational Wrestling Tournament takes place on Saturday in the high school gym. This is the opening event on the Indian calendar and the 46th year for the St. Francis tourney.

Football is over and Sainty wrestling fans will be anxious to view the 2006 team. Five seniors graduated last year but the Sainty squad will have 15 returning letter winners including three seniors.

Senior Brennon Wilger is the only Sainty wrestlers to win a championship at the Invitational last year.

On Saturday at 9:30 a.m., wrestlers will begin taking to the mats and the competition will begin. Session two is scheduled for 1 p.m. and the finals take place 15 minutes after the second session, at approximately 5:30 p.m., although it could possibly be earlier.

Teams returning this year include Rawlins County/Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Quinter, Scott City, Sterling, Colo., St. Francis, Wichita County-Leoti and Wray, Colo. One team from last year, Pine Creek,

Colo., will not be competing.

The Colby Eagles took home top honors last year with 159.5 team points, three champions, one second-place finish and four thirds. Placing second was Pine Creek with three champions, three second place finishes and one third.

St. Francis placed fourth with 135.5 points, one champion, five second place finishes, one third and two fourths.

The Invitational has the reputation of being one of the toughest tournament around and this year should be no exception.

"I think our experienced boys will step up and do well," Coach Mike Frewen said. "Of course they will not be in the same shape, but the moves are the same as they learned earlier."

"We will want to show well, even though we have had only five to six practices."

First and second place team trophies will be given with medals to the first three placers and the consolation champions. Coaches will be selecting the "Outstanding Wrestlers" at the end of the tournament.



LOTS OF BLACK SMOKE poured out a ditch behind the old Wheeler Motel on Wednesday. The motel is in the process of being leveled and the workmen took the opportunity of a day with little wind to burn some of the debris.

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Thanksgiving Dinner at the Paul and Edna Roesener's home were; Dr. Doug and Sandra Fair, Jeff and Emily Williams and Sophie of Oberlin, Justin Williams of Tulsa, Okla., Jaylene Shrader and Lynn Swayne of Goodland, Roy, Karen, Colleen, and Grant Shrader of Bird City.

Bill Elliot of Amarillo, Tex. arrived at Maude Elliot's home on Nov. 16. Bill and Maude left Nov.

19 after church for Amarillo, Tex. They traveled on to Dallas, Tex. to the home of Trent and Abby Elliot and family for Thanksgiving. They also seen a grandson Darren Elliot and his new home. Bill and Maude returned to Bird City on Nov. 27. They stopped along the way to see a friend and relative on the way back. Bill left Nov. 28 to go back to Amarillo, Tex.

Hospital administrator to serve three-year term

Les Lacy, Cheyenne County Hospital Administrator, was recently elected to a three-year term as a director on the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation Board. This announcement was made last week during the foundation's annual meeting in Topeka.



Lacy

Established in the early 1960s and redesigned in 1999, the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization whose mission is to identify and create opportunities for collaborative and innovative community-based health solutions.

The foundation is designed to be funded through contributions, grants and educational fees. Any organization or individual that would like to contribute to the foundation or collaborate on a project should contact KHERF at (785) 233-7436.

Christmas Facts

"White Christmas" (1954), starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye, was the first movie to be made in Vista Vision, a deep-focus process. "The Nutcracker" is the name for the ballet performed around Christmas time each year. "The Nutcracker Suite" is the title of the music Tchaikovsky wrote. "Wassail" comes from the Old Norse "ves heill"—to be of good health. This evolved into the tradition of visiting neighbors on Christ-

mas Eve and drinking to their health. A Christmas club, a savings account in which a person deposits a fixed amount of money regularly to be used at Christmas for shopping, came about around 1905. A traditional Christmas dinner in early England was the head of a pig prepared with mustard. According to a 1995 survey, 7 out of 10 British dogs get Christmas gifts from their dotting owners.

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46th Annual St. Francis Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday, December 2

TEAMS PARTICIPATING: Colby • Goodland • Quinter • Rawlins Co. • Scott City • Sterling, CO • St. Francis • Wichita County • Wray, CO

- 1st Session beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- 2nd Session beginning at 1 p.m.
- Tournament will run straight through
- Finals start 15 min. after the second session ends, approximately 5:30 p.m.



Admission:
Students - \$4.00
Adults - \$6.00
These prices are for all day.
After 1 p.m.
Students - \$3.00
Adults - \$4.00
Concession Stand sponsored by the St. Francis Sophomore Class

