



Number one ranked 106 pound Austin Thelander, above far right, lived up to his ranking when he defeated Dawson Trempe of Amherst 2-0 in the finals of the 2013 Nebraska State Wrestling Tournament Saturday in Omaha. Vinny Ross, below, brought home a silver medal, losing a 4-9 decision to Nathan Bazata of Howells in the finals. Bazata, who was runner-up in the heavy-weight division the last two years, was the wrestler who beat Ross in the semi-finals last year. Both wrestlers have family ties in the Imperial area and finish out successful Perkins County wrestling careers as Thelander compiled a 39-1 record this year and Ross finishing at 42-2. (Republican photos)

