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Wrestlers and coaches who went to the state tournament were: Front row left to right: Aaron Avelar, Austin Avelar, Brook Bahe, Ian Bonsall, Seth Miller, Taylen Smith. Row 2 left to right: Coach Ponch Avelar, Ryan Taylor, Laine Herl, Keegan Smith, Brett Bahe. Row 3 left to right: Coach Charlie Herl, Clay Schilling, Josiah Goodley, Dexter Deeds, Brett Schields, Casey Henderson, Brandon Zelfer, Coach Randy Bahe. Row 4 left to right: Coach Neil Starr, Casey House, Jon Cook, Brandon Cowan, Mark Starr, Coach Terry Bahe. Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

## Goodland kids end successful season, bring home eight medals from state meet

## **By Greg Stover**

The Goodland Star-News The Goodland Kansas Kids wrestlers finished their season March 28 at the state tournament in Topeka and came home with eight medals, including three silver.

"I felt this was a very successful year," said Coach Terry Bahe, "and a very enjoyable one for the Goodland Wrestling Club. I was very pleased with all the kids this year. from the beginners to the advanced. They went on."

Last fall 115 youngsters signed up to wrestle this year, including 30 new faces. Practice started in late December, with the first tournament weekend on Jan. 3.

Goodland had 29 of its 40 wrestlers competing at the district tournament in Hays qualify for the state meet. It was the most Goodland ever qualified in its club's history said Bahe.

Bahe said 190 clubs competed at the state tournament, held at the Kansas Expocentre all made great improvements as the season in Topeka, with 143 of them scoring team points. Goodland finished 24th.

"I would like to thank all the parents for their help," said Bahe, "and for taking their kids to the practices and tournaments. I especially would like to thank the parents that helped coach at practice and at the tournaments.

"I also want to thank all the club's officers, coaches and secretaries for all their efforts and time they invested in the club which made it so successful. I look forward to another fun season next year and encourage anyone interested to come out and join us.'





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Laine Herl (on top in above photo) pinned his opponent in this match and went on to place second at 110 pounds in the 10 and under age group at the state tournament Mar. 26-28. The other two silver medal winners from Goodland there were Dexter Deeds (right), at 130 pounds in the 16 and under group and Josiah Goodley (far right), at 160 pounds in the 14 and under group. Photos by Dennis Saint The Goodland Star-News

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