

**FIVE SAINTY wrestlers participated in the Dundy County Wrestling Tournament held Saturday including freshman Grady Brunk**  
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Junior varsity season moves forward with busy schedule

**By Betty Jean Winston**  
Five Sainty wrestlers attended the Dundy County wrestling tournament on Saturday. The field of entries was composed of both varsity and junior varsity wrestlers from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska.

Mat men began the round robin event by meeting the other three wrestlers in their pool. Following this, the final were held.

"It was nice for our wrestlers to compete in a number of matches," Coach Mike Frewen said. "It was a good experience for them."

"You could see the Sainty wrestlers were improving as the day went on. They wrestled pretty good."

"Grady Brunk met Corey Cook from Oberlin twice and Grady wrestled much better the second time even though Cook won both matches. Shawn Warren met Taylor Carroll of Rawlins County two times and he lost the first match in overtime but scored a win the second time."

These are just two of a number of examples of improvements as the day progressed.

Sainty was seventh out of 12 teams and they had two wrestlers at 145 pounds, placing one of them on C-team.

Individually for the Indians:  
103: Freddy Pacheco, defeated David Bolio, Dundy County, 23-5;

won by a fall over Bolio; placed first.

145: Brady Frewen, won by a fall over Corey Cook of Oberlin junior varsity; won by a fall over Grady Brunk, St. Francis; won by a fall over Bryan David, Stratton; won by a fall over Brunk; won by a 10-3 decision over Davis; placed first.

145: Grady Brunk, lost by a fall to Bryan Davis, Stratton; lost by a fall to Brady Frewen, St. Francis; lost by a 9-2 decision to Corey Cook, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Frewen; lost by a 5-2 decision to Cook; placed fourth.

## Wrestlers resume tourney activities

The Sainty varsity wrestlers will be participating in the Sterling High School dual tournament on Saturday with action beginning at 10 a.m. central time (9 a.m. mountain time).

Teams from 10 schools, Akron, Eaton, Gering, Holyoke, Merino, North Platte, Scottsbluff, St. Francis, Sterling and Weld Central, are scheduled to take part in the event.

The tentative schedule for the Indian wrestlers is as follows; round

152: Scott Ford lost by a fall to Kane Ware, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Andy Taylor, Stratton; lost by a fall to Zane Starks, Dundy County; won by a 9-1 decision over Owen Madden, Wauneta/Palisade; placed third.

215: Shawn Warren, won by a fall over Chris Pankonin, Dundy County; lost by a 7-5 overtime decision to Taylor Carroll, Rawlins County junior varsity; lost by a fall to Christian Hornuing, Stratton; won by a 7-2 decision over Carroll; lost by a fall to Hornuing; placed second.

one, Sainty vs Akron; round two, Sainty vs North Platte; round three, Sainty vs Holyoke; round four, Sainty vs Merino; and round five, Sainty vs Gering.

Plans are to accommodate junior varsity wrestlers with five matches as well when possible.

**Oakley**

The Indians will be meeting Northwest Kansas League opponent, Oakley in Oakley on Friday evening with action beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

# Bird City Century II looks at 2006 accomplishments

Bird City has been involved in many community and business development projects the past year. Some of the projects and endeavors we may see become a reality, others we may not.

These that do not are not to be viewed as failures, but as learning experiences. Have you ever heard the phrase, try and try again? How do we know what would work if we do not try?

The VanDoren Park Project is one that many donors and volunteers have made the vision of this project become a reality. The support is evident when you walk the walking trail - 265 sections have names or quotes on them. Donations and grants received from Bird City Century II Development Foundation, Sunflower Foundation, Kansas Health Foundation, Bacon Family Foundation and Dane G. Hansen Foundation will help create a beautiful place in the community for family reunions, community festivals and activities and daily outings.

Bird City will soon be welcoming friends and family with a new sign and flagpoles at its entrance, with the help of local funding and volunteers.

The Social Rehabilitation Services Call Center was a big project that the Bird City community worked on this year. Even though Bird City was not a chosen community for the project, one of the vendors that visited with Bird City as a potential partner may be interested in Bird City for a different project. This is another opportunity that may bring additional employment opportunities at some point in the future. This experience laid the groundwork and opened doors that would not have been opened if we would not have tried.

Bird City Dairy, owned and operated by Clay McCarty and Mike McCarty, will be placed on public notice Jan. 11. After 30 days, Kansas Department of Health and Environment should grant approval and groundbreaking can begin. The area should see many benefits during the construction of the facility with construction crews of 20-40 people renting homes and RV spots, eating out, buying groceries, and fueling

trucks. The construction of the dairy will take approximately seven months from groundbreaking to milking. After a few months of operation Bird City Dairy will be open to the public for tours and the owners will host an open house for all to attend.

Where marketing is done via internet and trade shows, businesses such as Bird City Bird Seed do not rely on the local market to survive. The owners of this business, Noel and Tabettha Ketzner, have the entrepreneurial spirit that allowed them to make the Bird City area their home, to raise their kids, and make a living. The success of this and other similar businesses will hopefully open the eyes of others that have the desire to live in a small community and have the dream of owning their own business. Their dream can come true with the right business, a strong marketing and business plan, and a strong work ethic. This holiday season, Tabettha debuted with her snowman and wreath on QVC, the home shopping channel. Viewed in over 92 million households, Tabettha sold over 2,000 items in 6 minutes.

Bird City is now part of the e-world with the new Bird City website, [www.birdcity.com](http://www.birdcity.com). Businesses, organizations and residents are asked to view the site and submit any suggestions, changes or corrections. Cathy Domsch, executive director of the Bird City Century II Development Foundation, stated that additional pictures and information will be added as time allows, and asks that if anyone is interested in be-

ing a contributing photographer or writer, to please do so through the contact page or contact her directly, especially any stories or pictures of the last snow storm or community activities.

Bird City residents had the opportunity to participate in three town hall meetings last year to give their input on community issues. These comments created the goals and objectives outlined in the Bird City Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will soon be finalized and available to everyone for review via the website, as are the First Impressions report, the Business Retention and Expansion Survey, and Community Assessment. This Strategic Plan will give city council and community organizations a guideline for completing community projects for the next five years.

The Bird City clerk, Jana Diers, has established a suggestion box at city hall.

"The city of Bird City is interested in your thoughts. If you have serious and constructive ideas to improve Bird City, raise the moral of the town or just need to get something off your chest, write your thoughts on paper and drop them off at City Hall in the suggestion box," stated Mrs. Diers.

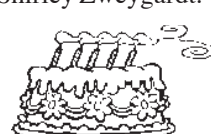
Each month the city clerk will collect the suggestions and have them available for city council to act on or just for "FYI." People can either put their name on the suggestion or remain anonymous.

For additional information on any community projects, feel free to contact Mrs. Diers at 785-734-2616, or Mrs. Domsch at 785-734-2556.

## Birthday brunch held to celebrate 77th year

A belated birthday brunch in celebration of Martha M. Zweygardt's 77th birthday was held Saturday at the home of Shirley Zwegardt. After hors d'oeuvres and a birthday toast, a light lunch was enjoyed by Martha and her guests. Those helping Martha celebrate were: Margaret

Holzwarth, Alice Isernhagen, Rhonda Born, Gertrude Zwegardt, Alma Neitzel, Ruth Anne Yonkey, Jean Bufflington, Barb Holzwarth and Shirley Zwegardt.



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CCEAP Applications will be available starting Tuesday, December 26, 2006 at the following locations:

- **St. Francis** —
  - Cheyenne County Treasurer's Office
  - City Office
  - St. Francis Equity Co-op
- **Bird City** —
  - City Office
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