



SAINTY SHARKS SWIMMERS, above and clockwise, are: McKenzie Taylor, Sophie White, Karly Bandel, Aaron White and diving, Mandi Cooks. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Swim team begins season

Flags were flying high on Saturday as it was the first Sainty Shark swim meet for the season.

"We had a beautiful day for the meet with the sun shining and the wind staying under control," said Margaret Poling, swim team coach. "The pool was clear and right temp for the competition."

The meet started with the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by Jim Milliken and the colors were presented by Mandi and Cassie Cooks.

Four teams were represented at the meet: Atwood, Bird City, McCook and St. Francis.

"With the new league, we only have four to five teams at each meet to make them not last so long," she said.

There were four other host teams on Saturday, she said, as there are 22 teams in the league.

New suits

St. Francis has many new swimmers. Mrs. Poling said there are 45 participants which is about twice as many as last year.

The first meet, Mrs. Poling said, teaches the new swimmers where and when to get to the clerk of the course and that the judges will be looking at how each swimmer performs each stroke.

"Because we had the meet in St. Francis, we were allowed to have extra swimmers," she said. "Even our kids who are still using the kick boards were allowed to compete."

There were many outstanding swimmers, she said.

"Way too many to pick a couple top swimmers so next week, they will be competing for swimmers of the week."

The concession stand was provided by swimmers' parents and patrons of the meet. Breakfast and lunch were served.

"This is a lot of work for parents but they pitched in and we made \$200 for the new suit fund," Mrs. Poling said.

The Sainty Sharks are sporting new suits this year. Mrs. Poling said that they are purchased every

5 years and worn just for meets. Money-making projects are held and the suits, which cost \$65 each, are purchased when they have earned enough money.

Those who were not able to come to the pool and support the swimmers or eat from the concession stand will have a chance on July 2 when an evening meet is held in St. Francis.

This meet, Mrs. Poling said, is to help bring in new swimmers and to give our swimmers a chance to participate in three meets before the qualifying meet in Imperial.

"This is a league rule," Mrs. Poling said, and sometimes it is hard to get to all the meets with other summer activities.

The schedule for the Sharks is: Atwood, June 12; Bird City, June 19; Benkelman, June 26; St. Francis, July 2; Imperial, July 10; and Lexington, July 17.

"Please come support the Sharks as they 'fly' through the swim season," said Crissy Cooks, swim team coach.

Results from St. Francis swim meet listed



Karly Bandel, 8-and-under, A-relay, 100-yard medley, first; 25-yard butterfly, second; 25-yard backstroke, third; 25-yard freestyle, third; A-relay, 100-yard free, first.

Cassidy Busse, 8-and-under, A-relay, 100-yard medley, first; 25-yard backstroke, fourth; 25-yard freestyle, fourth; A-relay, 100-yard free, first.

Shelby Cassaw, 13-14, A-relay, 100-yard medley, open class, second; 50-yard backstroke, second; 200-yard free relay, 14 and under, first; 50-yard freestyle, fifth; A-relay, 100-yard free, open class, second.

Brianna Cooks, 13-14, 100-yard medley relay, open class, second; 50-yard butterfly, third; 200-yard free relay, 14-and-under, first; 50-yard breaststroke, third; 50-yard freestyle, third; A-relay, 100-yard free, open class, second.

Cassie Cooks, 8-and-under, A-relay, 100-yard medley, first; 25-yard butterfly, first, heat winner; 25-yard backstroke, first; 25-yard freestyle, first; A-relay, 100-yard free, first.

Crissy Cooks, A-relay, 100-yard medley, open class, second; A-relay, 100-yard free, open class, second.

Mandi Cooks, 9-10, A-relay, 100-yard medley, 10-and-under, first; A relay, 100-yard medley relay, 12-and-under, first; 25-yard butterfly, third; 50-yard freestyle, first; 25-yard breaststroke, first; A-relay, 100-yard free, 10-and-under, first.

Emily Elfers, 11-12, A-relay, 100-medley, first; 50-yard backstroke, second; 200-yard free relay, 14-and-under, first; A-relay, 100-yard free, second.

Emma Johnson, 8-and-under, A-relay, 100-yard medley, first; 25-yard backstroke, fifth; 25-yard freestyle, sixth; A-relay, 100-yard free, first.

Lauren Johnson, 9-10, A-relay, 100-meter medley, first; 50-yard freestyle, third; 25-yard backstroke, sixth; 25-yard freestyle, third; A-relay, 100-yard free, first.

Lindsey Johnson, 9-10, A-relay, 100-meter medley, first; 50-yard freestyle, fourth; 25-yard backstroke, fifth; 25-yard freestyle, fourth; A-relay, 100-yard free, first.

Lyden Lampe: B relay, 100-yard free, second.

Audrey Meyer, 8-and-under, B relay, 100-yard free, second.

Mia Morrow, B relay, 100-yard free, second.

Jessica Pacheco, 11-12, 50-yard backstroke, fifth; A-relay, 100-yard free, second.

Margi Poling, A-relay, 100-yard free, open class, second.

Katie Schmid, 9-10, A-relay, 100-yard medley, first; 50-yard freestyle, second; 25-yard backstroke, third; 25-yard freestyle, second; A-relay, 100-yard free, first.

McKenzie Taylor, 11-12, A-relay, 100-yard medley, first; 50-yard backstroke, first; A-relay, 200-yard free, 14-and-under, first; 50-yard breaststroke, first; 50-yard freestyle, first; A relay, 100-yard free, second; 100-yard medley relay, open class, second.

Sophie White, 11-12, A relay, 100-yard medley, first; 50-yard backstroke, third; 50-yard freestyle, sixth; A-relay 100-yard free, second.

Trenton Bartels, 8-and-under, 50-yard freestyle, second 25-yard backstroke, first; 25-yard freestyle, first; A relay, 100-yard free, first.

Shadryon Blanka, 8-and-under, 25-yard freestyle, fifth; B relay, 100-yard free, second.

Ben Busse, B relay, 100-yard free, second.

Tate Busse, 9-10, 50-yard freestyle, first; 25-yard backstroke first; 25-yard breaststroke, first; A relay, 100-yard free relay, first.

Clay Cassaw, 11-12, 50-yard backstroke, first; 50-yard freestyle, first; A relay, 100-yard free, open class, second.

Coy Cassaw, 9-10, 50-yard freestyle, fifth; 25-yard backstroke, third; 25-yard freestyle, fourth; B relay, 100-yard free, second.

Bob Havel, 9-10, C relay, 100-yard free, third.

Frank Havel, 9-10, C relay, 100-yard free, third.

Brice Hays, 9-10, 25-yard backstroke, fifth; B relay, 100-yard free, second.

Kaleb Hays, 9-10, 25-yard backstroke fourth, B relay, 100-yard free, second.

Seth Hilt, 9-10, 50-yard free-

style, third; 25-yard freestyle, fifth; A relay, 8-and-under, 100-yard free, first.

Wyatt Hilt, 9-10, 25-yard butterfly, second; 50-yard freestyle, second; 25-yard freestyle, third; A relay, 100-yard free, first.

Connor Keller, 9-10, 25-yard freestyle, sixth; C relay, 100-yard free, third.

Adam Krien, 8-and-under, 24-yard backstroke fourth; 25-yard freestyle, second, A relay, 100-yard free, first.

KC Krien, 9-10, 25-yard breaststroke, second; 25-yard freestyle, second; 50-yard individual medley, first; A relay, 100-yard free, first.

Logan Lampe, 13-14, A relay 100-yard medley, first; 50-yard butterfly, second; 50-yard backstroke, second; A relay, 100-yard free, first; 50-yard freestyle, second; A relay, 100-yard free, first.

Luke Lampe, 9-10, 25-yard backstroke, first; 25-yard backstroke, second; 25-yard freestyle, first; A relay 100-yard free, first.

Seth Prentice, B relay, 100-yard free, second.

Alex Queen, 9-10, 50-yard freestyle, fourth; 25-yard backstroke, sixth; B relay, 100-yard free, second.

Derek Queen, 13-14, A relay, 100-yard medley, first; 50-yard butterfly, first; 50-yard backstroke, first; A relay, 200-yard free, first; 50-yard freestyle, first; B relay 100-yard free, first.

Mason Schmid, 9-10, C relay, 100-yard free relay, third.

Brady Schoenrogge, 8-and-under, B relay, 100-free, second.

Keegan Sherlock, 13-14, A relay, 100-yard medley, first; A relay, 200-yard free, first; 50-yard breaststroke, first; A relay, 100-yard free, first.

Aaron White, 8-and-under, A relay, 100-yard free, first.

Matthew White, 13-14, A relay 100-yard medley, first; 50-yard backstroke, third; A relay, 200-yard free, first; 50-yard freestyle, third; A relay, 200-yard free, first.

Zachery White, 11-12, 50-yard backstroke, second; 50-yard freestyle, third; A relay, 100-yard free, open class, second.