

# KSHSAA approves several postseason changes



## KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION PRESS RELEASE

TOPEKA – Changes to postseason formats and championship sites for basketball, football, wrestling and track and field highlight actions approved at the June 12-13 KSHSAA Executive Board Meeting. The postseason formats are set by the KSHSAA Executive Board each year.

**Basketball** – Beginning in March of 2026, the state basketball tournaments will be moving to four total sites. Four facilities will play host to the seven classifications, 14 championships. By honoring the KSHSAA membership voted in the fall of 2023 to qualify eight boys teams and eight girls teams involved at the final site, modifications to the daily schedule will be developed. The schedule and other event details, including classification designations for each site and venue selection will be determined and announced following the 2024-25 basketball season.

Another basketball postseason change effective with the

2024-25 season will come at the 3A, 2A, 1A DI and 1A DII classifications. Each class will be divided into four regions and then seeded into two sub-states within the region: Substate A: 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16; Substate B: 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15. The winner of each substate will advance to the state basketball tournament. Further format details and dates will be sent to member schools.

**Football** – As announced in January, the state football championships will be moving to three sites with three games being played at each site. The executive board approved the following sites and schedule for 2024:

Emporia State University:

Class 6A = Friday, November 29 at 2:00pm

Class 4A = Saturday, November 30 at 1:00pm

Class 5A = Saturday, November 30 at 7:00pm

Hutchinson Community College:

Class 2A = Friday, November 29 at 6:00pm

Class 3A = Saturday, November 30 at 12:00pm

Class 1A = Saturday, November 30 at 5:00pm

Kiowa County High School, Greensburg:

Class 8-player DII = Saturday, November 30 at 11:00am

Class 6-Player = Saturday, November 30 at 3:00pm

Class 8-Player DI = Saturday, November 30 at 7:00pm

**Wrestling** – Girl's wrestling will now include four classes to mirror the boy's classification designations. The addition of another class for girl's wrestling necessitates the addition of another championship site. 6A, 5A, 4A and 3-1A will each

have their own site to determine a champion. 3-1A state wrestling will be in Hays and 4A will be in Salina. Park City Arena and one other facility to be named later will house either 6A or 5A. State sites and regional dates will be determined at the September KSHSAA Executive Board meeting. The state wrestling tournament will take place February 28 – March 1, 2025.

**Track and Field** – Qualification for the state meet was adjusted to now be the top 3 plus the next four best regional performance in each event.

Two committees will be formed to gather input from membership school leaders. One to discuss the details behind the implementation of Esports prior to the possible adoption as a KSHSAA sanctioned activity. The second committee will review the KSHSAA calendar to consider possible alternatives to dates of postseason activities.

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## **2024 Louisburg Sports Zone Male Athlete of the Year Finalists**

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**MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALISTS**

***Louisburg seniors Declan Battle and Caden Caplinger, along with junior Ashton Moore, are the three finalists for the 2024 Louisburg Sports Zone Male Athlete of the Year award.***

For the seventh consecutive year, Louisburg Sports Zone will be handing out an Athlete of the Year honor to a male and female athlete at Louisburg High School. I wanted the opportunity to recognize those who exemplify what it means to be an "athlete."

Although I am giving out the award, I wanted the process to be subjective, so I asked the head coaches at LHS to help me out. I asked each coach to send me nominations of who they thought exemplified the Athlete of the Year honor. Then they voted for their top 3 male and female athletes and I tabulated the results and determined the winner. The winner will be announced in the coming days.

Below are the three finalists for the Male Athlete of the Year award in alphabetical order by last name.



## **DECLAN BATTLE – SENIOR – FOOTBALL, BASEBALL**

Declan was a three year starting quarterback for the Wildcats and this year became the school's leading passer and fifth on the list for leading rusher as a team captain. Battle guided the Wildcats to their second straight Frontier League title and an undefeated league record.

Declan was a 1st team All-Frontier League quarterback and defensive back. He was an all-state pick from multiple media outlets and was a finalist for the Frank Fontana Award, which is given annually to the best all-around small school player in Class 1-4 on the Kansas and Missouri sides of the metro.

In 10 games for the Wildcats, Battle completed 105 passes for

1,364 yards and had 16 touchdowns to just two interceptions. He also did a lot of damage on the ground with 1,009 yards rushing and 16 more touchdowns. As a defensive back, Battle finished with 36 tackles and also had an interception for a touchdown. He will join the Washburn University football team next season.

On the baseball diamond, Battle helped the Wildcats to its first league title since 2002 and first regional championship since 2009. He led the team in triples, stolen bases and runs scored that earned him first team all league and first team all state outfield. He was also the team's best reliever earning multiple saves on the mound.

Battle was atop the Wildcat lineup all season and set the tone in several games. He finished with a .378 average to go along with 34 hits, five doubles, three triples, a home run and had 23 RBIs.

He also led the team with 41 runs scored, which is a school record and also had a team-high 15 stolen bases. He also holds three individual career team records for runs scored (102), triples (8) and stolen bases (47).



## **CADEN CAPLINGER — SENIOR — FOOTBALL, TRACK**

Caden was a team captain for the Wildcat football team this past season and was a big piece of back-to-back Frontier League championship teams. Caplinger was an all-league selection on both sides of the ball, as a wide receiver and defensive back. He also holds the most career receptions in Louisburg football history.

Caplinger was named to the All-Frontier League second team at wide receiver and defensive back. He led the Wildcats with 33 catches, 510 yards receiving and four touchdowns. On defense, he finished with 41 tackles, 1.5 sacks, six pass breakups and an interception.

On the track, Caplinger is a two-time pole vault champion and a state medalist in the 4×100 relay. He was set to try for a third straight, but suffered a knee injury that ended his season. Caplinger won the season opening meet at the Ottawa Invitational, before having to sit out with the injury. He will be joining the Washburn University track team next season.



## **ASHTON MOORE – JUNIOR – FOOTBALL, WRESTLING, TRACK**

Ashton put together a memorable football season for the Wildcats. Moore was one of the leaders of the Wildcat defense this past season. As a first-team All-Frontier League player on both sides of the ball, he posted a team-high 125 tackles,



including eight for a loss. He also had four forced fumbles and two sacks. He was named a finalist for the Bobby Bell Award, which is given annually to the best Class 1-4 offensive lineman/defensive lineman or linebacker in the KC metro area.

Moore was also the team's starting running back and made things difficult on opposing defenses. He carried the load for the Wildcats as he carried the ball 151 times for 1,110 yards and had 15 touchdowns. He also finished with 292 yards receiving and three more scores to earn first team honors.

On the wrestling mat, Moore was a state medalist as he took fourth at 190 pounds after making it to the state semifinals with an injured knee. He finished the season with 38 wins. He leads the program in the following categories: Career takedowns (117), career nearfall-3 (34), career escapes (57), career team points (510), season takedowns (51), season team points (229), and season pins (27). He led the team this year with most wins (38), most nearfall-2 (8), and the fastest pin (7 seconds).

Moore was also a returning state qualifier for the Louisburg 4x100-meter relay, but saw his track season come to an early end due to an injury.

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## **BACK-TO-BACK: Carpenter-Ross wins pole vault to lead Lady Cats at state**



***Louisburg senior Maddy Carpenter-Ross celebrates after clearing 12 feet Saturday at the Class 4A state meet in Wichita. That clearance gave Carpenter-Ross her second straight state championship in the event.***

WICHITA – All season, Maddy Carpenter-Ross had her eyes set on a second straight state title in the pole vault and she dominated her competition.

Going into Saturday's Class 4A state meet at Wichita State, Carpenter-Ross won every competition going away and was ready to do the same against some of the state's best.

This time, however, it was much harder.

To get this state title, Carpenter-Ross was going to have to have to set a new personal best and break her own school record in the process.

She did it and accomplished that feat on her first try.

With two competitors left at 12 feet, Carpenter-Ross cleared

it on her first try as did Holton's Piper Robinson. Both competitors missed at 12-6, and since they were tied, they decided the winner based on misses at 11-6, where the Louisburg senior got it on her first try.

"It is pretty awesome," Carpenter-Ross said. "I worked really hard for that and I am so relieved right now. It was a little stressful, but I was in that competitive mindset and I was so happy that I PR'd. Everyone was setting personal records, so I was just like 'My turn.'"



***Maddy Carpenter-Ross vaults into the air for a clearance Saturday in Wichita.***

Carpenter-Ross didn't have a single miss after entering the competition at 10 feet, before she couldn't clear her three tries at 12-6. It turned out to be big as several competitors set personal records throughout the event as four vaulters

were still alive after clearing 11-6.

“I was not expecting it at all,” she said about the all vaulters left late in the event. “I knew the stats of my competitors, but there were a bunch of them that double PR’d, so I needed to do the same myself. They were putting pressure on me, but I thrive under pressure.”

It came down to Carpenter-Ross and Robinson. Robinson cleared 12 feet on her first try, which meant Carpenter-Ross was going to have to do the same if she wanted to have a shot at another state title.

“I knew that I could clear it,” Carpenter-Ross said. “I knew I had the height, I just needed to get the depth. If I had enough adrenaline going, I knew I could get it. I am not going to say I had full confidence, but I had confidence that I could get it.”



***Maddy Carpenter-Ross gets a hug from coach Andy Wright following her state title in the pole vault Saturday at Wichita State.***

She did just that and all that needed to happen was Robinson not to make any of her attempts at 12-6, and she didn't. Carpenter-Ross is now a two-time state champion.

"It is absolutely incredible," she said. "When I was a freshman and watching all these girls out here, I remember how awesome they were and now here I am. To do it twice now is pretty surreal. I am so proud of myself, and so thankful for my family and all my coaches and all the people, including Piper Robinson, who pushed me to get that last one. She has been my competitor for a while and I am thankful that she pushed me."

The Lady Cats also made their way to the medal stand in two

other events and sophomore Suzanna Dansel was a part of both of them.



***Louisburg sophomore Suzanna Dansel sprints down the straightaway in the 100-meter dash Saturday.***

Dansel competed in the 100-meter dash Saturday, and after making the finals in the morning, ran a time of 12.60 seconds to medal seventh overall.

“It feels really good to medal in the 100,” Dansel said. “I’ve improved a lot since the first meet of the season. I felt accomplished, but I know I can improve a lot in my top speed.”

Dansel was the anchor leg of the Louisburg 4×100-meter relay, which also made the finals. Dansel, along with Kendall Crossley, Emma Vohs and Addi Mallett, had the sixth fastest time after competing in the prelims Friday.

The Louisburg quartet put together their best race of the season in the finals as they ran a personal best time of 50.28

seconds to medal sixth. It was the second straight season the Wildcat relay found their way to the medal stand, and Dansel and Crossley were a part of both of those teams.



***Louisburg senior Emma Vohs takes the handoff from Kendall Crossley on Saturday during the finals of the 4×100-meter relay.***

“We ran the best time we have this season and each of our legs had a good position for this race, and improved every single meet,” Dansel said. “I was really excited to medal in the 4×1 again and it was definitely a goal of mine. We had two new additions to the relay and all ran strong. We hope to do it again next year.”

The Wildcats nearly medaled in a fourth event, but experienced some heartbreak in the javelin Friday.

In what was a tough competition, senior Katie Elpers missed

out on the medal stand by one spot as she finished ninth overall with a throw of 123 feet, 9 inches. Freshman Adelyn Moore was 13th at 111-9.

Back on the track, freshman Caroline Apple also just missed out on a medal in the 300-meter hurdles as she finished 9th overall in 50.81 seconds.

Crossley competed in a pair of sprints, along with her performance in the 4×100. Crossley was 15th in the 400 dash in 1:06 and 16th in the 200 dash in 27.38.

The Lady Cat team of Emma Vohs, Erin Apple, Adelyn Moore and Maddy Rhamy ran in the 4×800-meter relay and took 15th in 10:54.

In the team standings, Louisburg took 19th out of 29 teams with 15 points. Eudora won the state team title with 68 points and Andale was second with 55.

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**Wingfield wins state title  
for injured teammate,  
Wildcats medal five at state**





***Louisburg junior Cooper Wingfield pumps his fist after clearing 15 feet in the pole vault last Friday at the Class 4A state meet in Wichita. He captured his first state title in the event.***

WICHITA – As Cooper Wingfield stood atop the medal stand Friday at the Class 4A state track meet, he was filled with an over abundance of joy and pride.

He had just captured his first state championship in the pole vault – something he had worked hard all season for. However, something was missing – or more specifically – someone.

Louisburg senior Caden Caplinger, a two-time state champion, was all set to try for a third straight crown, but a knee injury prior to the season derailed that chance.

Without Caplinger, there was a void among the Wildcat vaulters and Wingfield felt it while getting his gold medal.

“It means a lot,” Wingfield said of the state title “I wanted to win it for Caden. It was hard this season without him. We

would warm up together, come in together and it was different with him not being there. It means a lot to continue the legacy. I wanted to be able to win it for Caden and I'm glad I did."



***Louisburg junior Cooper Wingfield stood atop the state podium Friday in Wichita after winning the pole vault.***

However, the state title was never a sure thing.

Wingfield, who was the state runner-up to Caplinger last season, entered the competition at 14 feet. He missed the first two attempts on his opening height, and another miss would not only prevent him from a state title, but a spot on the medal stand.

On the third attempt, the Louisburg junior cleared it with ease and eventually cleared 15 feet on his first attempt, which was the winning height.

"I was really nervous there on that last attempt (at 14

feet),” Wingfield said. “All I needed was a good jump to get in the zone and from there I knew I could jump pretty high. The competition was a lot harder this time around than it was last year. I knew I had to make everything on my first attempt and once I had one good jump, I knew I could do it.”

It had already been a special season in the pole vault for Wingfield, as he earned a league and regional title, and broke the school record last month. Friday’s victory was the perfect ending in what Wingfield hopes is the first of two state titles.

“It was a pretty successful season, but hopefully I can jump higher next year,” Wingfield said. “I would have liked to go higher, but once I won it, I didn’t take care. Excited to see what I can do in the future.”



***Louisburg junior Jacob Brown clears a height in the pole***

***vault. Friday at the 4A state meet in Wichita. Brown medaled eighth in the event.***

Wingfield wasn't the only Wildcat to earn a spot on the medal stand. Junior Jacob Brown vaulted his way to a state medal as well.

Brown cleared 13 feet to earn eighth place overall in what was his first state meet.

"It is pretty cool," Brown said. "It wasn't the same without Caden up there, but it was pretty cool to be able to stand up there with Cooper. It was just a good season overall. I wish I could have gone a little higher, but I was happy."

Louisburg also earned state medals in three other field events and it started Friday morning in the long jump competition.



***Louisburg junior Gavin Lohse finished third in the long jump at the Class 4A state track meet at Wichita State.***

Junior Gavin Lohse took third place overall in with a leap of 21 feet, 1.75 inches. Lohse found the medal stand in what was just his first year of track.

“It meant a lot to me, especially going into the season not knowing anything about the sport,” Lohse said. “I didn’t know what to expect, quitting baseball and starting track my junior year. I thought it was possible (to get a medal), I just had to work really hard to get there.”

It was a rough start to the competition for Lohse as he scratched on his first two attempts of the preliminaries and was in danger of not making the finals. Then on his third attempt, jumped over 20 feet to get into the finals.

Lohse jumped his best on his first attempt of the final round to earn the third place spot. He also nearly earned a second medal in the 100-meter dash Saturday, but took 10th in the prelims in 11.36 seconds.



***Louisburg senior Jaymes Melton took seventh in the shot put with a personal best throw on Friday at the state meet in***

## **Wichita.**

Later on in the day Friday, senior Jaymes Melton became the third state medalist for Louisburg as he saved his best effort for last in the shot put.

On his first throw of the competition, Melton set a new personal record with a toss of 49-5.75 to earn a spot in the finals. Although he didn't better his throw, it was still good enough for a seventh place medal.

"Winning a state medal for track my senior means achieving a personal goal," Melton said. "There have been challenges to overcome and this forced me to push my limits, and a state medal is the best reward and ending I could have received in my high school athletic journey.

"Overall, I feel like I performed well. The first throw definitely helped relieve some of the nerves I had going in. My first throw was a new PR for me and sent me to the finals. After I did that, the nerves were not as bad and so I just focused on my technique for the next five throws. "

Louisburg senior Ben O'Bryan did much of the same Saturday in the discus competition.

O'Bryan recorded a personal best throw of 154-9 in his first throw of the preliminaries. That was good enough for a seventh-place finish and his first state medal.



***Louisburg senior Ben O'Bryan medaled seventh overall in the discus with a personal best throw Saturday in Wichita.***

“To win a medal in my final year was monumental for me and something I never thought would happen until this year,” O'Bryan said. “I didn't just get it for me, I got it for my coaches and family. Going into the ring I could feel the pressure as there were lots of good throwers at state. But once I got my first throw in that secured my spot in finals, the nerves went away.”

The Wildcat 4×400-meter relay of Hunter Heinrich, Aidan Meyer, Emmett White and Blaise Vohs just missed out on a medal as they took ninth in 3:32. Heinrich and Meyer took 12th and 14th, respectively, in the 400 dash.

The 4×800-meter relay of Vohs, Colton Blue, Jerynce Brings Plenty and Myles Vohs were also edged out of the medals as



they finished 10th in 8:21.

Senior Noah Cotter finished 12th in the 3,200-meter run in 10:40.

As a team, the Wildcats boys finished 17th out of 28 teams with 21 points. Andale won the state championship with 70.5 points and Bishop Miege was runner-up with 61.

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## Week 10 Athlete of the Week: Suzanna Dansel



Here is the Louisburg Sports Zone Athlete of the Week for week 10 of the spring sports season, sponsored by Landmark National Bank.

# SUZANNA DANSEL, SOPHOMORE, TRACK AND FIELD

Louisburg sophomore Suzanna Dandel put together a memorable performance at the Class 4A state track and field meet last weekend in Wichita. On Saturday, Dandel came home with two medals – one individual and the other as part of a relay.

Dandel, along with Kendall Crossley, Emma Vohs and Addi Mallett, finished sixth overall in the 4×100-meter relay as they ran a season-best time of 50.28 seconds. Then in the 100-meter dash, Dandel qualified for the finals and finished seventh overall in 12.60 seconds.

The athlete of the week award is announced every Wednesday morning during the spring season and the winner is selected by Louisburg Sports Zone with the help of nominations from coaches.

## **Previous Winners:**

Week 1: Jack Anderson

Week 2: Nathaniel Lamm

Week 3: Derek Frederick

Week 4: Izzy Moreland

Week 5: Maddy Carpenter-Ross

Week 6: Jaden Bentz

Week 7: Cooper Wingfield

Week 8: Sabra Brueggen

Week 9: Alex Saad



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**Louisburg girls win 3  
regional titles, qualifies  
for state in 8 events**



***Louisburg senior Maddy Carpenter-Ross clears a height in the pole vault Thursday at the Class 4A regional meet in Eudora. Carpenter-Ross won the regional title at 11-6.***

EUDORA – The Louisburg girls track and field team brought home a lot of hardware from the Class 4A regional meet Thursday and will be well represented at state.

The Lady Cats earned three individual regional champions and qualified for state in eight events during the competition held at Eudora High School.

As a team, Louisburg finished fourth in the team standings with 70 points. Eudora won the regional title with 160, while Baldwin was regional runner-up with 76.5.

“Overall it was a good day for the girls track team,” Louisburg coach John Reece said. “They competed well in all aspects of the meet.”

Louisburg senior Maddy Carpenter-Ross led things off as she

became the team's first state qualifier of the day as she won the regional title in the pole vault.

Carpenter-Ross cleared 11 feet, 6 inches to win the event by nearly a foot. She also kept her undefeated meet record alive as she heads back to state as the defending state champion.

"Maddy makes a difficult event look easy," Reece said. "She is a technician and is never satisfied, which makes her hard to beat as she is going to bring everything she's got each meet. I'm hoping for a great state meet for her and seeing her bring home the gold."

The field event success continued as a pair of Louisburg throwers had their best day in the javelin.



***Louisburg senior Katie Elpers won the regional title in the javelin Thursday at Eudora with a personal best throw of 129-10.***

Senior Katie Elpers recorded a personal best throw of 129-10

to win the competition and earned her first regional title.

Elpers won't be the only Louisburg thrower going to state as freshman Adelyn Moore finished fourth with a throw of 125-4, which was a personal best. That toss came on her final attempt, which jumped her into fourth place and earned a state spot by an inch.

"Katie and Adelyn threw well on Thursday," Reece said. "Both of them throwing a PR was the goal and then let good things happen and they did. Both qualifying for state is a testament to their hard work and Coach G (Alex Gentges) getting them there."

On the track, Louisburg got another regional champion thanks to legs of four athletes.



***Louisburg sophomore Addi Mallett takes off after getting the***

***handoff from Emma Vohs in the 4×100-meter relay.***

The 4×100-meter relay of Kendall Crossley, Emma Vohs, Addi Mallett and Suzanna Dansel won the race going away with a time of 50.49 seconds.

“The 4×100 did an awesome job,” Reece said. “They continue to hit their handoffs and that is key to the success they have been having in the last few weeks.”

Crossley will be a busy person at state as she qualified in three events. Along with the 4×100 relay, Crossley will also compete in the 200- and 400-meter dashes.

The Louisburg sophomore was third in the 200 dash in 27.33 seconds and finished fourth in the 400 dash in 1:03.55.

“Even though she is nursing a foot issue, Kendall stepped up and ran great,” Reece said. “Qualifying in two individual events and a relay shows how tough she is. She will be ready for state.”



***Louisburg sophomore Kendall Crossley qualified for state in three events Thursday at Eudora.***

Dansel ran a strong race in the 100-meter dash as she took second in 12.77 seconds and will make first appearance at state in the event, after helping the 4×100 relay to a state medal last season as a freshman.

The Lady Cats will also send a second relay to state. The 4×800 relay of Vohs, Erin Apple, Maddy Rhamy and Moore took fourth with a personal best of 10:31.

Freshman Caroline Apple found success on the track and earned a spot at state in her first season. Apple finished fourth in the 300-meter hurdles in 17.45 seconds.

Louisburg will travel to Wichita for the Class 4A Kansas State Track and Field Championships that will start at 8 a.m. on Friday and will run through Saturday at Cessna Stadium. The top eight in each event will earn a state medal.



Other results are:

200 dash: Addi Mallett, 6th, 28.18

400 dash: Emma Vohs, 9th, 1:07; Presley Yows, 10th, 1:08

3,200 run: Maddy Rhamy, 5th, 12:37

100 hurdles: Caroline Apple, 5th, 17.45; Kate Frederick, 6th, 17.50

4x400 Relay: 5th, 4:22

High Jump: Apple, 8th, 4-8; Breck Nielsen, 9th, 4-8

Shot Put: McKenna Lohse, 5th, 35-7; Kinley Scott, 9th, 30-2.25; Maddie Yoder, 15th, 27-3

Discus: Lohse, 7th, 94-9; Cora Wulfkuhle, 15th, 79-0

Javelin: Lohse, 12th, 83-2

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**Wingfield wins regional title, Wildcats qualify for state in 9 events**



***Louisburg junior Gavin Lohse leans at the finish line as he took fourth in the 100-meter dash Thursday at the Class 4A regional meet in Eudora. Lohse qualified for state in two events.***

EUDORA – The Louisburg boys track and field team might not have left with a plaque, but the Wildcats will be well-represented as this weekend’s state meet.

Louisburg qualified for state in nine different events during the Class 4A regional meet at Eudora High School and also had a regional champion.

As a team, the Wildcats finished fourth in the team standings with 72 points. Bishop Miege won the regional title with 130 points and Eudora was second with 106.

“It was hard to tell from watching, because the level of competition was crazy good, but when I started hearing times and marks, almost everyone got a personal record or got close to their personal best,” Louisburg coach Andy Wright said.

“The boys side of the regional was stacked with competition. Some years it just happens that way, but if you came out of that regional, there is a good chance of medaling at state.”

Louisburg junior Cooper Wingfield provided the Wildcats with their lone regional championship. Wingfield won the pole vault competition going away as he cleared 15 feet to take gold.

Wingfield’s teammate, junior Jacob Brown, was right behind him as he cleared 12 feet, 7 inches to finish as the regional runner-up.



***Louisburg junior Cooper Wingfield cleared 15 feet to win a regional title in the pole vault Thursday in Eudora.***

“Cooper did well,” Wright said. “He had good attempts at his PR. I always like the way Eudora showcases pole vault by bringing in a raised runaway in the middle of the football field. It makes it fun for spectators as well. It also gives them a good taste at being in front of a large crowd.”

“Cooper can be up there with the best at the state track meet. It’s going to take his best performance to win it, but I know he will give it his best.”

Junior Gavin Lohse qualified for state in two events thanks to a pair of fourth place finishes.

Lohse snuck in the long jump as he took fourth with a mark of 21-3.25. He later qualified in the 100-meter dash as he finished fourth with a personal best of 11.26 seconds.

“I think the 100 was his best start yet, and it really helped him be able to get in there and qualify,” Wright said. “He was not ranked top four going in, but that is why you run the race, and he put one together when it mattered.”

Louisburg was also able to qualify a pair of relays and saved its best for last. The 4×400-meter relay of Hunter Heinrich, Aidan Meyer, Blaise Vohs and Emmett White ended the meet with a third place finish as it ran a personal best time of 3:28.

The Wildcats also qualified for state in the 4×800 relay and did so before the race even started. The team of Jerynce Brings Plenty, Colton Blue, Myles Vohs and Blaise Vohs took fourth in 9:34.



***Louisburg senior Hunter Heinrich leans at the finish of the 4×400-meter relay Thursday in the Eudora.***

“The 4×8 did what they needed to do with only four teams at regionals,” Wright said. “Everyone that was in the 4×8 had more events to compete in and they were told to just finish the race. We were already in, and knew we needed to give our best in all events due to the level of competition there for boys.

“In the 4×4, we knew, we had to run our best to get in, and they didn’t disappoint. They improved their time by over a second.”

Along with their strong performance in 4×400, Heinrich and Meyer also qualified in individual events. Heinrich took third in the 400-meter dash in 52.21 seconds and Meyer was fourth in a personal best of 52.30.

Also on the track, senior Noah Cotter qualified for state in the 3,200-meter run as he recorded a time of 10:29 and took

fourth.



***Louisburg senior Noah Cotter sprints to the finish of the 3,200-meter run with some encouragement from assistant coach Shelby Suther on Thursday in Eudora.***

In the field events, senior Jaymes Melton, who has seen improvement throughout the year in the shot put, saw his hard work pay off. Melton took third with a throw of 47-9.25

“Jaymes has been improving every week, and has been working so hard,” Wright said. “It’s just great to see a kid like Jaymes have his hard work pay off and get him to the big stage.”

Also in the throws, senior Ben O’Bryan had a good day in the discus as he finished fourth with a throw of 140-2.

Now the Wildcats will prepare for the state meet in Wichita, which begins at 7:40 a.m. on Friday and will continue into Saturday. The top eight in each event will earn a state medal.

“We are excited to go see where we are at,” Wright said. “It’s always tough, but we will do our best and see who can rise to the occasion.”

Other results are:

200 dash: Caleb Feldkamp, 5th, 23.09; Gage Feldkamp, 7th, 23.55; Josiah McCaskill, 15th, 24.58

400 dash: Emmett White, 10th, 53.19

800 run: Blaise Vohs, 5th, 2:04; Colton Blue, 8th, 2:06

1,600 run: Jerynce Brings Plenty, 6th, 4:34; Noah Cotter, 9th, 4:54

300 hurdles: Jay McCaskill, 12th, 47.34

4×100 Relay: 5th, 43.97

Long Jump: Myles Vohs, 5th, 21-1.50; Wyatt Holland, 10th, 19-1.75

Shot Put: Miles Meek, 8th, 42-2.25; Ben O’Bryan, 16th, 37-1.25

Discus: Jaymes Melton, 6th, 132-11; Johnny Hendrickson, 15th, 110-4

Javelin: Tasen Ellison, 5th, 158-5; Lane Cunningham, 9th, 150-11; Brayden Yoder, 11th, 144-3

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# **Wildcats crown five league champions at Frontier League**

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***Louisburg senior Hunter Heinrich won the Frontier League title in the 400-meter dash last Thursday in Eudora.***

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The Wildcats came away with five individual league champions, three on the boys side and two on the girls.

Senior Maddy Carpenter-Ross and junior Cooper Wingfield each captured league pole vault titles. Junior Gavin Lohse won the long jump and senior Hunter Heinrich won the 400-meter dash.

Also on the girls side, the 4×100 relay of Suzanna Dansel, Kendall Crossley, Emma Vohs and Addi Mallett captured a league crown as well.

The Louisburg boys finished third in the team standings with 100 points and Spring Hill won the league with 137 points.

“League was one of our better meets in regard to how we competed as a team,” Louisburg boys coach Andy Wright said. “We scored points in 15 out of the 18 events. We are also finally getting close to getting everyone healthy and prepared for regionals. It’s the right time for it to start coming together with our relays and individual events.”

As for the girls, the Wildcats finished in fourth place with 62.5 points. Spring Hill also won league on the girls side with 138 points.

“League went well,” Louisburg girls coach John Reece said. “We had some bright moments with more personal records set and improvements on season best times. We have definitely set ourselves up to qualify several to continue on to state.”

Wingfield and Carpenter-Ross continued their dominance in the pole vault and both cruised to easy victories. Wingfield cleared 14 feet, 9 inches to win by almost two feet and teammate Jacob Brown was third overall with a personal best of 13 feet.

Carpenter-Ross, the defending 4A state champion, stayed undefeated on the season as she won a league title with a clearance of 11 feet.

Lohse also picked up a league championship in the long jump with a leap of 20-11, while taking sixth in the 100 dash in 11.32. Teammate Myles Vohs was right behind him as he set a personal record of 20-8.5 to finish as the league-runner-up.

On the track, Heinrich won the league title in the 400-meter dash with a time of 53.02 seconds. The Wildcats had three of the top four spots in the event as Emmett White was second at 53.33 and Aidan Meyer was fourth in 53.70.

The Louisburg girls 4×100-meter relay had one of their better races of the season as Dansel, Crossley, Mallett and Emma Vohs won in 50.97 seconds.

Dansel and Crossley also racked up points in the sprints. Dansel was second in the 100-meter dash in 12.67 seconds, while Crossley was third in the 200 dash in a personal best time of 27.26 seconds. Crossley also took fourth in the 400 dash in 1 minute and 3 seconds.

Also on the track for the girls, freshman Caroline Apple was fifth in the 300-meter hurdles in 52.97 seconds and senior Maddy Rhamy was sixth in the 3,200 run in 12:53.



***Louisburg senior Maddy Carpenter-Ross won the league title in the pole vault last Thursday in Eudora.***

Rhamy also helped the 4×800-meter relay of Adelyn Moore, Erin Apple and Emma Vohs to a fourth place finish in 11:03. Moore, Mallett, Vohs and Presley Yows took sixth in the 4×400 relay.

On the track, senior Katie Elpers set a new personal best in the javelin with a toss of 122-8 to take third and Moore was seventh at 112-3.

Sophomore McKenna Lohse set a personal best in the shot put with a toss of 37-11.75 to finish in fifth, while junior Hanna Veres was fifth in the triple jump with a personal best of 33-9.5.

Caroline Apple also scored points in the high jump after she

cleared 4-8 and finished in a tie for seventh.

On the boys side, junior Jerynce Brings Plenty took fifth in both the 1,600 (4:44) and 3,200-meter runs (10:36), while sophomore Blaise Vohs was sixth in the 800 run in 2:05.

Brings Plenty, Vohs, Colton Blue and Myles Vohs was second in 4×800-meter relay in 8:36. Lohse, Myles Vohs, Heinrich and Caleb Feldkamp took third in the 4×100 relay in 44.19 seconds, while Feldkamp also took third in the 200 dash in 23.08 seconds.

Heinrich, White, Meyer and Blaise Vohs were fifth in the 4×400 relay in 3:33.

The Wildcats also had strong finishes in the throws. Senior Ben O'Bryan took fourth in the discus with a toss of 134-5.

Another senior, Jaymes Melton, set a personal best again in the shot put as he took fifth at 48-2.5.

Louisburg will now prepare for the regional meet that will be held this Thursday at Eudora High School. The top four in each event qualify for state and events begin at 3:45 p.m.

"We are getting into gear for regionals, and our regional is stacked with competition on the men's side," Wright said. "It will be tough to qualify on this side, so we need to come with our minds right and ready to compete."

"We are still nursing some bumps and dings, but hope to be solid this week at regionals," Reece added. "Hopefully the weather cooperates and we PR in all of our events and let the chips fall where they may with state qualifications."

Other results are:

## **GIRLS**

200 Dash: Addi Mallett, 9th, 28.42

400 Dash : Emma Vohs, 8th, 1:07.19; Presley Yows, 10th, 1:09

800 Run: Adelyn Moore, 13th, 3:01

1,600 Run: Erin Apple, 10th, 6:45

100 Hurdles: Kate Frederick, 8th, 17.85; Caroline Apple, 11th, 19.41

300 Hurdles: Frederick, 11th, 55.35

High Jump: Breck Nielsen, 12th, 4-6

Long Jump: Madison Hill, 14th, 13-7.75; Hanna Veres, 15th, 13-2

Triple Jump: Hill, 13th, 29-8.25

Shot Put: Kinley Scott, 12th, 31-0.5; Maddie Yoder, 19th, 27-4.5

Discus: McKenna Lohse, 13th, 92-4; Cora Wulfkuhle, 18th, 78-9; Talen McMurray, 22nd, 66-6

Javelin: Lohse, 16th, 90-11

## **BOYS**

100 Dash: Gage Feldkamp, 10th, 11.47; Josiah McCaskill, 16th, 11.85

200 Dash: McCaskill, 13th, 24.74

800 Run: Colton Blue, 11th, 2:12

Long Jump: Wyatt Holland, 9th, 17-11.75

Shot Put: Ben O'Bryan, 9th, 42-6; Miles Meek, 10th, 42-5

Discus: Johnny Hendrickson, 12th, 108-10

Javelin: Brayden Yoder, 9th, 150-0; Tasen Ellison, 10th, 148-6; Lane Cunningham, 14th, 134-0

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# Wildcat track shows improvement at Red Bud Classic in Wellsville



***Louisburg senior Emma Vohs hands the baton off to Adelyn Moore during the 4×800-meter relay earlier this season.***

WELLSVILLE – There were no school records broken or big time performances, but both Louisburg track and field teams saw improvements Friday at the Red Bud Classic in Wellsville.

The boys finished fifth in the team standings with 58 points and the girls were sixth with 50 points. The girls won a pair

of events, while the boys were shut out of the gold medals.

“We continue to improve across the board,” Louisburg girls coach John Reece said. “The throws crew and jumpers are doing a great job and continue to move up in placings which really help out the team points. With league coming up, we will get a great perspective of what our regional will be like.”

Senior Maddy Carpenter-Ross won another pole vault competition for the Lady Cats as she tied her own school record with a vault of 11-6 to win by a foot.

On the track, the girls also scored several points in the sprints and it started with Suzanna Dansel. The Louisburg sophomore won the 100-meter dash in 12.73 seconds.

Dansel then joined Kendall Crossley, Addi Mallett and Emma Vohs as they finished second in the 4×100-meter relay in 51.40 seconds.

Also in the sprints, Crossley took third in the 400 dash in 1:03 and Vohs was seventh in 1:05. Crossley was also fifth in the 200 dash in 27.43

The Lady Cats scored points in a pair of other relays. The 4×800-meter relay of Vohs, Adelyn Moore, Erin Apple and Maddy Rhamy took sixth in 10:56, while the 4×400 group of Crossley, Vohs, Presley Yows and Adelyn Moore was seventh in 4:28.

Moore also scored points for the Lady Cats in the 800-meter run as she took seventh with a personal best of 2:39.

In the field events, senior Katie Elpers was seventh in the javelin with a toss of 116-6. Sophomore McKenna Lohse set a personal record in the shot with a toss of 36-10.25 to take eighth.

On the boys side, junior Cooper Wingfield had the best finish of the day for the Wildcats. Wingfield was second in the pole vault after he cleared 14 feet.



“For the second week in a row we had tough competition, and for the most part we competed, we are just a little dinged up,” Louisburg boys coach Andy Wright said. “Right now we are focusing on getting healthier, and preparing for league and regionals.”

Junior Gavin Lohse had a solid day on the track for the Wildcats as he scored in three events. Lohse was third in the long jump with a mark of 21-10.

He went on to finish fifth in the 100-meter dash in 11.35 seconds and set a new personal best time in the prelims with a time of 11.23. Lohse, Myles Vohs, Caleb Feldkamp and Gage Feldkamp also took fourth in the 4×100 in 44.58 seconds.

Both Feldkamps also scored points in the 200-meter dash. Caleb was fourth in 23.36 seconds and Gage was seventh in 23.52.



***Louisburg senior Jaymes Melton set a new personal best the shot put Friday at Wellsville.***

Senior Hunter Heinrich ran a strong 400-meter dash as he set a new personal best in 51.83 seconds and took fifth overall. Heinrich, along with Emmett White, Aidan Meyer and Blaise Vohs, set a new season-best time in the 4x400 relay in 3:29 and took third.

In the distance races, junior Jerynce Brings Plenty was eighth in the 1,600-meter run in 4:40.

Senior Ben O'Bryan led the Wildcat throwers as he scored in a pair of events. O'Bryan set a new personal best in the discus with a toss of 152-8 to take fourth and was eighth in the shot put 45-9.5

Another senior, Jaymes Melton, set a personal record in the shot put with a toss of 46-3.5 to take seventh.

Junior Myles Vohs scored points in the long jump and set a new personal best doing it. Vohs was fifth with a mark of 20-9.

Jacob Brown scored points in the pole vault as the Louisburg junior took fourth at 12-6.

Louisburg is back in action Thursday when the Wildcats travel to Eudora for the Frontier League Invitational. Events are set to begin at 4 p.m.

Other results are:

**GIRLS**

High Jump: Caroline Apple, 12th, 4-8; Annmarie Walton, 17th, 4-6; Breck Nielsen, 4-6, 18th

Pole Vault: Stella Bohnenstiehl, 12th, 7-0

Long Jump: Madison Hill, 22nd, 12-11; Hanna Veres, 24th, 12-8

Triple Jump: Hill, 20th, 29-1; Walton, 24th, 25-4.75

Discus: McKenna Lohse, 11th, 100-0; Cora Wulfkuhle, 30th, 78-3

Javelin: Lohse, 25th, 83-4; Adelyn Moore, 26th, 82-9

Shot put: Kinley Scott, 11th, 33-0.50; Maddie Yoder, 20th, 29-2.75

100 hurdles: Kate Frederick, 10th, 17.94; Apple 18th, 22.32

1,600 run: Erin Apple, 17th, 6:46

400 dash: Presley Yows, 14th, 1:07

300 hurdles: Caroline Apple, 11th, 52.03

200 dash: Addi Mallett, 15th, 28.92

## **BOYS**

Long Jump: Wyatt Holland, 12th, 19-3

Triple Jump: Tasen Ellison, 20th, 34-7.5

Discus: Johnny Hendrickson, 24th, 109-6; Jaymes Melton, 27th, 106-6

Javelin: Ellison, 10th, 147-4; Lane Cunningham, 14th, 139-5; Brayden Yoder, 25th, 123-9

Shot Put: Miles Meek, 16th, 41-5.5

100 dash: Gage Feldkamp, 11th, 11.52; Josiah McCaskill, 31st, 12.04

1,600 run: Noah Cotter, 12th, 4:49

400 dash: Emmett White, 9th, 52.83; Aidan Meyer, 16th, 53.64

300 hurdles: Jay McCaskill, 13th, 45.47

800 run: Blaise Vohs, 10th, 2:05; Colton Blue, 11th, 2:06

200 dash: Josiah McCaskill, 24th, 24.86

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# Week 7 Athlete of the Week: Cooper Wingfield



Here is the Louisburg Sports Zone Athlete of the Week for week seven of the spring sports season, sponsored by Louisburg Family Dental.

## COOPER WINGFIELD, JUNIOR, TRACK AND FIELD

Louisburg junior Cooper Wingfield etched his name into the Wildcat track history books last week at the De Soto Invitational. Not only did Wingfield win the pole vault event, he also broke a school record in the process. Wingfield cleared 15 feet, 7 inches to break the old record of 15-6 that

was set by Jacob Albright in 2012.

Later on in the week, Wingfield went on to finish second at the Red Bud Classic in Wellsville. He currently has the best vault in Class 4A and is looking to return to the state podium after finishing as the state runner-up a year ago.

The athlete of the week award is announced every Wednesday morning during the spring season and the winner is selected by Louisburg Sports Zone with the help of nominations from coaches.

**Previous Winners:**

Week 1: Jack Anderson

Week 2: Nathaniel Lamm

Week 3: Derek Frederick

Week 4: Izzy Moreland

Week 5: Maddy Carpenter-Ross

Week 6: Jaden Bentz

