

Welcome regional wrestlers!

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weather report

**51°
at noon**



Today

• Sunset, 5:29 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:30 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:30 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 38 degrees
- Humidity 48 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds south 18 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.96 inches and falling
- Record High 73° (1995)
- Record Low -5° (1953)

Last 24 Hours*

High 53°
Low 24°
Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Friday: mostly sunny, breezy, high lower 50s, low mid 20s, winds north 10-35 m.p.h. Saturday: mostly cloudy with 40 percent chance of snow in the evening, high upper 40s, low mid teens.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly cloudy with chance of snow, high lower 20s. Monday: partly cloudy, high mid 20s, low near 10. Tuesday: mostly clear, high lower 40s, low near 10. Wednesday: partly cloudy, high near 50, low lower 20s.

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

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.38 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.34
Corn — \$2.40 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.20
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$2.17 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.21 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.13
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$10 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$9.45 cwt.
NuSun — \$10.45 cwt.
NuSun new crop — \$11.40
Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.
Confection new crop \$17/\$10
Pinto beans — \$15
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Conservation dinner Monday

Sherman County Conservation District dinner will be 6:30 p.m., Monday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall. See Page 3, and Special Section for details and award winners.

Tournament is toughest in state

By Darrel Pattillo

The Goodland Star-News

The word around the wrestling fraternity is that the Class 4A regional wrestling tournament Friday and Saturday at Goodland's Max Jones Fieldhouse, as it has been in past years, is going to be the toughest in the state.

Grappling for a shot at state will be teams from Abilene, Andale, Anthony, Clay Center, Colby, Concordia, Goodland, Haven, Hugoton, Larned, Lindsborg, Nickerson, Pratt, Scott City and Ulysses. Chamber of Commerce officials say as many as 2,000 people will crowd into town for the tournament.

"Any one of eight teams has a chance to win this regional," said Goodland High School wrestling coach Randy Bahe. "Certainly Clay Center is everyone's favorite, but there are a bunch of teams that are good enough to win."

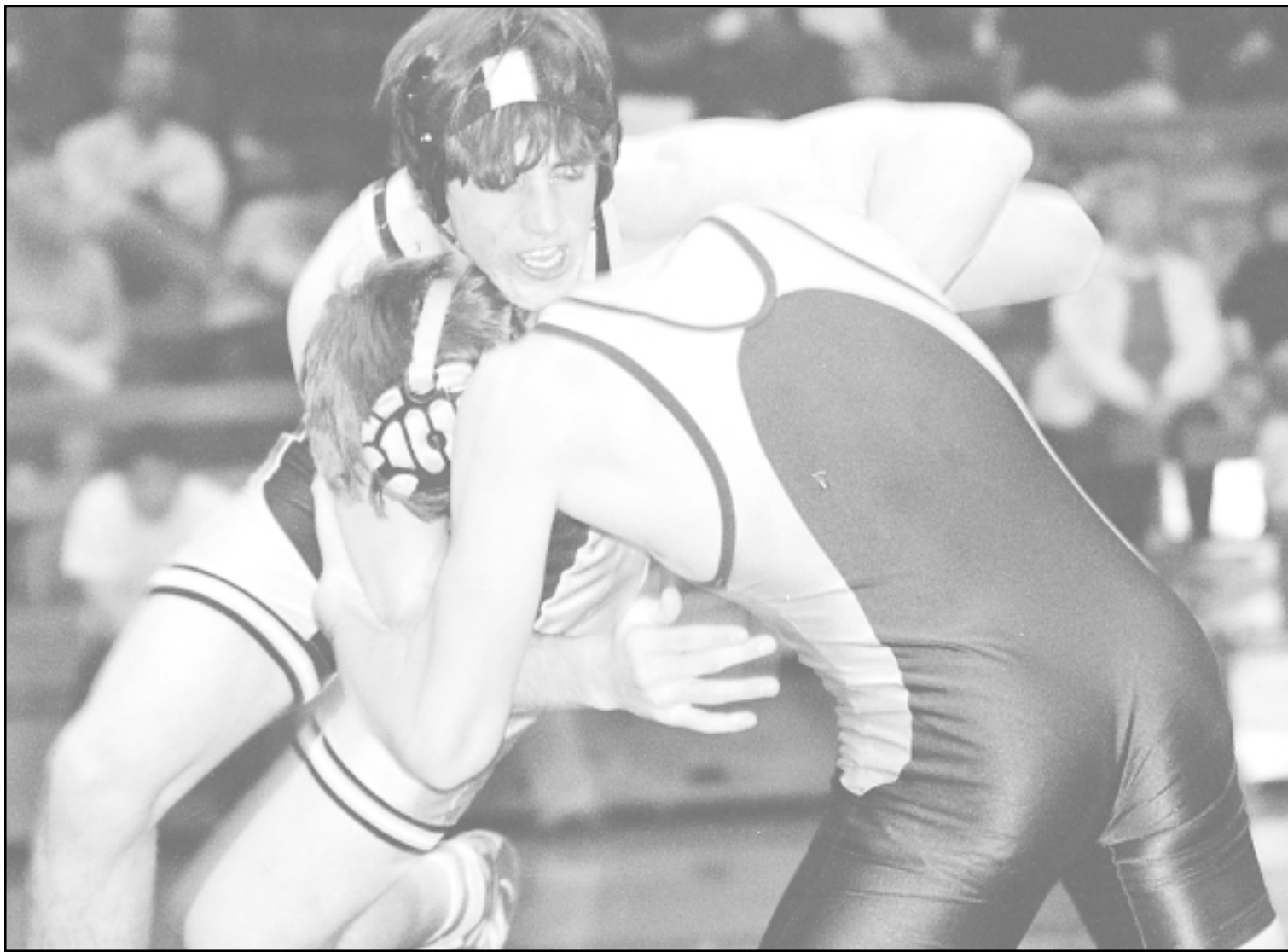
The Cowboys finished third at last year's regional in Hugoton, behind Scott City and Colby. The Cowboys sent seven wrestlers to the state tournament in Wichita last year.

"Our goal this year," Bahe said, "is to qualify as many kids for the state tournament as we possibly can."

"We just won a dual with Oakley, and I think we wrestled a lot better than we have all season. It was definitely a step in the right direction. This is the time of the year when you want to be wrestling well, and that's what we're doing now."

Bahe said that the quality of the wrestling will "make for a heck of a tournament. This is going to be one of those tournaments that is really fun for the fans, and really stressful for the coaches."

It is the first regional for tournament manager Steve Raymer, acting athletic director at Goodland High, and he says he's looking forward to putting on a tournament that people



Cowboy Corey Schulte, wrestling in the 145 pound class, faced Rietcheck in a dual at Oakley. Schulte will be one of the 14 Cow-

boys in the regional tournament that begins today at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Photo by Liz West/The Goodland Star-News

will remember.

"With me being new," he said, "it's been a big job. It's been fun for me, but to tell you the truth, I'll be glad when Sunday morning gets here!"

Raymer said he wants the fans and family members to leave the tournament saying, "What a great tournament. What a great host Goodland is."

"I've got about 75 people that are

working very hard to make this a top-notch tournament," he add. "I'm confident that we can pull it off."

Cowboy wrestlers on the roster for the regional tournament are: 103 pounds, Chad Normandin; 112 pounds, Dexter Deeds; 119 pounds, Blayze Bahe; 125 pounds, Brock Whitmore; 130 pounds, Matthias Goodley; 135 pounds, Kyle Schulte; 140 pounds, Dustin Klinge;

145 pounds, Corey Schulte; 152 pounds, Mike Zimmerman; 160 pounds, Taylor Brack; 171 pounds, Brandon Linden; 189 pounds, Landon West; 215 pounds, Jordan Bedore; and at heavyweight, Andy Phillips.

Here is the schedule for the two-day tournament:

Friday, round 1, 1 p.m. Round 2, championship quarterfinals, 4 p.m.

Round 3, consolation first round, 5:30 p.m. Round 4, consolation cross-bracketing, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, round 5, championship semifinals, 10 a.m. Round 6, consolation quarterfinals, 12 p.m. Round 7, consolation semifinals, 2 p.m. Round 8, consolation final, 4 p.m.

The championship finals are scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Brothers battle it out for spelling bee title

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

All 10 students made it through three rounds of the Goodland spelling bee Tuesday, but when the harder words popped out in the fourth round, the competition dropped to seven.

After three more rounds, just two spellers remained.

Beginning with the eighth round, a David-and-Goliath fight between brothers Dane and Taylor Frazier, a fourth grader and an eighth grader, made for an exciting finale. The Fraziers spelled 13 words before Taylor, the big brother, defeated Dane.

Junior High Principal Jim Mull held the can for drawing words, and Lt. Kevin Winston of the Kansas Highway Patrol was the pronouncer for the event, held in the Goodland High School auditorium.

Jane Philbrick, a school board



Taylor Frazier



Dane Frazier

member; Karen Gillihan, from the Goodland Public Library; and Marvin Selby, school superintendent, were the judges.

Students drew a number from a can, and Winston then pronounced the word. If the student requested it, Winston read the word again, gave a definition or used it in a sentence. When a student misspelled a word, he was out of the competition, and the next student drew a new word. Until the contest was down to two.

With only two spellers remaining,

Winston said, the rules change. When one misspells something, he said, the second contestant is given a chance to spell that word. If both misspell the same word, Winston said, they both stay in the contest and start with a new word.

If the second contestant spells the word right, he said, he then has to spell another word to win. If the second contestant spells the word right but then misspells the second word, Winston said, the second word goes to the other contestant.

In the brother-versus-brother contest, little brother Dane began with mahogany, which he spelled right. Taylor spelled bleary, and Dane spelled portfolio. Then Taylor misspelled larceny, but Dane misspelled it as well.

Taylor drew a new word, vaccinate, and spelled it right. Dane spelled lubricant, and Taylor spelled barbarian. Dane misspelled frivo-

lous and so did Taylor.

Dane drew velocity and spelled it right; Taylor drew miscellaneous and misspelled it. So did Dane. Taylor spelled potassium right.

Dane drew facsimile and misspelled it. Taylor spelled it right and then spelled fatigue right to finally triumph over his little brother.

Taylor's name will be added to the school district's spelling bee plaque, Mull said, for the second time. He will be eligible to go to the state finals Saturday, April 5, in Topeka.

If Taylor can't go for some reason, like his brother trips him or something, Mull joked, Dane will go in his place. Taylor and Dane are sons of Bill and Mary Frazier.

In rounds four through seven, Dane spelled gyroscope, invincible, magician and allegory right. Taylor spelled geometry, dehydrate, abrasion and foreigner.

In the seventh round, Kathryn

Craft, a seventh grader and daughter of Steve Craft and Janet Craft, was the last competitor against the Frazier brothers. She drew the word currency and started with "q" before realizing her mistake and starting over, spelling the word correctly. But competitors are not allowed to start over, so she was eliminated.

In rounds four through six, Craft correctly spelled hundredth, unison and subscription.

Chelsie Gausman, a sixth grader and daughter of Randy and Shellie Gausman, made it to the sixth round but stumbled on elegance after asking Winston for the word's definition and for it to be used in a sentence. She spelled sombrero and geranium in the fourth and fifth rounds.

Lee Entwistle, a fourth grader and son of Clarence and Jill Entwistle,

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Changing Time Zone an economic development goal

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

A group wanting to move Sherman County into the Central Time Zone wants the Sherman County Economic Development Council to consider spearheading the effort, saying it would save money and confusion.

Larry Keirns, retired president of the Northwest Kansas Technical College, and J.B. McClure, owner of McClure Plumbing and Heating, told the council at its meeting Monday that it was "Time for a Change."

"We are here to request your support to change the time zone for Sherman County from Mountain Time to Central Time," Keirns said. "With only four of the 105 counties

in Kansas on Mountain Time, it is time to join the vast majority of Kansas and change to Central Time. The economic impact will be positive for our county.

"The fact that we are not in Central Time has things confused. Are we in Kansas, or do we want to be annexed by Colorado?"

"There is confusion of where we are, and even the tourists get confused. It is a hardship for our school system with all the traveling and time confusion. It is nice to come home an hour earlier, but it's not worth that much."

McClure told the council that Goodland loses motel business because of the change. People who come to the tourist information cen-

ter west of the city on I-70 ask if they are in Central Time, and when they are told they are still in Mountain Time, they often go onto Colby or farther east so they don't lose an hour the next day.

"We've isolated ourselves," he said. "All the offices in the state operate in Central Time. I have a conflict every day with my store in Colby. I think if Sherman County makes the change, the other counties (Wallace, Greeley and Hamilton) will go along."

Keirns said there is no need for a public vote. He laid out the process for requesting the change from the federal Department of Transportation.

He said the development council would appoint a committee or ask

for volunteers to handle the effort.

They would ask county, city, business, school, hospital, motel, bank, church and others community leaders for letters of support. The letters would explain the problems people have encountered doing business on a daily basis in the Mountain Time Zone, and point to the negative impact on economic development from being in a different time zone.

A petition would be circulated for residents to sign in support of moving to Central Time, and they would obtain as many signatures as possible, but there is no requirement for a set number.

Once these steps have been accomplished, they would ask the Sherman County commissioners to

OK the change.

With the approval by the commissioners, a request would be sent to the general counsel for the federal agency for review. If the general counsel feels the time change would benefit Sherman County, he would set a public hearing in Goodland. After the hearing, a decision would come from the feds in 30 to 60 days.

The time change likely would become official the next time was changed to or from Daylight Saving Time.

The council indicated they would take this idea under discussion.

"We want it to be more than Larry and J.B.," Keirns said. "We feel we need to appoint up to seven or nine on a committee."