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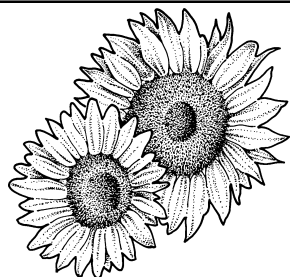
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# Good luck track!



Drew Wilkens (left), Rachael Hagerman and Bryan Mai ran state tournament this weekend in Wichita. Hagerman and Mai will compete in the during track practice. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

## Spring sports finishing up

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Spring sports at Goodland High School is coming to an end with the school year, and 96 kids from four sports are putting their equipment away, but not everybody is through just yet.

Goodland will be represented by 10 tracksters in 11 events at the state tournament Friday and Saturday in Wichita.

For the girls, Rachael Hagerman, will run in the 100-meter dash, high hurdles and intermediate hurdles; Kendra Billinger will compete in the 3,200-meter run; Jayci Stone, pole vault; Andrea Fenner, discus; Alisha McKee, shot put; and Lacey Brenner, high jump.

On the boys' side, Aaron Gittinger will run the 800-meter dash; Bryan Mai, intermediate hurdles; and Anthony Benavides, Sam Smith, Mai and Gittinger will compete in the 4X400-meter relay.

The Cowgirls won second at the regional meet and second at the Northwest Kansas League Tournament. The boys earned 10th at regionals and won the league meet.

Dennis Stone, a head coaches, said there were a lot more boys out for track than girls. The boys' team did well at smaller tournaments, where there was no limit on the number of competitors in an event, and the girls excelled in large meets.

He said the girls are in the running to earn second place at state, and he said several boys could win medals.

"The boys that qualified have a good chance of placing," Stone said. "They didn't just come out of the blue. They've worked hard and have a chance."

Stone said the boys' team is young, and this year has been a learning experience.

"I always tell the kids, the year before the boys won first at state (in 1994), we only sent five kids to state and only won two points. We could see some amazing things next year."

### Softball

The softball team beat Colby in the regional tournament, then lost to Hugoton, ending their season with a 10-10 record.

The Cowgirls started out the season strong, with a 7-1 record, then dropped their next six games.

"As we went along, the season got tougher. If we had gotten a break here, a break there, we could have won three or four more games," said Coach Terry Daise. "That's what I was looking for. I did see improvement though. That's the important thing."

With only two members of the team having graduated on Saturday, Daise expects most of the team to be back next year.

### Boys' Golf

The boys' golf team came in fourth at their league tournament and eighth at regionals. Sophomore Ian Scherling came within two strokes of qualifying for the state tournament.

Coach Steve Raymer said every player is coming back next year, and he is expecting a few new players which should strengthen the team.

"I am already excited for next year," Raymer said. "The sky is the limit. If they practice and come out and work, they have a good chance next year."

Raymer said his golfers have been talking about next year, and how badly they want to make it to state, "which is nice to hear from kids. They really want it."

### Boys' Tennis

The boys' tennis team ended its season Monday in the opening round of the regional tournament.

Coach Jerry McKee said it was the end of a good season. The Cowboys couldn't score enough points to win a tournament but they did learn a lot.

"We made improvement," McKee said, adding that both a singles and a doubles team came close to advancing at regionals.

Goodland had unlucky draws at the regional tournament, he said, with two teams facing state qualifiers in the opening round.

McKee said the team had many young players who will continue to improve as they grow older. During the season, each player got experience playing both singles and doubles and had to learn to work with different partners.

The numbers were up for tennis this year, McKee said, adding that he expects many of the players to return next year.



Britany Pettibone threw out a pitch during a softball game.

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Matthias Goodley took a swing at a ball in a tennis match. Photo by Rachel Miscal  
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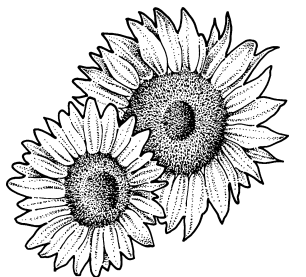
Bill Linin tried for the green at a golf tournament at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

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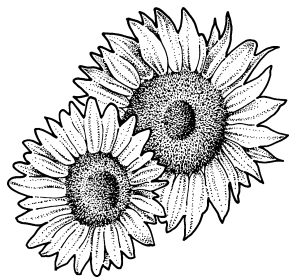
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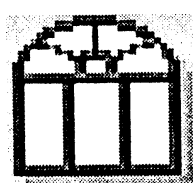
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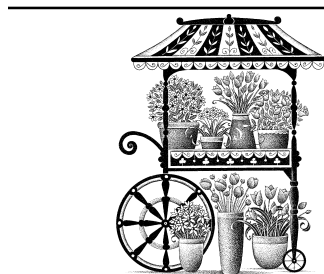


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