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"The Wise Book"

Area Children Learn Wrestling As Junior Bucks



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For many years Yankton sports teams have welcomed young students to help at the varsity level. The program is relatively new for Yankton Buck Wrestling. The "Junior Buck Wrestlers" are members of the Yankton youth wrestling program and during November through March the youth practice each week to prepare themselves.

"For multiple years, the YHS Wrestling recognizes several 'Junior Bucks' during each home dual. At these duals, the Junior Bucks receive a T-Shirt and recognition from the crowd," stated Ryan Hage, the Yankton High School wrestling coach.

"When I was a Junior Buck I remember looking up to the high school wrestlers. It was a fun experience for us as junior Bucks," said Spencer Huber, a varsity wrestler and junior at Yankton High School.

This program is designed to keep youth in the sport

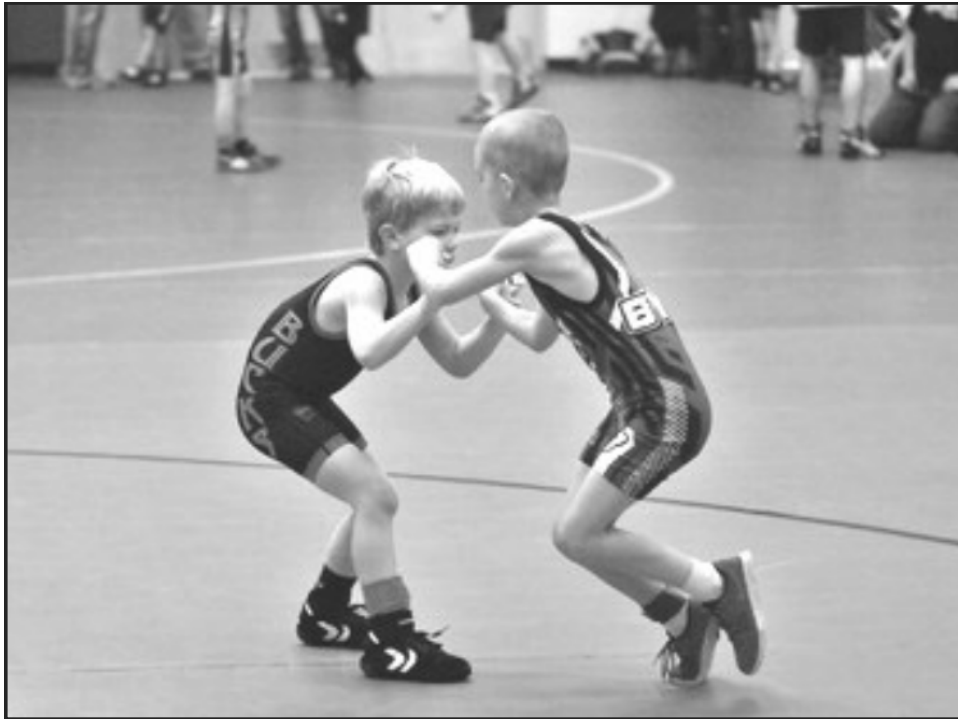


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Two area youngsters engage in a match during a recent youth wrestling tourney.

they are pursuing, to show them how much they have to look forward to.

The wrestlers are very encouraging for the "Junior Bucks" and strive to teach them as much as possible.

"I have to show great responsibility so the junior Bucks can learn failure is another path to greatness,"

said Bashir Abd Al Kreem a junior and varsity wrestler at Yankton High School.

Having the older players in all sports is something to look forward to for the young athletes. The program shows the young athletes the different aspects of a sport that you might not see at a junior level.

"They look up to us as role models and we help inspire them to be successful," Abd Al Kreem said.

Yankton will continue with these programs to give the youth role models and push them to strive for greatness during their years as wrestlers.

Coach Haynes Has Confidence In His Team As Districts Approach



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The Yankton Bucks boy's basketball season is well underway and is reaching its zenith in the coming weeks.

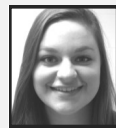
The Bucks currently sit in the 3rd spot in the district and are looking to make a late charge that will carry them to state. "I really like how we are working as a team right. We are coming off of a couple good games. I have a lot of confidence in this group," says head coach, Mr. Chris Haynes.

Districts looks like it is going to shape up like this: Sioux Falls Washington (18-2) sits in first place and leads the pack. Washington will play the winner of the play in game between the 4th seed Brandon Valley (9-11) and 5th seed Harrisburg (1-19). Lastly Yankton (13-7) who is sitting in the 3rd seed will take on the 2nd seed Sioux Falls Lincoln. How it goes after that is up in the air. The winner of the 1st seed game will take on the winner of the Sioux Falls Lincoln and Yankton game. Then the loser of the initial 1st seed game and the loser of the initial 2nd and 3rd place game will then play to see who is still alive. The winner of that game will cross districts where they will place the loser of another districts championship. The loser of Yankton's districts championship game will then play the winner of the two losing teams of the other district. After that first game who plays who will be decided. Will we see upsets, or will we see the higher seats prevail? If one asks the Bucks, they will all give you a similar answer.

"Coming into districts we couldn't be more excited. We want to go out there and prove to not only ourselves but our town and our fans that we can compete with any team in South Dakota," states Bucks senior and Captain Austin Johnson.

Yankton takes on Lincoln Tuesday March 3 at 7 p.m. at Lincoln.

Two Indoor Meets Later This Month Will Kick Off Track Season For The Bucks And Gazelles



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As the 2015 track and field season comes to a start, coaches and students are hopeful for a successful year. With new coaches, Justin Olson, Brady Muth, Nathan Lucas, and Heidi Savey, and about 25 boys and girls that are returning letter winners, the chances for a strong season are high.

To start off the season, there will be three indoor meets. Two meets will be held in the Dakota Dome and one new meet will be held at the brand new facility at SDSU. Having three indoor meets right from the beginning will be beneficial considering the weather is so unpredictable at the start off the season.

Having lost some influential competitors last year it is good to see some freshman coming in with true potential. Among those freshman is distance runner Brady Jaquith. Jaquith says he is "looking forward to the new track season" and has two goals for this year, "to go hardcore everyday and to go to state."

Jaquith is not the only one with hopes to go to state this year, Senior Danielle Beckmann shares that same goal.

Beckmann has high expectations for the 2015 season. She is looking to improve at the state meet from her 10th place spot last season to placing in the top 8 for this season.

Beckmann also states, "I am excited for the new sprint coach Heidi Savey and I would like to see people step up into leadership roles and to give it their all."

The coaches would also like to see the students meet their expectations.

Coach Luke Youmans says there are two main goals for this year's track season, "first we need to be as competitive as we can be at the ESD meet and secondly, be the best team collectively at the state meet."

Yankton High School teacher and coach Dave Dannenbring is also hoping for a strong season and thinks Senior Kyle Bergeson will make that happen, "Kyle Bergeson is going to lead us to the promise land of track and field for 2015."

With practice starting and everyone having the same goal to get to state there is promise of a good track and field season for Yankton High School.

The first indoor meet for the athletes is Mar. 17; it is the Bob Prince Early Bird Meet at USD, starting at 5 p.m. USD will host the Dan Lennon Invite a few days later on Mar. 23, starting at 12 p.m.

Gazelle Basketball Squad Is Set For Districts



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Now that the regular season is over, the Gazelles' attention turns to districts then state.

The Gazelles went 7/13 this season.

Coach Krier believes that, "The atmosphere of our practices has been, in a word, intense. Our girls have done a great job of focusing each and every time we step on the floor on getting better, finding some way to improve. We emphasize competition in our practices. When we compete everyday in practice it carries over into games. The fact that our girls have really bought into that has made it really easy for our coaching staff."

Spectators will be able to witness what he is talking about seeing as the team is headed to districts.

Speaking of districts, the girls are 5th seed in districts, meaning that they have to travel four different times and if they lose any of those times they are eliminated and do not go to state.

If they survive that, then it's an all out Huger Games at state.

Coach Krier said, "We are focusing on one game at a time. We have a lot of areas we need to improve with our own game so we are continuing to do that rather than focusing on our opponents."

It would seem everyone likes looking at what's happening here and now, but it's the truly successful men and women that look to the future that are remembered, and that is exactly what Coach Krier and the team are doing.

Krier plans on having open gym for the team during the summer, and he is trying to focus on the weaknesses that arose during this season.

Krier believes that, "The biggest thing that our girls need to understand is that getting better takes commitment and it isn't easy."

Coach Krier personally has been very happy with the way the season has panned out. He explains that, "At the beginning of the year I told the girls that we are just trying to get on the same page. New philosophies and terminology makes it hard to hit the ground running especially since we are relatively young. I think the best thing I have seen from our girls is that they have bought into getting better. They have bought into working together to get better. And they have been extremely coachable throughout the entire season."

The future is looking bright for a young gazelles team with a lot of promise. One can only hope that the team can fully hit its stride in time for district competition.



Gazelle Golfers Have No Returning Seniors, Will Play As A Young Team



MEDIA IMAGE



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As spring rolls around the corner, so does the Yankton girl's golf season.

With no returning seniors this year the team is young and will have a lot of fresh new faces. "We have a solid team to build on and with no returning seniors, we have a couple of years yet," said Brett Sime, varsity golf coach for Yankton.

Having a young team also gives Yankton an advantage. "I can see us being in the top because a lot of the girls have had varsity experience," said Becky Frick, a junior at Yankton.

Last year's season was successful for the Gazelles with a fifth place finish at the ESD conference and a fourth place finish at state. Coach Sime hopes to improve the season and shoot for placing even higher at ESD and state.

With the season about to start, the varsity girls are already setting their goals high. "We are looking to improve our scores and place well in state, which we are very capable," said Ashley VanMeeteren, also a Yankton junior.

The returning Gazelles have worked extremely hard to be where they are. Most of them practiced over the summer and have grown in skills. "We are looking forward to seeing how we will all compete in the first tournaments and I know we will get even better throughout the season," stated Frick.



BOYS TENNIS MEETING

There will be a Boys Tennis Meeting in Room 117 on MONDAY MARCH 2nd after school for any athlete thinking about joining Boys Tennis this Spring. If you are unable to make this meeting you must see Coach Termansen prior to Monday.

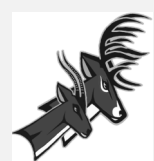


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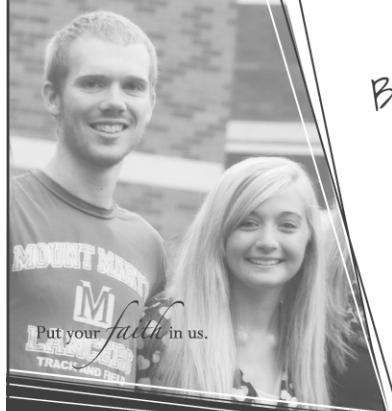
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