

# LHS forensics team has three champions at Lyndon



The Louisburg High School forensics team continues to rack up honors during its early portion of the schedule and it continued Saturday.

The Wildcats traveled to Lyndon for a 19-team tournament, which drew teams from all classifications. Overall, Louisburg finished second in the sweepstakes competition, just a few points behind champion Topeka Seaman and just ahead of third-place finisher Washburn Rural.

Louisburg ended the day with 10 finalists and three champions that contributed to the Wildcats' runner-up honor.

"Along with those who placed, we had several other students have a good day and just miss out on finals," Louisburg coach Brian Weilert said. "Although they didn't earn any individual medals, their performances helped the team to its overall sweepstakes placing."

Senior Abigail Bergman remained undefeated on the season as she won the Prose competition for the fourth consecutive time. Fellow senior Spencer Rogers took first in Humorous Solo Acting and Bergman and Rogers teamed up to come in second in Duet.

Julia Walker won her first gold of the season as she won the title in Serious Solo Acting and the Wildcats had several other placers as well.

Kyle Green finished just behind Rogers to take second in Humorous Solo Acting, while Rio Sierra and Carson Tappan took third in Prose and Original Oration, respectively.

Anthony Strickling and Jonathan Ventre were fourth and fifth, respectively, in Serious Solo Acting and Riley George was fifth in Informative Speaking.

The Wildcats won't have to travel far for their next tournament as they host their home competition Saturday at Louisburg High School.

### **Wildcats compete in two tournaments, take second in Baldwin**

The Louisburg forensics team branched off in two directions on Feb. 13 when it competed at tournaments in Baldwin and Lawrence.

The Wildcats found a lot of success in Baldwin as it finished runner-up in the sweepstakes competition thanks to nine finalists.

Rio Sierra had a big day as she won two titles. Sierra was crowned champion in Serious Solo Acting and Prose. Beckett Rasmussen also had a strong performance as he won Humorous Solo Acting.

Zach Waite and Dalton Knipp each took third in Original Oration and Serious Solo Acting, respectively. Alex Richardson earned two medals with a fourth-place finish in Serious Solo Acting and fifth in Informative Speaking.

Maya Hites came in fifth in Serious Solo Acting and Basia Ayers was seventh in Original Oration.

At Lawrence High School, the Wildcats finished fourth out of 17 schools and they also had nine finalists.

Abigail Bergman won the title in Prose, while Carson Tappan won a gold medal for his performance in Original Oration. Spencer Rogers was second in Humorous Solo Acting and teamed with Bergman to take third in Duet.

Ashely Allen came in second in Informative Speaking and Emily Ventre earned two medals as she took third in Prose and fourth in Program of Oral Interpretation. Nathaniel Mason finished fourth in Poetry and Tappan earned his second medal of the day as he took fifth in Impromptu Speaking.