

At the Game

Two Indians earn league titles in Colby

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St. Francis athletes winning Northwest Kansas League individual track championships were Trent Kinen and Ted Crabtree. Kinen, a junior, won the 110-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles while Crabtree, a senior, won the pole vault.

Others contributing team points for the Indians were Trent Raile, Alex Long, Sam Sowers, Brendan Finley, Matt Raile and Gavin Smull.

Colby earned the boys title. They were the only team to collect over 100 points, ending the day with 136.5. St. Francis placed fourth with 62 points.

Oakley won the girls team title with Colby coming in second. These two teams each earned over 100 points with Oakley having 137 and Colby 120. Saintry was sixth with 39 points.

Earning team points for the Lady Indians were Elizabeth Gienger, Sidnee Crabtree, Mikaela Grace and Jami Pevler.

The league meet was held in Colby on Friday.

This Friday the track team at-

tends the 1A Regional meet. See related article.

Boys

Team standings: Colby 136.50; Oakley 89, Rawlins County 76, St. Francis 62, Oberlin 59, Quinter 56, Hoxie 42, Goodland 37.50.

Long jump: (3) T. Raile, 18-10.25.

Javelin: (6) Long, 137-01.

110-meter hurdles: (1) Kinen, 15-29; (4) Sowers, 16.52.

Pole vault: (1) Crabtree, 13-00.

Triple jump: (2) Crabtree, 38-11.25.

1600-meter run: (4) Finley, 5:12.16.

4x100-meter relay: (4) St. Francis (Crabtree, Kinen, M. Raile, T. Raile), 45.59.

300-meter hurdles: (1) Kinen, 41.13; (4) Smull, 43.22.

4x400-meter relay: (6) St. Francis (Crabtree, Kinen, M. Raile, T. Raile), 3:42.80.

Girls

Team standings: Oakley 137, Colby 120, Rawlins County 99, Oberlin 85, Hoxie 53, St. Francis 39, Quinter 14, Goodland 8.

400-meter dash: (2) Gienger,



GAVIN SMULL runs the hurdles for the St. Francis Indian track team.

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A SUCCESSFUL JUMP was completed by Drew Zwegardt earlier this year.

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1:04.67.
100-meter dash: (4) Gienger, 13.37.
Shot put: Crabtree, 35-08.25.
Discus: (3) Crabtree, 112-05.

Javelin: (6) Crabtree, 101-01.
300-meter hurdles: (5) Grace, 55.44.

800-meter run: (4) Pevler, 2:33.75.
200-meter dash: Gienger, 27.56.

Twenty-seven personal bests earned at Oberlin

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The Northwest Kansas League meet in Oberlin on Thursday was the final event of the year for the junior high teams.

"We had 27 personal bests (times or distances) recorded at the league meet," Coach Ted Busse said. "This shows the level of improvement."

"I believe we had a very good day. Overall we competed well."

"All of our distance runners improved their times, Ashlynn Lambert in the eighth grade girls, Aly Northrup and Katie Lambert in the seventh grade girls, Jonathan Butler in the eighth grade boys and Taylor O'Leary in the seventh grade boys."

"I was very pleased that some of the kids were willing to do something different (enter a different event) on Thursday"

"All of the coaches enjoyed working with the kids this year."

"I appreciated the help of Coach Orth and Coach Kechter."

The St. Francis eighth grade girls teams placed third, the seventh grade boys team tied for sixth, the seventh grade girls team placed seventh and the eighth grade boys team placed eighth.

First place finishers for the home team included: Jenna Hill in the eighth grade girls 100m dash; Ashlynn Lambert in the eighth grade girls 800-meter run; and Isaac Schiltz in the eighth grade boys pole vault.

The first six placers in each event earned points for their team.

Eighth grade boys

Team standings: Colby 120; Goodland 86; Rawlins County 66; Oakley 59; Quinter 42; Hoxie 40; Oberlin 37; St. Francis 36.

Pole vault: (1) Schiltz, 10-6.

High jump: (2) Schiltz, 5-2.

Hurdles: (5) Zwegardt,

17.21.

4x100-meter relay: (3) St. Francis (Gavin Cooper, Schiltz, Brock Zwegardt, Ty Zwegardt), 53.13.

4x200-meter relay: (4) St. Francis, (Cooper, Schiltz, B. Zwegardt, Jonathan Butler), 1:53.83.

200-meter dash: (5) Zwegardt, 26.98.

Seventh grade boys

Team standings: Coldy 154.33; Oberlin 79.33; Goodland 71.33; Quinter 46; Hoxie 36; Rawlins County 26; St. Francis 26; Oakley 20.

High jump: (3) Casey Keller, 4-4.

Hurdles: (3) Dylan Wolaver, 17.2.

100-yard dash: (6) Wolaver, 13.21.

1600-meter run: (6) Taylor O'Leary, 6:03.05.

4x100-meter relay: (5) St. Francis (Mikey Leibbrandt, Keller, Zach Gienger, Wolaver),

58.20.

4x200-meter relay: (4) St. Francis (Foster Grant, Leibbrandt, O'Leary, Wolaver), 2:04.84.

4x400-meter relay: (5) (Gienger, Dylan Peter, O'Leary, Leibbrandt), 5:10.32

Eighth grade girls

Team standings: Colby 162, Quinter 86, St. Francis 68, Oakley 52, Hoxie 46, Rawlins County 38, Oberlin 25, Goodland.

Long jump: (5) Kaitlin Figgins, 13-2 1/4.

Shot put: (4) Figgins, 32-2 1/4.

Hurdles: (4) Figgins, 18.75.

100-meter dash: (1) Hill, 13.17.

1600-meter run: (2) Lambert, 6:03.22.

4x100-meter relay: (3) St. Francis (Lexi Hilt, Lambert, Tiana Hunter, Hill), 57.49.

400-meter dash: (2) Hill, 1:06.11.

4x200-meter relay: (2) St.

Francis (Hilt, Figgins, Hunter, Lambert), 2:04.32.

800-meter run: (1) Lambert, 2:40.90.

200-meter dash: (2) Hill, St. Francis 28.76.

Seventh grade girls

Team standings: Triple jump: (6) Clarice Neitzel, 26-2.

Shot put: (5) Taylor Archibald, 27-9; (6) Chloe Miller, 26-11 3/4.

1600-meter run: (3) Lambert, 6:17.30.

4x100-meter relay: (4) St. Francis (Neitzel, Jandy Dunn, Aubrey Mills, Krissy Harris), 1:001.73.

4x200-meter relay: (6) St. Francis (Ally Northrup, Figgins, Lambert, Laura Brunk), 2:14.15.

4x400-meter relay: (5) St. Francis (Mills, Lambert, Northrup, Nariah Hamilton), 5:09.02.

200-meter dash: (2) Hill, St. Francis 28.76.

800-meter run: (1) Lambert, 2:40.90.

400-meter dash: (2) Hill, 1:06.11.

Kids qualify for State at pedal pull

Despite the cold, windy weather, the Kids Pedal Tractor Pull was again a highlight on Saturday as the kids gathered to make their pull. There were 45 kids from ages 4-12, participating.

"The competition got pretty tough and the kids were pumped in some of the age divisions," said Shawna Blanka, coordinator. "Watching the kids and their excitement is a lot of fun!"

This is a sanctioned pull and the top two placers in each division qualify to compete at the State Pedal Pull held during the Kansas State Fair on Sept. 7. Bill VanDeCreek from Abilene once again brought the tractors for the kids to use. He coordinates over 70 events a year. These are the same tractors that are at the State Fair.

A full pull is 30 feet. Each age group had a different amount of weight in the sled and if there was a pull off, more weight was added to the sled.

Results:

4 year olds - First place, Emma Johnson with a full pull; second place, Preston Witzel, 25 feet, 11 inches; third place, John Serrano, 21 feet, 2 inches.

5 year olds - First place, Shadryon Blanka, with a full pull; second place, Kobe Tice, 29 feet, 9 inches; third place, Kendra Toler, 24 feet, 1 inch. Other participants were DJ Easter and William Schaffer.

6 year olds - First place, Brady Dinkel who had a full pull; second place, Cassie Cooks, 29 feet; third place, Dakota Morris, 23 feet, 10 inches. The other participant was Karly Bandel.

7 year olds - First place, Jacob Serrano

two full pulls; second place, Teresa Schaffer, full pull and 26 feet, 2 inches; third place, Emily Dinkel, full pull and 23 feet, 10 inches. The other participant was Trevor Fischer.

8 year olds - First place, Martin Beikman, with two full pulls; second place, Dalton Straub, full pull and 28 feet, 3 inches; third place, Zoe Sundstrom, full pull and 28 feet, 1 inch. Other participants were Jorge Olivaes, Mandi Cooks, Jenna Confer and Madi Tice.

9 year olds - First place, Sydney Sundstrom, full pull; second place, Jeremiah Neitzel, 23 feet, 11 inches; third place, Jessica Pacheco, 21 feet.

10 year olds - First place, Kattie Jenik, two full pulls; second place Chris Hoard, full pull and 28 feet; third place Jakob Church, full pull and 26 feet, 11 inches. Other participants were Justin Pacheco, Kalin Ritchey, Travis Rogers, McKenzie Taylor and Garrett Brunk.

11 year olds - First place, Brianna Cooks, two full pulls and 29 feet, 6 inches; second place, Cade Bracelin, two full pulls, 27 feet, 11 inches; third place, Jon Hoard, two full pulls and 27 feet, 6 inches. Other participants were Lane Hobrock, Kyla Bandel, Justice Wiley and Michaela Taylor.

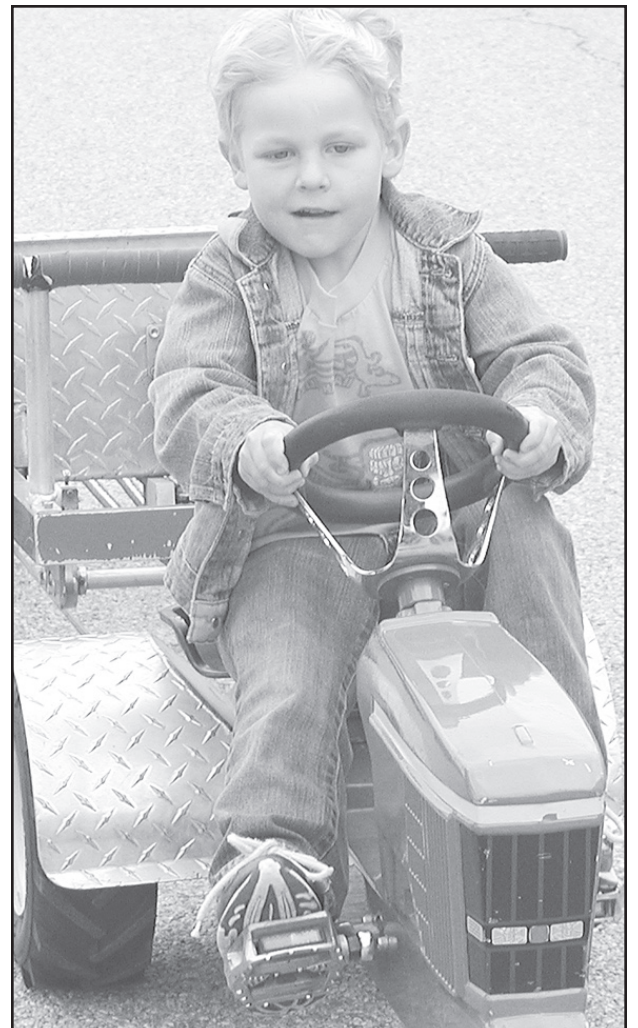
12 year olds - First place, Chase Krien, 29 feet, 4 inches; second place, Lane Hoffman, 19 feet, 8 inches; third place, Jacob Baxter, 25 feet, 11 inches. (he is 13 years old.)

The top three placers each received a T-shirt and a ribbon.



EMMA JOHNSON placed first in the 4-year-old division.

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PLACING SECOND in the 5-year-old division was Kobe Tice.