

# Cowboys earn second place

The Goodland Cowboys wrestling team won second place at the Oberlin Invitational tournament on Jan. 14.

Laine Herl, wrestling at 195 pounds, got first place with a 6-0 decision over McDowell of Smith Center. Riley Oharah also placed first at 220 with a 4-0 win over Oberlin's Fortin, and Jason Cowan at 170 got first with a 7-0 win over Schlender of Kearney, Neb.

Austin Avelar, wrestling at 120, might have won first place in his class, but he was injured in the final round against Nehls of Kearney.

Other results included: Aaron Avelar got third place with a 16-9 win over Rockwell of Wray, Colo. at 106.

Austin Avelar was injured in a wrestling match last weekend. He got second place in the 120-pound weight class.

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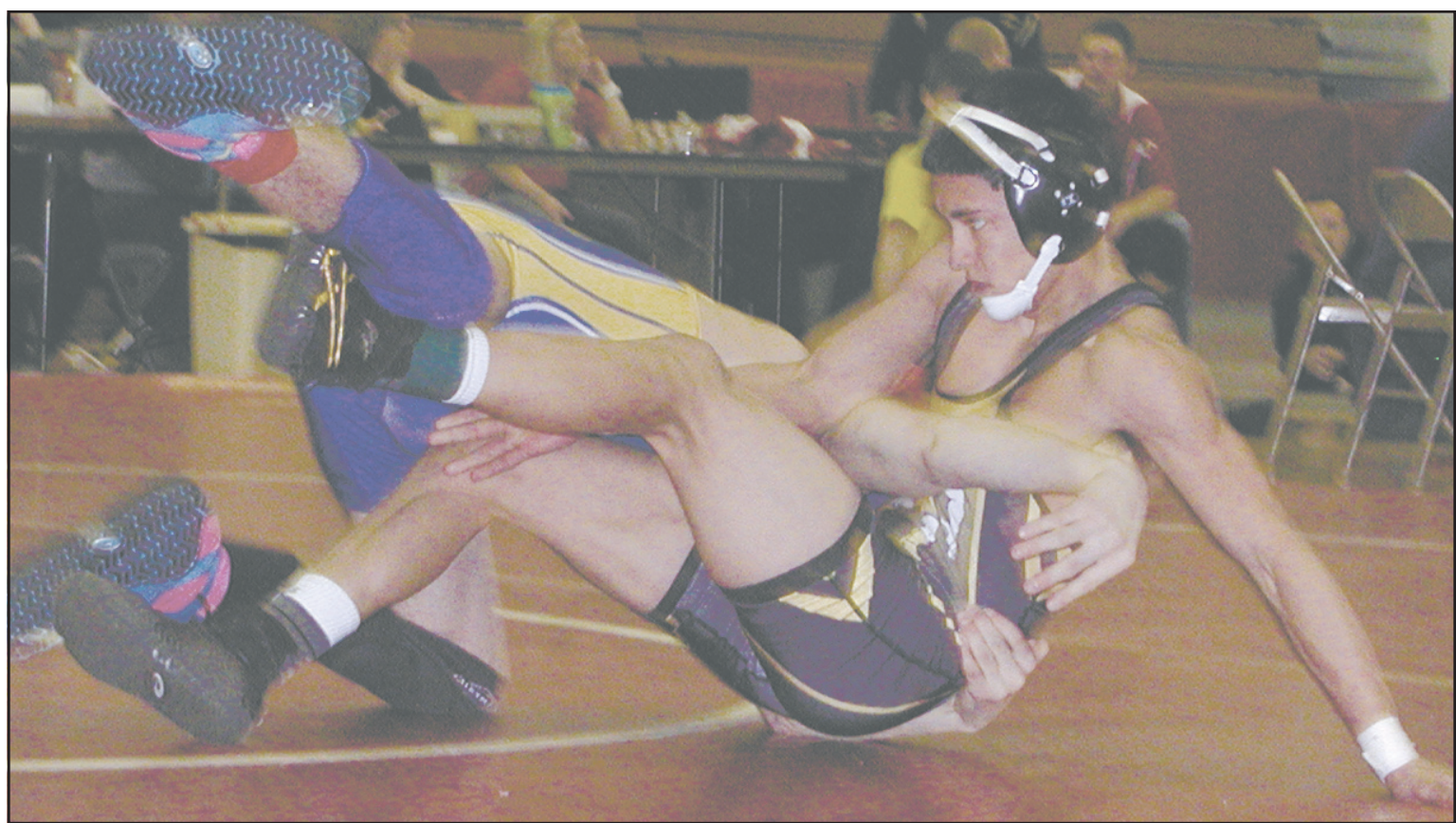
Brook Bahe got fourth place in the 138-pound class, losing by fall to Fahrenbruch of McCook, Neb.

At 145, Jed Gray placed fourth, losing by fall to Pickel of Smith Center.

Johnathan Peden got second place at 152 with a narrow 6-5 loss to Kalinski of McCook.

Colton Cooper won third place at 160 with a 3-1 win over Meritt of Wray.

At 182, Tyler Gastineau placed second with a 4-0 loss to Atwood of Smith Center.



# Goodland boys place eighth at Hillsboro basketball tournament

## Round 2 - Friday

The Goodland High School varsity basketball team allowed the highest points so far this season to the Winfield Vikings in the second round of the Trojan Classic on Friday in Hillsboro.

The boys lost 77-57 despite a 27-point game for senior Ryan Hillmer.

The Vikings got first possession, but their three-point shot was no good. Hillmer pulled down the rebound. Gage Ihrig was called for charging, which gave Winfield back the ball.

Reed Bellamy, in for first time this season, forced a turnover. Taylen Smith went inside for a layup for the first points of the game.

Winfield hit a two pointer and a three pointer to go up 5-2 and the Cowboys came back with two of their own. The Vikings put in a three pointer, answered quickly with a bucket to make the score 10-6.

The Vikings went on a nine-point run until Blaine Luther made a basket. Bellamy and Hillmer tried for baskets but couldn't get anything to fall as Winfield put in five more. Hillmer eventually put in another bucket to make it 24-10 at the end of the first quarter.

The Cowboys had the first points to open the second quarter. A few minutes later, Hillmer went up for a shot and missed, but was fouled on the play. He made two free throws.

Winfield came back with a two-point bucket. Smith made a two-point shot of his own and was fouled, but he missed the free throw attempt. Winfield put in another two

to make it 28-16.

Hillmer returned to the free throw line to make two more free throws. Bellamy put in his first points of the season with a two-point bucket to make it 28-20. He tried for another three points but missed.

Winfield would put in 11 points to Goodland's two to end the half at 39-22.

The Cowboys would again make the first score in the second half, making it 39-24. The Vikings put in another four, but then Gannon Ihrig put in two consecutive buckets to make it 39-28 buckets.

Winfield made another two, answered shortly after by Gage Ihrig who went up for a three pointer.

The Ihrig brothers and Bellamy were each called for fouls, but the Vikings only made two of six free throws. Making the score 47-31.

The Vikings hit a three, which Hillmer answered with one of his own. Winfield would score eight more points in the quarter. Smith hit a two-pointer and Hillmer a free throw for the Cowboys to end the quarter 60-41.

The Cowboys opened things up again with a three pointer. Winfield scored six more points until Gannon Ihrig made a two-point bucket to make it 66-46. Winfield came back with two, but Hillmer put in another two free throws to keep pace. He then hit a deep three-pointer to make it 68-51. Hillmer would make two more free throws in the remaining time. He missed only one attempt during the game.

Winfield went on to score eight more points, while the Cowboys'

only score in the final minutes came from Blaine Luther, who put in two free throws to end the game at 77-57.

## Round 3 - Saturday

A career-high 19 points for Goodland High School sophomore Gannon Ihrig wasn't enough to get the Cowboys the win on Saturday.

The Cowboys came within four points of tying Riley County in the last quarter of the seventh-place matchup, but lost 59-53.

Riley County went inside for easy bucket on the first possession, but Gage Ihrig answered with a three pointer.

The Falcons would score next on a free throw. They pulled down the offensive rebound and put that in as well to go up 5-3. Another foul by Smith sent the Falcons to the line again where they picked up another free throw.

The Cowboys were putting up plenty of shots, but nothing was dropping. Then Hillmer had a break-away layup to close the lead to 6-5. Gage Ihrig put in the tying basket with a free throw. He missed the go-ahead free throw, and Riley County quickly scored to go up 8-6.

With 3:35 left in the quarter, Hillmer hit a three pointer to take the lead again 9-8, but the Falcons came back with a nine-point run.

Gannon Ihrig scored to break the run, making the score 17-11. The Falcons would put in another six unanswered points to end the quarter up 23-11.

Riley County picked up five more points to open the second quarter. Luther answered with a three-

pointer to make it 28-16.

Both teams would score eight more points in the quarter, keeping the deficit at 12 points. Smith had a putback for two, while Gannon and Gage Ihrig each hit three pointers. Smith got a steal with four seconds left but couldn't get a shot off before the buzzer.

The Cowboys ended the half down 36-24.

Smith hit a bucket inside on their first possession of the half. Riley County quickly answered with two to make it 38-26. Gannon Ihrig hit a three pointer to cut the lead to nine. The Falcons scored to make it

40-29, but Gannon hit another three pointer to close the lead to eight.

Riley County would put in 11 more points in the quarter. Gannon Ihrig put in five points and Hillmer put in three to end the third quarter down 51-40.

The boys came back onto the court in the fourth with renewed energy. Parker Sieck hit a bucket to open things up. Hillmer and Smith were fouled and hit a free throw each to make it 51-44.

Gannon Ihrig hit a three pointer and Smith put in another two. The Cowboys' nine-point run was broken with 2:34 left to play when the

Falcons hit a free throw to make the score 53-49.

Riley County picked up a bucket and another free throw to widen their lead back to eight points.

Gage Ihrig was fouled with 43 seconds left and made one free throw. Bellamy pulled down a defensive rebound, then an offensive one and scored a putback to make the score 57-53.

The Cowboys were within four, but they fouled Riley County three times in the last 40 seconds of the quarter. The Falcons put in two of six free throws to end up at 59-53.



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## School calendar for January 25-31

Goodland High School • Grant Junior High School  
West Elementary School • Central Elementary School



Wednesday: Black day

Thursday: Gold day

3:30 p.m.: Boys 8th grade Basketball, here, versus Colby  
Boys 7th grade Basketball at Colby

5:30 p.m.: Varsity/Junior Varsity Wrestling, here, versus Burlington

Friday: Black day

3:45 p.m.: C team Basketball at Holcomb

5:30 p.m.: Junior Varsity Basketball at Holcomb

7 p.m.: Varsity Basketball at Holcomb

Saturday: Junior Varsity Wrestling at Stratton TBA

Monday: NO SCHOOL-TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DAY

Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament at Colby TBA

Tuesday: Gold day

3:45 p.m.: C team Basketball, here, versus Burlington

5:30 p.m.: Junior Varsity Basketball, here, versus Burlington

7 p.m.: Varsity Basketball, here, versus Burlington



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