Wright runs away with 3 regional titles; Lady Cats qualify 7 for state



Louisburg junior Delaney Wright leads a pack of runners in the 400-meter dash Friday during the Class 4A regional meet at Paola High School. Wright won regional titles in the 200, 400 and long jump.

Winning events isn’t anything new for Delaney Wright, but that didn’t mean her accomplishment on Friday meant any less.

Wright and the Louisburg girls track and field team competed in the Class 4A regional meet at Paola High School and the Wildcat junior came away with three regional titles to earn a spot at the state track meet.

Wright won the long jump, 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash and holds the top times and distances in 4A for those events. She will be one of the favorites in those for the state meet this Friday in Wichita.

“It was very exciting to win my events at regionals,” Wright said, “It was a tough meet and I feel like we all showed up to compete. The weather wasn’t the greatest so there weren’t a lot of fast times, but we all did what we had to.”

In all, Louisburg will send seven athletes in eight events to the Class 4A state meet. Despite just qualifying seven, the Lady Cats finished third in the regional standings with 66

points. Paola won the regional title with 204 points.

Wright opened the day with a victory in the long jump as she recorded a mark of 18 feet, 6.75 inches. She also went on to win the 400 dash in 59.03 seconds and the 200 in 26.1 seconds.

“Our girls did awesome,” Louisburg coach John Reece said. “I thought finishing third as a team was huge. Delaney is a special athlete and she is always up for any challenge. State is that challenge that she will meet head on.”

Louisburg will also send two javelin throwers to state in senior Alyse Moore and junior Davis Guetterman.



Louisburg junior Davis Guetterman qualified for state in the javelin with a throw of 106-5 to place fourth at regionals Friday in Paola.

Moore, who had a throw of 126-11, was beaten on the competition’s final toss by Paola’s Mackenzie Kuehl as she won with a mark of 127-7. Moore went on to take second and still

has one of the top throws in the state from earlier this season.

Guetterman earned her trip with a state qualifying throw of 106-5 as she finished fourth overall. It wasn’t a good throwing day as the runway surface was wet and muddy with all the recent precipitation leading up to the meet.

“Taking both Alyse and Davis is an example of their competitive spirit and hard work paying off,” Reece said. “They did what they needed to do to qualify for state.”

Junior Corinna McMullen qualified for her first state meet in the discus with a throw of 107-01 and took third. She became the third Louisburg thrower to punch their ticket to Wichita.



Freshman Emma Vohs qualified for state in the 400 dash as she took third Friday at regionals.

Three freshmen will also make their state debut for the Wildcats as Emma Vohs, Erin Apple and Maddy Carpenter-Ross all qualified.

Vohs will join Wright in the 400-meter dash as the Louisburg freshman took third with a personal best time of 1:01.94.

“It is always exciting having to go to state with other team members,” Wright said. “Especially in the same event. Me and Emma have worked hard this season to get the chance to compete at state. We are low in numbers in girls, but we have been

placing high in our events.”

Apple qualified for the 1,600-meter run as she took fourth in 6:11. Carpenter-Ross took third in the pole vault after clearing 7-6.

“They are being rewarded for their efforts this year,” Reece said. “They will gain priceless experience at their first state track meet. The goal should be to PR and that will end their season on a huge positive.”

The Class 4A state track meet with begin at 8 a.m on Friday at Wichita State University and will be held in conjunction with Class 3A. The Lady Cats are hoping to bring home multiple medals.

“We just have to take care of what we can control and positive outcomes will follow,” Reece said. “These girls have been doing this all year as our state appearances have been in multiple sports in each season.”

Other results are:

3,200 run: Erin Apple, fifth, 14:26

100 dash: Emma Vohs, eighth, 13.55

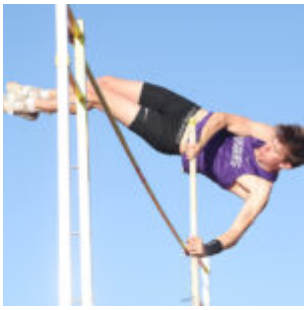
200 dash: Vohs, eighth, 28.41

Shot put: Emma Prettyman, seventh, 29-9; Sydney Thornton, 12th, 24-2

Discus: Aiyana Penca, eighth, 92-4; Prettyman, 9th, 86-11

Javelin: Katie Elpers, 10th, 89-03

Faulkner, Wildcat 4×100 relay win league titles, team takes second



Senior Luke Faulkner clears a height in the pole vault Thursday during the Frontier League Invitational at Tonganoxie High School. Faulkner won the league title at 14 feet.

TONGANOXIE — Senior Luke Faulkner soared to new heights Thursday at the Frontier League Invitational and the Louisburg 4×100-relay team tied a personal best time.

Those two events led to Frontier League championships for both at Tonganoxie High School.

In all, the Wildcats finished among the best in the Frontier League as they took runner-up with 117.5 points and Eudora won the team title with 129 points.

“They came out and did what was expected,” Louisburg boys coach Andy Wright said of his team. “We fell just short of first place, but anytime you can be up there at the top feels pretty good in such a tough league.”

Faulkner cleared a personal best 14 feet to win the league title in the pole vault and is among one of the top vaulters in Class 4A.

“Luke had a great week of practice,” Wright said. “I knew coming into the league meet that he was going to hit a 14 or

14-6. It is so good to see him excel this time in the season. He has worked very hard and he currently has the second best jump in 4A and in the top 10 in the state. I am excited for him."

The Wildcat 4×100 relay of Justin Collins, Tom Koontz, Ben Wiedenmann and Ethan Ptacek put together a strong performance of their own as they won the league title in 43.73 seconds.

"The 4×1 tied their PR, and we still have room to improve," Wright said. "I think we have yet to see a race where everything went perfect, but we are getting there."



Ben Wiedenmann takes the handoff from Ethan Ptacek on Thursday during the Frontier League Invitational. The 4×100 team won a league title with a season best 43.73 seconds.

Collins had a strong performance in the 100-meter dash as well as he took second in 11.4 seconds. Wiedenmann was second in

the 200 dash in 23.5 and senior teammate Dylan Armstrong ran a personal record of 24.1 seconds to take fifth.

Collins (52.12) and Ptacek (52.16) took fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 400 dash. Wiedenmann, Ptacek, Koontz and Jaden Vohs went on take third in the 4×400 relay in 3:33.

In the hurdles, Koontz set a new personal best time in the 300-meter hurdles in 40.56 seconds and came in second. Teammate Mason Dobbins was fourth in 42.37.

Koontz also took second in the 110-meter hurdles in 15.38 seconds. Dobbins was right behind him in third in 15.77, while Nathan Apple took seventh in 16.95.

The Wildcats also racked up points in the distance events.

Louisburg’s 4×800 relay of Carson Houchen, Cade Holtzen, Hayden Ross and Vohs set a personal best time of 8:34 to take runner-up in league.

Vohs and Houchen also ran a strong 800-meter run. Vohs was second with a time of 2:04 and Houchen was third in 2:05. Ross also scored points as he took seventh in 2:11



Jaden Vohs hands the baton off to teammate Hayden Ross during the 4×800 relay Thursday in Tonganoxie. The Wildcat team finished second at league.

Senior Ryan Rogers finished fifth in the 1,600-meter run in 4:56.

“The distance runners are really having an impact on our team scores, and continuing to find individual success,” Wright said. “When we line up in races, it is so awesome to know we have a guy that can win it or score points, and this year we have that in about every single race. It sure makes the meets exciting.”

In the field events, sophomore Nathan Vincent was fourth in the javelin with a toss of 163-2 and teammate Jay Scollin was seventh at 147-5.

Junior Hayden Feikert was fifth in the long jump at 18-10.5

and Dobbins was fifth in the high jump after he cleared 5-10. Freshman Caden Caplinger was sixth in the pole vault at 12-0.

Now the Wildcats will focus on the postseason as they will compete at the Class 4A regional meet Friday in Paola. The top four in each event will qualify for the state meet next week in Wichita.

“We are excited to get to what we have been training for all season,” Wright said. “The athletes are ready, and I know I am ready to see them put their best foot forward and I have no doubt they will leave it all on the track at the end of the day.

“Not only are we hopeful to end the day with a lot of individuals and relays qualifying for state, but we also have a chance if we perform to end up with a regional championship as a team, and that is very exciting.”

Other results are:

100 dash: Hayden Feikert, 16th, 12.52

1,600 run: Cade Holtzen, 10th, 5:07

3,200 run: Ryan Rogers, 9th, 11:04; Andrew Brown, 11th, 11:24

300 hurdles: Nathan Apple, 8th, 43.75

Pole vault: Caleb Shaughnessy, 11th, 11-0

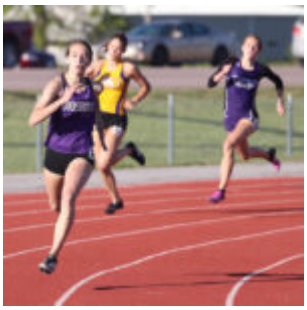
Long jump: Ethan Ptacek, 10th, 18-3.75; Isaiah Whitley, 12th, 18-1.25

Shot put: J.R. Rooney, 10th, 42-1; Chase Pritchard, 16th, 38-8

Discus: Layne Ryals, 11th, 112-7; Nathan Vincent, 12th, 112-4; Pritchard, 22nd, 92-9

Javelin: Ryals, 11th, 125-9

Wright wins two Frontier League titles, breaks own record in 400



Louisburg junior Delaney Wright sprints to the finish in the 400-meter dash Thursday during the Frontier League Invitational in Tonganoxie. Wright won league titles in the 400 and long jump, and also broke her own school record in the 400.

TONGANOXIE – Delaney Wright is no stranger to winning events or breaking school records – it has almost become commonplace during the 2021 track season.

It continued Thursday at the Frontier League Invitational. Wright won league titles in the 400-meter dash and long jump and broke her own school record in the 400 dash in 58.76 seconds at Tonganoxie High School.

Wright won the long jump with a mark of 17 feet, 8.75 inches, just two inches shy of breaking a Frontier League meet record. She also finished third in the 200 dash in 26.27 seconds and helped the Lady Cats to a fifth-place league finish with 45 points.

“Delaney is a warrior on the track,” Louisburg girls coach John Reece said. “She is racing an internal opponent and is

not satisfied if she does not bring her best. She always brings her best at every meet."

Wright wasn't the only Louisburg league champion on the girls side as senior Alyse Moore did the same in the javelin. Moore beat out Paola's Mackenzie Kuehl on her last attempt with a throw of 136-1 to win by a little more than a foot.



Alyse Moore won the Frontier League title in the javelin with a toss of 136-1.

"The girls did an awesome job at league," Reece said. "We are few compared to other league schools but we compete. Becoming a league champion is definitely an accompaniment, especially

in the Frontier League.”

Junior Corinna McMullen also scored some big points for Louisburg as she recorded a throw of 106-5 in the discus to take third overall.

Freshman Emma Vohs recorded a personal best in the 400 dash as she took sixth in 1:02.89. Another freshman, Maddy Carpenter-Ross, was seventh in the pole vault after clearing 7-6.

The Lady Cats now have their eyes set on the biggest meet of the year when they compete in the Class 4A regional meet Friday in Paola. The top four in each event will earn a trip to the state meet next week in Wichita.

“The girls are ready to go and punch their way to the state meet,” Reece said. “If we go and perform our best for the season, great things will happen at regionals and carry us on to state.”

Other results are:

100 dash: Emma Vohs, 9th, 13.72; Andrea Gaza, 14th, 14.77

200 dash: Vohs, 8th, 28.0; Gaza, 14th, 31.05

1,600 run: Erin Apple, 10th, 6:12; Alexis French, 16th, 6:44

3,200 run: Apple, 11th, 13:52; French, 15th, 14:55

Shot put: Emma Prettyman, 12th, 30-1; Sydney Thornton, 21st, 22-2

Discus: Prettyman, 8th, 99-8; Aiyana Penca, 17th, 85-3

Javelin: Malee Rutherford, 20th, 58-3

Week 8 Athlete of the Week: Delaney Wright



Here is the Louisburg Sports Zone Athlete of the Week for week eight of the spring sports season, sponsored by Edward Jones- Craig Holtzen.

Delaney Wright, Junior, Track and Field

It was quite the day for Louisburg junior Delaney Wright last Thursday at the Frontier League Invitational as she won two league titles and broke a school record. In the 400-meter dash, Wright ran a time of 58.76 seconds – to not only win the event – but broke her own school record in the process. Wright also won a league title in the long jump with a mark of 17 feet, 8.75 inches, which was less than two inches away from the league record.

Later on in the day, Wright went on to finish third in the 200-meter dash. Throughout the season, Wright has broken the school record in all three events and has beaten the mark in the long jump and 400 dash on multiple occasions.

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: Lexi Hampton

Week 2: Kolby Kattau

Week 3: Jaden Vohs

Week 4: Mia Wilson

Week 5: Johnny Eberhart

Week 6: Alyse Moore

Week 7: Brandon Doles

Wildcats win Red Bud Classic; Wright breaks school, meet record



Louisburg junior Tom Koontz takes the handoff from Hayden Feikert in the 100-meter dash Friday in Wellsville.

WELLSVILLE – The Louisburg boys track and field team has won its fair share of meets, but maybe none as big as this one.

The Wildcats won the Red Bud Classic on Friday in Wellsville as they racked up 123 points and beat runner-up Eudora by 24

points. Louisburg finished first out of 15 teams – many that feature some of the best athletes in the area.

“We were ecstatic to win Wellsville with the quality of teams that were there,” Louisburg boys coach Andy Wright said. “We had several boys step up with the competition, and perform well. Redbud is a tough meet with 15 schools and over half from the Frontier League.

“We are just a team with depth. We don’t get it done with a lot of first places, but we packed in all of the other placings- second through sixth. That depth adds up to a strong contender at any meet as a team, especially when you have multiple people placing several events.”

Senior Justin Collins led the Wildcats on the track as he finished first in the 100-meter dash in 11.23 seconds and also took second in the 400 dash in 51.55

Collins, along with Hayden Feikert, Tom Koontz and Ethan Ptacek, took third in the 4×100-meter relay in 44.75 seconds. Collins, Feikert, Koontz and Jaden Vohs went to also finish third in the 4×400 relay with a personal best of 3:30.76.



Sophomore Ethan Ptacek gets off to a good start in the 400-meter dash Friday in Wellsville.

Feikert and Vohs were inserted in the relays due to the absence of senior Ben Wiedenmann, who was injured during the 100-meter dash.

“Hayden stepped up and ran the first leg in the 4×1 to help us with a top three finish, then Jaden did a great job stepping in the 4×4, which set a personal best time,” Wright said. “The relays continue to improve and put in hard work, and I can’t be prouder of them.”

In the field events, senior Luke Faulkner won the pole vault after he cleared 13 feet. Freshman teammate Caden Caplinger recorded a personal record of 12-6 to finish second.

Sophomore Nathan Vincent scored points in two events as he took third in the javelin with a throw of 161-7 and later was

sixth in the discus with a personal best of 130-9. Senior Jay Scollin was sixth in the javelin at 153-7.

Back on the track, hurdlers Koontz and Mason Dobbins also scored big points for the Wildcats.

Koontz was third in the 110 hurdles in 15.26 seconds, while Dobbins was fourth at 15.52. Sophomore Nathan Apple was eighth at 16.29.

In the 300 hurdles, Koontz ran time of 41.14 to take second, while Dobbins was fourth at 42.25.

The Wildcats also fared well in the distance races where Vohs set personal records in the 800 and 1,600 runs. Vohs ran a 4:37 to take third in the 1,600 and recorded a time of 2:04 in the 800 to finish fifth.

Senior Carson Houchen also scored several points in distance. Houchen was fifth in the 1,600 at 4:44 and was fifth in the 3,200 run in 10:38.

The 4×800 relay of Hayden Ross, Cade Holtzen, Leo Martin and Ryan Rogers finished fifth in 8:56.

Also scoring points for the Wildcats on the track was Wiedenmann as he finished eighth in the 100 dash in 11.86. Ptacek took fifth in the 400 dash in 52.30.

The throwers relay of Layne Ryals, J.R. Rooney, Scollin and Vincent took second in 49.31.

In the field events, Dobbins took sixth in the high jump after clearing 5-8. Feikert was seventh in the long jump at 19-7.5 to round out the Wildcat point-getters.

Wright, McMullen lead Lady Cats

Delaney Wright won two events and set a new school record, while Corinna McMullen won the discus and set a new personal

record Friday at the Red Bud Relays in Wellsville.

Wright broke her own school record in the long jump for the third straight week as she recorded a mark of 18 feet, 8 inches. She also went on to take first in the 400 dash in 59.81 seconds and second in the 200 in 26.31.



Delaney Wright broke a school and meet record in the long jump Friday in Wellsville.

Not only did Wright break a school record, but she also shattered the Red Bud record by more than a foot. The previous record of 17-7.5 was set by Perry-Lecompton's Heidi Yost in 1998.

The Louisburg junior was also presented the Dale Thomasson 400-meter Dash Award for winning the event.

McMullen shined in the discus as she recorded a personal best throw of 117-4 – which was almost 10 feet further than her previous best.

As team, the Lady Cats finished fourth with 64 points. Spring Hill and Paola tied for the Red Bud title with 130 points.



Junior Corinna McMullen won the discus with a personal best throw of 117-4.

Freshman Emma Vohs also scored points on the track as she took seventh in the 400 dash in 1:03.

In the field events, senior Alyse Moore finished second in the javelin with a toss of 136-10. Teammate Davis Guetterman had a

personal best throw of 116-2 to finish fifth.

Sophomore Emma Prettyman also scored points in the discus as she took seventh at 99-9.

Other results are:

GIRLS

100 dash: Emma Vohs, 14th, 13.75; Andrea Gaza, 29th, 15.11

200 dash: Vohs, 9th, 28.21; Gaza, 30th, 31.29

1,600 run: Erin Apple, 16th, 6:06; Alexis French, 25th, 6:51

3,200 run: Apple, 11th, 13:33; French, 18th, 14:45

Shot Put: Emma Prettyman, 9th, 30-8.5; Alyse Moore, 12th, 29-0; Sydney Thornton, 30th, 21-11

Discus: Aiyana Penca, 21st, 86-0

Javelin: Katie Elpers, 12th, 90-2

BOYS

100 dash: Hayden Feikert, 21st, 12.24

200 dash: Dylan Armstrong, 12th, 24.20

400 dash: Armstrong, 15th, 56.59

800 run: Hayden Ross, 13th, 2:11; Cade Holtzen, 14th, 2:11

1,600 run: Ryan Rogers, 13th, 5:00

3,200 run: Leo Martin, 17th, 11:16

300 hurdles: Nathan Apple, 11th, 44.54

High jump: Isaiah Whitley, 21st, 5-4

Pole vault: Caleb Shaughnessy, 10th, 10-6

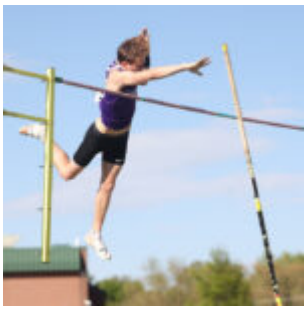
Long jump: Ethan Ptacek, 12th, 18-7; Whitley, 15th, 18-3.75

Shot put: J.R. Rooney, 11th, 42-4.5; Chase Pritchard, 20th, 38-5.5; Scott Thornton, 23rd, 33-10

Discus: Pritchard, 19th, 108-8; Layne Ryals, 22nd, 104-8

Javelin: Ryals, 18th, 120-11

Faulkner, Collins, Koontz lead Wildcats at De Soto Invite



Louisburg senior Luke Faulkner clears the bar in the pole vault Friday during the De Soto Invitational. Faulkner won the event at 13-6.

BASEHOR – Against some of the tougher competition it has seen this season, the Louisburg boys track and field team found its fair share of success.

Luke Faulkner, Justin Collins and Tom Koontz each won events as they helped the Wildcats to a third place finish overall Friday at the De Soto Invitational at Basehor-Linwood High School.

The Wildcats were third overall with 127 points and De Soto

won the meet with 154 and Eudora was second at 135.5.

“It was the first time all season that the weather was ideal for a track meet,” Louisburg boys coach Andy Wright said. “I was hoping that the team would step up with and compete with the tough competition. I felt like our team did that, as we had multiple personal best throughout the meet.

“I am super excited about how our team is progressing and we want to continue to get better so we are peaking at regionals and state.”

On the track, Collins recorded a personal best in the 400-meter dash as he chased down Eudora’s Colby Lawhorn to win in 51.19 seconds. His teammate, sophomore Ethan Ptacek, also had a personal best time of 51.98 and took third.

Collins also went on to finish runner-up in the 100 dash in a personal best time of 11.07 seconds. He, along with Ptacek, Koontz and Ben Wiedenmann had a PR of 43.73 to take second in the 4×100 relay.



Louisburg senior Justin Collins (left) sprints to the finish in the 400-meter dash Friday.

“Justin continues to improve every week,” Wright said. “He came into the meet ranked eight in the 100 dash and came out with second place. You can’t ask for more than that from a kid. He works hard in practice and continues to be a good leader.”

Koontz set a new personal record in the 110-meter hurdles as he ran a 15.10 to win the event. His teammate, sophomore Mason Dobbins, was third with his personal best of 15.44.

Koontz (42.94) and Dobbins (43.71) went on to take fourth and fifth, respectively in the 300 hurdles. Wiedenmann finished third in the 200 dash in 23.48.

In the field events, Faulkner had his best vault of the season as he cleared 13 feet, 6 inches to win the pole vault.

His teammates, Caden Caplinger and Caleb Shaughnessy also scored points. Caplinger was fifth after clearing 12-0 and Shaughnessy was seventh at 10-0.

Sophomore Nathan Vincent set another personal record in the javelin as he recorded a toss of 169-10 and senior Jay Scollin was fourth at 154-0.

Vincent also went on to take third in the discus with a toss of 125-6 and Chase Pritchard was sixth at 115-1.

Back on the track, the 4×800 relay team of Carson Houchen, Cade Holtzen, Hayden Ross and Jaden Vohs ran a season-best time of 8:39 to finish third.



Louisburg senior Carson Houchen gets out to a good start in the 4×800 relay Friday at the De Soto Invitational.

The 4×400 relay of Wiedenmann, Collins, Koontz and Ptacek took third overall in 3:33.

“Both 4×8 and 4×1 set personal best and this is a credit to the athletes working together and believing in each other,” Wright said. “Each of the athletes want to win their individual events, but on a relay it’s about being part of a team and winning for each other. That is just incredibly awesome to see them work so hard together and for each other.”

Vohs would also record at PR in the 1,600-meter run as he took fourth in 4:43 and Houchen did the same in the 800 run as he took sixth in 2:03.

Ross also scored points for Louisburg in the 3,200 run as he was seventh in 11:23.

Sophomore J.R. Rooney was sixth in the shot put with a toss of 40-10.5. Hayden Feikert was eighth in the long jump at 19-5.25.

Louisburg is back in action Friday when it travels to Wellsville for the Redbud Relays.

Other results are:

100 dash: Ben Wiedenmann, 10th, 11.54; Hayden Feikert, 14th, 11.88

200 dash: Dylan Armstrong, 14th, 24.45

400 dash: Armstrong, 11th, 55.21

800 run: Ryan Rogers, 15th, 2:17; Cade Holtzen, 16th, 2:18

1,600 run: Rogers, 10th, 5:05

High jump: Mason Dobbins, 9th, 5-8

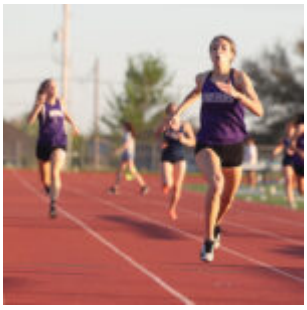
Long jump: Ethan Ptacek, 9th, 19-2.5

Shot put: Chase Pritchard, 11th, 39-5; Reid Justesen, 28th, 31-6.25

Discus: Layne Ryals, 11th, 103-11

Javelin: Ryals, 10th, 123-0

RECORD-BREAKERS: Wright, Moore rewrite Lady Cat track history



Louisburg junior Delaney Wright cruises to a finish in the 400-meter dash Friday at the De Soto Invitational at Basehor-Linwood High School. It was one of three events that she broke a school record.

BASEHOR – The Louisburg girls track and field record book looked a lot different following Friday's DeSoto Invitational.

Louisburg junior Delaney Wright broke three records (long jump, 200 dash, 400 dash), while Alyse Moore broke a 20-yard record in the javelin at the event that was held at Basehor-Linwood High School.

It was a day to remember for both Wildcat athletes.

"Great athletes find a way to get the job done," Louisburg girls coach John Reece said. "Delaney and Alyse are great athletes and put in the time to be able to accomplish big

things. They both happened to do it on the same day and that was exciting.

“The records they broke were set by amazing athletes in their time and it shows by how long the records stood, especially the javelin record. I still think the best is yet to come for both of them.”

Wright broke two of her old records, and another six-year-old mark. She started the day in the long jump as she broke her old record for the second straight week with a mark of 18 feet, 5.75 inches. Her previous best was 18-0.5.

She then carried that momentum onto the track where she broke her 400 dash time that she set two years ago as a freshman. Wright ran a 59.16 to win the event and eclipsed her previous best time of 1:00.

The 200 dash was the next one to fall as Wright edged out Piper’s Kinley Brown to win the 200 dash in 25.87 seconds. The old record of 26 seconds was set in 2015 by Bailey Belcher.

“I’ve been blessed to have a recovery from a knee injury a couple months ago and I didn’t know coming into the season if I’d be as good,” Wright said. “I’ve been working hard and have had people push me to be better. It all fell together last Friday at the meet. I just feel blessed and excited. Also excited we have another track member beating records too in Alyse.

“Long jump definitely boosted my energy and gave me confidence going into the meet and competing in my other events. It definitely won’t be easy keeping up with those marks, but all I can do is to try to keep getting better before regionals.”



Senior Alyse Moore rears back for her record-breaking throw in the javelin Friday at the De Soto Invitational. Moore broke the 20-year-old school record with a toss of 149 feet.

Moore put her name on the school's record board for the first time as she now has the top mark in the javelin with her throw of 149 feet. That toss eclipsed the old mark of 145-10 that was set by Krystal Bowes in 2001 and won the competition with ease.

Moore's previous best in the javelin was 144-8 and her record-breaking toss is now the second best in the state and fourth in the entire nation.

“When I first started throwing javelin, I had looked at the record and at the time I hadn’t been throwing very far, so I knew it was going to take a lot of extra work for me to beat the record,” Moore said. “This year, my first meet I came out stronger than I finished my sophomore year at state so I became really hopeful that I could possibly break the record, and I just hoped to keep beating myself and eventually I broke the record as well.

“I was super excited when they announced that I had broke the record, because I had really been wanting to reach it. I kind of had a feeling that I had PR’d, but I wasn’t sure by how much. When I released it, I knew it was going to be a good throw because it flew so well, so that was a great feeling.”

Louisburg continued its success in the field events as junior Corinna McMullen won the discus competition for the second time this season. McMullen recorded a personal best throw of 108-5 and won by nearly two feet.

“Corinna continues to better her performance in disc and is setting herself up to finish strong,” Reece said. “Again, continued hard work in practice is paying big dividends in performance.”



Louisburg freshman Emma Vohs gets off to a good start in the 400-meter dash, where she finished fourth.

The Lady Cats also scored points in other field events as Davis Guetterman was sixth in the javelin at 101-10, while Emma Prettyman was seventh in the shot put at 32-2.5.

In the pole vault, freshman Maddy Carpenter-Ross had a personal best after she cleared 7-6 and finished seventh.

On the track, freshman Emma Vohs was fourth in the 400-meter dash at 1:02.86.

As a team, the Lady Cats finished sixth out of 11 teams with 62 points. Eudora was first with 167 and Piper was second at 108.

“We are few in varsity numbers compared to some schools, but we bring it every meet to outperform our best marks and put

pressure on the competition," Reece said.

Louisburg is back in action Friday when it travels to Wellsville for the Redbud Relays.

Other results are:

100 dash: Emma Vohs, 11th, 13.69; Andrea Gaza, 20th, 14.51

200 dash: Vohs, 9th, 28.16; Gaza, 18th, 31.36

1,600 run: Erin Apple, 12th, 6:30; Alexis French, 16th, 7:02

3,200 run: Apple, 10th, 13:37; French, 16th, 14:51

Shot put: Alyse Moore, 12th, 29-6

Discus: Emma Prettyman, 9th, 91-2; Aiyana Penca, 11th, 85-9

Week 6 Athlete of the Week: Alyse Moore



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

Alyse Moore, Senior, Track and Field

Louisburg senior Alyse Moore rewrote the Wildcat track record books Friday at the De Soto Invitational. Moore broke the school record in the javelin with a throw of 149 feet to take first place overall. She broke Krystal Bowes' 20-year-old school record of 145-10 that was set in 2001.

Along with that, Moore's throw of 149-0 was good for the second best throw in the state. It is also the fourth best throw in the entire country. She has also won every javelin competition this year, with the exception of one, and will look to break that record again as the year goes on as she competes for a state title.

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: Lexi Hampton

Week 2: Kolby Kattau

Week 3: Jaden Vohs

Week 4: Mia Wilson

Week 5: Johnny Eberhart



Wildcats win third straight meet with dominant performance at home



Senior Justin Collins edges out teammate Ben Wiedenmann for first place in the 100-meter dash Thursday during the Louisburg Invitational.

Winning never gets old – just ask the Louisburg boys track and field team.

For the third consecutive week, the Wildcats captured the team title, but this time it was at their home meet. Louisburg edged out Spring Hill to take first in the team standings as the Wildcats went on to win 11 of the 19 events at the Louisburg Invitational.

“The boys are really working hard in their individual events, but they also take a lot of pride in winning as a team” Louisburg boys coach Andy Wright said. “I am super excited to watch them continue to build individually and as a team.”

Senior Justin Collins and junior Tom Koontz racked up gold medals for the Wildcats as they each won four events – two individual and two relays.

Koontz set personal-best times in both of his hurdle races as he took first in the 110-meter hurdles in 15.65 seconds and later won the 300 hurdles in 41.19.



Louisburg junior Tom Koontz won both the 110 and 300-meter hurdles Thursday at the Louisburg Invitational.

“Tom had a really good practice last week,” Wright said. “With it as cold as it was, he still is improving his times. I can’t wait to see what he will do when we get a good weather day on the track.”

Koontz also joined Collins, Ben Wiedenmann and Ethan Ptacek to win the 4×100-meter relay in 44.95. The same group also ended the meet with a win in the 4×400 in 3:35.

Collins had a big day in the sprints as he edged out Wiedenmann (12.01) in 11.72 seconds to win the 100-meter dash. He also won the 400 dash in 52.88 and Ptacek (53.11) finished second.

“Justin continues to be an excellent leader on the track,” Wright said. “He works hard, and competes hard. We are just

waiting for the weather to warm up. Everyone is competing, but we have not been getting the personal record times we want. This week the weather is going to be 30 degrees warmer, and hopefully we will start seeing our times get faster.”

Wiedenmann gave Louisburg the clean sweep in the sprints as he captured the 200 dash in 23.98. Teammate Cooper Hipp was fifth in 24.49.

The Wildcats also had a lot of success in the distance races.

Junior Jaden Vohs won the 800 run in a new personal best time of 2:08, while teammates Carson Houchen (2:09) and Hayden Ross (2:19) finished third and fifth, respectively.

Cade Holtzen, Vohs, Ross and Houchen also won the 4×800-meter relay in 8:46.

Junior Ryan Rogers was second in the 3,200 run in 11:29 and sophomores Andrew Brown (11:43) and Leo Martin (11:45) took fourth and sixth, respectively.



Sophomore Nathan Vincent outlasted teammate Jay Scollin to win the javelin with a personal best throw Thursday.

Rogers also scored points in the 1,600 as he finished fifth in 5:11 and Sawyer Richardson was sixth in 5:24.

In the hurdles, sophomore Mason Dobbins finished second (15.90) and fourth (44.32) in the 110 and 300 hurdles and Nathan Apple was fifth in the 110 in 17.06. Dobbins also scored big points in the field events.

The Louisburg sophomore finished runner-up in the high jump after he cleared 6 feet, a new personal best, and took second overall.

“Mason just started high jumping this year, and every week he keeps improving his technique, so we keep seeing his heights go up,” Wright said. “Excited to see what he can do at the end of May.”

Senior Jay Scollin and sophomore Nathan Vincent put on a show in the javelin competition as the two teammates kept outdoing each other.

On his final throw of the day, Scollin threw a personal best 157 feet to lead the event – unfortunately for him it only lasted a few moments. On Vincent's last throw, he followed it up with a personal best of his own of 158-6 to take the top spot.

"These two push each other every week, and they pass each other every week in throws," Wright said. "It's good to have teammates push you every week at practice and competition."



Junior Chase Pritchard scored points in both the shot put and discus with personal best throws.

Vincent also had a personal-best day in the discus as he recorded a throw of 126-8 to take second overall. Teammate Chase Pritchard was third with a personal best throw of his own at 125-7.

Sophomore J.R. Rooney was second in the shot put with a toss of 43-2 and Pritchard was fourth with a personal best mark of 41-2.5.

In the jumps, senior Luke Faulkner captured the pole vault title after he cleared 12-6 and freshman teammate Caden

Caplinger was fourth at 11-0.

Junior Hayden Feikert (19-0.25) and Ptacek (18-9.75) were fourth and fifth in the long jump, while sophomore Isaiah Whitley took sixth in the high jump at 5-6.

Louisburg also took part in the throwers relay, and the team of Scollin, Rooney, Layne Ryals and Carson Wade were second in 58.32.

The Wildcats will hit the track again Friday when they travel to Basehor-Linwood.

Other results are:

100 dash: Gavin York, 7th, 12.54; Hayden Feikert, 12th, 12.88; Hunter Heinrich, 20th, 13.30

200 dash: York, 14th, 25.84; Dylan Armstrong, 15th, 25.95

400 dash: Armstrong, 7th, 56.76; Heinrich, 8th, 56.76; Cooper Hipp, 10th, 57.02;

800 run: Ayden Deterding, 12th, 2:31

1,600 run: Noah Cotter, 7th, 5:29; Landan Henry, 10th, 5:38; Max LaJoie, 11th, 5:40

3,200 run: Nathan Parker, 10th, 12:14; Griffin Drew, 11th, 12:41

300 hurdles: Nathan Apple, 7th, 45.47

Pole vault: Caleb Shaughnessy, 7th, 10-0; Hipp, 8th, 9-6

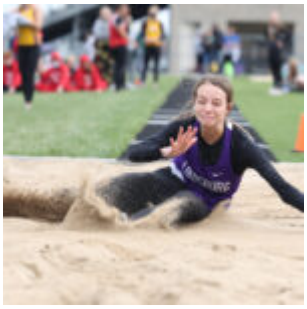
Long jump: Isaiah Whitley, 9th, 18-5

Shot put: Reid Justesen 19th, 32-1; Terrance Foster, 24th, 29-5

Discus: Will Hutsell, 13th, 93-11; Layne Ryals, 16th, 90-10; Scott Thornton, 21st, 83-3; Foster, 26th, 55-10

Javelin: Ryals, 7th, 123-4; Thornton, 12th, 108-7; Carson Wade, 15th, 103-0

Wright breaks school record; Lady Cats take second at home meet



Louisburg junior Delaney Wright broke her own school record in the long jump Thursday at the Louisburg Invitational with a mark of 18-0.5. Wright also won the 400 dash and took second in the 200.

With low numbers this season, the Louisburg girls track and field team figured it wouldn’t be in the running for many team titles.

That wasn’t the case Thursday when the Lady Cats hosted the Louisburg Invitational. Several athletes scored points as they finished second in the team standings.

A lot of those came from junior Delaney Wright, who won two more events and broke her own school record in the process.

Wright eclipsed the 18-foot mark for the first time in the long jump as she set a new school record with a mark of 18 feet, 0.5 inches. Her previous mark was set two years ago as a

freshman at 17-11.75.

“It was great to see the girls finish second in the meet,” Louisburg girls coach John Reece said. “We scored points in all areas. Delaney breaking her own record was awesome. When we get a nice warm day she could jump far. Her hard work and persistence pays off.”

Wright also went on to win the 400 dash in 1:01.99 and later finished runner-up in the 200 dash in 27.01. Teammate Emma Vohs also earned points in both races as the Louisburg freshman took third in the 400 (1:03) and fifth in the 200 (29.34).

Senior Alyse Moore won the javelin competition as the Lady Cats recorded the top three spots in the event. Moore was first with a toss of 140 feet, 3 inches.

Junior Tae Ellison (102-3) and junior Davis Guetterman (100-2) were second and third, respectively, as the Lady Cats racked up 24 points in that event.

“Emma Vohs, Davis Guetterman and Tae Ellison continue to improve and could be in it come regionals,” Reece said. “The best is yet to come for them.”

Moore also recorded points in the shot put as she took third at 31-9 and sophomore teammate Emma Prettyman was fifth at 31-0.

In the discus, junior Corinna McMullen finished third with a throw of 103-8 and Prettyman took fifth with a mark of 89-7.

Freshman Maddy Carpenter-Ross also scored points in the pole vault after she cleared 7-0 to take fourth.



Freshman Erin Apple took third in the 1,600 and 3,200-meter runs Thursday at the Louisburg Invitational.

Back on the track, freshman Erin Apple scored big points in the distance races for Louisburg. Apple finished third in both the 1,600-meter run (6:17) and 3,200 run (13:34).

Senior Alexis French was fifth in the 3,200 (14:48) and sixth in the 1,600 (6:42).

“Erin ran two great races,” Reece said. “She is a gutsy kid and her hard work is paying off. She keeps creeping up in rankings for our regional meet.

Louisburg is back in action Friday when the varsity travels to Basehor-Linwood.

Other results are:

100 dash: Emma Vohs, 8th, 14.44; Sophie Katzer, 11th, 14.91; Andrea Gaza, 16th, 15.20; Julia Arriola, 18th, 15.47; Addison Drake, 19th, 15.78

200 dash: Gaza, 11th, 31.20; Drake, 14th, 32.52; Caleigh Kettle, 16th, 32.97

400 dash: Katzer, 11th, 1:13; Kettle, 12th, 1:14; Arriola, 13th, 1:14

Shot put: Sydney Thornton, 14th, 23-8

Discus: Aiyana Penca, 12th, 77-2; Davis Guetterman, 18th, 66-0; Thornton, 21st, 61-1

Javelin: Thornton, 16th, 62-6