

# At the Game



MICHAEL LEIBBRANDT tries to turn his opponent on his back during the dual on Thursday night.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

## Gymnasium full of excitement on Thursday

By Betty Jean Winston  
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Thursday night was another great wrestling night in St. Francis as besides the Indian varsity squad, the junior high squad and the Kansas Kids wrestlers, the gym was full of excitement as 31 former St. Francis state placers attended the dual and were introduced to the crowd.

"We sent out 143 letters to former Indian state placers and I can't tell you how many phone calls and letter I got from ones that could not attend," Hoagie Carmichael, principal said. "They called and wanted to talk a little. The best thing in talking to them was the feeling they conveyed for the St. Francis community. They wanted to express their appreciation to the community for how they were supported and how special the community made them feel when they were wrestling."

Principal Carmichael said he ended the introductions with a truism, "St. Francis loves wrestling and wrestlers love St. Francis."

The Indians still hold the title of having the most team championships, 16, and are tied with Wichita South in having five in a row.

Mr. Carmichael said he wanted to express his appreciation for the help he received in locating wrest-

lers from Shirley Zwegardt and the Alumni Association.

Those introduced Friday evening include: Gilbert Ochsner 1944, Warren Cook 1945, Royce Walz, 1945, Elton Keller 1948, Pete Gienger 1949, Henry Hilt 1951, Jack Lampe 1952, Darrel Moberly 1953, Don Krien 1956, Stan Carman 1958, Ken Krien 1958, Dale Rath 1958, John Keller 1959, Glenn Isernhagen 1960, Tom Keller 1966, Rick Rogers 1966, Ron Schlittenhardt 1972, Mike Frewen 1974, Brad Schneider 1974, Perry Keller 1975, Daryl Loyd 1981, Doug Ross 1983, Clay Keller 1988, Mitchel Schleppe 1991, Brett Poling 1993, Jim Keller 1997, Derek Ross 2005, Trevor Richard 2006, Dylan Loyd 2006, Brennon Wilger 2007 and David Guthmiller 2008.

Besides the phone calls, Mr. Carmichael received letter from Alfred Reub 1938, Paul Raile 1943, Audrey Crabtree 1944, Lyle Linnell 1945, Elmer Richers 1951, Larry Hartley 1952, Bill Walter 1954, Jim Wickwar 1954, Ellwin Indorf 1954, Lyle Neville 1955, Marlin Rueb 1956, Tobe Zwegardt 1957, Rudy Douthit 1964, Bill Keller 1968 and Randy Rueb, who had originally planned to attend, 1967.

## Wrestlers come up short at dual

By Betty Jean Winston

"It was an exciting night with our past state placers back," Coach Nathan Smith said, concerning the introductions at the Thursday meet with Rawlins County.

"For our kids and myself to meet these wonderful individuals that have given so much to the sport of wrestling and to St. Francis Community High School was an honor."

This Northwest Kansas League dual was short on matches wrestled due to open weights but close in score with the Buffs winning 31-30.

"We came up short in the dual but put ourselves in matches where we had a chance to win at the end," Coach Smith said.

St. Francis had six wrestlers who competed at the dual, Lane Hoffman, Mickey Leibbrandt, Logan Lampe, Blaine Guggenmos, Derek Queen and Dylan Wolaver. Of this group Wolaver won by a fall. Casey Keller and Adam Guthmiller won by forfeit.

"I thought Logan Lampe and Mikey Leibbrandt really showed what we're trying to do as a wrestling team when they battled against what others around the

state (not in our eyes) thought were superior wrestlers. These two young men put forth the kind of effort the coaching staff thought it would take for us to have a chance to win the dual."

103: Lane Hoffman lost by a fall to John Solko;

112: Matt White won by forfeit;

119: Casey Keller won by forfeit;

125: Michael Leibbrandt lost by a 9-7 decision to Devin Simon;

130: Logan Lampe lost by a 17-5 decision to Clayton Griffith;

135: Blaine Guggenmos lost by

a fall to Jonathan Markland;

140: Tyle Raby won by forfeit;

145: Derek Queen lost by a fall to Cody Green;

152: Dylan Wolaver won by a fall over Cody Wright;

160: open;

171: open;

189: St. Francis open; Tyler Martin won by forfeit;

215: Adam Guthmiller won by forfeit;

285: open.

Sainty will be having another league dual on Thursday night when they travel to Hoxie.

## Bowling News

Monday Night Mixed 1/17

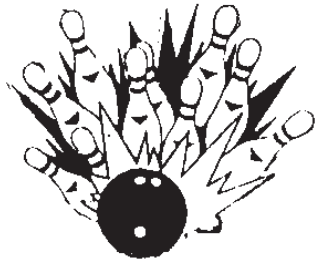
Team standing: Merklin Construction, ABC-Z, Western State Bank, Earl's Mowing.

High game (scratch): Merklin Construction, ABC-Z, Western State Bank; (handicap): Merklin Construction, Western State Bank, ABC-Z.

High game men (scratch): Eddie Zuege, Brad Merklin, David Morris; (handicap): Merklin, Morris, Zuege.

High series men (scratch): Merklin, Zuege, Bill Wilger; (handicap): Merklin, Zuege, Wilger.

High game women (scratch):



Pat Rose, Dorothy Hankins, Amelia Zuege; (handicap) Hankins, Rose, Zuege.

High series women (scratch): Rose, Zuege, Janice Krien; (handicap): Rose, Rachel Schmidt, Zuege.

## Young girls' basketball team clean sweeps their contest

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The junior high girls basketball team did it again. They had a clean sweep of their contests with Oakley on Thursday, Jan. 20. On the 13th, they had defeated Decatur Community and now Oakley. They won the A-team game 38-25, the B-team game 26-14 and the one quarter C-team game 12-7.

Today (Thursday) they entertain Rawlins County beginning at 4 p.m.

A-team

St. Francis took the lead in the first quarter and continued on for a 38-25 win.

Five players helped with the scoring led by McKayla Taylor with 12, including four successful free throws.

"We played aggressive in this game without fouling and when that happens good things usually follow," Coach Ted Busse said. "We only had 10 fouls for the game. That means we are playing 'smarter.'"

Sainty's first quarter was the most productive scoring wise which gave them a good start. They had seven two-pointers during this frame for 14 point.

"I thought the girls really did a good job hustling and pushing/running the ball up the floor and attacking the basket," Coach Busse said. "We want to continue to work hard as one game a season does not make."

Justice Wiley led the team in both rebounds (15) and steals (6). The team had 17 steals.

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Scoring: Taylor 12, Echo Jones 8, Kyla Bandel 8, Justice Wiley 6, Dallas Reed 4.

B-team game

The final score was 26-14 in the B-team game.

The score was tied at 8 at the end of the first quarter but the young Lady Indians went ahead before half time and extended their lead in the second half, earning the victory.

McKenzie Taylor scored 13 points including one three-pointer.

"We applied pressure defense better this game than our last game and it sure made a difference in our performance," Coach Busse said. "I thought the girls really played hard and in return we made improvements from our first game."

The team had 25 steals vs 19 turnovers and when that happens usually good things happens, the coach said.

Kylie Sherlock had nine rebounds while Taylor, Reed and Sherlock had the majority of the steals (17).

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Scoring: Taylor 13, Sherlock 5, Journey Lee 4, Reed 3, Sydney Sundstrom 1.

C-team

Scoring points for the Lady Indians in the 12-7 C-team game were Katie Jenik 6, Emily Elfers 4, Sundstrom 2.



JESSE JENKINS wrestles an exhibition match at the Thursday night dual against Atwood.

Herald photo by Susan Hobrock

## Junior high wrestling begins

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The junior high opened their wrestling season on Thursday in St. Francis against Rawlins County. The evening was great for wrestling fans as there was not only junior high wrestling but also high school and Kansas Kids wrestling taking place.

The young Buffs were victorious over Sainty by the score of 21-12.

"It was a rough opening act but we will get better," Coach Steve Jenkins said.

Today (Thursday) the team will hit the road for their opening out-of-town meet. It will take place in Hoxie.

Results from Thursday follow (all opponents are from Rawlins County unless otherwise noted):

Phillip White lost by a 9-0 decision to McFee; lost by a fall to Leibbrandt, lost by a fall to McFee.

Clay Cassaw lost by a 7-0 decision to Leibbrandt; lost by a 6-2 decision to Brown.

Riley Shay lost by a fall to Brown; lost by a 6-0 decision to Leibbrandt.

Jesse Jenkins won by a fall over Hoffman.

Travis Rogers lost by a fall to Mizer, lost by a fall to Brown.

Garrett Brunk lost by a fall to Mizer; won by a fall over McCain.

Lane Hobrock lost by an 8-3 decision to McCain; lost by a 6-0 decision to Mizer.

Justin Pacheco lost by a fall to Rueber; won by an 11-6 decision over McCain.

Austin Patton won by a fall over Meyer, St. Francis; lost by a fall to Rueber; lost by a fall to Gilliland, St. Francis.

Tanner Gilliland won by a fall over Patton, St. Francis; lost by a fall to Reuber.

Blake Meyer lost by a fall to Patton, St. Francis; lost by a fall to Portchy.

Cade Bracelin won by a fall over Colgan; won by a fall over Vrbas, lost by a 4-0 decision to Portchy.

Jude Faulkener won by a fall over Colgan; won by a fall over Vrbas; lost by a fall over Portchy.

Jonathan Hoard won by a fall over Henry; lost by a fall to Blanka, St. Francis; won by a fall over Colgan.

Shakotah Blanka won by a fall over Hoard, St. Francis.

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