

Wrestlers open campaign with quad, Carrington meet

The first official mat time of the season for the Hornets started with a quad event at Harvey High School last Thursday between Beulah Hazen, Bishop Ryan, New Salem-Almont and the Hornets. Exhibition matches were held along with three duals for each team. The HWC boys would come out with a 1-2 record defeating Bishop Ryan and failing to Beulah Hazen and New Salem.

In the Velva Invitational tournament last Saturday, the varsity Hornets captured 7th place, putting eight wrestlers on the podium.

Starting the team off at 107 was Krese Arnold finishing in 9th place. Bridger Kittelson-at 121 would finish in 7th place ending the day with a fall over Emmitt Binek of Killdeer. At 127, Brody Jones would finish in 4th place finishing the day with a record of 4-2. Kolt Lemer would wrestle at 145 and finish the day in 9th place. Joseph Lematta-at 152-placed 6th with a record of 3-3.

Wrestling at 160 was Kale Hase, ending the day in 2nd place falling to Kash Brown of Williams County. At 18 - Kiefer Finley would finish in 7th place with a record of 2-2.

Christian Mertz wrestling at 215 ended the day with a fall over Jayden Foss of Velva to finish the day in 1st place. Also at 215, Elliot Krenzel would end the day in 10th place with a record of 1-3.

Also wrestling for the Hornets were Hunter Haug, Corbin Knatterud, Charlie Mason, Seth Gleave and Logan Schimelfenig.

Next up for the Hornets will be the Al Larson Tournament today (Saturday) in Carrington. Hornet

wrestling fans can track the event on trackwrestling.com.

Thursday Dual Results:
HWC 30, Beulah Hazen 41
107: Arian Faut (B-H) over Krese Arnold (HWC) (Fall 1:42)
114: Roman Akin (B-H) over (HWC) (For.)
121: Bridger Kittelson (HWC) over Mason Miller (B-H) (Fall 1:00)
127: Josh Ternes (B-H) over Brody Jones (HWC) (Fall 4:59)
133: Will Berger (B-H) over Corbin Knatterud (HWC) (SV-1 12-9)
139: Bryson Thomasson (B-H) over (HWC) (For.)
145: Broderik Mohl (B-H) over Kolt Lemer (HWC) (Fall 2:44)
152: Joseph Lematta (HWC) over (B-H) (For.)
160: Kale Hase (HWC) over Zakary Swift (B-H) (Fall 1:04)
172: Lucas Weidner (B-H) over Ryland Whetzel (HWC) (Dec 4-2)
189: Kiefer Finley (HWC) over (B-H) (For.)
215: Christian Mertz (HWC) over (B-H) (For.)
285: Anthony Hallett (B-H) over Seth Gleave (HWC) (TF 17-1 2:13).

HWC 33 Bishop Ryan 6
107: Krese Arnold (HWC) over Braxton Mogren (BR) (Fall 0:13)
114: Double Forfeit
121: Bridger Kittelson (HWC) over (BR) (For.)
127: Double Forfeit
133: Brody Jones (HWC) over Sam Haverstock (BR) (Fall 0:31)
139: Afton Ost (BR) over Corbin Knatterud (HWC) (Fall 1:43)

145: Kolt Lemer (HWC) over Tommy Postula (BR) (Fall 0:38)
152: Joseph Lematta (HWC) over Brysin Turner (BR) (Fall 0:23)
160: Kale Hase (HWC) over Zachary Spain (BR) (Dec 5-1)
172: Double Forfeit
189: Double Forfeit
215: Double Forfeit
285: Double Forfeit

HWC 27 New Salem 46
114: Kade Boeshans (NSA) over (HWC) (For.)
121: Bridger Kittelson (HWC) over Gunner Fricke (NSA) (Dec 6-4)
127: Brody Jones (HWC) over (NSA) (For.)
133: Logan Heid (NSA) over Corbin Knatterud (HWC) (Fall 1:36)
139: Tanner Fleckenstein (NSA) over (HWC) (For.)
145: Hayes Weinberger (NSA) over Kolt Lemer (HWC) (Fall 0:38)
152: Choutae Gerhardt (NSA) over Joseph Lematta (HWC) (MD 9-0)
160: Kale Hase (HWC) over Matthew Bollom (NSA) (Fall 2:18)
172: Hudson Buchholz-Casson (NSA) over Jackson Engebretson (HWC) (Fall 0:14)
189: Kiefer Finley (HWC) over Matthew Franciere (NSA) (Fall 1:16)
215: Legend Dionne (NSA) over Ayden Hatch (HWC) (Fall 0:19)
285: Christian Mertz (HWC) over James Koapke (NSA) (Fall 0:56)
107: Chase Becher (NSA) over Krese Arnold (HWC) (Fall 0:30)
• **Wrestling copy and results furnished by JoDee Free.**



Front row (L-R): Stats: Kiley Kukowski, Talia Sheggerud, Breanna Long. 2nd row (L-R) Addy Yates, Jasmine Kukowski, Brynn Faul, Britain Kittelson, Aubrey Bartz, Olivia Wiesz, Hailey Wiesz. 3rd row (L-R) Coach Justin Lematta, Josie Finley, Daniela Boixados, Charri Dockter, Haidyn Lematta, Chloe Bartz, Bristol Fike, Sophia Polensky, Emilee Cazier, Farrah Seibel, Asst. Coach Miranda Kittelson.

HWC girls wrestling team take 1st place at Velva tournament

The HWC girls wrestling team delivered a stellar performance at the recent regional tournament, with all 13 team members earning a spot on the podium in their respective weight classes.

Leading the team, Hailey Wiesz, Sophia Polensky and Addy Yates secured 1st place finishes, showcasing their dominance on the mat.

Chloe Bartz battled her way to a strong 2nd place, while Britain Kittelson, Bristol Fike, Haidyn Lematta, and Aubrey Bartz each earned 3rd place honors. Olivia Wiesz and Farrah Siebel finished in 4th place, and Jasmine Kukowski and Josie Finley both took home 5th place medals. Emilee Cazier earned 6th place.

The team's outstanding results reflect months of hard work and preparation. Coaches and parents alike commended the wrestlers for their dedication and sportsmanship.

With these impressive records, the HWC girls wrestling team looks ahead to future tournaments with excitement and confidence.

Public Notices

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A proposal for precinct and polling locations for Election '26 was distributed. BM (M), SB (S) to accept the proposal of WC being a single precinct with splits for rural WC, as well as the cities of Bowdon, Cathay, Fessenden, Hamberg, Harvey, Hurdsville, and Sykeston. Unanimously carried. In addition, WC Auditor Daniel Stutlien distributed information regarding candidacy and office holder requirements as well as petition requirements.

The resignation submitted by Amy Dale, WC VSO, effective 11/30/25, was considered. SB (M), DM (S) to accept the resignation and thank her for her time of service. Unanimously carried.

Following interviews, Dakota Steedsman was recommended by the interview committee for the VSO position. DM (M), BM (S) to approve the hiring of Steedsman. Unanimously carried.

An offer to remain a member of the South Central Dakota Region Council was presented to the Commission. SB (M), BM (S) to maintain WC's membership in the organization. Unanimously carried.

The WC Property Foreclosure was held November 18 th . Five (5) parcels did not sell and, thus, were either transferred to the Cities of Bowdon (#55021000) and Harvey (#80461000) respectively for \$1.00 ea., or were retained by Wells County (#24518000, #50508000 & #50509000). As such, WC Auditor, Daniel Stutlien recommended the Commission abate the '22, '23 & '24 taxes on each of these parcels. BM (M), DM (S) to abate the taxes on the aforementioned parcels. Unanimously carried.

The Commission began discussions regarding long-term planning in an effort to develop clarity of fiscal direction and challenges of WC. The Commission were asked for their input to the document before the process begins. It remains the plan to have this process completed by Spring '26.

The ND County Commission Summit will be held Tuesday, December 9 th , in Bismarck.

The WCEG Christmas Social will be held Wednesday, December 10 th , at 2:00 PM at FH.

The next Six-County Meeting will be held in Emmons Co. Thursday, December 11 th , at 10:00 AM.

The next regular meeting of the WC Commission will be held Tuesday, January 6 th , at 8:00 AM in the KTL Building.

The next WC Departments meeting will be held Thursday, January 15 th , at 2:00 PM. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 AM.

The following Fees and Receipts were approved and ordered filed:

Clerk of Court	\$265.00
Recorder	\$5,622.56
Sheriff	\$917.50
Misc.	\$27,647.79
On motion, the following bills were ordered paid: (Gross wages, when listed)	
#Direct Deposit Payroll, General (1000)	\$94,142.59
#Direct Deposit Payroll, Road (2001)	\$40,755.60
#Direct Deposit Payroll, 911 (2003)	\$1,308.55
#Direct Deposit Payroll, County Agent (2005)	\$3,194.47
#Direct Deposit Payroll, Social Welfare (2007)	\$71,933.62
#ACH BC/BS Insurance	\$60,126.87
#ACH NDPERS Retirement	\$32,727.57

Dec. 25 GENERAL	
ND Envelope Company	\$623.91
Central Supplies	
Farm and Home Publishers	\$270.00
Misc. Supplies	
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	\$71.77
Central Supplies	
Herald Press	\$395.50
Central Supplies	
Pitney Bowes	\$39.00
Postage	
Dakota Mailing	\$242.39
Postage meter supplies	
Wells County Treasurer	\$358.21
Telephone	
NDTC	\$647.60
Telephone	
Fessenden City	\$397.58
Countywide Utilities	
Otter Tail	\$1,434.18
Countywide Utilities	
Wells County Treasurer	\$61.70
Bank Charges	
ND Assn. of Counties	\$1,815.00
Continuing Education	
TK Elevator	\$18,145.71
Courthouse Maintenance	
MARC	\$451.83
Courthouse &; KTL Maintenance	

Dakota Dust-Tex	\$461.76
Courthouse &; KTL Maintenance	
Farmers Union Oil-Fessenden	\$24.97
Courthouse &; KTL Maintenance	
Herald Press	\$535.50
Legal Publications	
South Central Dakota Regional Council	\$9,685.00
Dues	
ND Assn. of Counties	\$8,046.00
Co. Dues	
ND Assn. of Counties	\$1,725.00
NDCCA Dues	
ND Assn. of Counties	\$18,476.19
WCcomp.	
Wells County Treasurer	\$286.21
Safety Supplies	
Janelle Pepple	\$140.00
Safety Supplies	
Dakota Fire Extinguishers	\$1,425.94
Safety Supplies	
Advanced Business Methods	\$6,130.48
Technology	
NDACo Resources Group	\$65.45
Technology	
ITD	\$1,480.60
Technology	
NDTC	\$100.74
Technology	
Karissa Dockter	\$240.00
Treasurer Health Ins.	
Carla Johnson	\$250.00
Clerk of Court Health Ins	
Carla Johnson	\$112.00
Travel	
Sidwell Company	\$8,049.57
Sidwell/Vanguard	
Wells County Treasurer	\$95.96
Training	
Wells County Treasurer	\$922.43
Travel/Mileage/Veh.Maint.	
Farmers Union Oil-Fessenden	\$446.23
Travel/Mileage/Veh.Maint.	
Wells County Treasurer	\$40.47
Uniforms	
Uniform Center	\$802.87
Uniforms	
Opdahl Body Shop	\$6,408.00
Vehicles-Decls	
Wells County Treasurer	\$33.47 Misc.
Wells County Treasurer	\$114.21
Telephone	
NDTC	\$64.96
Telephone	
Otter Tail	\$54.09
Utilities	
Fessenden City	\$320.18
Festival Hall/Fair Utilities	
Otter Tail	\$690.18
Festival Hall/Fair Utilities	
	\$92,182.84

HB 1066	
Knife River Materials	\$16,865.67
HB 1066	
Wold Engineering	\$1,011.94
HB 1066	
KLJ Engineering, LLC	\$41,653.44
HB 1066	
	\$59,531.05

911	
ND 911 Association	\$100.00
Dues/Registration Fees	

JAIL & TRANSPORTATION	
HACTC	\$152.88
Jail &; Transport Medication	
HACTC	\$9,690.00
Jail &; Transport Prison Board	

\$9,842.88	
CO. AGENT	
Connie Loen	\$250.00
County Agent Health Ins	

NDTC	\$121.75
Telephone	
Ciera Kotaska	\$324.58
Travel/Mileage	
Otter Tail	
Utilities	\$51.52

SOCIAL SERVICES	
Wells County Treasurer	\$75.00
Dues/Reg Fees/Foster Care	
Wells County Treasurer	\$116.95
Client Support	
Wells County Treasurer	\$75.45
Fuel/Foster Care	
Farmers Union Oil-Fessenden	\$101.15
Fuel/Foster Care	
Patriot Fuels	\$41.56
Fuel/Foster Care	
Alicia Lamm	\$64.28
Meals/Foster Care	
Wells County Treasurer	\$49.23

Fuel/Child Protect. Serv.	
Otter Tail-Jamestown	\$431.76
Child Protect./Safety Perm.	
Paula Duren	\$250.00
Parent Aid Health Ins.	
Farmers Union Oil-Fessenden	\$76.98
Income Maintenance / Fuel	
Wells County Treasurer	\$75.00
Dues/Registration Fees	
Wells County Treasurer	\$116.87
Family Social Worker/Fuel	
CanDak Cooperative-New Rockford	\$56.12
Family Social Worker/Fuel	
Farmers Union Oil-Fessenden	\$26.46
Family Social Worker/Fuel	
Wells County Treasurer	\$13.00
Vehicles	
Wells County Treasurer	\$14.50
Meals/Foster Care	
Lori Henne	\$75.00
Dues/Registration Fees	
Farmers Union Oil-Fessenden	\$215.80
In Home Care/Fuel	
Patriot Fuels	\$290.17
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Dales Radiator & Repair	\$54.50
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B & B Service and Repair LLC	\$67.25
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