

The Kougar Column

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Dear Kadoka Area, I hope the entire area is having a great start to spring. We may have a couple of colder days coming, and March will usually 'go out like a lion' when it has 'come in like a lamb.' However, we are thankful for the nice weather we do have. With the advent of spring comes state testing in public schools, and we at Kadoka Area are no different. However, we must be aware of what the standardized tests are and what they are not: we can become increasingly focused on the test itself instead of its meaning in the bigger game we play in education.

This past weekend we had our first track meet, and I am so proud of the accomplishments of our student-athletes, plus the outstanding work of our coaches. However, the

finite game of team track and field is only part of the never-ending educational game. State testing is a checkpoint in the lifelong education game, and there is danger in thinking about it beyond that depth.

A noted public speaker and philosopher, Simon Sinek, talks extensively about how successful organizations understand business, and education is infinite in scope. Groups like schools must not try to win but stay in the game against themselves. State testing is a great way for us to compete against ourselves.

As a competitor, I want to be better than my competition, but education was before me and will be after me. The Kadoka School District will also exist well after I have left this world. Therefore, the game re-

quires our team to focus on improvement over decades, not goals over months.

The information brings us back to the wisdom of Sam Walton; as written in past columns, we want to focus our growth on daily improvement. That doesn't mean we won't have down days or days that will be less productive than others. The compounding of simple steps each day helps us at the start (PK-12) of the never-ending game of student education. Staying in the game with every student in our area is the objective, and winning is seeing them walk across the stage, as we will in the current spring, knowing they are still in the game of learning and all its never-ending pursuits.

AAU wrestling

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• Lost by fall to Colt Wolf (Bon Homme Youth Wrestling) (Fall 0:45)

Midgets 123 - Kahler Thompson

Place is 5th; Scored 13.0 team points.

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• Lost by fall to Kaden Joens (Gettysburg AAU) (Fall 3:16)

• Won by fall over Bryson Johnson (Webster Area) (Fall 0:40)

• Won by fall over Earl Wells (Lemmon/McIntosh Cowboys) (Fall 3:00)

• Lost by fall to Wylder Holsing (Warner/Northwestern) (Fall 1:24)

5th Place Match - Kahler Thompson (Kadoka Youth Wrestling) won in tie breaker - 1 over Elijah Sully (Wagner) (TB-1 6-4)

Girls (PreK-2) HWT - Riley Thompson

Place is 1st; Scored 30.0 team points.

• Won by fall over Willow Selwyn (Bon Homme Youth Wrestling) (Fall 1:06)

• Won by fall over Mackenzie Stroud (Redfield Youth Wrestling) (Fall 3:04)

• Won by fall over Ellie Bult (Bon Homme Youth Wrestling) (Fall 1:19)

• Won by fall over Olivia Pechous (Bon Homme Youth Wrestling) (Fall 1:53)



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The 8 wrestlers that made it to the state tournament and their weight classes are Forrest Ireland (Tots 37), Crayton Porch (Tots 49), Cyrus Thompson (Bantam 50), Kyson Thompson (Bantam 91), Braxton Porch (Midget 50), Riley Thompson (Girls A HWT), Kelton Jones (Midget 77), and Kahler Thompson (Midget 123).

College Briefs

Chadron State College has announced that 341 students met requirements for the Dean's List for Fall 2021 by earning at least a 3.5 grade point average. To qualify, students must have completed at least 45 credit hours, be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, be seeking their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester. Home-towns listed reflect the student's preferred home address.

Sammi Stout of Kadoka, S.D.
Patrick Brown of Kadoka, S.D.

2022 Kadoka Prom



Photo Courtesy

Clark Hindman, Maxwell Ziekrick, Denton Good, Tyler Ring



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Kahler Thompson - (Midget 123) 5th place



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Forrest Ireland - (Tots 37) 7th place



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Kelton Jones - (Midget 77) 8th place

Comet Classic was the first track meet held in Rapid City

The first track meet of the year was held at Rapid Christians on Friday, Mar. 25.

BOYS

HIGH SCHOOL

200 Meters

1. Blake Boyster; 22.70; Custer

2. Willie Walther; 24.40; Hill City

3. Ryan Porch; 24.65; Rapid City Christian

4. Gabe Heck; 24.99; Belle Fourche

5. James Livermont; 25.03; Wall

8. Chastin Tollakson; 25.36; Jones Co.

11. Kaden Kinsley; 26.24; Jones Co.

16. Jayden Leach; 26.64; Wall

18. Jace Mohr; 26.96; Wall

24. Austan Kjerstad; 27.9; Wall

25. Cooper Feddersen; 27.94; Jones Co.

26. Tristen Horst; 28.21; Jones Co.

30. Teelan Kjerstad; 28.56; Wall

400 Meters

1. Blake Boyster; 51.28; Custer

2. James Pierce; 52.68; Lead-Deadwood

3. Willie Walther; 53.72; Hill City

4. Caleb Rickenbach; 55.70; Hot Springs

5. Ryan Porch; 56.18; Rapid City Christian

10. Blair Blasius; 1:00.03; Wall

11. Jace Mohr; 1:00.07; Wall

15. Jayden Leach; 1:01.35; Wall

21. Jett Nix; 1:04.98; Jones Co.

22. Matthew Birkland; 1:05.39; Jones Co.

25. Teelan Kjerstad; 1:06.59; Wall

26. Jace Nix; 1:06.60; Jones Co.

30. Bridger Casjens; 1:12.48; Wall

32. Wyatt Mansfield; 1:17.74; Kadoka Area

800 Meters

1. James Pierce; 2:11.80; Lead-Deadwood

2. Ezra Wildeman; 2:15.21; Rapid City Christian

3. Devin Buehler; 2:16.68; Hill City

4. Brandon Escalante; 2:17.30; Hill City

5. Nic Lambert; 2:17.47; Belle Fourche

16. Jace Nix; 2:42.03; Jones Co.

23. Jethro Macalalad; 3:25.07; Wall

1600 Meters

1. Sawyer Clarkson; 4:28.67; Belle Fourche

2. Miles Ellman; 4:47.15; Custer

3. Gage Grohs; 4:50.40; Custer

4. Luke Rupert; 4:58.13; Hill City

5. Preston Drew; 5:04.88; Custer

19. Riley Lawhead; 5:43.54; Bison

26. Tobbyn Teigen; 6:41.70; Wall

3200 Meters

1. Lane Krautschun; 10:17.20; Bison

2. Aiden Voyles; 11:36.70; Belle Fourche

3. Hudson Taylor; 12:26.60; Kadoka Area

4. William Burkhalter; 12:35.84; Bison

5. James Ohrmund; 12:39.38; Hot Springs

6. Tobbyn Teigen; 13:55.05; Wall

110 Hurdles-39"

1. Mikael Grace; 16.01; Custer

2. Warren Russel; 17.10; Hot Springs

3. Jarrett Schuchard; 17.34; Bison

4. Mical Grace; 18.24; Custer

5. Grayson Rahn; 19.11; Hill City

6. Levi Sharp; 19.12; Wall

7. Blair Blasius; 19.41; Wall

300 Meter Hurdles-36"

1. Mikael Grace; 43.98; Custer

2. Grayson Rahn; 46.26; Hill City

3. Levi Sharp; 46.39; Wall

4. Warren Russel; 46.54; Hot Springs

5. Cedar Amiotte; 47.44; Wall

8. Jarrett Schuchard; 49.95; Bison

10. Blair Blasius; 50.86; Wall

12. Talon Anderson; 55.20; Wall

13. Tristen Horst; 55.61; Jones Co.

4x100 Relay

1. Wall; Livermont James, Malcom Heathershaw, Rylan McDonnell, Cedar Amiotte; 47.03

2. Belle Fourche; 47.31

3. Hot Springs; 48.29

4. Lead-Deadwood; 48.82

5. Custer; 49.04

6. Kadoka Area; Clark Hindman, Owen Fauske, Garrett Hermann, Don Schofield; 51.01

7. Jones Co.; Carter Erikson, Teagan Mann, Tristen Horst, Cooper Feddersen; 53.37

4x200 Relay

1. Wall; Brodi Sundall, Reid Hanson, Rylan McDonnell, Cedar Amiotte; 1:36.01

2. Hot Springs; 1:39.35

3. Belle Fourche; 1:40.53

4. Lead-Deadwood; 1:45.60

5. Hill City; 1:46.45

6. Kadoka Area; Clark Hindman, Owen Fauske, Garrett Hermann, Don Schofield; 1:52.83

7. Jones Co.; Kaden Kinsley, Jett Nix, Matthew Birkland, Cooper Feddersen; 1:54.67

4x400 Relay

1. Lead-Deadwood; 3:46.17

2. Custer; 3:46.95

3. Hot Springs; 3:51.79

4. Belle Fourche; 3:54.85

5. Jones Co.; Kaden Kinsley, Jett Nix, Matthew Birkland, Chastin Tollakson; 4:05.31

6. Wall; Cedar Amiotte, Jayden Leach, Malcom Heathershaw, Levi Sharp; 4:09.07

7. Bison; Lane Krautschun, Jarrett Schuchard, William Burkhalter, Riley Lawhead; 4:24.41

4x800 Relay

1. Hill City; 9:04.53

2. Custer; 9:22.96

3. Hot Springs; 9:23.92

4. Wall; Dawson Handcock, Riley Hayes, Bridger Casjens, Talon Anderson; 9:32.19

SMR 200/200/400/800 Relay

1. Custer; 4:05.91

2. Belle Fourche; 4:06.99

3. Wall; Malcom Heathershaw, Rylan McDonnell, Levi Sharp, Dawson Handcock; 4:10.77

4. Hot Springs; 4:28.44

Shot Put

1. Justin Doyle; 47:03.50; Custer

2. Kurt Dringman; 40:10.75; Rapid City Christian

3. Reece Ohrtman; 37:05.00; Kadoka Area

4. Tanner Davis; 36:09.75; Hill City

5. Matt Merrill; 35:04.25; Custer

6. Keith Brummet; 32:05.00; Wall

18. Keyan Falcon; 25:10.25; Jones Co.

20. Teagan Mann; 21:06.00; Jones Co.

Disus

1. Reece Ohrtman; 127:04; Kadoka Area

2. Justin Doyle; 119:00; Custer

3. Tanner Davis; 113:04; Hill City

4. Reid Sauley; 109:04; Custer

5. Matt Merrill; 108:02; Custer

12. Keith Brummet; 89:00; Wall

16. Garrett Hermann; 80:06; Kadoka Area

20. Keyan Falcon; 63:07; Jones Co.

23. Teagan Mann; 52:06; Jones Co.

High Jump

1. Mikael Grace; 6:00; Custer

2. Adam Stimes; 5:06; Rapid City Christian

3. Dawson Reckling; 5:06; Kadoka Area

4. Devin Buehler ; 5:04; Hill City

5. Reid Hanson; 5:04; Wall

7. Carter Erikson; 5:00; Jones Co.

Long Jump

1. David Morris; 20:07.50; Lead-Deadwood

2. Tom Solano; 19:01.00; St. Thomas More

3. Nolan Wahlfeldt; 19:00.25; Belle Fourche

4. Ethan Jensen; 18:11.00; Belle Fourche

5. Chastin Tollakson; 18:08.50; Jones Co.

6. Reid Hanson; 18:07.00; Wall

7. Malcom Heathershaw; 18:01.50; Wall

8. Carter Erikson; 17:10.50; Jones Co.

20. Clark Hindman; 15:01.; Kadoka Area

22. Don Schofield; 14:08; Kadoka Area

Triple Jump

1. Reid Hanson; 41:02.25; Wall

2. Rylan McDonnell; 41:02.00; Wall

3. Nolan Wahlfeldt; 40:06.75; Belle Fourche

4. Ethan Jensen; 40:04.00; Belle Fourche

5. James Pierce; 39:10.75; Lead-Deadwood

8. Chastin Tollakson; 36:03.75; Jones Co.

10. Carter Erikson; 34:05; Jones Co.

GIRLS

HIGH SCHOOL

100 Meters

1. Dru Keegan; 13.74; Belle Fourche

2. Kaitlyn Nowowiejski; 13.78a PR

3. Meredith Ramaker; 13.89; Hot Springs

4. Jocelyn Dirksen; 13.91; Lead-Deadwood

5. Jacie Devries; 14.02; Hill City

14. Kaitlyn Schofield; 14.85; Kadoka Area

16. Macee Paulsen; 14.91; Wall

20. Emmy Moon; 15.22; Wall

22. Loucacey Times; 15.30; Wall

24. Sophie Dowling; 15.36; Jones Co.

28. Maddie Hulm; 15.78; Bison

36. Hannah Brost; 19.02; Jones Co.

200 Meters

1. Jordyn Larsen ; 25.72; Custer

2. Josey Wahlstrom; 25.97; Custer

3. Alaina Dean; 26.70; Hill City

4. Riley Wiese; 26.99; Hill City

5. Madelyn Host; 27.97; Jones Co.

15. Taylor McDonnell; 30.18; Wall

22. Emmy Moon; 31.06; Wall

23. Macee Paulsen 31.08; Wall

25. Kendal Kinsley; 3