

**weather report**

**48°**

at noon



**Today**

• Sunset, 4:51 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

• Sunrise, 6:11 a.m.  
• Sunset, 4:49 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

• Soil Temperature 45 degrees  
• Humidity 83 percent  
• Sky Overcast  
• Winds S - 10  
• Barometer 26.11 inches and falling

• Record High 86° (1943)  
• Record Low 10° (1925)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High 43°  
Low 31°  
Precipitation .25

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: Cloudy 50% chance of rain or snow, low mid 30s, S wind 10-15 becoming NW late. Tomorrow: Cloudy 50% chance of rain or snow, cool and breezy, high mid 40s. N wind 15-25, gusting to 35 in the afternoon.

**Extended Forecast**

Wednesday: Cloudy 20% chance of snow, colder, highs low 30s, 30% chance that night, lows upper teens. Thursday: Chance of snow morning, otherwise partly cloudy, cold high in upper 30s.

(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400.MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

Wheat — \$4.36 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.35  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Corn — \$2.63 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.35  
Loan deficiency payment — 0.00¢  
Milo — \$2.30 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.93 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.95  
Loan deficiency payment — 0.00¢  
Millets — \$13.00 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$11.65 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$0.00  
Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$18 (new crop)  
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

**afternoon wire**

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

**Charges filed in sniper case**

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia officials filed the state's first murder charges against the sniper suspects today and a prosecutor said the teenager in custody may have killed an FBI analyst during the spree.

Fairfax County prosecutor Robert Horan Jr. said there is "an equal possibility" that John Lee Malvo, 17, or John Allen Muhammad, 41, gunned down analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot on Oct. 14 in Fairfax.

"There will be some evidence that the juvenile was the shooter just like there will be evidence that the adult was the shooter," Horan said. "But the point is, we don't know right now, and no one knows right now."

The pair was charged in Spotsylvania County with the murder of Kenneth Bridges and the wounding of an unidentified woman.

## Coach killed in crash

### Bus wrecked east of Sharon Springs

SHARON SPRINGS (AP) — A bus carrying the Kansas School for the Deaf high school football team crashed in far western Kansas on Sunday, killing an assistant coach and injuring several students and adults.

The Kansas State Highway Patrol identified the victim as Lory R. Kuschmider, 52, of Olathe, the Kansas City suburb where the school is located. The team had played on Saturday at the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind in Colorado Springs.

The crash happened at 11:30 a.m. on U.S. 40, about 11 miles east of Sharon Springs, when the eastbound bus missed a curve, went into a ditch and rolled, the patrol said.

Twenty-one of the 34 players, coaches and cheerleaders on the bus were taken to Logan County Hospital in Oakley, where 13 were treated for sprains, cuts and other minor injuries and released. Three others stayed overnight for observation and were scheduled to be released today, said hospital administrator Jay Plank.

The 15-bed hospital transferred four people to St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Wichita. The coach and a teenage girl were listed in good condition there today, and two other teenage girls were treated and released, a spokeswoman said. And the bus driver, Ronald R. Zimmerman, 60, of Raytown, Mo., was transferred from the Oakley hospital to Hays Medical Center, where his condition today was listed as good.

Another 13 people on the bus were taken to Citizens Medical Center in Colby, where they were treated and then taken by bus to Oakley to rejoin their classmates at a shelter set up in the basement of the city's courthouse.

Plank said hospital staff tracked down six to eight volunteers from the community who knew sign language to help translate.

One volunteer stayed until after midnight. Students who were able to read lips and coaches who could hear also helped hospital staff communicate with the injured, he said.

# The Cowboys are Playoff Bound

## Goodland wins big over rivals

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland Cowboys are playoff bound for the first time in six years after stomping their archrivals, the Colby Eagles, 35-14 on Friday night in a game where Colby had control until Goodland figured out the Eagles' offense.

The Cowboys managed to overcome several things that could have brought them down: playing on Colby turf, cold weather on a wet, muddy field, the fact Goodland lost the ball on a fumble on its first drive — and Colby's first 53-yard touchdown run on a counter play.

Coach Tony Diehl said he was proud of the Cowboys for staying focused after Colby took the upper hand with a couple big counter plays, which brought in a quick 14 points for the Eagles.

"It shows maturity," he said. "We kept our poise, stuck with it."

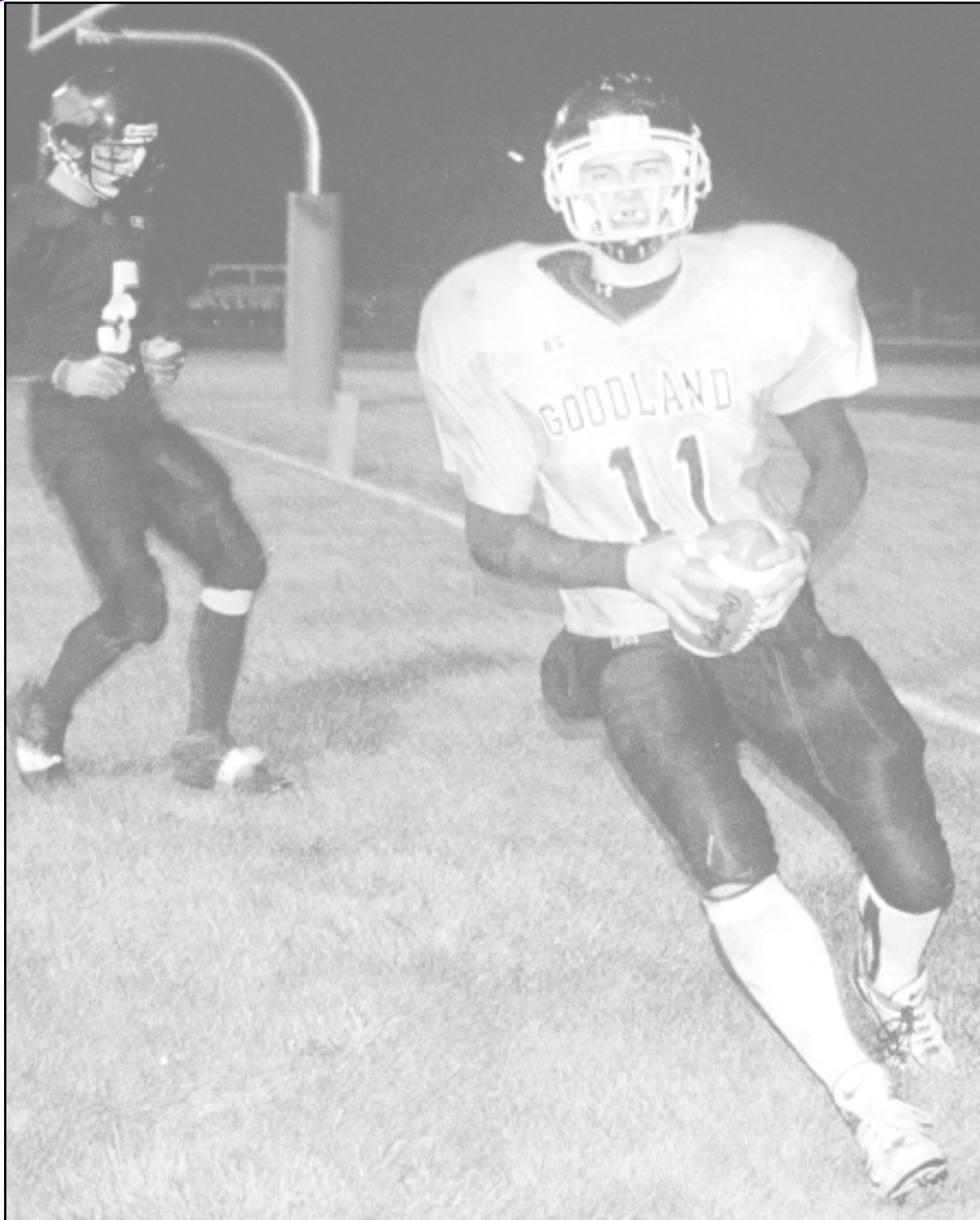
That was evident right off. After Colby recovered Goodland's fumble in the first quarter, the Eagles made their way to the one-yard line, but the Cowboys defense never let them into the end zone.

Coach Diehl said defensive coach J.D. Hooper made successful adjustments to the Eagles counter plays, and the boys hung in there.

"The defense has a never-say-die attitude," he said.

Assistant coaches Jon McLean and Steve Raymer made offensive adjustments during half-time that allowed the Cowboys to exploit weaknesses in Colby's defense, Diehl said.

Those changes allowed Goodland's offense to chew up tons of time in the third quarter, keeping the Colby offense on the sidelines. Before the game, the coach said Colby has one of



Cowboy Donald Raymer caught a pass to score two extra points for Goodland on Friday night after Jordan Bedore ran in the team's fourth touchdown against Colby. The Cowboys stomped the Eagles 35-14, with the victory securing a playoff spot for Goodland.

Photo by Rachel Hixson/The Goodland Daily News

the strongest offenses Goodland will face this year, and the Cowboys would try to keep those players off the field as much as possible.

They did a good job in the second half — especially in the third quarter,

when Goodland's first drive ate up more than 8 minutes, covering 88 yards in 19 plays. The drive ended with Jordan Bedore running one yard for a touchdown and Donald Raymer catching a pass in the end zone on the

two-point conversion to put the Cowboys ahead 28-14.

Diehl called that drive a "back breaker" for Colby. The Cowboys

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# Gigantic Wiener

## Hot-dogs it into town

### Hotdoggers searching for talent

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

A 27-foot-long, 11-foot-high, 10,000-pound hot-dog visited Goodland on Thursday, spreading smiles, wiener whistles and information about a contest that will award a \$25,000 grand prize to some school's music program.

The Oscar Mayer Wiernemobile was parked outside Wal-Mart from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the drivers, young women known as "hotdoggers," were inside the store offering coupons, candy, wiener whistles and smiles to customers.

Hotdoggers Desiree Villarreal, known "Dill Relish" Des, and Robyn Frank, alias Frank "Furter," said they are having the time of their lives traveling all over the United States in the giant hot dog.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience," Frank said.

The young women are spreading the

word about the Oscar Mayer Talent Search School House Jam. Music teachers are asked to videotape their elementary students, kindergarten through fifth grade, singing an Oscar Mayer jingle and send it in by Feb. 14. The Wiener Jingle, the Bologna Jingle and the Spanish Jingle are all eligible.

Information to submit an entry is available by calling 1-800-OSCAR-KID or visiting the web site at www.oscar.com.

One school will win \$25,000 and will be featured in a print advertisement in People magazine, and 49 others each will win \$10,000 for their music program. One school will be chosen from each of the 50 states.

The hotdoggers said they especially want people in small towns to know about the contest and understand how valuable the prize money can be for schools.

"The winning prize has saved jobs,"

Frank said, "allowed students to afford to play an instrument and helped music programs."

She told a story about a teacher who taught piano on paper because the school could not afford a piano. The school won the talent search and was finally able to buy one.

"I'm very privileged to be a part of this," Frank said. "This is by far (Oscar Mayer's) most impressive and charitable talent search."

The firm chose to give the money to music, she said, because it is the most underfunded school program.

"This makes a lasting impression," Villarreal said.

Villarreal said the hotdoggers will be visiting the 50 schools that win "early bird" prizes in January. Schools that enter by Dec. 20 are eligible to win a random drawing for a visit from the

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The Oscar Mayer wiernemobile made a visit to Goodland Thursday to spread the word about the company's talent search that will award money to the music programs at winning schools. The giant hot-dog was parked next to Wal-Mart for four hours. Hotdoggers Desiree Villarreal, left, and Robyn Frank climbed out of the giant wiener in their special hotdogger gear.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

