

Goodland High wrestler an All American

By Shannon Davidson

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Blayze Bahe grew up in a wrestling family. He says he's been on the mat since he was 4, learning from — and grappling with — his father and brothers.

His father Randy is the Goodland High School wrestling coach, and his brother Bryce now wrestles for Minnesota State University.

"My brothers and I all wrestled and practiced around the house since we were younger," he said.

Bahe went to Fargo, N.D., at the end of July to compete in 2003 Junior National Championships, where he placed fifth out of 77 wrestlers in his 125-pound weight bracket to become an All American.

Bryce went to Junior Nationals last year and was one match away from placing. Bryce did compete in Senior High School Nationals, where he also became an All American.

In the seven-day competition, Bahe had to compete in 10 greco-roman matches and three more in freestyle. In greco-roman, he said, a wrestler has to use upper body strength to pin down his opponent.

To earn his trip to Fargo, Bahe had to attend a state tournament in Baldwin City May 31 to June 1, where he placed second in both greco-roman and freestyle competition.

After state qualifications, he said, there was a week-long training camp in Chanute to prepare wrestlers for all type of competition in Fargo.

"Placing in nationals is a really big honor," he said. "Placing helps get college coaches' attention."

While Blayze was in Fargo, his parents had to stay behind in Goodland, and that was tough on them.

"It was hard not to be there...." said his mom, Kathy Bahe. "When he called to tell us that he won his match, I told him the hardest part was not being there to give him a hug."

"We did get to keep track of what was going on by getting on the Internet and going to the nationals web site."

The trip to Fargo was long, Bahe said. The bus broke down and the team had to sit on the side of the highway for four hours waiting for another bus to pick them up.

But they kept their spirits up, Bahe said, adding that he knew some of the people traveling with him and had a friend from Pratt as his roommate on the trip. Other friends were from Colby and Hoxie.

The close-knit community of wrestling and the small town camaraderie has made an impact on Bahe and his family.

"You make a lot of friends when you've been wrestling so long," he said, "and we all stick together from northwest Kansas when we travel to other competitions. Parent support is really strong."

He said he and his older brother Bryce practice two times a week and Blayze runs one to two miles during practice for endurance.

His dedication to getting as much mat time as he can has taken him to competitions in Clay Center, Hays and Oklahoma.

Blayze maintains a 3.0 (B) grade point average and going into his



Blayze Bahe wrestled against three-time state champion Jake Kreigbaum from Abilene at the Junior National Championships in Fargo, N.D., in July. Bahe beat Kreigbaum with a final score of 11-10.

senior year at Goodland High School, he is waiting to see what colleges will offer him in scholarships.

"Colleges start talking to you in fall," he said, "and I'm not sure where I want to go. Maybe a

(NCAA) Division II school, or even to get to go to a Division I school would be great.

"I'm just going to wait and see what happens and keep working hard and having fun with wrestling."

matters of record

Goodland Police

The following crimes were reported by the Goodland Police Department:

Opal L. Zimmerman reported a theft of \$120 in cash from the fairgrounds on Aug. 7th.

Marshall Carson was arrested on a warrant from Gove County on Aug. 6, from the fairgrounds.

Thomas R. Lamb was arrested on a warrant from Gove County on Aug. 6 from 813 Broadway.

Quennton O. McCombs reported burglary and theft of an amplifier and sub woofers worth \$290 from a vehicle at 1404 Clark Street Aug. 11th.

Linda S. Castillo reported criminal damage of a vehicle with slashed tires and sugar in the gas tank worth \$499 in damages from 2160 Commerce Road Aug. 14.

United States Post Office reported burglary and theft with keys taken from a vehicle worth \$6 from 1402 Main Street Aug. 15.

Frank Tabor reported disorderly conduct and Gary L. Snethen was arrested and charged in Municipal Court at the 300 block of East 1st on Aug. 15.

A juvenile was reported battering a law enforcement officer at 1509 Center on Aug. 15. The case is still pending.

John Lindell reported a theft of a vehicle tag from 1114 East Highway 24 on Aug. 16.

Mastec Construction reported a theft of a grinder, tool box and as-

sorted tools along with cutting torch tips worth \$280 from 17th and Clark Aug. 16.

Officers James Gillespie and Gregory Kroskey reported aggravated assault on law enforcement officers, obstruction of an officer, fleeing and eluding an officer and reckless driving while trying to stop

a vehicle. The suspect fled and almost hit two patrol units from the 100 block of College on Aug. 16. Charges in District Court are still pending.

City of Goodland reported criminal damage and reckless driving charges for city street damage at 8th and Cattletrail on Aug. 17. The case is still pending in Municipal Court.

Trip to Europe caps high school player's career in volleyball

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Shanea Calkins has such a high tolerance for pain and dedication to performing well on and off the court that she played through most of two games of an international volleyball tournament with a dislocated finger.

The Goodland High graduate said she wanted to play so much that she hid the practice injury from her coaches.

Calkins went with the USA Volleyball group to Aquil Terme, Italy, June 11-25, for a competition sponsored by People to People.

She was the only player from Kansas among 46 Americans going to the competition, including 13 in her 18-19 year old age group. Calkins said she is only the second player from Kansas to be in the competition since the start of the People to People program in the 1960s.

Calkins was a middle blocker while playing for Goodland High. She played on the varsity team all three years of playing. She had to sit out her sophomore year due to a broken ankle injury in softball.

In order to compete in the tournament, a player must be nominated.

"I got a letter saying I was selected to play," she said, "and was told to go to Colorado Springs to find out more information about the trip and nomination." In Colorado, she found out her nomination came from USA Volleyball magazine where her stats were posted from playing on the Kansas Twisters Junior Olympic team.

"I was really happy that she got to go to Italy," said her grandmother, Mary Gonzales. "She is a good example for her sister and brother. To me, she is the best."

"I'm proud when people in town talk about how well she does in everything."

Calkins flew out of Denver to meet one coach and then on to Atlanta to meet another. Then together they flew into New York

to meet up with the entire USA team, then fly into France and on to Italy.

Arriving in Italy, they got two days of practice and then started an intense four days of competition.

Before the first game, Calkins took a hit that dislocated the pinky finger on her left hand.

"I was so pumped to play I didn't want to tell my coach," she said, "so I endured some excruciating pain for a match and a half."

After being pulled from the game because of pain, she was sent to the medical center at the tournament, which consisted of an on-site ambulance. She said the paramedics looked at her finger and sent her to the hospital.

They told her that she had broken her finger and couldn't play. That didn't settle well with Calkins, and she made a deal with her supervisor that if her grandmother would allow her to decide to play, that she could continue after getting a splint and readjustment.

"I played the rest of the tournament, and I can admit it hurt quite a bit," Calkins said, "but it was all for the love of the game."

She said it was her first time overseas and she didn't realize the level of competition and popularity of the sport in Europe. Players were allowed free time every day to see sights and enjoy lunch.

"I really did enjoy meeting other players from the U.S. and other countries," she said. "The trip taught me another lifestyle and level of competition."

Calkins, now a part of the People to People alumni, said she would like to become a coach for the organization in either volleyball or softball after putting in three years of coaching experience for other organizations.

She will be attending Colby Community College as a criminal justice major and plans on playing softball.

Go Cowboys!

Goodland High School

Football	Thursday, August 28, Soap Scrimmage 5 p.m. First game will be held in Goodland on September 5 at 6:30 p.m. against Hoxie.
Cross Country	Thursday, August 28, Girls will run at 6 p.m. Boys will run at 7 p.m.

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