

Indians earn third place at league tourney

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St. Francis had one first place finisher at the Northwest Kansas League junior high wrestling tournament held Tuesday, Feb. 22, at St. Francis. The champion was Casey Keller.

A number of local fans were able to watch some good matches at the tournament and also see a preview of eighth grade wrestlers who will move up to high school competition next year.

Keller, an eighth grader, led the Indians by pinning Mainus of Colby and Walinder of Oberlin to gain the title.

St. Francis as a team placed third with 146 points. Placing first was Colby with 168.5 points followed by Hoxie with 161 points.

"I thought we had a real chance there for a little bit but hit a dry spell late in the last session and let Hoxie (who had five champions) sneak in there," Coach Steve Jenkins said. "This was the closest tournament in recent memory but I am so proud of these kids. This really was a very fun bunch to coach, mainly because they worked so hard and love the sport of wrestling."

Also competing in a championship match, but placing second for St. Francis were Lane Hoffman, Dylan Wolaver, Zach Gienger and Dylan Peter.

Taylor O'Leary, Foster Grant and Mason Schiltz earned a third place finish while Dil-

lion Straub, Thomas Douthit and Lucas Carmichael placed fourth.

"I'm very proud of these kids for their hard work and their expectation that they would win," said Bruce Swihart, assistant coach. "This bunch will be fun to watch over the years."

Several end-of-the-season stats plus names of 2009 letter winners will be published at a later time.

Team standings:

Colby 168.5; Hoxie 161; St. Francis 146; Goodland 134.5; Decatur Community 122; Rawlins County 71; Oakley 63.

Team stats

St. Francis had the following statistics for the tournament: takedowns 30; near falls 26; reversals 10; escapes 4; falls 12; wins 20; losses 17.

Individual results

Keller won by a fall over Mainus, Colby; won by a fall over Walinder, Oberlin. Placed first.

Hoffman lost by an 8-2 decision to Solko, Rawlins County; won by a 12-0 decision over Ihrig, Goodland. Placed second.

Grant won by a 10-0 decision over Faber, Colby; won by a 10-0 decision over Zillinger, Oberlin; lost by a 7-0 decision to Paxton, Goodland. Placed third.

Schiltz won by a fall over Fugleberg, Goodland; won by a fall over Kaus, Hoxie; lost by a fall to Shull, Colby; won by a fall; over Markland, Rawlins County. Placed third.



CHAMPION CASEY KELLER is being hoisted up by other St. Francis wrestlers who placed in the top four at the Northwest Kansas League tournament. Placers (from the left) include Mason Schiltz, Foster Grant, Thomas

Douthit, Dillion Straub, Keller, Taylor O'Leary, Zach Gienger, Dylan Wolaver, Lucas Carmichael, Lane Hoffman and Dylan Peter.

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Logan Lampe lost by a 14-4 decision over Woofter, Colby; won by a 13-2 decision over Herl, Oakley; lost by a fall to Ruhs, Goodland.

O'Leary won by a fall over Williams, Rawlins County; won by an 8-2 decision over Anderson, Oberlin; lost by a 6-2 decision to Ochs, Hoxie. Placed third.

Mikey Leibbrandt lost by a 7-0 decision to Witman, Goodland; lost by a 15-0 decision to Langdon, Colby; lost by a fall to Dawes, Oakley.

Wolaver lost by an 11-1 decision to Peden, Goodland; won by a fall over Noble, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Koperich, Colby. Placed second.

over Colling, Colby; lost by an 8-0 decision over Taylor, Goodland; lost by a 12-0 decision to Yergey, Hoxie; won by a 9-0 decision over Wright, Rawlins County. Placed fourth.

Straub won by an 8-3 decision over Helton, Goodland; lost by a 7-3 decision to Carter, Hoxie; lost by an 8-0 decision to May, Oberlin; won by a fall over Baal-

man, Oakley. Placed fourth.

Gienger lost by a fall to Sharp, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Janzen, Oakley. Placed second.

Carmichael lost by a 9-0 decision to Crandell, Oakley; lost by a 7-0 decision to Smith, Goodland. Placed fourth.

Peter lost by a fall to Bieberle, Colby; won by a fall over Washington, Hoxie.

Club Clips

Lawn Ridge 4-H Club

December

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club was held on Dec. 7 at Main St. Coffee. The meeting was called to order by Taylor, president, and the minutes recorded by Dale, secretary.

Roll call was answered by eight members, two leaders, four parents and no guests. Tristan led the flag salute. Kattie led the club in singing "Jingle Bells."

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Dale read a letter from World Vision thanking the club for the donation. Ally gave the treasurer's report. Ally gave the Council report. Caitlin gave the Junior Leader's report. Bailey gave the reporter's report.

Ericka gave a committee report on the fair theme. The theme will be "Fun In The Sun."

There was no old or new business. The Christmas Committee had the 4-H'ers divide into groups and go on a treasure hunt. After the treasure hunt, teams returned to Main St. Coffee for soup and drinks provided by the club. Caitlin announced the next meeting. Val led the 4-H Pledge.

The meeting was adjourned.

January

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club

was held Jan. 12. The meeting was called to order by Taylor, president, and the minutes recorded by Dale, secretary.

Roll call was answered by seven members, and there was one leader present. Ally led the flag salute. Bailey led in a song. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Dale read a thank-you letter. Ally gave the treasurer's report. Dale gave the Junior Leaders report. Aimee gave the Club Leader's report. Bailey gave the reporter's report. Dale gave a parliamentary report. Aimee gave the committee report and members discussed the K-State basketball game.

There was no old business. In new business, members discussed the model meeting.

In the program, Dale gave a project talk, Val gave a demo, and Tristan led in a game of Simon says. Taylor read the announcements. Caitlin read the next meeting. Bailey led the club in the 4-H Pledge.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

February

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club was held on Feb. 16. The meeting was called to order with Taylor, president, and the minutes recorded by Dale, secretary.



Roll call was answered by six members, with two leaders present. Tristan led the flag salute. Val led in a song. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Ally gave the treasurer's report; Christy gave the council report; Dale gave the Junior Leader report; Aimee gave the Club Leader report, Bailey gave the reporter's report and Aimee gave the committee report.

Members discussed the model meeting. There was no old business. In new business, members discussed a club exchange with the club in Kensington, and also club shirts.

In the program, Bailey gave a project talk, Kattie gave a project talk, and Dale led in a game of musical chairs. Taylor read the announcements, Bailey read the next meeting and Kattie led in the 4-H Pledge.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Bird City/McDonald Red Hot Mamas

The Bird City/McDonald Red Hat mamas enjoyed a post-valentine excursion to St. Francis on Feb. 17. A tour of Ross Manufacturing, Inc., (RMI) was the feature of the morning. Gordon and Carol Ross opened the family-owned business in 1995. There are currently 20 workers. Daughter, Kristi Guthmiller presided over the first building tour stressing that all rubber and aluminum stocks are from the United States and are recycled materials.

Here, Red Hatters saw machinery and tools used on the equipment that was designed and built by Gordon for the specific purpose of castrating, dehorning, dock tails and treating prolapses.

Kristi explained the process which custodian Mike Callicrate used for the first patented Callicrate Bander. This bander allows for a more comfortable method of young male animals to be altered using natural hormones for good growth and reduced stress. Orders



of the "Callicrate Bander" are presently being shipped to America and the countries of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Ireland and South America.

The second building tour, led by Brenda Warren, exhibited six busy workers in one room making measured loops from rubber hose then putting bands/clips on the loops. Brenda explained that the clips were made from aluminum strips that had been processed through stripping/smoothing machines. She then demonstrated how the ratchet machine cutter worked using the loops and band. All orders are handmade, one at a time,

making each item a big process. Members witnessed the ratchet machine in progress preparing plastic cases for shipment of the Callicrate Bander. Each case contains five loops, DVD explaining usage of the machine and a cap to wear.

Other projects available at Ross Manufacturing are making licenses plates, signs, laser work for signs, aluminum covers for wells and radio boxes. Each machine needed for these projects was of Gordon's invention and construction.

Lunch at Parkhill allowed members to relax and digest all they had seen during the morning.

Red hatters attending were Sandra Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Linda Carroll, Bethel Golt, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Betty Lewis, Carol Mears, Edna Roesener, Connie Rooney, Phyllis Wingfield, Marlene Young and guest, Debbie Wingfield.

The March 17 gathering will be a tour in Atwood.

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