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Knight Wrestlers State Bound

The Sandhills-Thedford Knights wrestlers qualifying for the NSAA State Wrestling Championships, and were crowned District Champions in their respective weights, l-r: Reed McFadden, Brayton Branic and Reece Zutavern.

You can watch the "NSAA Wrestling Championships" safely from home on NET, Nebraska's PBS & NPR Stations.

At 7:00 p.m. CT, Thursday, February 18, watch Classes A and D. At 7:00 p.m. CT, Saturday, February 20, watch Classes B and C. Both will be broadcast live from the CHI Health Center in Omaha.

These matches will also be livestreamed at netNebraska.org and on the NET Nebraska App during these times.

"NSAA Wrestling Championships" is produced in cooperation with the Nebraska School Activities Association.

The Knights competed in the NSAA Class D District 3 on Saturday, February 13 in Greeley.

The Knights had four wrestlers competing and three qualified for state.

Class D will have four rounds of competition on Wednesday, February 17 with the meet running from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. On Thursday, February 18 the Class D will have Semi-Finals with all placing matches starting at 1:00 p.m.

The Class A&D Finals will be the fifth session on Thursday, February 18, and will begin at 7:00 p.m. on two mats. The finals will be televised.

The facilities will be cleared following each class and before the next class fans can enter.

Class A will be the morning session on Wednesday and Thursday.

Class B will be the morning session on Friday, February 19 and Saturday, February 20 and Class C will be the afternoon session of these two days. The Class B & C finals will be held on Saturday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. and will also be on only two mats and televised.

Complete results for the local athletes on the day were:

113 - Brodie Stengel (10-13) scored one team point. Quarterfinal - Lane Bohac, East Butler, won by fall over Stengel, (Fall :43); Cons. Round 1 - Stengel won by decision over Cooper Behmer, Winside, (Dec 12-6); Cons Semi - Ashton Sinn, Thayer Central, won by fall over Stengel, (Fall 1:31).

182 - Reece Zutavern (44-1), took first place and scored 22 team points. Quarterfinal - Zutavern won by fall over Jacob Hegemann, Howells-Dodge, (Fall 1:26); Semifinal - Zutavern won by decision over Mason Topp, Winside, (Dec 6-2); 1st Place Match - Zutavern won by fall over Kaleb Senff, Axtell, (Fall 1:11)

220 - Reed McFadden (36-11) placed first and scored 20 team points. Quarterfinal - McFadden received a bye; Semifinal - McFadden won by decision over Julien Grindle, Cambridge, (Dec 10-5); 1st Place Match - McFadden won by fall over Dawson Kaup, Neligh-Oakdale, (Fall 2:39).

285 - Brayton Branic (46-6) placed 1st and scored 24 team points. Quarterfinal - Branic won by fall over Evan Niemeier, Hi-Line, (Fall :26); Semifinal - Branic won by fall over Logan Mueller, Summerland, (Fall 2:19); 1st Place Match - Branic won by fall over Brendon Hall, Sumner-Eddyville-Miller, (Fall 1:22).

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Winners Crowned In Blaine County Spelling Bee

The Blaine County Spelling Bee was held in the Halsey Gym on Wednesday, February 3. Second through eighth grade students competed for a chance to represent Sandhills School and Blaine County in the Omaha World Herald Midwest Spelling Bee.

Winners in each class were:

Second Grade - 1. Charlie Smith; 2. Rafe Larsen; 3. Hazen Clark

Third Grade - 1. Holt Jensen; 2. Harper Zutavern; 3. Tessa Glidden

Fourth Grade - 1. Shylee Gonzales; 2. Cesar Chavez; 3. Josie Morrow

Fifth Grade - 1. Paizley Zutavern; 2. Matthew Zutavern; 3. Grace Meister

Sixth Grade - 1. Shaylee Milleson; 2. Cora Martindale; 3. Thatcher Teahon

Seventh Grade - 1. Rylyn Moody; 2. Caleb Furrow; 3. Connor Sutton

Eighth Grade - 1. Shelby Schukei; 2. Kyle Cox; 3. Caden Zutavern

The top three winners and the finalists were:

Champion Mattee Zutavern, Fifth Grade

Runner-Up - Rylyn Moody, Seventh Grade

Third Place - Kyle Cox, Eighth Grade.

SANDHILLS SCHOOL PHOTOS

The Blaine County Spelling Bee was held February 3 in Halsey and the top three spelling finalists were crowned. Pictured above, l-r: Kyle Cox, third place; Rylyn Moody, runner-up and Mattee Zutavern, champion speller.

Mike Sitz Angus Ranch/ Joel Johnston Angus Hosts 48th Annual Bull Sale

Mike and Debra Sitz, and Joel and Bethany Johnston, held their 48th Annual Bull Sale on Monday, February 1, 2021, at the Burwell Livestock Market. The Sitz family has devoted 98 years focusing on maternal traits and building a cowherd centered around functional and problem free genetics. These were the most uniform set of bulls yet offered to date. Eighty-nine head of bulls averaged $4,809.

The high selling bull was Lot 47, MSAR Emblazon 2092 – 9071, selling to repeat customer, Hauserman Ranch, North Platte, NE for $12,500. This long-bodied, well-muscled bull is from home raised MSAR Emblazon 2092 and MSAR Foghorn 3104 daughter, from the Evidences Eppionia cow family. He has a Wean Ratio of 113 and a Yearling Ratio of 114, with a 86-pound birth weight. The bull's EPD's were +4 for CED, +3.2 Birth, +54 for Wean, +91 for Yearling, + 7 for CEM and +29 for Milk. He had ratios of 113 for Wean and 114 for Yearling, with a birth weight of 86 pounds.

Another MSAR Emblazon 2092 son sold to repeat customers LB Haase and Sons, Inc, Valentine, purchasing Lot 37, Ransom's Emblazon 2092 – 9037. He was the second high selling bull for $10,000. This bull is a smooth, eye appealing calving ease bull from a CAR Chinnook 786 daughter and the Blackbird cow line. He had a + 16 CED, and -1.9 Birth, a +48 Wean, a +78 Yearling, + 12 CEM, +26 Milk, with a 69-pound birth weight, with a Wean Ratio of 105 and a Yearling Ratio of 106.

Repeat customer, Dan Carstens, Ericson, purchased Lot 70, MSAR New Addition 9010, an E&B New Addition 608 son for $10,000. Another heifer bull deluxe, this deep bodied, eye-appealing bull has a Wean Ratio of 101, and a Yearling Ratio of 102. This bull has seven Pathfinder sire and dam's in his three-generation pedigree, including Papa Forte 1921, Sitz Dash, and Traveler bloodlines. He has + 13 CED, and -0.9 Birth, a +43 Wean, a +82 Yearling, + 12 CEM, +32 Milk, with a 68-pound birth weight. His dam is from the Blackbird cow family and has 9 calves at 98 for Birth, 9 calves at 103 for Wean, and 8 calves at 103 for Yearling.

Mike Baxter, Ainsworth, was the auctioneer.

Valentine Candy Bouquets Prepared By Thomas Co. Achievers

COURTESY PHOTO

The Thomas County Achievers 4-H Club prepared and delivered Valentine's candy bouquets to Thedford Public Schools and the surrounding area on Friday, February 12. They did this to support the local 4-H program. Members meeting at Prairie Feed Supply on Wednesday, February 10, to assemble the bouquets were, l-r: Whitley Rasmussen, Kaley Rasmussen, Tailey Koubek, William Warren, Gatlyn Carr, Tate Koubek, Wesley Carr and Tenley Rasmussen. Also helping, but not pictured were: Kennedy and Hayden Hoffman.