

## The Kougar Column

Robert Lukens - MS/HS Principal

Kadoka Area Patrons,  
The following column ran on the 30th of December of this 21-22 school year. This Memorial Day, we thank the veterans and soldiers in our midst who made this holiday possible. *Unsung, but never forgotten, we thank you for your great contribution to society.*

Dear Kougars,  
Sitting in my family living room with my energetic children opening presents for Christmas made me realize that the greatest gift is not from Santa but the elves themselves. Of course, St. Nicolas delivers all the pageantry and makes the headlines, but where would he be without the elves and Mrs. Claus taking care of all the big day's details? What would the reindeer pull if they didn't have toys fill Santa's magic sack? I am sure that all those that receive coal, as I did one Christmas morning as a child, would be quite satisfied with avoiding a messy hand of black soot when they reached in their socking on Christmas morning. However, somebody had to cut and form that lump from the mine. Still again, Santa probably didn't do all this work by himself.

The message of improving my attitude about him and his yearly appearance was aided by those making his operation run smoothly. I may have sat in his lap at a nearby department store as a tike and told him I knew he wasn't real and that I was only doing this for a picture my Mom wanted. However, the execution of the punishment probably fell to those around the jolly holiday-maker.

Similarly, our school and society is full of heroes that go unnoticed but make a huge difference in human capital development from our public school system. Namely, those who assist the principals and superintendent directly make sure we have what we need when we need it. In the past, these positions would have been called many names: janitors, secretaries, or even hourly staff. However, many are quick to point out that they are much more than that. They are pleasant voices on the phone when you call. The person, your child, comes to when they need a hug. The people who work around them are much less stressed and more productive just by their presence. There isn't a set

description of these positions, many bring different skills to the job, but all are valued.

As New Year's approaches, maybe a fancy resolution is not in order at all. Why ask for something new when what is around you is the best you could ask? Our support staff at Kadoka Area is a New Year's wish in itself. As I watch the ball drop in Times Square this year, I will not be in awe of the beauty. Intentionally, I will remember the people who did the little things to make it possible, and in turn, remember those who make our district so much better by their mere presence and skills. Thank you to all.

As on *New Year's and Christmas, Memorial Day is to remember the wonderful contributions of those who deserve so much credit, but rarely are heard from. Thank you Veterans, families of those fallen in war, and those who passed away in battle. We love this country and thank you for defending it.*

Sincerely,  
Robert Lukens  
MS/HS Principal  
Kadoka Area High School

## 2022 Class B State Track & Field Meet in Sioux Falls

The State Track meet was held in Sioux Falls on Thursday, May 26-Saturday, May 28. Kougars Dawson Reckling and Lanie Blair both brought home Championship medals in the high jump and discus. Gracie Eisenbraun took second place in the girls pole vault and Rebecca Shuck topped a spot on the podium with sixth place in the high jump.



Dawson Reckling won the championship in High Jump for the boys division. Reckling jumped 6'6" at the state meet

### GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

- 200 Meters**  
1. Daniela Lee; 25.95; Colman-Egan  
2. Jessica Boekelheid; 26.26; Northwestern  
3. Shawnteah La Croix; 26.62 PR; Aberdeen Christian  
6. Portia Wiebers; 27.29; New Underwood

- 400 Meters**  
1. Reese Luze; 58.40 PR; Colman-Egan  
2. Emma Marshall; 58.65 PR; Irene-Wakonda  
3. Dannaika Kaup; 1:00.38 PR; Potter County  
7. Paige Kjerstad; 1:01.66; Wall

- 800 Meters**  
1. Reese Luze; 2:19.22; Colman-Egan  
2. Emery Larson; 2:20.55; Chester Area  
3. Emma Schlachter; 2:22.50 PR; Potter County  
11. Jolie Dugan; 2:30.28 PR; Jones Co  
20. Keaunna Poor Bear; 2:33.86; Wall

- 1600 Meters**  
1. Ella Boekelheide; 5:21.41 PR; Northwestern  
2. Autumn Baker; 5:29.02 PR; Kimball/White Lake  
3. Kailee Frank; 5:29.26; Burke  
12. Presley Terkildsen; 5:41.75 SR; Philip  
18. Jolie Dugan; 5:53.76; Jones Co

- 3200 Meters**  
1. Ella Boekelheide; 11:33.48; Northwestern  
2. Kailee Frank; 11:40.37 SR; Burke  
3. Autumn Fallis; 11:43.78 PR; Highmore/Harroll  
7. Presley Terkildsen; 12:09.79 PR; Philip

- 300m Hurdles-30"**  
1. Morgan Peterson; 46.79 PR; Edgemont  
2. Portia Wiebers; 47.33 SR; New Underwood  
3. Rylee Peters; 47.72 PR; Freeman  
8. Emma Hunt; 48.94 PR; Jones Co

- 4x100 Relay**  
1. Colman-Egan; 51.21  
2. Platte-Geddes; 51.84  
3. Miller; 52.14  
8. Wall; 53.05; Nora Dinger, Searra-Sioux Deutscher, Paige Kjerstad, Ava Dinger

- 4x200 Relay**  
1. Colman-Egan; 1:48.96  
2. Alcester-Hudson; 1:50.69  
3. Wall; 1:50.96; Nora Dinger, Searra-Sioux Deutscher, Paige Kjerstad, Ava Dinger  
8. Jones Co; 1:53.06; Madelyn Host, Alexis Moran, Kendal Kinsley, Emma Hunt

- 4x400 Relay**  
1. Potter County; 4:10.32  
2. Colman-Egan; 4:12.41  
3. Wall; 4:15.94; Emmy Moon, Keaunna Poor Bear, Taylor McDonnell, Paige Kjerstad

- 4x800 Relay**  
1. Colman-Egan; 9:52.33  
2. Chester Area; 9:55.44  
3. Potter County; 9:57.60  
8. Philip; 10:18.32; Drew Terkildsen, Quinn Terkildsen, Mattisen Reckling, Presley Terkildsen  
21. Wall; 10:50.92; Emmy Moon, Maranda Poor Bear, Taylee Dartt, Keaunna Poor Bear

- SMR 200/200/400/800 Relay**  
1. Kimball/White Lake; 4:18.58  
2. Chester Area; 4:18.69  
3. Potter County; 4:24.42  
7. Jones Co; 4:37.22; Madelyn Host, Kendal Kinsley, Mallory Valburg, Jolie Dugan

- Shot Put**  
1. Danielle Hawley; 40-10.75 PR; Esteline/Hendricks  
8. Rainee Snyder; 38-03.50; Menno  
3. Lydia Hill; 38-02.75; Sully Buttes  
16. April Schulz; 32-10.75; Wall



Gracie Eisenbraun placed second at the State Track Meet held in Sioux Falls. Eisenbraun vaulted 10' making another personal record.



Rebecca Shuck placed sixth during the state track meet held in Sioux Falls. Shuck jumped a height of 4' 10".

- Discus**  
1. Lanie Blair; 123-01; Kadoka Area  
2. Delanie VanDriel; 122-05; Scotland  
3. Lydia Hill; 119-09; Sully Buttes  
10. April Schulz; 106-09 PR; Wall  
23. TyAnn Mortenson; 85-00.75; Faith  
24. Jada Kusser; 73-06; Wall
- High Jump**  
1. Hadley Carlson; 5-05.00 PR; Arlington  
2. Skyler Volmer; 5-04.00; Lyman  
3. Ally Mullaney; 5-00.00 SR; Miller  
6. Rebecca Shuck; 4-10.00; Kadoka Area
- Pole Vault**  
1. Sadie Johnson; 10-03.00 PR; Estelline/Hendricks  
2. Gracie Eisenbraun; 10-00.00 PR; Kadoka Area  
3. Marley Guthmiller; 9-06.00; Ipswich  
8. Rainee Snyder; 8-06.00 PR; Philip  
12. Kambelle Schauer; 8-00.00; Faith
- Long Jump**  
1. Courtney Sees; 16-10.75; Avon  
2. Carly Patrick; 16-09.25 PR; Alcester-Hudson  
3. Morgan Fiedler; 16-08.25 SR; Aberdeen Roncalli  
9. Ava Dinger; 15-06.25; Wall  
15. Nora Dinger; 14-11.75; Wall
- Triple Jump**  
1. Morgan Fiedler; 35-10.50 PR; Aberdeen Roncalli  
2. Mackenzie Hemmer; 35-10.00; Colman-Egan  
3. Skyler Volmer; 33-10.50; Lyman  
11. Ava Dinger; 32-02.25 SR; Wall  
13. Sydney Sobolewski; 31-08.25 PR; New Underwood  
15. Journey King; 31-05.00; Faith

### BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

- 100 Meters**  
1. Ty Kadlec; 11.04 PR; Ipswich  
2. Jovi Wolf; 11.05; Chester Area  
3. George Johnson; 11.19; Viborg-Hurley  
6. Logan Sammons; 11.53; Philip
- 800 Meters**  
1. Kaleb Foltz; 1:59.73 PR; Tri-State  
2. Dawson Miller; 2:02.01 PR; Kimball/White Lake  
3. Ben Witt; 2:02.14 PR; Burke  
5. Brodi Sundall; 2:03.29; Wall  
18. Trey Larson; 2:07.99 PR; Philip Roncalli

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## Bennett County Practice Rodeo from May 28

**BOYS ALL AROUND:** Dalton Porch, Kadoka

**GIRLS ALL AROUND:** Layni Stevens, St. Lawrence

**BOYS RESERVE ALL AROUND:** Teryn Zebroski, Sturgis

**GIRLS RESERVE ALL AROUND:** Jessica Woodward, Custer

**BAREBACK RIDING**

**First Performance**

1. Tyler Graf, Martin, 70

**Second Performance**

No Qualified Rides

Average: Tyler Graf, Martin, 70

**TIE DOWN ROPING**

**First Performance**

1. Dalton Porch, Kadoka, 12.65

2. Rance Bowden, Belle Fourche, 13.41

3. Teryn Zebroski, Sturgis, 15.19

4. Brynn Thompson, Hot Springs, 17.12

**Second Performance**

1. Dalton Porch, Kadoka, 11.16

2. Trevor Hartshorn, Hermosa, 12.48

3. Teryn Zebroski, Sturgis, 15.58

4. Rance Bowden, Belle Fourche, 16.55

Average: Dalton Porch, Kadoka, 23.81

**SADDLE BRONC**

**First Performance**

1. Christopher Nelson, Wagner, 69

**Second Performance**

No Qualified Rides

Average: Christopher Nelson, Wagner, 69

**STEER WRESTLING**

**First Performance**

1. Bodey Waln, Martin, 5.46

2. Dalton Porch, Kadoka, 9.67

**Second Performance**

1. Quinn Moon, Wall, 6.26

2. Dalton Porch, Kadoka, 6.86

Average: Dalton Porch, Kadoka, 16.53

**BULL RIDING**

**First Performance**

1. Kaktis Carlson, Winner, 70

2. Rhone Schmidt, White River, 69

3. Ty Allen, Martin, 63

**Second Performance**

1. Rhone Schmidt, White River, 77

2. Shane Henry, St. Francis, 74

Average: Rhone Schmidt, White River, 146

**BARREL RACING**

**First Performance**

1. Raylee Fagerhaug, Wessington Springs, 16.773

2. Layni Stevens, St. Lawrence, 16.896

3. Sidney Peterson, Sturgis, 16.897

4. Ashlyn Hoffine, Colome, 16.998

**Second Performance**

1. Presley Johnson, Sturgis, 16.501

2. Samantha Ford, Mitchell, 16.506

3. Sidney Peterson, Sturgis, 16.732

4. Ashlyn Hoffine, Colome, 16.884

Average: Samantha Ford, Mitchell, 33.533

**BREAKAWAY ROPING**

**First Performance**

1. Jessica Woodward, Custer, 3.33

2. Ella Hyer, Marsland NE, 3.75

3. Maisy Slovek, Wanblee, 4.16

4. Tae Heathershaw, Martin, 5.19

**Second Performance**

1. Ella Hyer, Marsland NE, 3.50

2. Presley Johnson, Sturgis, 3.89

3. Isabel Risse, Martin, 4.15

4. Jessica Woodward, Custer, 4.4

Average: Ella Hyer, Marsland NE, 7.25

**GOAT TYING**

**First Performance**

1. Isabel Risse, Martin, 8.43

2. Layni Stevens, St. Lawrence, 8.78

3. Emelia Vander May, Long Valley, 11.19

4. Jessica Woodward, Custer, 11.63

**Second Performance**

1. Jessica Woodward, Custer, 9.94

2. Isabel Risse, Martin, 10.40

3. Presley Johnson, Sturgis, 11.06

4. Emelia Vander May, Long Valley, 11.51

Average: Isabel Risse, Martin, 18.57

**POLE BENDING**

**First Performance**

1. Raylee Fagerhaug, Wessington Springs, 22.110

2. Layni Stevens, St. Lawrence, 23.008

3. Sidney Peterson, Sturgis, 23.216

4. Ashley Hunter, Ardmore, 23.456

**Second Performance**

1. Sidney Peterson, Sturgis, 22.644

2. Kaeynn Klippenstein, Hot Springs, 23.127

3. Jessica Woodward, Custer, 23.141

4. Ashley Hunter, Ardmore, 23.490

Average: Sidney Peterson, Sturgis, 45.860

**TEAM ROPING**

**First Performance**

1. Bodey Waln, Martin/Rance Bowden, Belle Fourche; 7.66

2. Riley Kopp, Hermosa/Trevor Hartshorn, Hermosa; 10.12

3. Jade Byrne, Martin/Dalton Porch, Kadoka; 12.16

4. Tegan Zebroski, Sturgis/Teryn Zebroski, Sturgis; 12.77

**Second Performance**

1. Taten Hill, White River/Maxx Blair, Long Valley; 8.65

2. Tegan Zebroski/Teryn Zebroski, Sturgis; 9.20

3. Jade Byrne, Martin/Dalton Porch, Kadoka; 10.94

4. Teigan Vanderpol, Geddes/Rowdy Moore, Winner; 14.88

Average: Tegan Zebroski/Teryn Zebroski, Sturgis, 21.97

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH**  
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**JACKSON COUNTY HIGHWAY SHOP**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022**  
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