

# 'C' boys champions

The Goodland Cowboys "C" team defeated Colby 52-50 in the championship round of a home "C" team basketball tournament on Thursday.

The Cowboys beat Burlington in the first round of the tournament to advance to the championship.

Goodland was neck-to-neck with the Eagles throughout the game, but stayed on top until the two teams ended the third quarter with a 40-40 tie. The first quarter score was 13-12 and the halftime score was 27-24, both in Goodland's favor.

The teams scored back and forth during the fourth quarter and it looked as if the game might go into overtime when a Cowboy hit a last-second shot, putting Goodland up by two.

Coach Travis Witman said he was proud of the team's performance.

"It was a great game," he said. "The boys played their hearts out and we really played with intensity. I think the guys wanted to beat Colby as bad as I did."

Almost every player scored during the game, and Witman said the Cowboys did well working together as a team.

"We again were very unselfish with the ball," he said, "and played very well. I was pleased with the win, but more pleased with the effort and execution of the team."

Brock Lohr scored 16 points; Drew Wilkens and David Livengood, each 9; Derrick Raymer and Jake Johnson, each 7; and John Hamilton and Dan Melia, each 2. Livengood shot two three-pointers.

Earlier that week, the "C" team stomped Bethune 76-42 in a game played in Bethune.

The Cowboys took a big lead early, ending the first quarter 11 points ahead of Bethune, and never looked back. The second quarter score was 35-21 in Goodland's favor, and the Cowboys had a 21-point lead, 54-33, by the end of the third quarter.

Goodland continued to widen the gap in the fourth quarter, ending the game 34 points above Bethune.

Wade Taylor and Craig Mason both had an exceptional scoring games, with Taylor bringing in 35 points and Mason 17.

Coach Witman said the fact some players were missing didn't seem to have an impact on the team.

## 'What's that spell?'



First and second graders from West Elementary teamed up with Cowgirl basketball players at halftime on Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse to form a giant "GHS."

They are part of the "Adopt a Cowgirl" program, which pairs up elementary students with positive role models from the high school.  
Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Daily News

# Cowboys near end of season

With three games left in the regular season, the Goodland basketball teams will travel to Hoxie on Friday to take on the Class 2A Indians, the come home to play Wray on Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The varsity Cowgirls, coming off of a loss Tuesday to Colby, hope to build on their 12-5 record.

The Cowboys, with a 7-10 record, still have a chance of breaking even for the season if they win the last games.

Both Wray boys and girls teams have a record of 10-5 and are Class 3A.

Boys coach Jon McLean said these should be two tough games, and might go like the overtime game against Colby on Tuesday.

"They'll probably go down to the last few minutes, and we have a chance to win them," he said. "We've been playing well, and we'll have a good chance."

The girls varsity and boys junior varsity will play at Hoxie at 5:30 p.m. Mountain Time, and the boys varsity and girls junior varsity about 7 p.m.

On Saturday, the girls varsity and boys junior varsity games start at 3 p.m., with the other two games following about 4:30 p.m. At Max Jones Fieldhouse, the junior varsity games are played in the junior high gym.

The "C" teams play in a tournament starting at 9 a.m. Saturday in Benkelman, Neb.

# Bride took time to catch on to man's intentions

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wanted to get to know her more."

Troy said he started to take her everywhere.

"Pretty soon I didn't have anywhere to go," Olive said, "but he'd think of places to go."

She said it took her a while to catch on.

"I thought at first he was just being a good neighbor, taking me to town," she said, "but it turned out he had other ideas."

Troy said they were sitting on the couch visiting one day before Thanksgiving when he decided to propose. He said Olive didn't say "yes" at first.

She said she didn't think he would want a wife who was going to be 90. "If you're looking for a wife, you should look for a younger woman," Olive said she told him.

But Troy said that didn't sway him. "I told her that as old as I was, I didn't think I could offer much to a younger woman," he said, "and if someone wanted to marry me for my money, I didn't want to marry them."

Olive said she regretted her first response.

"Then after I said that," she said, "I was kinda wishing that I hadn't."

She said she was worried about how their money and property would be handled. Olive said they both wanted to be sure that all of their children would receive inheritances after their

deaths.

"We can't let money stand between us," Troy said he told her, "because we can manage that."

Olive said she listened to her heart.

"He sounded so sincere," she said. "I knew he was a wonderful Christian man and I'd been lonely for six years. It all tied together. He made me think we could work it all out."

She said she's never regretted saying yes, but she has had to fight away thoughts that she's being unfaithful to Luther.

"I realized it's not a case of replacing him," she said. "It's starting a whole new life. He's happy up in heaven. Why not have some happiness down here?"

The courting and engagement lasted only about three months, but Olive said they figured they didn't have much time to waste.

"If our kids did that, we'd try to stop them," she said, "but we figured we were old enough to know what we were doing."

They said they would have gotten married sooner if it hadn't taken so long for the lawyers to put together a marriage agreement.

"We told them we want her kids to get what her husband made and my kids to get my money," Troy said.

He said the lawyers needed six to eight pages to say the same thing.

The couple said their children are happy that they're getting married.

Olive said she asked her son Dale for his thoughts when they first started seeing each other.

"Dale said, 'I won't worry about you as long as you're with someone like Troy,'" Olive said.

The couple said they had small wedding, inviting only their neighbors, George and Roberta Luckert, to act as witnesses. They said if they invited one family member, they would have had to invite everyone.

But Olive said her daughter Sonja wouldn't hear of them not having a cake.

Sonja and her nephews in Colby arranged for a wedding cake to be in lobby of the Colby Comfort Inn when the newlyweds arrived for their one-

night honeymoon.

She said Dillion's, which made the cake, didn't have a wedding topper, so one of the nephews loaned the one from his wedding. Olive said they had sparkling grape juice with the cake because neither one of them drinks alcohol.

Both Troy and Olive said they'll be able to survive if they lose another mate.

"We did it before," Olive said, "and we can do it again."

Troy said the marriage can only help.

"To put it simply," he said, "we'll probably live longer together than apart."

"And we'll be a lot happier," Olive added.

# Rockies' ticket sales down

DENVER (AP) — The ailing economy is extending beyond the board room and into the ball park, where Colorado Rockies season ticket renewals are in a slump.

Ticket renewals are down 10.4 percent, and the franchise said the No. 1 reason is cutbacks by corporations. Last year, corporate finances didn't register among the top 10 reasons for nonrenewals.

"It's not surprising, but it's confirmation of a lot of belt-tightening that's going on out there," Rockies President

Keli McGregor said.

The team is still negotiating final terms with some season ticket-holders, particularly companies. But McGregor said the team had expected ticket sales might drop by 15 percent.

The Rockies' performance is another factor. Franchise staffers ask ticket holders why they cancel or reduce their orders, and the team's performance was the third most common explanation this year. Colorado, with a 73-89 record, finished in last place in the National League West last season.

## sports briefs

NEW YORK (AP) — Rickey Henderson and the Boston Red Sox reached agreement on a minor league contract. The 43-year-old outfielder is expected to back up Manny Ramirez in left field and be a part-time DH.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mark Gardner, who spent the past six seasons with the San Francisco Giants, announced his retirement.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Safety equipment manufacturer Bill Simpson sued NASCAR, claiming it wrongly blamed Dale Earnhardt's death on his seat belts.

# public notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF THE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WAYNE A. GATTSHALL, Deceased. Case No. 02P05

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of January 2002, a Petition was filed in this Court by Carol M. Gattshall and David Ernest Gattshall as co-executors named in the Last Will and Testament of Wayne A. Gattshall, deceased, dated the 23rd day of August, 2001, praying that the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record, that Carol M. Gattshall and David Ernest Gattshall be appointed as co-executors without bond and that they be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 12th day of March 2002, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, in this Court, in the City of Goodland in Sherman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Carol M. Gattshall and David Ernest Gattshall, Petitioners

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AMY E. NICHOLS, Deceased. Case No. 02P06

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 29 day of January, 2002, a Petition was filed in this Court by Charles Swanlund as executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Amy E. Nichols, deceased, dated the 4th day of January, 1994, praying that the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record, that Charles Swanlund be appointed as executor without bond and that he be granted Letters Testamentary.

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You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 26th day of February, 2002, at 10:30 o'clock A.M., of said day, in this Court, in the City of Goodland in Sherman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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