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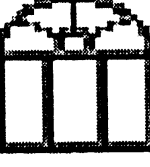
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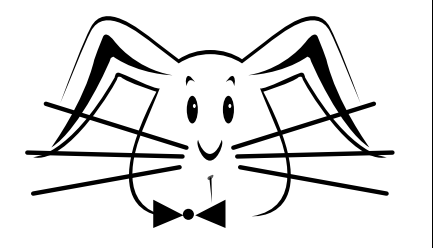
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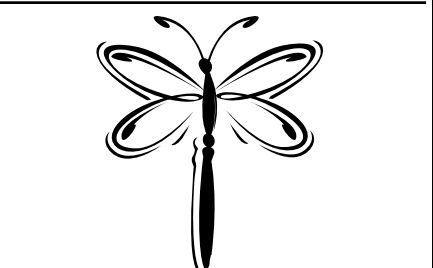
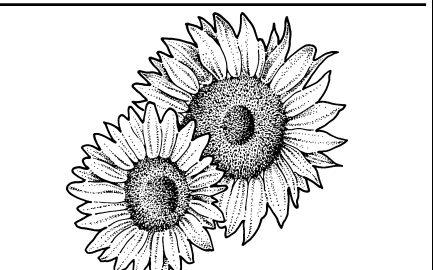
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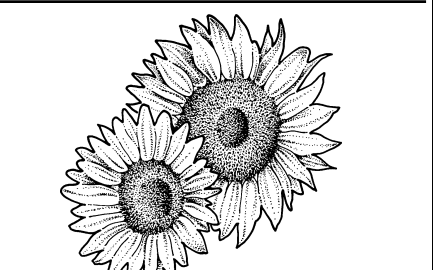
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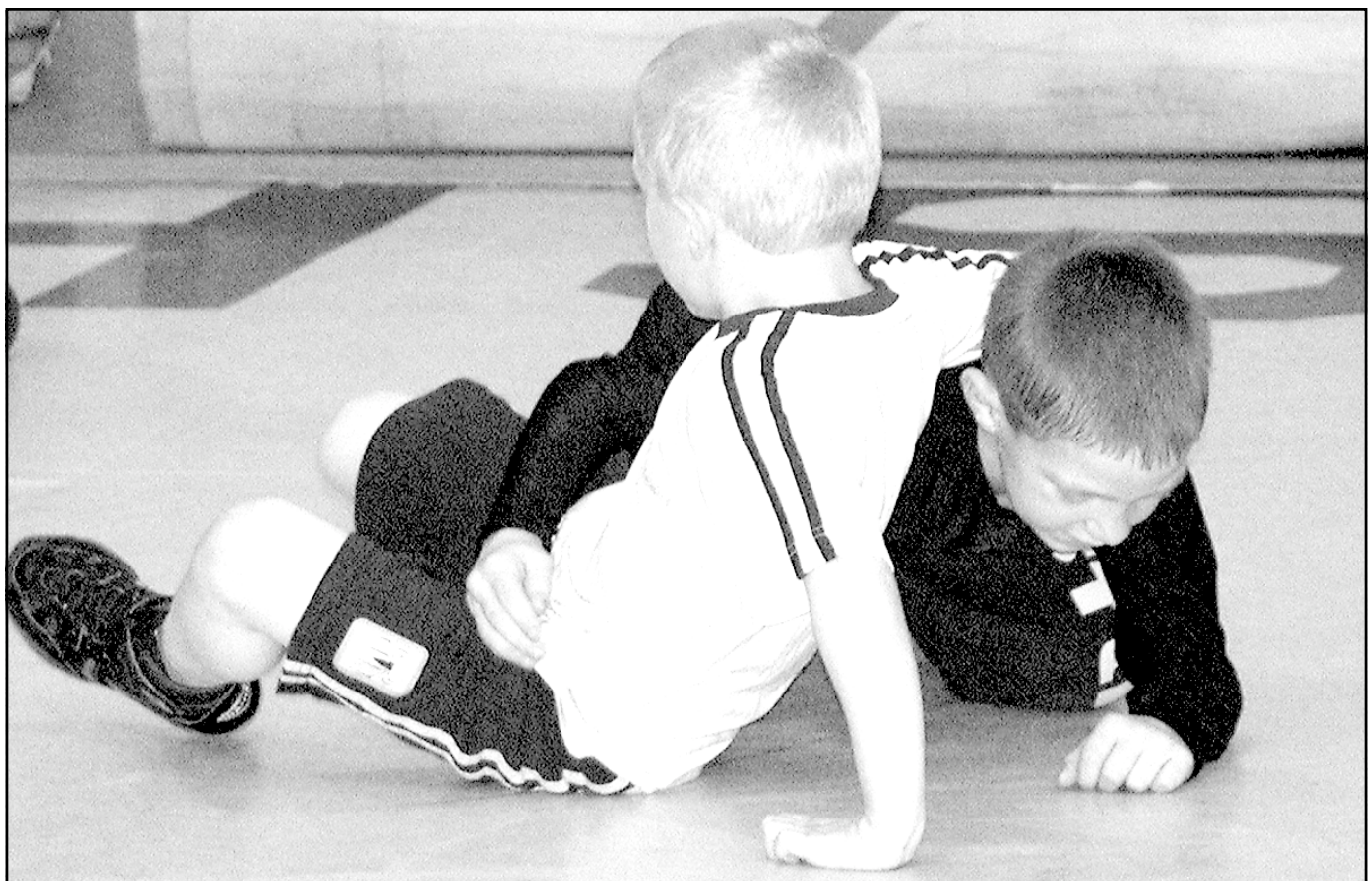


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Take them down at sub-district Saturday in Colby!



Chase Johnson (top, photo above) and Simon Bassett practiced their moves on each other Monday evening. Kolt Trachsel (top, photo below) had a hold on Josh David. Johnson, who competed in the 6-and-under bracket through the season, will compete in 8-and-under with Bassett because there is no 6-and-under at sub-district. Trachsel and David will compete in 10-and-under.

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Wrestlers vie for spots at district

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

Fifty-two members of the Goodland Wrestling Club will compete at the sub-district tournament in Colby this weekend. The top four in each age/weight class qualify for district competition the following weekend in Cimarron.

The sub-district tournament will begin at 8 a.m. Mountain Time Saturday at the Colby Community Building. Those who qualify will compete Saturday, March 17, in Cimarron, and the top four from district competition will go on to state Saturday, March 24, in Topeka.

There are no team scores, said Coach Terry Bahe, but the kids and parents have goals for the season. Most team members placed at tournaments during the season — Goodland had two champions, three in second, four in third and six in fourth, competing in 16-man brackets at the Western Kansas Classic Saturday in Hays. See complete results on pg. 12.

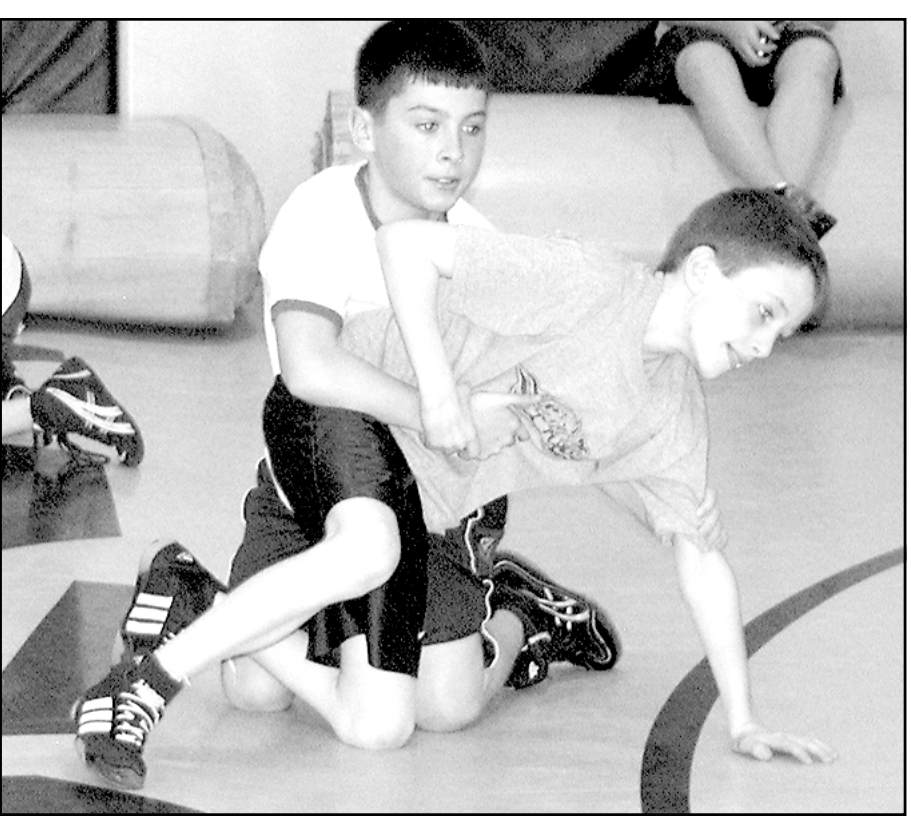
In February, the team had eight champions at the St. Francis tournament on the third and one champion in the Plainville tournament the same weekend, along with seven second-place finishers at St. Francis, 12 in third and six in fourth.

Goodland had eight champions in Oakley, Feb. 10, six in second, 10 in third and four in fourth. The club had two second-place finishers in Garden City the same weekend.

The club had five champions in Hoxie Feb. 17, three in second, three in third and three in fourth.

Members of the club opened the season Saturday, Jan. 13, in tournaments in Atwood and Ellis. Saturday, Jan. 20, the club wrestled at Norton, and two members wrestled in Phillipsburg and Salina Saturday, Jan. 27, one placing third, the other fifth.

“I’m expecting a good number of kids to



qualify for district,” Bahe said.

To compete at sub-district are:
8-and-under, Chase Johnson, 49; Tate Withington, 49 pounds; Saje Miller, 52; Jordan Raby, 52; Simon Bassett, 55; Aaron Arteaga, 58; Dawson Ensign, 61 pounds; Tanner Gastineau, 67; Evan Peter, 67 pounds; Nolan Deeds, 67 pounds; Kelbey Smith, 67; Taitem Jones, 70; Austin Hernandez, 70; Tristan Cooper, 73; Luke Avila, 76; Caleb Rains, 95; and Drew House, 125.

10-and-under, Aaron Avelar at 58 pounds; Josh David, 61; Coy Johnson, 67; James Dinkel, 73; Kolt Trachsel, 85; Colton Cooper, 85; Connor Simpson, 90; John Peden, 95; Tyler Gastineau, 100; Thatcher Jones, 120; and Ian Bonsall, 120 pounds.

12-and-under, Ace Arteaga, 72 pounds; Austin Avelar, 80; Brook Bahe, 92; Derek Matthews, 96; Alex Nelson, 100; Shay Miller, 110; Tanner Jones, 120; Garrett Geist, 130; Laine Herl, 140; Josh Whisnant, 150; and Taylen Smith, 150.

14-and-under, Dillon Trachsel, 90; Jason Cowan, 125; Lorenzo Delgado, 130; Nathan Deeds, 130; and Paul Starr, 160.

16-and-under, Brad Geist, 140; Michael

Ledesma, 135; T.J. Freeman, 135; Ryan Taylor, 160; Tyler Jones, 175; Fernando Martinez, 175; Joel Osburn, 175; Bryan Guyer, 205; and Bob Doxon, 245.

Coaches are Bahe, Jon Herl and Poncho Avelar. Shawn Gastineau and Shauna Johnson are secretaries, and Michelle Cooper is treasurer. It takes a lot to organize a team, Bahe said; they have a lot of support from parents, and the kids like to have them there. It takes a lot of participation from everybody, he said.

Bahe has coached the team six years and estimates the Goodland club has been competing for 20 years. The club is part of Kansas Kids Wrestling, USA Wrestling in Kansas.

Goodland is in District 4 with clubs from Colby, Atwood, Dodge City, Ellis, Garden City, Gray County, Greensburg, Great Bend, Hays, Hodgeman County, Hoxington, Hoxie, Hugoton, Lakin, Larned, Leoti, Liberal, Meade County, Norton, Oakley, Oberlin, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Pratt, Quinter, Hill City, Scott City, St. Francis, Stafford, Stockton, Sublette, Copeland, McDonald, Ulysses and WaKeeney.



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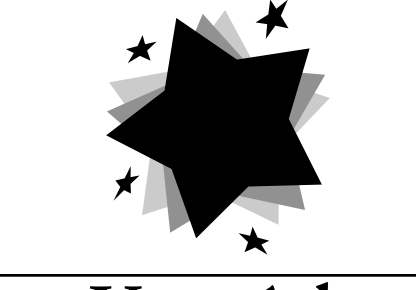
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