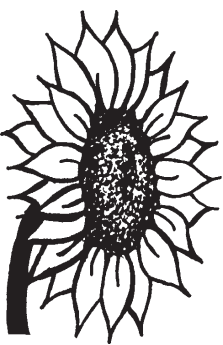


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# At the Game

## Wrestlers advance to Kids District

By Betty Jean Winston

Twenty-six Cheyenne County wrestlers competed at Sub-District Kansas Kids Tournament held at Goodland Saturday and Sunday and 19 qualified to compete at District in Dodge City on Saturday.

"It was a good tournament and our kids competed well.," Shawna Blanka said.

Those wrestlers moving on to Dodge City include:

First place finishers: Shakotah Blanka, Trevor Hilt, Trevor Richard, Gavin Smull

Second place finishers: Russell Rogers, Brennon Wilger

Third place finishers: Lane Hoffman, Casey Keller, Terrence Lamb, Grady Brunk, Adam Guthmiller, Justin Sherlock, Matt Brown, David Guthmiller

Fourth place finishers: Zach Gienger, Darris Keller, Trevor Reed, David Stephens, Darren Laffond.

Additional wrestlers placed fifth and sixth but only the top five qualify for Dodge City. Placing fifth were Thomas Douthit, Lucas Carmichael and Cody Sherlock, and placing sixth was Chase Krien.

Also participating were Garrett Brunk, Dustan Laffond and Garrett Figgins.

A complete rundown of the days weights and placings include:

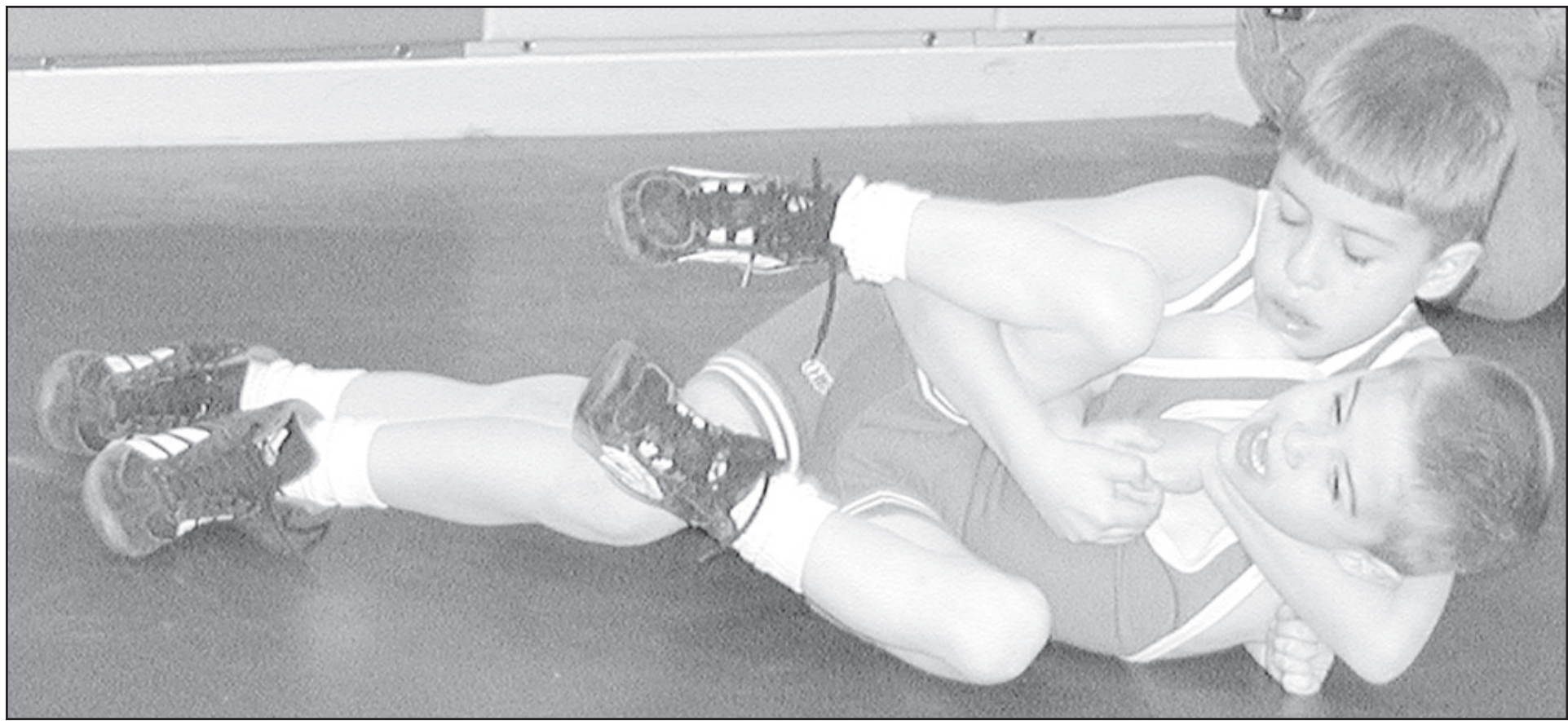
Eight-and-under: Garrett Brunk, 61 pounds, participated; Lane Hoffman, 55 pounds, third; Shakotah Blanka, 125 pounds, first; Chase Krien, 67 pounds, sixth.

10-and-under: Thomas Douthit, 79 pounds, fifth; Casey Keller, 61 pounds, third; Zach Gienger, 130 pounds, fourth; Lucas Carmichael, 150 pounds, fifth.

12-and-under: Cody Sherlock, 88 pounds, fifth; Terrence Lamb, 92 pounds, third; Dustan Laffond, 96 pounds, participated; Darris Keller, 100 pounds, fourth; Grady Brunk, 110 pounds, third; Trevor Reed, 110 pounds, fourth; Garrett Figgins, 110 pounds, participated; David Stephens, 120 pounds, fourth; Adam Guthmiller, 140 pounds, third.

14-and-under: Justin Sherlock, 145 pounds, third; Trevor Hilt, 165 pounds, first.

16-and-under: Trevor Richard, 120 pounds, first; Gavin Smull, 130 pounds, first; Darren Laffond, 140 pounds, fourth; Matt Brown, 150 pounds, third; Russell Rogers, 150 pounds, second; David Guthmiller, 175 pounds, third; Brennon Wilger,



LEARNING THE CRADLE HOLD early is Casey Vandike. He has his younger brother Derek just where he wants him.



245 pounds, second.

### Imperial Tournament

Several Cheyenne County wrestlers traveled to Imperial, Neb., for a tournament with the following results:

Pre-kindergarten/ kindergarten: Luke Lampe, 32-41 pounds,

first.

First/second grade: Derek Vandike, 38-52 pounds, third

Third/fourth grade: Logan Lampe, 58-60 pounds, third; Casey Vandike, 58 pounds, fifth



FUTURE STATE CHAMPS — Kids wrestling is coming to an end this year and the wrestling practices are getting boys ready for District. Top left, Shakotah Blanka grabs Dusten Laffond's ankle; top right, Casey Keller is putting a pinning hold on Joey McCormick; bottom right, Grady Brunk has David Stephen on his back.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

## Volleyball teams play

St. Francis volleyball players Lauren Ross, Talisa Voorhies, Ally Reichert and Lexee Reichert all traveled to Kearney, Neb., to play over the weekend. The four players are all members of one of the McCook 162 team finished the tournament with a 5-3 record. They defeated Queen City 25-23, 23-17 and SMW 16 by the scores of 29-19, 25-22. The team split the games with Quad County 16 Black by losing the first one 14-25 and winning the second one 25-20. They lost to Quad County 15 Gold by scores of 22-25, 18-25.

McCook 162 qualified for the Silver Tournament were 23-25 which eliminated them for further play. Next action

for this team is March 20 in Superior, Neb.

L. Reichert's team split tournament games with Queen City (1/1) and lost two games to the Grand Island Vikes Gold. They advanced to the Silver Tournament where they were defeated by Grand Island Vikes Silver.

The division which A. Reichert and Voorhies participate in did not have tournament play, just pool play.

Voorhies, who is a member of the 18-2 team, finished the day with a 2-6 record. They split with McCook Seniors and McCook 18-1 but lost both games to Quad County (Blue Hill, Superior, Red Cloud) and Gold Star (Kearney).

A. Reichert's team, 18-1, finished with a 4-4 record. They defeated Gold Star, split with McCook 18-2 and Quad County and lost to McCook Seniors.

The final placings for the teams in the 18-and-under division follows: Quad County 7-1; McCook Seniors 5-3; McCook 18-1 4-4, McCook 18-2 2-6 and Gold Star 2-6.

## 3-on-3 tournament scheduled

The 2005 "Sappa Valley Shootout" Youth 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held in Oberlin on Saturday, April 16. Boys and girls in grades third through 10th are eligible to participate. The tournament will be held in the Decatur Community junior and senior high school gyms and is sponsored by the Oberlin Cyclones MAYB boys basketball team. Entry fees are due to Sue Goldt by April 6. For more information, visit the website [www.sappavalleyshootout.com](http://www.sappavalleyshootout.com) or call Ms. Goldt at (785) 475-8926; (785) 475-3383 or Barbara Olson at (785) 475-3602; (785) 475-7015.

## Ball player signs with Blue Jays

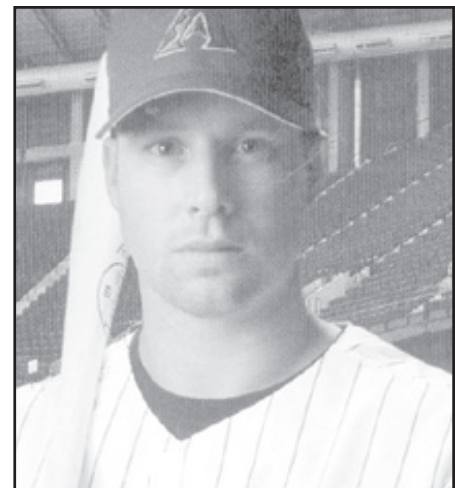
By Casey McCormick

Area sports figure, major league baseball player Shea Hillenbrand, has left the Arizona desert to fly north. Hillenbrand will be the starting first baseman for the Toronto Blue Jays during the 2005 season.

Hillenbrand, who spent about a year and a half with the Arizona Diamond Backs, became the odd man out when the team signed third baseman Troy Glaus to a four-year deal. In December Hillenbrand became a free agent and signed with the Blue Jays in the off season.

The move takes him back to the American League East where he began his career with the Boston Red Sox. While there he was named to an All-Star team.

Hillenbrand can play both corners of the infield and is known as an aggressive line drive hitter who is capable of doubles as



Hillenbrand

well a home runs. With the Diamond Backs last year he batted .310 with 15 home runs, 80 runs batted in and scored 68 runs.

He left a lasting legacy in Phoenix with a youth baseball field that was dedicated last July. Shea Hillenbrand Field was part of the Diamond Back Youth Field Program and is located in the suburb of Chandler.

The ball player is no stranger to St. Francis. His wife, Jessica (Rice), is the granddaughter of Albert and Bessie Burr. On two occasions Hillenbrand has given clinics here for young baseball enthusiasts