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Chasing their dream

Two cross country runners medal at state

By Kallie Fischer

Sam Calderwood, senior, led the boys cross country team to the state meet at Rim Rock Farm. There were 104 runners in the 3A boys race, and the team placed seventh out of the 12 teams. Calderwood medaled, placing 17th with a time of 17:55. Calderwood showed senior leadership throughout the season.

“Having such a great team with such a strong family feeling is what makes being a senior leader great,” he said.

Calderwood said he believes that he has greatly improved since his freshman year. He swept the competition at regionals this year, running his best time of 17:11.

“You have to put in a lot of miles on your own to improve. Usually, I tried to put in anywhere from 20 to 40 miles a week,” he said.

The state competition was one of Calderwood’s favorite memories from this season. He said he was happy with the way he finished his high school cross country career.

“Competing at state is one of the coolest experiences that I have had the pleasure of being part of. There are so many people to cheer you on as you run through the course. Usually, meets are relatively small, but state is a whole different culture,” Calderwood explained.

Also at state competing individually was teammate Kaitlyn Shoemaker, junior. Calderwood and Shoemaker medaled in all but one race this year.

“Kaitlyn is a great athlete, but not only that, she has the drive that will take her anywhere she wants to go,” Calderwood said.

Shoemaker is the leader of the



Sam Calderwood, senior, and the boys' cross country team start the race off strong. The team placed seventh at the state meet, and Calderwood placed 17th individually with a time of 17:55. (Photo by Carney Ziegler)

girls cross country team. There were 100 runners in the 3A girls’ state race. Shoemaker was the lone female runner from Silver Lake. She placed 14th with a time of 16:57. She was the first Silver Lake girl in over eight years to qualify and medal. This was a great accomplishment considering she did not even qualify for state last year.

Shoemaker said that state was an amazing, unforgettable experience.

“The difference between the state meet and a regular season meet is the competition level. You are surrounded by the best of the best in the state. Being able to make it to state was something I will never forget for the rest of my life,” she said.

To achieve her goal of making it to state, Shoemaker went the extra mile.

“On my own time, I run and do some cross-training, kickboxing, yoga, weightlifting, and biking to get better at cross country,” she explained.

Her hard work put her as the first runner and leader of the team.

“Being the leader of the girls’ team, I am someone that the younger and less experienced runners can look up to. All of my hard work and discipline has given me the position of being the girls’ team first runner,” she said.

Shoemaker said she believes part of the reason for the team’s success was the chemistry.

“My relationship with the team grew stronger as the season progressed. A few times, we got together and went out to eat. It was a great way to bond as a team. Compared to previous years, I truly believe that there is a lot of chemistry between the team and myself. I am really going to miss all the seniors that will not be here next season,” she explained.

Shoemaker was inspired to run, but not by a person.

“When it comes to inspirations, I don’t have a ‘who,’ but a ‘why.’ I always ask myself ‘Why do you do this?’ I run cross country because that is who I am: a runner,” she said.

Check out this season's cross country photos

Light Em UP

SILVER LAKE LADY EAGLES VOLLEYBALL CLAIMS 3A STATE TITLE

Article by Chelsey Johnston



Photo by Erin Taylor

The volleyball girls had a 33-6 record going into the state tournament in Emporia and were ready to work for the state title. Last year, the girls took third at state, and this year, they knew that they were in for a rough ride.

The team played in the William L. White Auditorium on Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2. The Lady Eagles played Marysville, Douglass, and South-East of Saline on Friday, and Hoisington, and Cheney on Saturday. The girls were determined to take home the state title, and, after a long road to the ring, they reached their season-long goal.

State Champs in 3A Volleyball.

"I knew we had more heart and desire to win than any team out there. I knew it wouldn't be easy, but if we gave it everything we had, we would win state." -Kallie Fischer

This was Head Coach Sarah Johnson's sixth year coaching at Silver Lake. It has been six years since the girls captured the ultimate prize. Also, it is Silver Lake's sixth state title in volleyball.

The ladies had a 3-0 record on Friday, sitting on first in their pool. The team played Hoisington in the semifinals on Saturday, winning 25-21 in both sets.

They played Cheney in a heart-wrenching championship match. The girls won the first set by a narrow margin; 29-27. The teams headed into the second set, set on fighting for the title.

In the second set, Cheney came back, winning the set; 26-24. In the

Check out the *Road to the Championship* video



The SLHS VB starters in a huddle.
(photo by Kennedy Hamilton)

Having chemistry is probably the most important factor in volleyball. You are better communicators, you know each other's whereabouts on the court, and you know how to pick each other up. There was no drama amongst us, and that made it so much fun to play," she explained.

Fischer said the team was determined to come into the third match against Cheney strong.

"After a long battle, we won the first game 29-27. I felt like a champion after that, but when Cheney came back and won the second set, I didn't feel like that

Season Stats

League Record: 10-0 Overall Record: 38-6

Kills:

Alyssa Schultejans-	624	Ashlyn Lane-	336
Kallie Fischer-	345	Kallie Fischer-	258
Ashlyn Lane-	149	Alyssa Schultejans-	229
Jordan Yoder-	141	Taylor White-	223

Assists:

Taylor White-	1123	Madison Wegner-	138
Ashlyn Lane-	52	Stephanie Davis-	124

Blocks:

Alyssa Schultejans-	22 solo; 24 assist	Kallie Fischer-	48
Ashlyn Lane-	12 solo; 27 assist	Alyssa Schultejans-	45
Jordan Yoder-	11 solo; 22 assist	Ashlyn Lane-	39
Logan Bledsoe-	8 solo; 10 assist	Jordan Yoder-	35
Kallie Fischer-	5 solo; 11 assist	Taylor White-	25

Digs:

Ashlyn Lane-	336
Kallie Fischer-	258
Alyssa Schultejans-	229
Taylor White-	223
Ashley Womack-	143

Aces:

Kallie Fischer-	48
Alyssa Schultejans-	45
Ashlyn Lane-	39
Jordan Yoder-	35
Taylor White-	25

Ashlyn Lane, senior, who led the team with 336 digs, commented that the most memorable moment on Friday was when the team won their first game.

"I think the best moment on Friday was when we got our first game under our belt and got the mindset that our dream was possible," she shared.

Taylor White, sophomore, who lead the team with 1,123 assists, explained that the best moment on Saturday was knowing they came together as a team.

"The most memorable moment on Saturday was serving the last point and coming together knowing that we had won the title. I will never forget the way we were all on the court in a huddle, crying, knowing that we had accomplished everything we wanted," she said.

Alyssa Schultejans, junior, who led the team with 624 kills, said she wasn't surprised to win state.

"I wouldn't say I was surprised to win state because we all had made it clear that we wanted to win a state championship and we all had put in so much hard work throughout the season; however, I knew it wasn't going to be easy by any means," she commented.

Fischer shared that she knew it wouldn't be easy to win the title.

"We were ranked third coming into state, but I knew we had more heart and desire to win than any team out there. I knew it wouldn't be easy, but if we gave it everything we had, we would win state," she said.

Johnson commented that her emotions were everywhere during the match against Cheney.

"I had a rollercoaster of emotions during that championship match. I knew we were going to have to consistently play to our potential to win this match. Cheney was a great team with an extremely tough defense.

"Throughout the match I kept trying to get the girls to find that little glimpse of weakness in their defense. We had to avoid taking our attacks to the libero on the other side and be able to move the ball around. I was so proud of the girls for fighting for every single point," she said.

Schultejans explained that her frustration turned into determination during the championship game.

"In the championship match, it was almost overwhelming. I kept thinking, 'This is it. This is what we've worked for all year.'

"During the championship match, I was blocked a lot, which made me frustrated because I didn't want to let my team down, yet being blocked made me so much more determined to put the ball down," she commented.

Fischer said the team was determined to come into the third match against Cheney strong.

"After a long battle, we won the first game 29-27. I felt like a champion after that, but when Cheney came back and won the second set, I didn't feel like that



Photo by Erin Taylor

anymore. We were going to come into the third match strong and take back what was ours and that's just what we did. After we scored a 10-0 lead, I knew that we were going to win," she explained.

Lane shared that Cheney was a tougher team that she had thought.

"I can honestly say Cheney was a lot better than I anticipated especially in their defense abilities, yet there was nothing they could do that was going to steal this away from us," she commented.

White explained that she was nervous during the title game.

"I was super nervous, but I trusted my team that we would get it done," she said.

"In the championship match, it was almost overwhelming. I kept thinking, 'This is it. This is what we've worked for all year.'"

-Alyssa Schultejans

Fischer said the best moment behind the scenes was that the team had some trouble with plumbing. These incidents were some of the team's most memorable moments from state.

"Alyssa, Chelsey, Jordan and I were all sharing a hotel room. Our toilet wouldn't stop running, so I decided to try to fix it. When I lifted up the lid, a hose flew out and was shooting high pressured water everywhere.

"Me, Jordan, and Alyssa all ran to coach's room screaming and by the time we got back, our bathroom had flooded. Then, the next day our locker room flooded with sewage water. We decided that our bad luck meant good luck was to come," she shared.

White said the flooding locker room was her most memorable moment.

"The most memorable moment was when we were in the locker room and flooded the toilet. Water was going everywhere," she shared.

Schultejans explained that the word she would use to describe state would be "intensity."

"If I could use one word to describe the 2013 Volleyball State Tournament, it would be 'intensity' because we always play with so much excitement and heart, every time we step on the court," she commented.

Fischer said she agreed with the word 'intense.'

"If I could use one word to describe the State Tournament, it would be 'intense.' Everybody was there for the same reason, and that was to win a state championship. No game we played was an easy battle," she explained.

Lane said she would use the word "heart" to describe the tournament.

"Heart"; you got to have heart in tight games or you could easily crumble when situations don't turn in your favor," she shared.

White explained that the state tournament was unreal.

"Throughout the whole tournament, I felt nerves, and I was so happy to be there. Our team worked so hard to be there and we came out state champs," she said.

3A State Volleyball Tournament Scores:

Friday: vs. Marysville (25-17, 25-21)
vs. Douglass (25-10, 25-18)
vs. South-East of Saline (25-16, 25-16)

Saturday: vs. Hoisington (25-21, 25-21)
vs. Cheney (29-27, 24-26, 25-19)

N Exceeding Standards NHS inducts 30 new members

By Dalton Byrne

This year's National Honor Society inducted 30 new members. Every year juniors and seniors must meet a list of requirements in order to be inducted.

This list includes juniors having a 3.5 GPA and seniors having a 3.4 GPA. Then the staff evaluates the possible inductees in other aspects, which are leadership, community service, and character.

Gabby Doebele, new inductee, shared her feelings on being inducted and what it means to have her character meet this high standard.

"Being inducted into NHS is a massive honor. It is not the easiest thing getting into, so knowing that I qualified and had all the characteristics for NHS makes me very proud of myself," Doebele shared.

Kennedy Hamilton, junior, explained what she hopes to gain from NHS and how she hopes her other classmates will acknowledge this goal that she has attained.

"I hope to gain a greater appreciation for my school, classmates, and my grades. I also hope to gain the interest of younger classmates to strive for this goal," Hamilton explained.

Kelsey Kriss, senior, explained NHS's role in helping the surrounding community, and what some inductees do for community service.

"NHS helps the community by assisting in organizing the Veterans Day assembly. They also help by hosting blood drives. Some NHS inductees help with their church, being involved with youth group and helping with events they do. Some also volunteer at sports camps or just doing yardwork for people around their neighborhood," Kriss said.

Ashlyn Lane, NHS president, shared what opportunities lie ahead in the next year for these new inductees.

"NHS has a couple of opportunities for incoming members. It provides them with a chance to help with annual blood drives and the Veterans Day ceremony," Lane shared.

Alan Cunningham, NHS sponsor, shared his expectations for this year.

"We don't really have a checklist but we do expect NHS members to help with our blood drives, aid in tutoring students that request it, participate in our Adopt-A-Highway pick-up on Highway 24, as well as being exemplary models of SLHS students," Cunningham shared.



The new members are (back to front) Ethan Kats, Brennan Robinson, Blake Matzke, Cody Renfro, Greg Larson, Michael Marsh, Jacinta Akin, Allison Christy, Rachel Holder, Cameron McGough, Caleb Kern, Rachel Slechta, Codie Watson, Alyssa Schulteians, Lucas Schroeder, Kelsey Johnson, Morgan Simmonds, Megan Deiter, Kayla Fellers, Chelsey Johnston, Payton Rickel, Josie Morgan, Zach Wilson, Drew Deters, Gabby Doebele, Shea Callahan, Kristen Howser, Kennedy Hamilton, Kaitlyn Shoemaker, and Cheyenne White. (Photo by Erin Taylor)



The inductees finish the candle lighting portion of the induction ceremony. (Photo by Erin Taylor)



Juniors Gabby Doebele, Kayla Fellers, and Kennedy Hamilton recite the oath to be inducted into NHS. (Photo by Erin Taylor)

"I hope to gain a greater appreciation for my school, classmates, and my grades."
-Kennedy Hamilton

VETERANS DAY HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

By Kelsey Johnson

Every year, the district upholds its time-honored tradition of remembering the veterans who served our country. The assembly was hosted on Veterans Day and 35 veterans were in attendance.

At the assembly, the select choir boys sang "God Bless the USA" and "Home-ward Bound." Tom Karst, who lost his father in Vietnam, spoke at the assembly. Karst is Instructor Alan Cunningham's cousin.

"I believe that it's important to recognize that our freedoms are secured by the veterans' huge group effort. By honoring local vets, I think students can see that the people they see around town at games and at the store, at one time, gave their time in serving America," Cunningham said.

After the assembly, students got the chance to interact with local vets over donuts and juice.

LOCAL VETERAN DONATES WORLD WAR I ARTIFACT

Duane Stites, one of the veterans honored at the assembly, temporarily donated a rare World War I artifact to the school. This artifact was displayed in the library. The artifact was a memorial sent to Stites's grandmother to honor Stites's uncle, Virgil Stites's courage in the war. V. Stites fought for France in WWI.



Albert Glotzbach, a local veteran, is applauded as his name is called.



VETERANS HONORED AT ASSEMBLY

Kessler Brewster
Mike Burton, Jr.
Phillip Neeley
Bruce Coffman
Tom Noble
Charles Doebele
Stephen Peak
Rodney Doebele
Ken Rakestraw
Richard Fangman
Walter E. Fidler
Rudy Fritz
Albert Glotzbach
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Darrel Loar
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George Mongold
Ed Monteith

Check out Logan Bledsoe's Veterans Day assembly video

GET TO KNOW...

Q: What is your favorite class to teach?

A: I love all of my classes. I have the perfect, dream schedule. I like Selected College Readings because I love literature and writing, debate and forensics because that is what brought me to teaching in the first place, speech because I think it is extremely important, and Middle School Communications because I think the kids are hilarious.

Q: Who is your favorite sports team?

A: KU Jayhawks! I went to KU for two years, and they are the best college in Kansas!

Q: If you could be a character from a book/movie, who would it be and why?

A: Hermione in Harry Potter because I want to be a wizard!

Q: What is your favorite flower?

A: It is a tie between peonies and sunflowers. Both of those are farm flowers and remind me of home and my family. I just love having fresh flowers in my classroom.

Michelle Taylor Language Arts



Q: What is one goal you would like to achieve being a new teacher in the school district?

A: I hope to continue to grow as an educator and provide a challenging and engaging environment. I received a great education here, and I hope to provide the same.

Q: What is your favorite quote?

A: "Be silly, be honest, be kind"
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Q: What is your favorite thing to do when you're not teaching?

A: Be outside! I love helping my dad on the farm, hiking in Colorado with my family, or just going on walks.

Q: If you could describe the atmosphere of your classroom in one word, what would it be?

A: "Homey." I tried to make my classroom as comfortable and as friendly as possible with relaxed seating, lots of lamps, and warm smells because I want students to feel comfortable and relaxed for speaking purposes, AND I spend a lot of time there.



Jacob Johnson Sophomore

★ Favorite colors are red and blue

★ Listens to country music

★ Has SIX siblings

★ Likes to play football and wrestle

★ Favorite food is biscuits and gravy

★ Can talk like Donald Duck

★ HAS BLUE EYES

★ Lucky number is #60

★ Collects Eagles

★ Birthstone is emerald

★ Has a Nokia S20 for a phone

Natalie Richards Sophomore

★ Has one older brother

★ Plays golf

★ Left handed

★ Has five dogs, a horse, a sheep, and a pig

★ Fears spiders

★ Uses horse shampoo and Bed Head shampoo on her hair

★ Favorite color is blue

★ Fears losing the people close to her

★ KU fan

★ Favorite music artists are Miley Cyrus, Rascal Flatts, and Blake Shelton

★ Collects piggy banks

★ Lucky number is #21

★ KU fan

★ Room is painted light blue

★ Favorite food is cheesecake

★ People call her Nat

★ Birthstone is blue sapphire

★ Stands at 5'1"

★ Has an iPhone

★ Favorite breakfast food is donuts

★ Can't stand people who drive too slow

★ Can cross his eyes

★ Favorites about college.



PAID TO PLAY

ATHLETES EARN SCHOLARSHIPS

By Kennedy Hamilton



Kallie Fischer, senior, signs her letter of intent to play volleyball at Baker University. (Photo by Kennedy Hamilton)

chemistry was indescribable and this season made me love volleyball so much more," she said.

Fischer was at the top of the stat leaders in kills with 345, blocks with five solo and 11 assists, digs with 258, and aces with 48. She was also named to the class 3A state all tournament team.

Fischer will be pursuing a journalism degree.

"I want to major in mass media. I love writing articles and photography. Baker gives \$3,000 to students enrolled in journalism. I also want to major in accounting so I have something to fall back on if my journalism career doesn't work out," she said.

Many athletes experience disappointment on their road to collegiate athletics.

"One of my greatest disappointments was when a club volleyball coach told me I was too short to be a hitter in college. I proved her wrong," Fischer said.

Athletes set goals for their teams very high because they expect a lot out of their teammates and their talents.

"Private schools usually have a varsity and junior varsity team. My goal is to make varsity my freshman year," Fischer said.



Kathy Allen, Baker University head coach, speaks at Kallie Fischer's signing. (Photo by Kennedy Hamilton)



Fischer and her family stand with Coach Kathy Allen after the signing. (Photo by Kennedy Hamilton)

She explained why she wants to play sports in college.

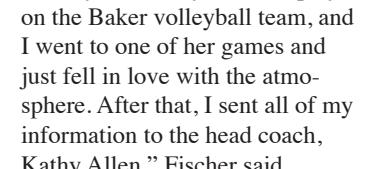
"I love softball and I want to play as long as I can," she said.

Womack has fears about her future.

"I'm sort of anti-social, so I'm nervous about not making new friends," she said.

Her plans for college are to follow in her parents' footsteps.

"I would like to go into secondary education because I've always wanted to be a teacher," she said.



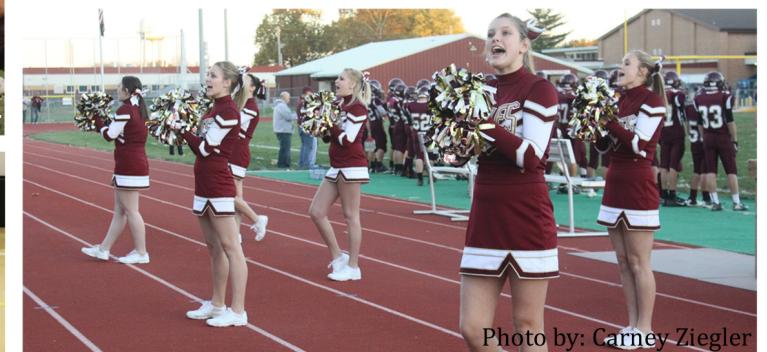
Ashley Womack tags her opponent diving into the bag. (Photo by Carney Ziegler)

Finding the right college can take a lot of time.

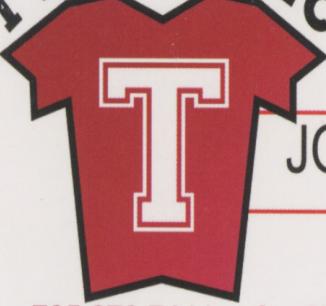
"My sophomore year I spent hours filling out questionnaires and sending film to college.

"I'm nervous because it's something new, but I'm also excited to get that part of my life started," she said.

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