

# At the Game



**RYLAN DOYLE** waits for the whistle to go for the reversal or escape. Rylan placed fifth at the tournament. *Herald photo by Shawna Blanka*

## Young wrestlers continue competition in Goodland

There were sixteen St. Francis wrestlers competing in the Kansas Kids District 4 North Sub-District tournament held in Goodland on Saturday. There were 10 of them that placed in the top four, with Tayton Weeter and Trayton Doyle bringing home first places.

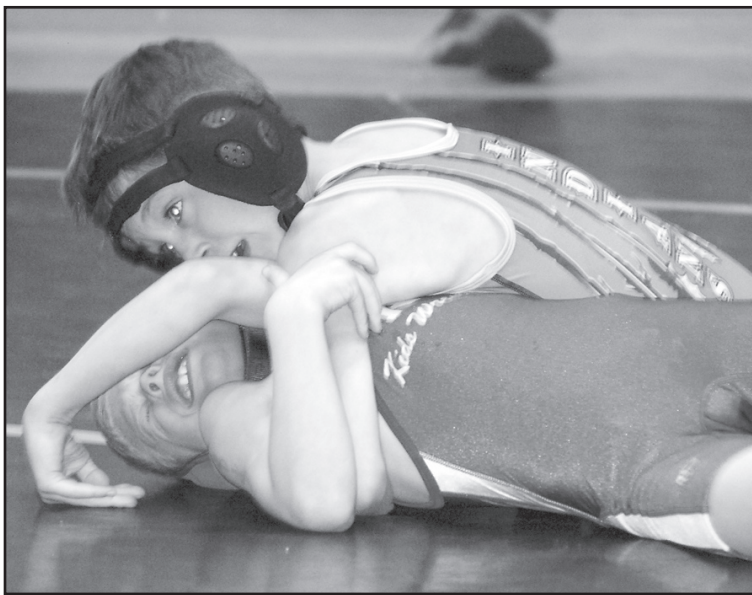
Those qualifying besides Weeter and Doyle are Shadryon Blanka, Luke Lampe, Ryan Grover, Garrett Brunk, Justin Pacheco, Lane Hobrock, Shakotah Blanka and Zach Gienger. They will advance to the district tournament on Saturday in WaKeeney and the top four placers will qualify for the Kansas Kids State Tournament in Topeka, March 24 and 25.

### Placings

8 and under: Brody Kaup, 55 pounds, placed fifth; Shadryon Blanka, 80 pounds, placed second; Rylan Doyle, 110 pounds, placed fifth.

10 and under: Connor Keller, 76 pounds, placed fifth; Tayton Weeter, 82 pounds, placed first.

12 and under: Luke Lampe, 120 pounds, placed second; Ryan Grover, 190 pounds, placed second.

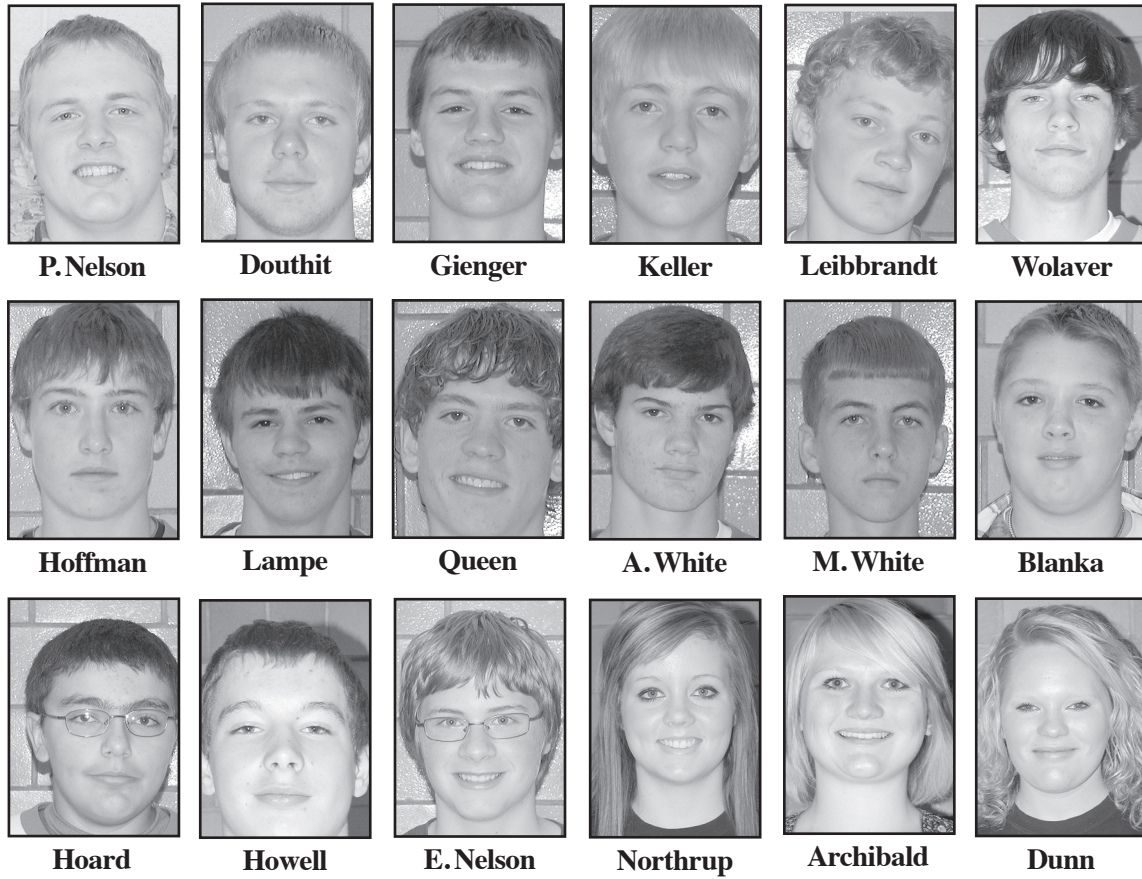


**BRODY KAUP** came in fifth place at the wrestling tournament in Goodland on Saturday. *Herald photo by Shawna Blanka*

14 and under: Clay Cassaw, 115 pounds, placed fifth; Garrett Brunk, 135 pounds, placed second; Justin Pacheco, 145 pounds, placed fourth; Lane Hobrock, 155 pounds, placed second; Shakotah

Blanka, 265 pounds, placed second.

High school: Logan Lampe, 138 pounds, placed fifth; Austin White, 138 pounds, placed sixth; Zach Gienger, 195 pounds, placed second.



## Letter winners are named

The 2011-2012 season St. Francis wrestling letter winners have been named by Coach Nathan Smith.

Senior: Paul Nelson.  
Juniors: Thomas Douthit, Zach Gienger, Casey Keller, Mikey Leibbrandt and Dylan Wolaver.

Sophomores: Lane Hoffman, Logan Lampe, Derek Queen, Austin White and Matt White.

Freshmen: Shakota Blanka, Jon Hoard, Matt Howell and Erik Nelson. Also receiving letter awards for participation as

manager/mat maids were: Caitlin Northrup, Taylor Archibald, Jandy Dunn and Dallas Reed.



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## Students lift weights for public

Students from plyometrics classes participated in a weight lifting demonstration Thursday, March 8, in the high school gym. Students had been tested to reach maximum weights throughout the week and during Thursday night's demonstration for the community. Lifters were spotted by plyometrics instructor Nathan Smith and

assistant track/wrestling coach Kyle Buffington.

Over 30 students participated in bench press, squat and power clean lifts. Top lifters for the evening were:

Sam Reed with 285 pounds, and Sydney Sundstrom with 90 pounds, on bench press.

Mikey Leibbrandt with 420

pounds, Scott Warren with 410 pounds, and Laura Brunk with 220 pounds, on squat.

Thomas Douthit with 220 pounds, Sydney Sundstrom with 80 pounds, on power clean.

Additional videos can be found on the school's website, www.usd297.org.

# Basketball season ends with broken records

The letter winners of the 2011-2012 St. Francis boys basketball team have been selected. Ten student-athletes are on Coach Jeff Beims' list:

Seniors: Jonathan Butler, Isaac Schiltz and Matt Tygart.

Juniors: Dylan Peter, Steven Nelson and Keegan Sherlock.

Sophomores: Wyatt Landenberger and Mason Schiltz.

Freshmen: Cade Bracelin and Kyler Zwegardt.

The boys had a 10-11 record this season and several new records were set (or tied) during this season.

Best Field Goal Percentage (3-Point Shots)- One Season: 35.49 percent (148-417). The old record was 34.7 percent (95-273) set in 2010-2011.

Fewest Points Allowed in One Game: 6 vs. Idalia on Jan. 10, 2012. The previous record was 28 vs. Christian Family Educators set on Jan. 28, 2010.

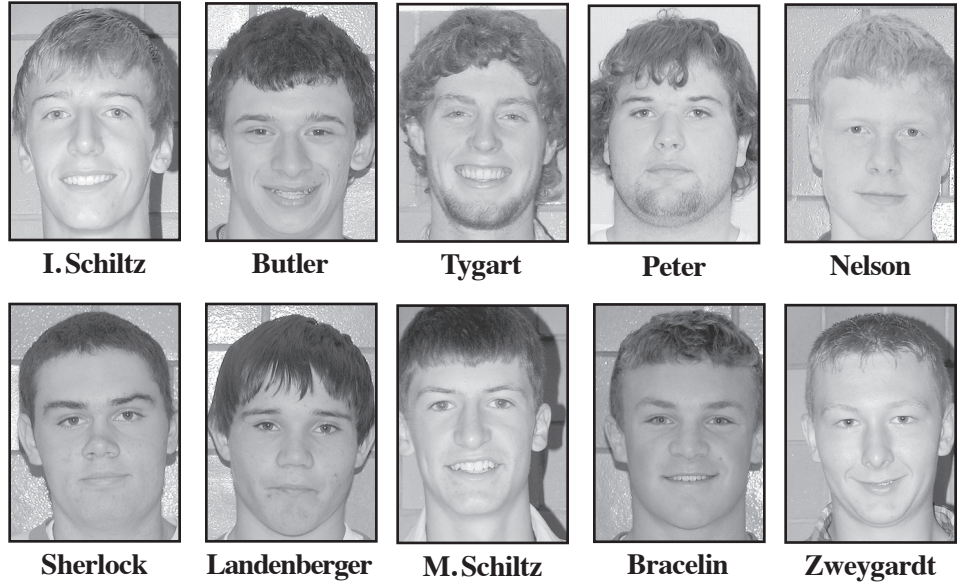
Fewest Points Allowed in One Half: 1 vs. Idalia on Jan. 10, 2012. The previous record was 9 vs. Cheyenne Wells set on Dec. 19, 1999.

Fewest Points Allowed in One Quarter: 0 vs. Idalia on Jan. 10, 2012. This ties the record set by previous teams including: vs. Oberlin on Jan. 18, 2000; vs. Cheylin on Feb. 2, 2002; and vs. Cambridge, Neb. on Jan. 16, 2007.

Fewest Free Throws Attempted in One Game: 2 vs. Thunder Ridge on March 1, 2012. This ties the record set vs. Cheylin on Feb. 11, 1987.

Senior Isaac Schiltz and freshman Kyler Zwegardt also broke some individual records this season.

Most Points in One Game: 36 Isaac Schiltz vs. Osborne on Feb. 27, 2012. Two other athletes have accomplished this feat - Bill Krueger vs Cheyenne Wells on Feb. 23, 1984 and Tim Harkins vs. Oberlin on Feb. 25, 1974. Isaac also scored 32 points this season on Feb. 24. Thirteen



Indian athletes have scored 30 or more points in a game. This feat has occurred 21 times in Indian basketball history. Isaac scored 30 or more points four times in his career.

Most 3-Point Goals Made-One Season: 59 Isaac Schiltz 2011-2012. The old record of 48 was held by Mike Zwegardt set in 1990-1991.

Most 3-Point Goals Made-Career: 132 Isaac Schiltz 2009-2012. The old record was 125 held by Mike Wolters in 1998-2001.

Most 3-Point Goals Attempted-One Season: 157 Isaac Schiltz 2011-2012. This ties the previous mark of 157 set by Mike Zwegardt in 1990-1991.

Two Indians earned a position on the All-Time lists. Isaac Schiltz earned the number one position on the Scoring Average-One Season list with 20.14 points per game this past season. Only one other player, Ron Daggett in 1958-59, averaged 20 or more points for the season. Isaac also earned sixth place on the Career Scoring list with 946 career points.

Kyler Zwegardt tied Darrel Busby (1956-57) for the second spot on the Season Free Throw Percentage list. Kyler made good on 12 of 15 (80 percent) free throws this season.

Isaac was also added to the short list of athletes scoring 400 or more points in one season. Isaac scored 423 points this past season. Nick Young is the only other Indian athlete to score 400 points in a season. Nick accomplished the feat twice- 440 and 479.

"With our season coming to a premature close, we are forced



to say good bye to our three seniors," Coach Beims said. "I think I write every year that this is by far the toughest part of my job, mainly because it's true. If it were up to me, I would have 50 players on my team, as I would never allow anybody to leave my program."

"Jon Butler has been a great player for us, leading the team as our point guard for the last couple years," Coach Beims said. "Point guards rarely get much credit, as they do things that don't generally show up on stat sheets, but 'J-But' shouldered the responsibility admirably. Matt Tygart's season was cut short due to injury and we missed his height down the stretch. Isaac Schiltz leaves the program with an impressive resume, having tied or set several records. I will always be remembered as one of the most prolific scorers in St. Francis history. I will remember Isaac as the most dedicated, hardest working player I've coached to this point. Unfortunately, that kind of commitment doesn't come along that often, and I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to watch him develop into the player he has become."

"These three young men have given a lot to St. Francis High School over the last four years, and they will be missed," Coach Beims said.

## Girls letter winners chosen

St. Francis girls' basketball Coach Susan Dinkel has named seven student-athletes as the letter winners of the 2011-12 season.

Seniors: Kaitlin Figgins and Jenna Hill

Juniors: Laura Brunk and Clarice Neitzel. Aubrey Mills was awarded a provisional letter.

Sophomore: Aly Schlepp.

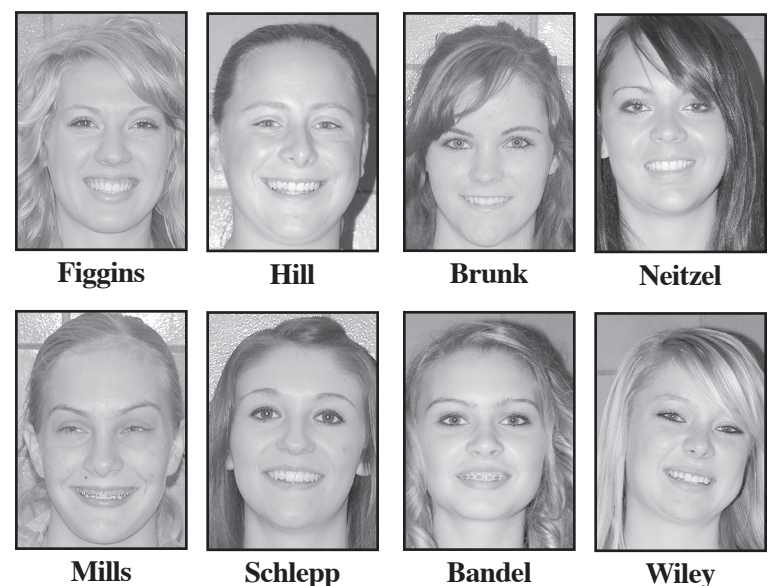
Freshmen: Kyla Bandel and Justice Wiley.

Kaitlin Figgins set a new school record for most points in one game when she scored 41 points against Osborne in the first round of sub-state play this season. The previous record was 36 points and was held by Julie Burnham (class of 1981). Both Megan Kinen (class of 1982) and Michelle Young (class of 2000) scored 35 points in one game.

"This season was a quick season- one in which we grew immensely as players," Coach Dinkel said. "We started out as a junior varsity team playing varsity games, but we quickly grew and became a decent varsity team.

"We will certainly miss the senior leadership of Kaitlin and Jenna, but we will have three seniors next year to lead us, as well as a junior and some sophomores that have plenty of varsity experience.

"Although relieved the season is over, I truly do miss this team already. They were a great group of girls, who responded well to our coaching. Even when I yelled at them, or gave them my 'Frank Martin stare,' they



knew I did it because I knew they could do better. I am really looking forward to next season, as well as working with them in the offseason to make them stronger and quicker.

"On a side note, I really do want to publicly thank those individuals who have helped with our youth basketball program over the years: Rob Schiltz, Matt Bandel, Chris Bracelin, Jason Johnson and Noel Ketzner. They have done a great job teaching our youth the fundamentals of basketball and we are beginning to see the students who were involved in our junior high and high school programs. This is free of charge to students and a great way to introduce your children to the fundamentals of the sport. Also, there are 5-on-5 or 3-on-3 tournaments your children can participate

in. Allow them the opportunity so they have an idea how to be competitors. You can't expect your child to be a star athlete and play all the time without a little knowledge outside of the sport. Encourage your child to get out and play.

"Focusing solely on one sport makes someone good in that sport only," Coach Dinkel said. "Allowing your children to participate in a variety of activities makes a well-rounded athlete. No, athletics isn't everything, but participating in them will help in the world outside of high school- competing for a job, time management, teamwork, winning and losing, decision-making, and making adjustments on the fly. All of these things help create a well-rounded student-athlete and employee."