

BHS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES



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The newest members of the Burlington High School National Honor Society were inducted Monday following a ceremony and dinner at the BHS commons area for current members, new members and their families. Being inducted were, front row, from left - Paige Dittrich, Makena Klubek, Allison Schneider, Rebecca Asay, Miranda Meats, Karlie Whitworth and Harley Alford; middle row - Easton Burns, Emmalea Yunk, Catherine Rohrer, Megan Saylor, Josie Stadel, Sage Kuhlmann, Madaline Turner and Caydence Doebele; back row - Jayme Wagner, Ty Anderson, Max Kuhlmann, Trevin Myers, Nicholas Davies, Cooper Carlson and Derek Jesse. Not pictured were Paige Akers and Samuel Griffin.

BURLINGTON WRESTLING CLUB

Mat Cats qualify 15 for state tournament

WAMEGO — The Burlington Wrestling Club Mat Cats recently competed in the USA Wrestling Kansas 2020 District 3 Championships and have 15 wrestlers who will be competing in the state tournament this weekend.

The Mat Cats had 11 wrestlers who finished in the top four of the District 3 Championships at Wamego Saturday, March 7. Tung Vu, who also goes by Tom Vu, and Damon Hoback both went 3-0 and placed first in their respective brackets. Vu wrestles in the eight and under age division at 43 pounds and Hoback wrestles in the high school division at 160 pounds. Gavin Belcher, Caleb Birk and Tucker Williams were second-place finishers. Belcher went 3-1 at 67 pounds in the eight and under division, Birk went 2-1 at 61 pounds in the 10 and under division and Williams went 0-2 at 106 pounds in the high school division. Fourth-place finishers were Tate Clower, Bowen McIntosh, Isaiah Moss, Daniel Bartley, Tyler Kirkby and Sam Griffin. Clower went 3-2 at 70 pounds in the eight and under division, McIntosh went 1-3 at 115 pounds in the 12 and under division and Moss went 1-3 at 105 pounds in the 14 and under division. In the high school division, Bartley went 0-3 at 145 pounds, Kirkby went 2-2 at 152 pounds and Griffin went 1-3 at 285 pounds.

Four more Burlington wrestlers finished as state alternates by finishing in the top six. Brody Reynolds, Caedon Berkenmeier and Brock Zimmerman were fifth-place finisher and Jesse Milner was a sixth-place finisher. Zimmerman went 4-2 at 170 pounds in the high school division and has already become a state qualifier by receiving a call from the state tournament officials to fill an opening in the state tournament bracket. Berkenmeier went 2-2 at 138 pounds in the high school division and Reynolds went 2-2 at 110 pounds in the 14 and under division. Milner went 1-3 at 100 pounds in the 12 and under division.

Also wrestling tough at the district level were Marshall Wright and Colt Baker. Wright went 1-2 at 73 pounds in the 10 and under division and Baker went 0-2 at 205 pounds in the 14 and under division.

Having 15 state qualifiers is a new club record for the Mat Cats, with the previous record being 10 set back in 2012.

"Our kids wrestled very well on Saturday in Wamego," Burlington Wrestling Club Director Doug Vander Linden said. "Districts are always exciting and stressful, as you have a chance to go to state on the line. I thought our wres-

tlers treated it like another tournament and just went out and competed. I was really pleased with what I saw from all of our ages of wrestlers on Saturday. They represented our club and community in a very positive way."

In total, the Mat Cats won 29 matches and lost 33 in the district tournament. They recorded a 48.33 percent winning percentage on the day.

In addition to the 12 boys who will compete at state, Elyse Vu, Kamron Clay and E'owynn Codney will wrestle in the girls' state tournament. Vu will wrestle in the eight and under division, Clay in the 14 and under division and Codney in the high school division.

The USA Wrestling Kansas 2020 State Championships will be held Friday, Saturday and

Sunday, March 13, 14 and 15 at the Kansas ExpoCentre in Topeka and the 2020 USA Girls' State Championships will run alongside it, also at the ExpoCentre. The inclusion of events on Friday is a change from previous years, when the state tournament was held on Saturday and Sunday only.

The weekend will begin Friday, March 13, when the wrestlers will weigh in for the tournament and a complimentary barbeque will be held. Doors to Landon Arena, located within the ExpoCentre, will open to the public at 3 p.m. and session one of wrestling, which will include 14 and under and high school division matches through and including the championship semifinal and one consolation round.

On Saturday morning, doors

will open to the public at 6:30 a.m. and the 15 Mat Cats and their coaches will take part in the Parade of Athletes on the floor of Landon Arena at 8 a.m. Following the national anthem and dignitary introductions, session two of wrestling, which will include eight and under, 10 and under and 12 and under matches through and including the championship semifinal and one consolation round, will begin at 8:30 a.m. The remainder of the consolation rounds, up until the placement matches, for 14 and under and high school

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BHS journalism earns awards at contest

EMPORIA — Burlington High School journalism and yearbook students brought home awards from a 2020 regional contest sponsored by the Kansas Scholastic Press Association. Regional contests rewarded the best student journalists among 2,500 entries gathered from around the state. At the regional contest level, students from 85 schools competed in 19 different categories in 12 different classifications organized by geography and school size.

Any student who earns an award in the regional contest advances to the KSPA State Contest May 4 at the University of Kansas. Based on results from the state contest, KSPA will determine the top school in 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A.

From Burlington High School, the following students won awards:

Jacob Dugar, cutline writing, first, feature writing, fifth; Raven Allen, theme development and graphics, first, photo illustration, second; Kameron Cole, theme development and graphics, first, student life photography, second; Brylee Huber, copy editing, second, infographics, third; Brylee Davis, academics photography, second, photo illustration, fifth; Topainga Hernandez, sports photograph, second; Abby Sleezer, yearbook theme and graphics, second, advertising, fourth;

Karlie Whitworth, yearbook sports writing, third, yearbook layout, third; Seth Jarvis, new writing, fourth; Kylie Stevenson, academics photography, fourth; Zach Garner, new page design, fourth; Maggie Jarvis, student life photography, fourth; Caydence Doebele, infographics, fifth; Mckinley Anderson, news page design, fifth.

Six university campuses throughout Kansas hosted the contests Feb. 19, 20 and 21. This year, Burlington High School competed at the Emporia location.

"We consider the regional contests to be one of our most important annual events both for students to receive feedback on their work and also for students to compete with one another," said Eric Thomas, KSPA executive director. "Teachers who organize and enter their students into the contest give their students a great opportunity to see how their work compares to the work of others."

KSPA enlists the help of journalism teachers, professional journalists, university faculty members and other journalism experts to judge the entries.

The Kansas Scholastic Press Association is a non-profit association of more than 100 high school and middle school journalism programs. Its mission is to promote excellence in high school journalism publications and education.

Elementary state tourney

Kansas 6 Under & Elementary State Burlington Individual Results

Elementary 65 - Caleb Birk (2-2) received a bye; won over Cahlan Kaberline (Onaga), Fall 2:34; lost to Trevor Christenson (Bobcat Wrestling), Fall 0:58; lost to Andrew Chapman (Trailblazer Wrestling), Sudden Victory 1-9-7.

Elementary 65 - Gavin Belcher (2-2) received a bye; won over Lily Briggs (De Soto Kids), M-Dec 14-0; lost to Eric Vielhauer (Bobcat Wrestling), T-Fall 15-0; lost to Cade Lind (Hays), Fall 3:39.

Elementary 70 - Tate Clower (1-2) lost to Kapono Ensa (Derby), Dec 7-2; received a bye; lost to Danny Freeman (Triumph Wrestling), Fall 1:58.

BHS STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Submitted

Keaton Hegwald, a sophomore, receives congratulations from Burlington High School Principal Stacy Reed after being named March BHS Student of the Month. Keaton was nominated by instructor Shane Clapper. Clapper said, "I am continually amazed at how Keaton puts others before himself. From giving up his own chair for someone else even if it means standing, being willing to help someone in need, giving a word of encouragement, and the list goes on. Few kids his age care for others the way he does! The Student of the Month program is the school's incentive to recognize students who stand out among their peers. Certified staff nominate deserving individuals and one student is randomly chosen from all nominees each month, to determine the winner.

Land Auction

320 acre Coffey county diversified farm property - New Strawn

March 31, 7 pm New Strawn Community Center  
Property Location: 1 mile east of intersection of 17th Road & Hwy 75.

Agent Notes: This is a productive diversified land use agricultural property which has been well managed and adjoins the Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant property. Paved road. Good hunting possibilities with the substantial wildlife populations on the Wolf Creek property. Legal: NW/4 & W/2 NE/4 & E/2 SW/4 of Section 26-20-15, Coffey County, Kansas.

Seller: Clara R. Williams Trust  
See website for photos, bidder pre-registration & terms

- 320 acres - A diversified half section with 25 acres of upland terraced farm ground, 9 acres of CRP and the balance in pasture, meadow, waterways and road.
- Adjoins Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant property.
- Abundance of wildlife; good hunting possibilities.
- The final payment on CRP contract occurs this year
- Pasture: Good stand of native grasses well managed; mostly open with wooded draw; several ponds & average fence.
- Paved 17th Road on south. Gravel road frontage on west & north sides.
- Terms: \$50,000 earnest money deposit at the conclusion of the auction.
- Possession as early as April 7. Closing on or before April 30, 2020.



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