

LANE HOBROCK placed second in the wrestling tournament held in Phillipsburg.
Photo courtesy of Shawna Blanka

Local wrestlers compete in state championship

St. Francis wrestlers Trayton Doyle, Cody Baxter, Jordan Raby and Luke Lampe competed in the Middle School State Championship in Phillipsburg on Sunday, March 16.

"This was the first year we have ever had anyone compete in this tournament, we really didn't know what to expect and the tournament was a lot bigger than what I expected it to be," said Coach Dylan Loyd.

"There were a lot of 32 man brackets, and I don't think our kids have ever competed in a bracket that big, but I felt like each of our wrestlers competed well. I tell you it was very impressive to see the talent pool that this state has to offer in our middle schools. It goes to show that there are some great middle school coaches across this state and that the future of Kansas wrestling looks very bright."

"Again, it was an awesome tournament and I think each one of our wrestlers who competed in it came away better and more hungry. What was cool about this tournament is the fact that the top 6 finishers in each weight bracket have the opportunity to compete in the four Saturday will qualify for the State Kansas Kids Championships in Topeka.

state and show the rest of the US what Kansas wrestling is all about and we will have one individual competing in that this year and that is:

Trayton Doyle: Trayton had a very good weekend; he was very dominant up to his finals match pining every one of his opponents. In the finals he had a very tough opponent and he lost a nail biter of a match 1-0. He has wrestled this kid before and I believe each time they wrestle it gets closer and closer.

Cody Baxter: Cody did a good job in a very tough weight. He was within two matches of placing and lost his final match in a nail biter. This kid has a lot of God given ability and he is doing the things it takes to get better.

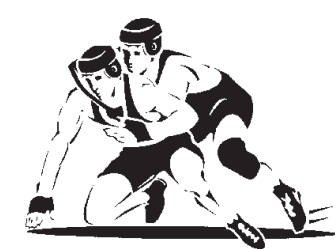
Jordan Raby: Jordan also had a good weekend. He too was in a very tough weight and he battled every kid that he wrestled. No matter the opponent you know Jordan is going to give you his very best and he will not back down from anyone. He got better this weekend and he has a very bright future ahead of him.

Luke Lampe: Luke was our other good weekend, and he too had a good weekend in another very tough weight. He lost to the eventual champion in the

quarterfinals and he gave him all he wanted. He was within one single point of placing and I believe if he were to wrestle that kid again without a doubt Luke would come out on top. I know he was disappointed in not placing but, he has nothing to hang his head about, he did very well."

"I was very proud of each of these young men for taking the initiative to seek out better competition. I believe each of these men came away from this experience better and they all are doing the things it takes to be the very best they can be," said Coach Loyd.

"They all are great kids and it was fun to be able to watch them compete, make memories, and create new friendships with other kids from across the state. They represented St. Francis wrestling very well and again I can't stress enough how proud of them I am."



Wrestlers place in tournament

Fourteen wrestlers participating in the District 4 North Sub-District held in Phillipsburg on Saturday. There were five champions; Logan McCarty, Shadryon Blanka, Tayton Weeter, Kyler Zwegardt and Shakotah Blanka, and all 14 qualified for the District 4 Championship Tournament Saturday in Goodland.

8 and under: Shadryon Blanka, 95 pounds, placed first. He won a 3-2 decision and won by fall.

10 and under: Shadryon Blanka, 95 pounds, placed first. He won a 3-2 decision and won by fall.

Colton McCarty, 110 pounds, placed third. He lost 5-11 decision; lost a 0-11 decision; won by

fall; lost a 5-9 decision. Rylan Doyle, 150 pounds, placed second. He lost by fall, lost by fall.

12 and under: Connor Keller, 96 pounds, placed third. He won by fall, lost by fall, won a 9-7 decision and lost by fall.

Tayton Weeter, 100 pounds, placed first. He won by fall; won a 2-0 technical fall; won by fall; won 15-0 overtime fall.

Cody Baxter, 130 pounds, placed second. He lost 5-15 decision and 8-7 decision

14 and under: Luke Lampe, 135 pounds, placed second. He won 5-2 decision; won 6-4 decision overtime; won by fall; lost 0-8 major decision.

Trayton Doyle, 235 pounds, placed second. He lost by 0-2 decision, lost by fall.

High school: Garrett Brunk, 145 pounds, placed second. He lost by fall, lost a 3-4 decision.

Lane Hobrock, 170 pounds, placed second. He lost a 2-3 decision, and a 1-3 decision overtime.

Kyler Zwegardt, 220 pounds,

placed first. He won 6-1 decision and won by injury default.

Shakotah Blanka, 285 pounds, placed first. He won both by injury default.

Those that place in the top on four Saturday will qualify for the State Kansas Kids Championships in Topeka.

Athletes compete in powerlifting contest

By Douglas Sloper
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St. Francis sent four athletes, Valerie Wurm, Journey Lee, Emily Elfers, and Chris Hoard to a powerlifting contest in WaKeeney on Saturday, March 8. They competed with 220 other powerlifters from 23 teams.

Valerie Wurm lifted a total of 495 pounds, and finished first in her weight class, defeating the 2A state champion. She squatted 225 pounds, bench pressed 135 pounds, and clean and jerked 135 pounds.

Journey Lee lifted a total of 370 pounds, and finished second in her weight class. She squatted 135 pounds, bench pressed 85 pounds and clean and jerked 115 pounds.

Emily Elfers lifted a total of 365 pounds, and finished second in her weight class. She squatted 165 pounds, bench pressed 85 pounds, clean and jerked 115 pounds.

Chris Hoard lifted a total of 485 pounds. He squatted 175 pounds, benched pressed 155 pounds, clean and jerked 155 pounds.

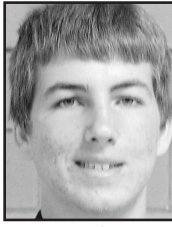
Congratulations to all of these athletes!

Football letter winner

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In last weeks issue Matthew White was incorrectly listed as a junior football letter winner. Matt is currently a senior at the St Francis Community High School. Congratulations to Matt for

receiving his football letter for the 2013 football season!



White

Bowling News

Wednesday Night Mens 3/12/14
Team standing: Haigler 1, Cheyenne Bowl, The Drunks, Gillywood, Wright & Wrong, Lampe Motor Sports.

High game (scratch): The Drunks 609, Haigler 1 602, Wright & Wrong 589; (handicap): The Drunks 841, Haigler 1 800, Wright & Wrong 774.

High series (scratch): Haigler 1 1687, Wright & Wrong 1680, The Drunks 1583; (handicap): Haigler 1 2281, The Drunks 2279, Cheyenne Bowl 2249.

High game mens (scratch): JD Hawkins 186, John Brunswig 184, Greg Walz 180; (handicap): John Brunswig 244, Jerry Olsen 226, Danny Brunswig 224.

High series mens (scratch): Greg Walz 511, Wayne Mahon 473, Jerry Olsen 462; (handicap): Greg Walz 619, Jerry Olsen 618, Dave Wright 611.

Most over average game: John Brunswig 51
Most over average series: Jerry Olsen 36

Ladies Night Out 3/13/14
Team standing: The Lodge, Kathy's Krafts, Strikers, Dundy Ag, Wray Meat, Bier.

High game (scratch): Wray Meat 544, Dundy Ag 531, The Lodge 506; (handicap): Wray Meat 784, Dundy Ag 768, The Lodge 766.

High series (scratch): Wray Meat 1610, Dundy Ag 1636, Bier 1469; (handicap): Wray Meat 2330, Dundy Ag 2247, The Lodge 2212.

High game womens (scratch): Laura Robbins 161, Carol Peterson 158, Pat Rose 152; (handicap): Maggie Smith 211, Connie Brown 210, Carol Peterson 208.

High series womens (scratch): Laura Robbins 451, Carol Peterson 418, Pat Rose 397; (handicap): Patty Cox 600, Connie Brown 597, Linda Mahon 595.

Most over average game: Connie Brown 29; Maggie Smith 29
Most over average series: Patty Cox 60



2013-14 ST. FRANCIS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM — Front row (l to r): Taylor Rogers, Carl Fabre, Wyatt Landenberger, Travis Rogers, Wade Jones; second row: Jude Faulkender, Lenny Olivares, Jakob Church, Jon Hoard, Cade Bracelin, Francisco Fernandez; back row: Michaela Ford, manager; Nick O'Loughlin, assistant coach; Mason Schiltz, Jeremiah Neitzel, Jacob Baxter, Payton Beims, Tony Sipsey, Quinton Cravens; Jeff Beims, coach; Danielle Frink, manager.



2013-14 ST. FRANCIS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM — Front row (l to r): Carlieve Harris, manager; Katie Schmid, Valerie Wurm, Rachel Lee-Hopper, Journey Lee, Kayla Reed, Makayla Rogers; back row: Matt Bandel, assistant coach; Sydney Sundstrom, Jenna Confer, Kylie Sherlock, Emily Elfers, Kyla Bandel; Susan Dinkel, head coach.



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