

# Girard sweeps team titles at Riverton

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Girard swept the team championships in the 60th annual Lester Garber Relays on Tuesday at Riverton High School.

The Trojans tallied 103 points in the girls meet, and St. Mary's Colgan edged Caney Valley 78-77 for second place.

Girard ran away with the boys title with 132 points, followed by Riverton with 71 and Baxter Springs with 63.

Girard's girls won six events – August Mooneyham in the pole vault (9 feet, 0 inches), Regan Oplotnik in the 200 meters (26.58 seconds), Macy Mahnken in the 400 (1:00.49), Karlee Kimrey in the 300 hurdles (51.10), Brook Stafford in the 3200

(14:35.18) and the 4x400 relay team (4:16.50).

Second places went to Lainey Prince in the discus, Kennedy Keller in the 1600 and the 4x100 relay team, and Marli Sisney took third in the high jump.

Sammy Blair swept the hurdles races to lead the Girard boys, winning the 110 high hurdles in 15.69 and the 300 intermediate hurdles in 42.27.

The Trojans had four more first-place finishes with Gavin Huber in the pole vault (12-0), Gannon Clark in the javelin (166-8), William Bishop in the shot put (63-6) and the 4x400 relay team (3:38.89).

Bishop also was second in the discus, and Huber was second in the 400. The 4x100 relay was

second, and Adairrius Valley placed second in the pole vault.

Third places went to Jackson Kimrey in the pole vault, Lemont Love in the triple jump and Noah Gillard in the 800.

## ST. MARY'S COLGAN

The three victories by Colgan's girls came in the distance events – Mari Gilmore in the 800 (2:29.89) and 1600 (5:29.37) and the 4x800 relay team (10:39.08).

The Panthers had second places by Izy Bacon in the javelin, Alli Karleskint in the 800 and the 4x400 relay team, and third places went to Kayla Hutchinson in the triple jump, Katie Paulie in the 300 hurdles and the 4x100 relay team.

Colgan's boys scored

44 points to tie for fourth place with Caney Valley.

Colton Smithhisler and Michael Vacek finished 1-2 in the 1600, with Smithhisler's winning time of 4:57.69. Smithhisler also took second in the 800.

Klayton Adamson posted three top-3 finishes with second places in the long jump and 100 and a third place in the 200.

## FRONTENAC

The Raiders were eighth in the girls standings with 29 points.

The 4x800 relay team came in second for the highest finish, and Macie Payne and Laynee Shay were third in the javelin and 100 hurdles, respectively.

Frontenac's boys finished sixth with 49

points.

Luke Capehart was the top finisher, taking second in the 300 hurdles.

Third places went to Kaden Merando in the long jump, Kayson Houghton in the shot put, Austin Weimer in the 3200 and the 4x800 and 4x100 relays.

## NORTHEAST

Brooklyn Jackson and Tayven Willard won two field events apiece for the Vikings, who were fifth in the girls standings with 46 points and ninth in the boys meet with 23 points.

Jackson swept the discus (110-9) and shot put (39-1.50).

Allie Wade and Allison McCarley finished second and third, re-

spectively, in the 3200.

Willard won the long jump (21-6) and the triple jump (42-4.50).

## SOUTHEAST

The Lancers were seventh in the girls standings with 43.5 points and eighth in the boys standings with 24.

Southeast's best showings in the girls meet came in the field events as Camryn Sanders was second in the high jump, Zakiyyah Dickinson was third in the shot put and Macie Herron and Jackie Robinson tied for third in the pole vault.

The Lancers' 4x800 relay team also took third place.

The boys team had two second places in the distance events – Zayne Gabern in the 3200 and the 4x800 relay team.

# Gorillas finish ninth in MIAA golf meet

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Pittsburg State finished in ninth place in the MIAA Men's Golf Championship that ended Wednesday afternoon at the Jefferson City (Mo.) Country Club.

No. 6-ranked Central Oklahoma made it a clean sweep for the school year, firing a 10-under-par 278 in the final round for a 54-hole total of 11-under 853.

No. 30 Central Missouri shot 7-under 281 in the second round

and wound up second at 874, four shots ahead of No. 41 Washburn's 878.

Newman was fourth with 883, followed by Missouri Western 887, Arkansas-Fort Smith 896, Fort Hays State 889, Northeastern State 909, Pittsburg State 911 and Missouri Southern and Rogers State both at 912.

Mason White led the Gorillas with a tie for 22nd place after a 3-over 75 in the third round for a 9-over 225 total.

Tyler Hardtarfer tied for 39th with 73-230, Jack Randall tied for 44th with 77-231, and

David Hobart was 49th with 76-235.

The Gorillas' Cooper Forth shot 76 on Wednesday after not playing in the first two rounds. Keaton Thissen had 84-71 in the first two rounds and did not play in the third round.

The Bronchos swept the top-3 spots on the individual standings, led by medalist Baylor Bostick at 7-under 209. After an opening round-74, Bostick shot 67-68 in the last two rounds.

Rhett Hughes was second with 211 (71-72-68), and Nicholas Canales (75-72-69) tied for

third with Newman's Braxton Muldoon (75-73-68) and Central Missouri's Kale Flinton (77-72-67) with par-216.

Completing the top-10 were Washburn's Jacob Fratzel at 217, Fort Hays State's Cooper Scheck and Arkansas-Fort Smith's Chandler Cooke at 218 and Central Oklahoma's Karsten Paciotti and Ty Hyatt with 219.

The Gorillas now wait to see if they receive a bid to the Central Region Tournament next month in Big Rapids, Mich.

## LEGALS

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL LEVI WATSON, KIMBERLY A WATSON, JOHN DOE (UNKNOWN TENANT/OCCUPANT), JANE DOE (UNKNOWN TENANT/OCCUPANT), ET AL.

Defendants.

Case No.: CRP-2026-CV-000030  
Division No.

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60  
Title to Real Estate Involved

### NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successor trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

Lot Fifty-five (55) in Playters First Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 414 W Kansas Street, Pittsburg, KS 66762 ("Property")

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before May 13, 2026, in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

### NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information will be used for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Independence edges Dragons for Pittsburg title

By Brock Sisney

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Independence boys golf edged Pittsburg by a single stroke for the team title during Tuesday's Pittsburg Invitational at Crestwood Country Club.

Independence's Ethan Small earned medalist honors with a 3-over par 75 and the Bulldogs shot a 39-over 327 with Tyler Spencer fifth at 81 and Jack

Cope seventh at 82.

Pittsburg's Dylan Ward and Jace Akins finished within the top-5 and helped the Purple Dragons shoot a 40-over 328 on their home course. Ward finished second at 75 and Akins fourth at 78.

Other Pittsburg finishers were Charlie Hall 13th at 84, Mason Deringer 21st at 91, Levi Adam 23rd at 92, Kooper Stegman 25th and Lucas Hull 26th at 94, Luke Lowe 30th at

96, Caden Bennett 43rd at 107, Camden Weed 45th at 108 and Henry Burke 51st at 136.

Chanute finished third as a team at 344, Fort Scott fourth at 349, Caney Valley fifth at 350, Labette County sixth at 381, Iola seventh at 386, Coffeyville eighth at 400, Pittsburg A ninth at 401 and Parsons 10th at 506.

Rounding out the individual medalists were Caney Valley's Layne Denny third at

78, Iola's Brennen Coffield sixth at 81, Caney Valley's Jesse Hendren eighth at 83, Fort Scott's Reece Roberts ninth at 84 and Chanute's Hayes McKinney 10th at 84.

The Dragons will also host the SEK Championship on May 12 at Crestwood. They are back on the course next Monday at the Woodland Hills Golf Course in Fort Scott.

## SENIORS

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"I'm beyond ecstatic. I don't know how to explain it because I'm so excited. It's been my dream since I was a little kid."

### BOSTON ENCARNACION

"I'm overly ecstatic," Encarnacion said. "My mom and my aunt both went to Fort Scott and they both majored in cosmetology. It's something I grew up around and it's close to home. Obviously, I dance with the school (Girard) and I just

didn't want to let go of it.

"It's very special. I've been dancing since I was 3 years old. You know, it's something that once you've been doing it for so long, you're not really ready to let go of it. Super exciting to just continue the career."

### TRACK AND FIELD

#### PREP RESULTS

#### Lester Garber Relays

##### At Riverton

##### GIRLS

##### Team Scores

Girard 103, St. Mary's Colgan 78, Caney Valley 77, Riverton 69, Northeast 46, Jasper 45, Southeast 43.5, Frontenac 29, Galena 18, Baxter Springs 15, Quapaw 13, St. Paul 10, Oswego 7, Columbus 2.5

**Winners, Local Medalists**  
High jump—1, Grace Prince, CV, 5-2. 2, Camryn Sanders, SE, 5-0. 3,

Marli Sisney, Gir, 5-0. 5, Emma Gideon, SE, 4-8.  
Long jump—1, Elizabeth Helms, Riv, 16-9.  
Triple jump—1, Elyn Washburn, CV, 33-8.50. 3, Kayla Huthinson, SMC, 31-8.50. 4, Sanders, SE, 31-3.50. 5, Gideon, SE, 29-6. 6, Marlie Pennington, Fron, 28-7.

Discus—1, Brooklyn Jackson, NE, 110-9. 2, Lainey Prince, Gir, 100-2. 6, Sarah Schibi, SMC, 89-0.50.  
Shot put—1, Jackson, NE, 39-1.50. 3, Zakiyyah Dickinson, SE, 31-7. 4, Hailey Smardo, NE, 31-5.50. 6, Schibi, SMC, 30-10.50.  
Javelin—1, Natalie Storm, Jasper, 103-7. 2, Izy Bacon, SMC, 100-3. 3, Macie Payne, Fron, 94-2. 4, Sandie Fox, SMC, 92-1. 6, Lillyan Ansch, Fron, 89-11.

Pole vault—1, Mooneyham, Gir, 9-0. tie 3, Macie Herron, SE; Jackie Robinson, SE, 8-0. 6, Ella Bluthe, Fron, 7-6.  
100 hurdles—1, Grace Prince, CV, 16.36. 3, Laynee

Shay, Fron, 17.79. 4, Kylee Dickerson, NE, 18.47.  
100-1, Amberly Youngblood, Riv, 12.53. 4, Regan Oplotnik, Gir, 12.92.

200-1, Oplotnik, Gir, 26.58. 5, Macy Mahnken, Gir, 27.52.  
4x800 relay—1, Colgan, 10:34.08. 2, Frontenac, 11:16.65. 3, Southeast, 11:41.25.

1600-1, Mari Gilmore, SMC, 5:29.37. 2, Kennedy Keller, Gir, 5:46.35. 5, Nora Anderson, Fron, 6:15.38. 6, Brook Stafford, Gir, 6:24.72.

4x100 relay—1, Riverton, 51.67. 2, Girard, 53.14. 3, Colgan, 55.19. 4, Southeast, 55.24.  
400-1, Mahnken, Gir, 1:00.49. 5, Breklyn Condon, Fron, 1:04.96.

300 hurdles—1, Karlee Kimrey, Gir, 51.10. 3, Katie Paulie, SMC, 53.85.

800-1, Gilmore, SMC, 2:29.89. 2, Alli Karleskint, SMC, 2:34.52. 4, August Mooneyham, Gir, 2:40.19. 5, Anderson, Fron, 2:40.19 me.

3200-1, Stafford, Gir, 14:35.18. 2, Allie Wade, NE, 15:10.35. 3, Allison McCarley, NE, 16:02.08. 4, Jade Bush, NE, 16:30.08. 6, Emma Lee Doubrava, Gir, 16:43.07.

4x400 relay—1, Girard, 4:16.50. 2, Colgan, 4:25.75. 5, Southeast, 5:07.67.

##### BOYS

##### Team Scores

Girard 132, Riverton 71, Baxter Springs 63, Caney Valley 55, St. Mary's Colgan 55, Frontenac 49, Columbus 38, Southeast 24, Northeast 23, Galena 19, Jasper 14, Quapaw 10,

**Winners, Local Medalists**  
High jump—1, Cash Brown,

CV, 6-0. tie 4, Dayton Sims, SE, 5-8. 6, Tegan Mitchell, NE, 5-8.

Pole vault—1, Gavin Huber, Gir, 12-0. 2, Adairrius Valleuy, Gir, 12-0. 3, Jackson Kimrey, Gir, 11-6. 4, Christopher Archey, SE, 9-0.

Long jump—1, Tayven Willard, NE, 21-6. 2, Klayton Adamson, SMC, 20-10. 3, Kaden Merando, Fron, 18-10. 6, Hunter Ehling, Fron, 17-11.50.  
Triple jump—1, Willard, NE, 42-4.50. 3, Lemont Love, Gir, 39-1.50. 5, Valley, Gir, 37-5.50.

Discus—1, Jace Gaither, Columbus, 145-5. 2, William Bishop, Gir, 138-6. 6, Kayson Houghton, Fron, 124-8.

Javelin—1, Gannon Clark, Gir, 166-8.

Shot put—1, Bishop, Gir, 63-6. 3, Houghton, Fron, 44-2.50. 5, Boston Mlekus, Gir, 41-5.

110 hurdles—1, Sammy Blair, Gir, 15.69. 6, Andrew Trindal, Gir, 18.72.

100-1, Aydin Witherspoon, Riv, 11.13. 2, Adamson, SMC, 11.19. 4, Zeb Poland, Gir, 11.77. 6, Love, Gir, 11.94.

200-1, Witherspoon, Riv, 22.57. 3, Adamson, SMC, 22.74. 5, Mason Adolph, Gir, 23.68.

4x800 relay—1, Riverton, 9:13.78. 2, Southeast, 9:15.98. 3, Frontenac, 9:48.33.

1600-1, Colton Smithhisler, SMC, 4:57.69. 2, Michael Vacek, SMC, 5:11.92. 4, Austin Weimer, Fron, 5:15.88. 5, Braven Smithhisler, SMC, 5:23.35. 6, Trent Schenck, Fron, 5:28.05.

4x100 relay—1, Riverton, 45.37. 2, Girard, 45.58. 3, Frontenac, 46.09.

400-1, Cole Howard, Columbus, 53.36. 2, Huber, Gir, 53.67.

### BASKETBALL

#### NBA PLAYOFFS

##### Play-In Tournament

##### Tuesday's Games

Charlotte 127, Miami 126, OT (Miami eliminated from East playoffs)  
Portland 114, Phoenix 110 (Portland earns No. 7 seed in West)

##### Wednesday's Games

Orlando at Philadelphia (East 7-8 game)  
Golden State at L.A. Clippers (West 9-10 game)

##### Friday's Games

Charlotte at Orlando-Philadelphia loser (East 8 seed)  
Golden State-L.A. Clippers winner at Phoenix (West 8 seed)