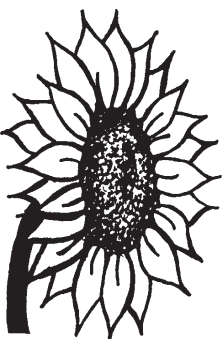


# The Saint Francis Herald

# At the Game



## Summer league planned

Atwood Summer Recreation is sponsoring Atwood Summer League Basketball 2005 beginning May 30 through June 30 for area students. Junior high girls (entering grades 6-8) will play on Mondays, junior high boys on Tuesdays, high school girls (entering grades 9-12) on Wednesdays and high school boys on Thursdays.

Registration forms and guidelines and rules are available at the junior-senior high school offices. Deadline for entry forms is May 6.

Questions concerning fees may be directed to Joan Cahoj at 785-626-3682 or [dcfcahoj@ruraltel.net](mailto:dcfcahoj@ruraltel.net). Fee includes a jersey.

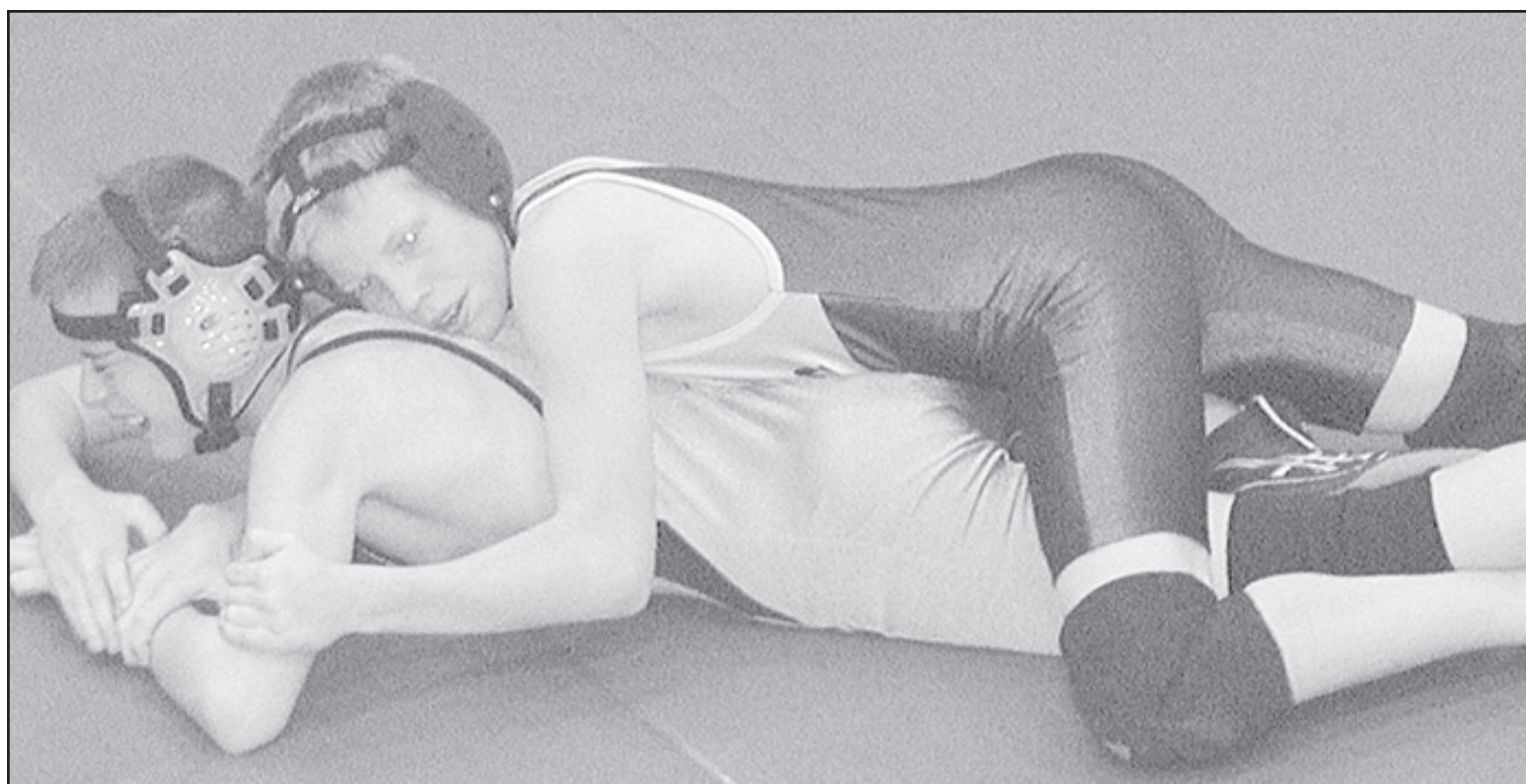
## Bowling News

### Ladies Nite Out 3/17

Team standings: Wright Carpet 32-20; Bankwest Alley Cats 28-24; Cheyenne Bowl 28-24; Jersey Maids 27-25; Dundy Ag 26-26; Stockmen Strikers 23-29; Mels Gal's 23-29; M&M's 21-31.

High game (handicap): Kathy Blecha 207, Marsha Kechter 191, Rhonda Olson 189, Boots Peterson 189

High series (handicap): Blecha 536; Kechter 533; Peterson 489.



**RIDING TOUGH** — Darris Keller rode his opponent at the District Kid's tournament held in Dodge City over the weekend. Darris placed fifth in the tournament but it wasn't enough to take him to the State competition to be held this week in Topeka

Photo courtesy of Shawna Blanka

## Eight wrestlers advance to State meet

By Betty Jean Winston

Eight members of the St. Francis Kids Wrestling Club earned the right to move on to the State tournament this weekend in Topeka. Nineteen members of the club had qualified at the Sub-District tournament held in Goodland on March 13 for the District tournament in Dodge City over the weekend.

At Topeka, wrestlers will be competing with the top wrestlers who qualified in each District. This

will be a tournament of strong competition and exciting matches.

Two St. Francis wrestlers in the eight-and-under division, Lane Hoffman and Shakotah Blanka, are eligible for Topeka as are two from the 12-and-under division, Trevor Reed and Adam Guthmiller, and four from the 16-and-under group, Trevor Richard, Gavin Smull, Matt Brown and Brennon Wilger.

The District outings for the wrestlers who placed in the top four are

as follows:

Eight-and-under: Hoffman, 55 pounds, third; Blanka, 125 pounds, second

12-and-under: Reed, 110 pounds, fourth; Guthmiller, 140 pounds, fourth

16-and-under: Richard, 120 pounds, first; Smull, 130 pounds, fourth; Brown, 150 pounds, third; Wilger, 245 pounds, second.

Others participating at Dodge City include:

10-and-under: Casey Keller, 61 pounds.

12-and-under: Cody Sherlock, 88 pounds; Terrence Lamb, 92 pounds; Grady Brunk, 110 pounds; David Stephens, 120 pounds.

14-and-under: Justin Sherlock, 145 pounds; Trevor Hilt, 165 pounds.

16-and-under: Darren Laffond, 140 pounds; Russell Rogers, 150 pounds; David Guthmiller, 175 pounds.



A. Reichert



Ross



Voorhies



L. Reichert

## Volleyball players attend tourneys

The McCook Red Crush volleyball teams went to different tournaments on Sunday, March 19.

Lauren Ross and the 16-2 team traveled to the Quad County Juniors - Tornado Classic in Superior, Neb., while Talisa Voorhies and the 18-2 team played in Red Cloud, Neb., and Ally Reichert and the 18-1 team played in Blue Hill, Neb. All of the teams are members of the McCook Junior Olympic Club's volleyball program. Lexee Reichert, who participates in the Red Crush 12-and-under division, had no tournament scheduled.

On Sunday, Ross and the Red Crush 162 team ended pool play with a perfect 6-0 record moving them into the Gold Bracket Tournament. In pool play they defeated Quad County 16 Gold by scores of 25-21, 25-18 and 25-17 and Ord Juniors 16's by scores of 25-23, 25-20 and 27-25.

In the Gold Bracket Tournament they were defeated by JCB19-25 and 20-25, eliminating them from

further play.

Voorhies and the 18-2 team played well finishing pool play with a 5-1 record. Against Hasting they earned scores of 25-15, 23-25, and 25-19 and against Utica they won all three games by scores of 25-23, 28-26, 25-19.

This moved the 18-2 team to the Gold Bracket Tournament where they defeated Utica 25-23, 22-25, 25-6. The 18-2 team ended up in second place overall as they lost the championship match against NCK Juniors 18-25, 26-24, 13-15.

Reichert's 18-1 team finished pool play with a 4-2 record. Against Quad County 17 Gold the scores were 16-25, 25-19, 24-26 and they defeated Platte Valley Juniors 25-16, 25-14-25-21

In the Gold Bracket Tournament they were the second seed in pool B and they played Quad County 18's, the first seed in pool A. The final scores were 16-25, 25-15, 14-16

Red Crush 18-1 ended the day with a 5-4 record

## Tracksters ready for competition; first high school meet set in Sainty

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis high school students will be returning to school from spring break/Easter vacation on Tuesday and right away on Thursday will be involved in track and field competition in St. Francis. The Indians will be opening the season in a quad with Burlington, Sharon Springs and Wray. Starting time for the meet is 3 p.m.

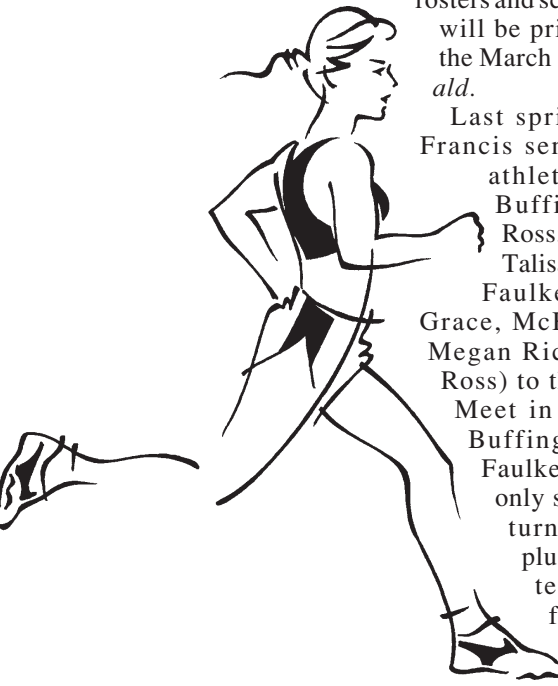
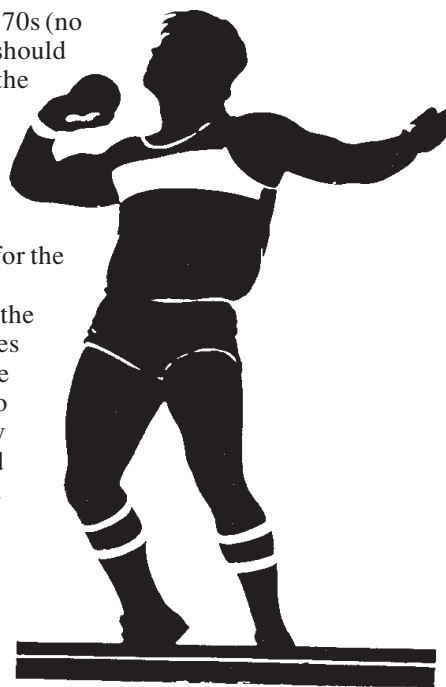
Weather is unpredictable this time of year, and everyone in the area welcomes rain, but it is also possible the day will dawn bright and sunny with

temperatures in the 60s or 70s (no wind, please). Track fans should mark their calendar with the opening date as St. Francis high school tracksters are only scheduled to be in St. Francis one additional time, Tuesday, April 26, for the St. Francis Invitational.

Tuesday and Friday of the week of March 28, the buses will be loaded, and the teams will travel to Benkelman for the Dundy County Invitational and then to Hoxie for a meet.

Complete high school rosters and schedules will be printed in the March 31 Herald.

Last spring St. Francis sent nine athletes (Kyle Buffington, Derek Ross, Ally Reichert, Talisa Voorhies, Lori Faulkender, Amy Grace, McKenzie Grace, Megan Rice and Lauren Ross) to the State Track Meet in Wichita with Buffington and Faulkender being the only seniors. The returning tracksters plus other track letter winners will form the nucleus of the team this season.



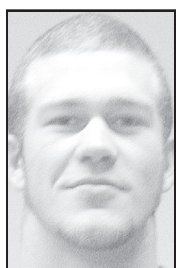
### Junior high track

The four junior high teams, eighth grade girls, eighth grade boys, seventh grade boys and seventh grade girls, begin their season on Tuesday, April 5, in Burlington, Colo., with teams from Burlington, Yuma and Wray.

The eighth graders have a year of experience but the seventh graders will be representing St. Francis for the first time in track and field events. As the athletes and coaches attempt to discover what each trackster's speciality is, many will participate in various events.

## Player receives honors

St. Francis Indian basketball player Tanner Kinen received honorable mention from North Kansas Kansas League basketball coaches following the 2004-05 campaign.



Kinen

Kinen, a senior, was fourth in the league in rebounding and 10th in free throws.

In stats compiled at the end of the St. Francis season, Kinen was second in field goal shooting percentage with 42.1, first in free-throw percentage 68.2, second in total points scored with 168, and first in rebounds with 144.

League coaches voted senior Matt Augustine, Colby; senior Grady Kesler, Quinter; junior Jase Herl, Goodland; senior Jordan Vickers, Hoxie; senior Chad Baalman, Oakley; senior Lance Fortin, Oberlin; senior Jeff Cameron, Hoxie; senior Derek Raimer, Goodland; senior Irvin Dinkel, Colby; junior Tyler Reed, Quinter and junior Mykel Rodrigues, Oakley, to the All-League first team.

Receiving honorable mention besides Kinen were junior Jeff Reiner, Atwood; senior Gerid Spresseer, Hoxie and senior Lane Winter, Goodland.



Gienger



Loyd

## Wrestlers place at tourney

By Betty Jean Winston

Two St. Francis high school wrestlers, Jordan Gienger and Dylan Loyd, earned All-American status over the weekend when they placed in the top six positions at the Rocky Mountain National Wrestling Tournament held in Denver on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

This was a Triple Crown event which indicates it is one of the most prestigious tournaments in the nation. There were about 4,300 wrestlers who signed in for the action and they represented many of the 50 states in the nation.

The tournament was a double-elimination event with both Gienger and Loyd making it to the semi-finals which guaranteed them at least a top six position in their weight and age class.

Gienger, who wrestled in the 15-and-under division, 144 pounds, brought home first place. He was one of 56 kids in his weight class and he won the crown by defeating all six opponents on his way through the bracket.

Loyd placed third in the 18-and-under, 130 pound class. He had 36 wrestlers in his age/weight bracket, 23 of whom were state placers including seven State champions. He competed in six matches and received one bye, going 1-1 against State champions. After reaching the semi-finals he placed third by having success in wrestle back matches.

## School Menu

### Monday 3/28

No school, Easter break

### Tuesday 3/29

Breakfast: pancake and sausage on a stick, juice, cereal assortment, milk  
Lunch: cheeseburger macaroni, green beans, French bread, sliced pears, peanut butter finger, milk

### Wednesday 3/30

Breakfast: breakfast casserole, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk  
Lunch: chicken fajata, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, sour cream, seasoned rice, sliced pineapple, fortune cookie, milk

### Thursday 3/31

Breakfast: waffles with maple syrup, juice, cereal assortment, milk  
Lunch: taco soup, corn chips, rel-

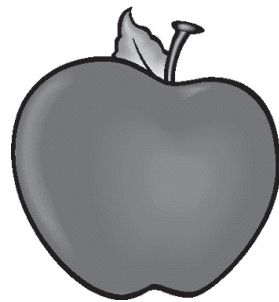
ish sticks, cheese sandwich, peaches, milk

### Friday 4/1

Breakfast: sausage and egg McMuffin, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: barbecued beef sandwich, tator tots, cheesy broccoli, cherry cheese cake, milk

•Salad bar is offered at noon daily in the junior/senior high school



## Student News

### Fort Hays State University

Senior Gary Brogan of McDonald is among 15 Fort Hays State University students who are touring Alcatraz as members of the Criminal Justice Club at the university. The group traveled to San Francisco on March 16 and will remain through March 24. The students feel that touring Alcatraz will be one of the highlights of the trip but they will also be visiting other law enforcement centers.

The trip is directed by Martha Jones, instructor of justice studies.

## Raised in a Small Town

- The people in the "big city" dress funny then you pick up the trend 2 years later.
- Anyone you want can be found at the local gas station or the town pub.
- You see at least one friend a week driving a tractor through town or one of your friends drives a grain truck to school occasionally.
- The gym teacher suggest you haul hay for the summer to get stronger.
- Directions are given using THE stop light as a reference.
- You decide to walk somewhere for exercise and 5 people

- pull over and ask you if you want a ride somewhere.
- Your teachers call you by your older sibling's names.
- Your teachers remember when they taught your parents.
- You can charge at all the local stores or write checks without any ID.
- The closest McDonalds is 45 miles away (or more).
- The closest mall is over an hour away.
- It is normal to see an old man riding through town on a riding lawn mower.
- Most people go by a nickname.