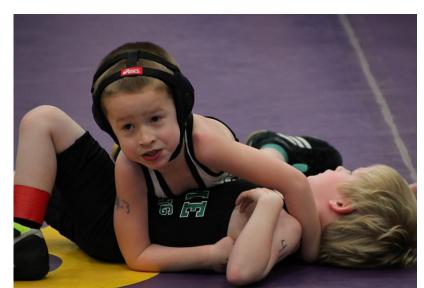
## Youth Wrestlers Compete Well at Ft. Pierre Invitational

Local wrestlers continued to perform well over the weekend as more than 70 wrestlers from the Pierre Youth wrestling program competed in the Ft. Pierre Invitational on Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>. Of the 76 wrestlers that attended the event a total of 36 came away as champions at the tournament.



Hudson Shaffer places his Colome opponent in a position to win a pin fall victory at the Ft. Pierre Youth Wrestling Invitational on Sunday. Shaffer placed second at the event.

Practices for the wrestling program began back in early

December and club members use their own discretion in determining the best time to begin competing at tournaments. "The first week of the season we have a number of our more seasoned members travel to compete," said John Lusk, Vice President of the Pierre Youth Wrestling program. "As the season gets underway, we tend to see more and more of our wrestlers attending these tournaments."

Three weeks ago roughly 30 wrestlers competed in tournaments in the Black Hills area, and this number grew to more than 50 two weeks ago at local tournaments in Onida and Highmore. Paul Turman, club president, noted that "Many new members often wait to get adequate practice time in before going out to compete, but once the season draws closer to postseason action we start to see the majority of our members wrestling each weekend."

Tournaments in Faulkton and Lead on Saturday, and Plankinton, on Sunday, attracted wrestlers from the Pierre club as well. Ethan Martinmaas, Aric Williams, Noah Williams, Pryce Dyk, Preston Dyk, Maguire Raske, Jayden Wiebe, and Brady Getz each were champions in Faulkton and brought home the first place team trophy for the event. Gabe Turman, Lincoln Turman, Will Turman and Austin Senger each placed first at the Lead Tournament. While others were competing at the Ft. Pierre tournament on Sunday, Michael Lusk, Blake Judson, and Grant Judson each won championships in Plankinton.

As many as 100 Pierre wrestlers are expected to compete at the Pierre Invitational on Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup> along more than 400 other wrestlers from around the region that are expected to attend. Individual results from the tournaments this past weekend include:

## Faulkton

Ethan Martinmaas  $-1^{st}$ Aric Williams  $-1^{st}$ Noah Williams  $-1^{st}$ Pryce Dyk  $-1^{st}$ Preston Dyk  $-1^{st}$ Maguire Raske  $-1^{st}$  Jayden Wiebe  $-1^{st}$ Brady Getz  $-1^{st}$ Nathan Williams  $-2^{nd}$ Tyson Johnson  $-2^{nd}$ Jaret Clark  $-2^{nd}$ 

## Lead

Gabe Turman  $-1^{st}$ Lincoln Turman  $-1^{st}$ Will Turman  $-1^{st}$ Austin Senger  $-1^{st}$ 

## Ft. Pierre

Andrew Snyder - 1st Aric Williams - 1st Avery Anderson-Boardman - 1st Brady Getz - 1st Brady Miller - 1st Brayden Houlette - 1st Easton Swartz - 1st Ethan Martinmaas - 1st Gabe Turman - 1st Gage Gehring - 1st Gavin Stotts - 1st Greg Zabel - 1st Gunnar Gerhring - 1st Hayden Shaffer - 1st Jace Bench-Bresher - 1st Jacob Junk - 1st Jacob Mason - 1st Javden Wiebe - 1st Jett Zabel - 1st Justyce Murphy - 1st Kahlor Hindman - 1st Keith Gorham - 1st Lincoln Turman - 1st Maguire Raske - 1st Mattew King - 1st Matthew Hostler - 1st Nicholas Murphy - 1st Noah Williams - 1st Peyton Zabel - 1st Rylan Shrake - 1st Spencer Easland - 1st Tayne Anderson - 1st Tyson Johnson - 1st

Will Turman - 1st Cade Hinkle - 2nd Carston Miller - 2nd Connor Bales - 2nd Cord Ellis - 2nd DJ High Bear - 2nd Hudson Shaffer - 2nd Jack VanCamp - 2nd Jacoby Taylor - 2nd JR Mayer - 2nd Lincoln Schenhard - 2nd Logan Meyer - 2nd Marcus Neace - 2nd Nathan Williams - 2nd Sam Slocum - 2nd Shawn Van Liere - 2nd Spencer Davis - 2nd Steven Fullerton - 2nd Tate Nesladek - 2nd Ty Paulsen - 2nd William VanCamp - 2nd Dylan Snyder - 3rd Gabriel High Bear - 3rd Harlan Quilt - 3rd Jadon Anderson-Boardman - 3rd Jake Mayer - 3rd Jaret Clark - 3rd Jaxon Jungworth - 3rd Lee Snyder - 3rd Paul Heth - 3rd Spencer Taylor - 3rd Tyrone Odenkamp - 3rd Xander Schmitgen - 3rd Cole Rank - 4th Damen Horsley - 4th Jacob Larson - 4th Kasey Broers - 4th Levi Daley - 4th Robert Arnold - 4th Trenton Gore - 4th Tucker Berens - 4th Tyson Nemec - 4th Mason Lebeda - 4th

Plankinton

Blake Judson  $-1^{st}$ 

Grant Judson – 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Lusk – 1<sup>st</sup>

Matthew Lusk – 2<sup>nd</sup>