

Six youths win Hoops Shoot

By Sharon Corcoran

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About 60 young athletes from seven area schools shot free throws Saturday in the Elks Hoop Shoot, but only the six winners will go on to the district competition in Russell Saturday, Jan. 5.
In the 12-13 year old boys competition, a three-way tie for first required a tie-breaker shoot off. Michael Doll, son of Greg Doll of Goodland, came out on top after hitting five of five shots in the tie-breaker.
After another five shots, Jance McKee, son of Jim and Judy McKee of Goodland, was in second after hitting four of five in the second round. Taylor Elder of Sharon Springs was in third with three of five.
All three boys hit 21 of 25 shots in the original shoot, and McKee and Elder each hit three of five in the first tie-breaker.
Among the 12-13 year old girls, the winner was Ashley Christians, daughter of Julie Christians of Goodland, for 17 of 25 shots. Second place went to Mimi Swiatkowski of Burlington with 16 of 25.
Winner for the 10-11 year old boys was Jeff Reid, son of Nate and Judy Reid of Brewster, with 20 of 25 shots. Second place went to Tate Andrews of Sharon Springs with 14 of 25 shots.
For the 10-11 year old girls,

Samantha Raymer, daughter of Steve and Debra Raymer of Goodland, came out on top with 15 of 25 shots. Raney Okeson of Weskan was second with eight of 25.
Winner of the eight to nine year old boys was Brock Wilkens, son of Chuck and Alicia Wilkens of Goodland, with 20 of 25 shots. Tadd Andrews of Sharon Springs was second with 14 of 25.
Lakaya Steele, daughter of Linda Steele of Tribune, won the eight to nine year old girls division with 13 of 25 shots. Jade Herl, daughter of Jay and Jo Herl of Goodland, was second with 11 of 25.
Schools represented at the Goodland Shoot-off were: Goodland, Brewster, Colby, Weskan, Sharon Springs, Burlington and Bethune, Colo.
Winners of the shoot in Russell will go on to the state hoop shoot Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Santa Fe Elementary School Lindley Hall in Newton.
Winners from the state competition will go on to the Regional Shoot in Denver March 15 and winners there will go on to the national competition.
The Elks Hoop Shoot free throw contest began in Corvallis, Ore. in 1946 and is now in its 30th year as a National Elks Youth Program. Over three million boys and girls participate throughout the U.S. each year.



Lakaya Steele jumped to help out her shots from the free throw line Saturday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. She won the eight to nine year old girls division with 13 out of 25 shots in the Elks Hoop Shoot.
Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Issel in limbo after taking leave of absence

DENVER (AP) — It has been the most turbulent two weeks in Denver Nuggets' history, and it might not be over yet.
Rather than return to the bench after a four-game suspension for a profane and ethnically insensitive outburst at a fan, coach Dan Issel took an indefinite leave of absence that left many to wonder if he will ever be back.
"I hope he does come back," acting coach Mike Evans said, "but I want

what is best for him."
No timetable was set for Issel's return, though general manager Kiki Vandeweghe said Saturday night he believed Issel would need only a day or two to make a decision.
Vandeweghe said Issel requested "some additional time to consider his future in terms of coaching the Nuggets. He wants to make sure his return to the sidelines is in his best interest and the best interest of the organization."

Baseball camp scheduled

A baseball mini camp is being held from Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 27-29, and a baseball clinic is being held on the Sundays of Jan. 12, 19 and 26 in the Anschutz Pavilion on the University of Kansas campus.
The sixth annual Jayhawk Baseball Holiday Mini Camp will be conducted by the University of Kansas baseball coaching staff along with a group of professional, college and high school coaches and players. The camp costs \$275 for a resident camper and \$225 for a commuter.
The hitting clinic will be held from 2-4 p.m., the pitching clinic from 4-6 p.m. and the catchers clinic will be held

from 4-6 p.m. Participants can choose an individual session for \$80 or a combination session (hitting combined with pitching or catching) for \$140.
Call (785) 864-7907 to register.
The clinic is for athletes from third grade through high school seniors.
The staff at the mini camp will help high school athletes to improve in baseball fundamentals, hitting, fielding, throwing, base running and pitching and will hold competitions in these areas.
Good sportsmanship, respect for fellow campers and getting to know other outstanding players and coaches will be emphasized.

bowling results

Happy Hour League
Week of Dec. 17
Kanorado Coop over Pocket Rockets 4-0
Rasure's over KMA 3-1
B&B Electric over Blind Team 4-0
Bowladium Lanes over Wheatridge Farms 3-1

Individual high game: Phil Helzer-253
Individual high series: Phil Helzer-725

Team high game: Kanorado Coop-887
Team high series: B&B Electric-2562

League Standings: No. 1 B&B Electric 13, 3; **No. 2** and **No. 3** Kanorado Coop and KMA 11, 5; **No. 4** Bowladium Lanes 10, 6.

Men's high game: Marvin Matthews and Dick Pettibone tie-201
Men's high series: Dick Pettibone-546

Women's high game: Alice Nemechek-206
Women's high series: Becky Cloyd and Laura McClung tie-493


Team high game: Kanorado Coop-841
Team high series: Kanorado Coop-2437

high school scores

By The Associated Press
Results of boys games Friday night
Hays 61, Buhler 60 (OT)
Herndon 64, Golden Plains 51
Results of girls games Friday night
Golden Plains 41, Herndon 29
Hays 52, Buhler 50

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