At the Game

Youth learning ball handling

Commission's Little Kids team." basketball program started the through March 29.

basketball players.

"The program helps with the program.

The program has two sessions, graders which meet at 6 p.m. and one for second and third graders which meets at 7 p.m.

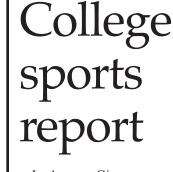
"The kids learn ball-handling drills, passing and catching drills, rebounding, shooting drills and most of all how to play as a team," said Mrs. Bandel. "Basketball is excellent exercise, and helps youth develop large motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

"Playing basketball involves knowing the rules of play, and

The St. Francis Recreation learning how to work as part of a

The kids participating in the year in November and has been fourth, fifth and sixth grade practicing every Monday night. sessions include: Jenna Confer, They will continue meeting Nick Paulson, Taylor Rogers, Travis Rogers, Garrett Brunk, The coaches for the program are Mandi Cooks, Madison Tice, Matt Bandel and Chris Bracelin, Hanna Bracelin, Payton Beims, both past St. Francis Indian Reagan Beims, Matthisen Witzel, Emileigh Dinkel, Tate Busse, focuses Jylian Laten, Alexis Frink, on teaching the youth the Danielle Frink, Quinton Cravens, fundamentals and concepts of Kylie Sherlock, Journey Lee, basketball to grades second Kayla Reed, Jake Faulkender, through sixth for both boys and Jude Faulkender, Luke Lampe, girls," said Mila Bandel, who McKinnley Bartels, Kailey Shay, Jeremiah Neitzel, Lane Hobrock, Justin Pacheco, Jessica Pacheco, one for fourth, fifth and sixth Eduardo Pacheco, Sayed Fierro, Ryan Grover, Jakob Church, and Katie Schmid,

> Those attending the second and third grade session include: Karly Bandel, Cassie Cooks, Cassidy Busse, Lauren Johnson, Lindsey Johnson, Jessica Confer, Cody Baxter, Brady Dinkel, Trenton Bartels, Draven Houtman, Adam Krien, Mason Schmid, KC Krien, Reid Shay, Connor Keller, Alex Oueen and Seth Mills.

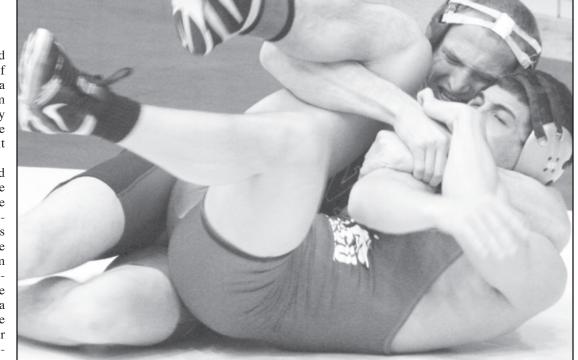


Gienger Derek Ross, members of the University of Nebraska - Kearney wrestling team competed in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference regional wrestling tournament

on Feb. 27 in Alamosa, Colo. Gienger, in the 157-pound weight class, went 1 - 2 on the day. He fell to the number-one seed and the second nationallyranked wrestler from Adams State by a score of 6-4. He then met a wrestler from Colorado State University-Pueblo and won by a fall. The third match was against Mesa State College wrestler and he fell 12-5. Jordan started for the University of Nebraska -Kearney at 157 pounds.

Ross, at 184 pounds, reached 99 career wins at the regional tournament by placing third. Ross had falls against a Colorado State University-Pueblo and Grand Canyon University wrestlers. He then met Charlie Pipher, Western State College the numberone seed and number-one nationally-ranked wrestler in the semi finals and lost 6-2.

On the back side of the



JORDAN GIENGER, former St. Francis Indian, wrestles for the University of Nebraska - Kearney. The University team

competed in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference tournament with Gienger wrestling in the 157-weight class.

99 CAREER WINS - Derek Ross, who wrestled for the Sainty Indians during his high school days, reached 99 career wins at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference regional tourament in Alamosa, Colo., Feb. 27. Ross was named on the All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Third Team by placing third at the tournament. Herald photo courtesy of Marla Ross

bracket Ross won 7-4 against a Chadron State College wrestler. All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Western State College. In the match to place third Ross wrestled the same wrestler from Grand Canyon and won 4-3 in

Conference Third Team.

- Kearney team qualified six Omaha on March 12 and 13. wrestlers and the team placed

Ross was named on the second in the tournament behind

Herald picture courtesy of Marla Ross

The Division II National The University of Nebraska Tournament will be held in

Junior high team earns fourth place

After defeating Hoxie in an were defeated 36-18 which moved in the first round of the Northwest fourth. Kansas League tournament on Feb. 22, the St. Francis junior high girls B-team moved into and Echo Jones with 4 points. the championship bracket of the tournament.

The second round of the tournament, which was played at Oakley, took place on Thursday.

"All in all, the girls worked hard against two pretty good teams," Coach Talley Morrow said. Coach Morrow traveled with the B-team as Coach Ted Busse was with the A-team in Goodland.

defense and keeping the opponent of the total of 13 for the game. away from the basket, but there attitude," said Coach Morrow.

a pattern of running a play, but rebounds with four. they successfully broke press after press for six straight quarters.

"The girls did what they have been taught to do and came out of their first basketball season placing fourth in the League."

St. Francis played Goodland in the first game on Thursday and

exciting 22-20 basketball game them into the game for third and

The high scorers in this game were Brianna Cooks with 6 points

Ashley Orth had the most offensive rebounds with two and Dallas Reed had the most defensive rebounds with four. Reed had the largest total of rebounds with five. Mariah Beikman collected five steals to lead the team.

St. Francis finished in fourth place when they were defeated by Colby 33-13 in the final game of the tournament.

"We struggled a little on Brianna Cooks had 11 points out

Rebounding saw Cooks with the was never a lack of effort or good most for the game with eight out of her total of 10 being defensive "Offensively, we didn't get into rebounds. Reed led in offensive

> Reed had a total of three steals for the team.

> group of seventh "This grade girls made a great start to an enjoyable and successful basketball career in St. Francis," said Coach Morrow.

Sainty teams compete

By Betty Jean Winston

betty.w@nwkansas.com Several St. Francis youth formed basketball teams and competed in the Cheylin 3-on-3 tournament held in McDonald on Saturday.

Teams were divided in a combined first- and second-grade bracket, a third- and fourth-grade boys bracket and a third- and fourth-grade girls bracket; a fifthand sixth-grade bracket for boys and one for girls and seventhand eighth-grade girls and boys brackets.

St. Francis teams including their age bracket, team name, roster and team placings are listed below.

First and second grade

Indians: Brady Dinkel, Seth Mills, Trenton Bartels. Placed

Pink Cheetahs: Karly Bandel, Cassidy Busse, Cassie Cooks, Emma Johnson. Placed second

Jayhawks: Kobe Tice, Colton Neitzel, Shadryon Blanka, Adam Krien, Jesse Baxter. Placed third

Third and fourth grade girls Flying Eagles: Zoe Sundstrom, Mandi Cooks, Reagan Beims, Matthisen Witzel. Placed first.

Jayhawks: Lauren Johnson, Lindsey Johnson, Jessica Confer. Placed third.



THE CHEYLIN 3-ON-3 basketball tournament was held on Saturday at McDonald. Jude Faulkender, right, played for the Bench Warmers, who came in third in the fifth and sixth grade boys division. Herald staff photo by Linda Schneider

Lady Indians: Emileigh Dinkel, Kayla Reed, Emily Elfers, first through eighth, are eligible to McKinnley Bartels, Madi Tice. Placed fourth

Third and fourth grade boys Warriors: KC Krien, Tate Busse, Cody Baxter, Draven Houtman. Placed first.

Taylor Swift: Jake Faulkender, Luke Lampe, Dalton Straub, Martin Beikman. Placed second. Fifth and sixth grade girls

Placed second. Fifth and sixth grade boys Bench Warmers: Francisco

Fernandez, Payton Beims, Jude Faulkender. Placed second.

Sappa Valley Shootout The Sappa Valley Shootout Youth visit the website

3-on-3 basketball tournament will

be held in Oberlin on Saturday,

Tigers: Sydney Sundstrom, April 24. Boys and girls in grades

McKenzie Taylor, Journey Lee. participate. The tournament will be held in the Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School gym and is sponsored by Red Devil Athletics. Registration deadline is

April 14. information, For more (www. sappavalleyshootout.com) contact J.D. Johnson at (785) 475-8926.

A-team plays ball in tournament

season came to a close the week of Feb. 22 when the teams were involved in Northwest Kansas League tournament action.

The junior high girls were divided into members of either the A-team or the B-team. A-team tournament play took place in Goodland on Tuesday and Oberlin on Thursday.

Goodland 46, St. Francis 18 Goodland defeated St. Francis on Tuesday, moving the Lady Indians into the consolation side of the

bracket for the Thursday games. "We did not run our press breaker the last 2 minutes of the first half and the score went from 18 to 10 to 26 to

The junior high girls basketball 10 in a matter of a minute," Coach Ted Busse said.

> "When we are focused and ready to play we are a good basketball

> "Hopefully we will learn from this game and work on getting better."

Bailey Merklin was the high scorer with five points. Five other players also contributed to the 18 points.

Scoring: Merklin 5, McKayla Taylor 4, Karly Bandel 3, Aly Schlepp 3, Justice Wiley 2, Valerie

Results of Thursday games will be available next week.

Bowling News

Ladies Nite Out 2-25 Team standings: Bankwest 18-10,

Wray Meat Packing 17-11, Gutter Gals 16.5-11.5, Strikers 16-12, Dundy Ag 15.5-12.5, Wright Carpet 12.5-15.5, Jersey Maids 11.5-16.5.

High game:: Kathy Blecha 217, Marlys Poulignot 210, Erica Harlan 188; (handicap): Poulignot 256, 219, Connie Wilger 203.

Blecha 250, Harlan 241. High series: (scratch): Blecha 508, Terry Yost 473, Tammy Drommond

469; (handicap): Vickie Schliep 636, Dawn Richardson 636, Danielle Cline 632.

Monday Night Mixed 2-15 Team standings: ABC-Z 15-9, Neitzel Insurance 13-11. Farl's Gals

11-13, Gutter Heads 9-15. High game: Kale Zimbelman

215, Tammy Zimbelman 191, Eddie Zuege 191, Darren Lafffond 180, Amelia Zuege 148, Janice Krien 148; (handicap): Katora Sherlock 245, Laffond 232, T. Zimbelman 227, K. Zimbelman 223, Bill Wilger High series (scratch): K.

Zimbelman 609, T. Zimbelman 520, E. Zuege 516, JD Hawkins 454, Krien 418, Sally Baird 383; (handicap): Sherlock 662, K. Zimbelman 633, T. Zimbelman 628, E. Zuege 591, C. Wilger 588, Laffond 578.