

# Wrestling team holds annual awards banquet

The Goodland Cowboy wrestling team, runners-up at state this year, had its awards banquet Monday night.

Coach Randy Bahe called it "a challenging season. The whole team pulled together for a total team effort." Bahe thanked the school administration, as well as the parents of the wrestlers for their support, and the cheerleaders and sponsors.

He also expressed thanks to the enthusiast group that raised money for new uniforms, and also to Wilmer Bahe and Ron Schilling for their announcing work on KLOE.

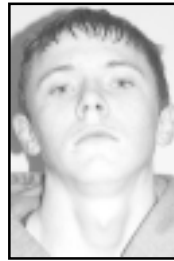
"I also want to thank the assistant coaches and their wives, and my wife as well, and the wrestling managers Aaron Duell and Michael Hall, and the Goodland Star-News and Liz West for coverage."

Bahe then gave out the wrestling awards.

Most Inspirational Junior Varsity wrestler was Mark Starr; Most Im-



**Starr**



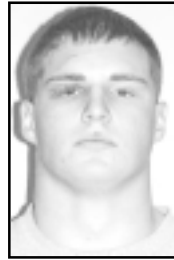
**Brigham**



**Cowan**



**Brack**



**West**



**Bedore**

proved Junior Varsity wrestler was Ray Brigham; Best Winning Percentage, Junior Varsity, was Brandon Cowan; Most Inspirational Var-

sity wrestler, Taylor Brack; Most Improved Varsity wrestler, Landon West, and Best Winning Percentage, Varsity, was Jordan Bedore.

# Economic Development Council takes neutral stance on time issue

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The members of the Sherman County Economic Development Council decided unanimously to remain neutral on the time zone issue at their meeting Monday, and decided they would not appoint a committee to spearhead any effort to change the time zone.

The board members including three of the new bank positions added this month agreed that it would be better for the council to remain out of the center of the question, and encouraged every citizen to participate in the upcoming straw vote to be held April 1, at the Sherman County courthouse.

Nearly every board member said they had been contacted about the time issue, and felt it was better for the council to stay neutral.

The council had been approached in February by Larry Keirns and J.B. McClure to become involved in the time zone change effort and appoint a committee to be part of the effort.

Chairman Dave Daniels welcomed the new council members Larry McCants of First National Bank, Steve West of Western State Bank and Kara Daise of Bankwest. The only one of the new members who was unable to attend was John Pope of People's State Bank.

Executive Director Carolyn Applegate gave her report and said that she had met with 231 business owners and manager in the 89 days the office has been open.

She reported that the micro loan committee had met last week and approved the first loan to Reynaldo's. She said there is some paper work to complete before the money can be released, but it has been approved by the committee.

There are 17 applications out for the micro loans which can help start-up or expanding businesses with up to \$15,000 at 5 percent interest. She said one loan request has been withdrawn, but the company will probably resubmit in the fall.

Applegate said there are three fertilizer companies who are looking at the need for rail spurs, and she is working with Penny Nemecheck to see if there is a grant to help with the first one which is a 680 foot spur estimated to cost \$100 per foot.

On the sale of the Apple Trail truck stop she said the bank has received an offer on the property, but was looking at several prospects. She said a decision should be made within 45 days.

There is a potential buyer for the Gibson's building she said, and they have 45 days to exercise the contract.

The Drennan's shoe store that recently closed has someone interested in moving a store into the space, Applegate said. The person is from Texas and is looking to move to Goodland and bring her family.

"There were four separate people looking at the building," she said, "and now they are looking at other buildings. The buildings on Main Street are starting to fill up, and while they are not big it is good to see people making investments in the community."

Applegate said the office is being kept busy with all the people making contact and looking for great things to begin to happen in the next few months.

She said recently she found some interesting statics about economic development that 55 percent of all new jobs in rural locations are from expansion; that 44 percent of the new jobs are people in the community starting their own business; and that one percent are recruited businesses.

Chairman Daniels said the commissioners had passed the revised resolution, and had made a change in the wording to change "shall" to "may."

A couple of the council members said they were not happy that the commissioners had taken it upon themselves to change the word, and felt that they needed to talk to the commissioners about the change. Daniels was to visit with the county commissioners along with Patty Eckhardt and Royal Reid.

Council members Larry Harper and Harlan House said they felt it was not a good idea to go back to the commissioners, and that it was time to move on to other issues.

Vice-Chairman John Garcia added his welcome to the new council members and thanked Daniels and Reid for their efforts to get the city and county working together on

the trash collection issue which seems to be moving toward a successful conclusion.

Kim Bohme presented the treasurer's report, and said that the city was being sent an invoice for their next quarterly payment of money. The report was approved.

House reported that he was organizing an agriculture committee and that he felt this was important because the head of the Kansas Wheat Commission, the Kansas Corn Committee and the Sunflower group were all in Sherman County. He said he was hoping to have a meeting with these people to help organize the committee and provide input on what are the main things the council can do to help.

Applegate suggested that another committee needed to be created to work with the city and county to develop an incentive package that can be presented to businesses who are looking to expand or to locate in Sherman County.

She said the county has a fair package developed, but the city needs more work. She said the state has some incentives as well.

Harper said they need to look at what can be done to help local businesses, and wondered about what kind of incentives there should be. He asked if there was a standard package for everyone.

Applegate said the city has some utility incentives for new businesses, but that City Manager Ron Pickman said they felt it was something that had to be negotiated on a case by case basis.

McCants said he remembered working on an incentives study and that they had developed a formula that took into account the number of jobs and the valuation of the business.

Applegate said one of the things that probably should be part of the formula is targeting jobs that are above the average wage level of the community.

McCants volunteered to be part of the committee as did House and Eckhardt. McCants was informally named the chairman of the incentives committee.

The next council meeting will be 5:15 p.m. Monday, April 21, at Western State Bank.

## Go Cowboys!

Goodland High Sports This Week:

Cowboys & Cowgirls Track Cowgirl Softball Cowboys Golf Cowboy Tennis	April 5 at Ogallala, Neb. 9:30 A.M. Varsity-Junior Varsity March 25 at Syracuse 3 p.m. April 11 Junior Varsity at Norton 8 a.m. /April 15 Varsity at Sugar Hills 1 p.m. April 7 Junior Varsity 7:30 a.m. at Garden City/Varsity April 15 12 p.m. at Lamed
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## Go Cowgirls!

# Three Cowboys named to All-League teams

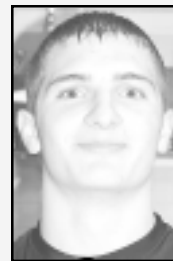
Two Goodland High School seniors and one junior were named to the 2002-2003 Northwest Kansas All-League basketball team.

Cowboys Don Raymer, senior, and Lance Tedford, junior, made the all-league team, and senior Aaron Gittinger was named Honorable Mention.

The rest of the all-league and honorable mentions were:

**Northwest Kansas All-League**

Ryan Ruf, senior, Oberlin; Landon Stover, senior, Colby; Sage Hemmert, junior, Quinter;



**Raymer**



**Gittinger**



**Tedford**

Nate Spesser, senior, Hoxie; Jordan Harris, senior, Colby; Egan Grafel, junior, Oberlin; Trevor Blackwill, junior, Quinter; Cody Sattler, junior, Oakley.

Marcus Dodd, senior, St. Francis; Nathan Most, senior, Atwood; Carson McKee, senior, Colby; Matt Augustine, sophomore, Colby; Tyler Wolters, senior, St. Francis.

## bowling results

**Hoot 'N Holler Mixed League**  
3/17/03  
Saw Mills split with Just 4 Bowlers 2-2  
Lonny's Quality Auto Body over Motor Doctor 4-0  
Mr. Jims over Kears Quality Liquor 3-1  
Pepsi over Blind Team 4-0  
Pizza Hut over Kansas Claims 3-1

**Women's high game:** Kim Lawson 197  
**Women's high series:** Margaret Russell 521

**Men's high game:** Dave Hovis 254  
**Men's high series:** Kris Smith 642

**Team high game:** Lonny's Quality Auto Body 844  
**Team high series:** Lonny's Quality Auto Body 2461

**League Standings:** 1. Lonny's Quality Auto Body 17-7 2. Mr. Jims 14.5-9.5 3. (tie) Kansas Claims, Saw Mills, Pizza Hut, 14-10.

**Wednesday Night Mens Scratch Classic League**  
3/19/03

Sigco over Pro Line 12.5-7.5  
Basgall Construction over Witzel & Rhea Implement 15-5  
Weber Kennels over Bowladium Lanes 12-8  
Sunflower Satellite over Western Ks Valley 11-9  
Fitzgibbon's Inc. over L & M Steel 11-9

**High Game:** Darren Hickson 238  
**High Series:** Darren Hickson 849

**High Team Game:** Sigco 620  
**High Team Series:** Sigco 2286

**Standings after 5th week, 3rd round:** 1. Sigco 69.5-30.5 2. Pro Line 65.5-34.5 3. Bowladium Lanes 61.5-38.5 4. Weber Kennels 57.5-42.5 5. L & M Steel 52.5-47.5 6. Basgall Construction 51.5-48.5 7. Fitzgibbon's Inc. 46.5-53.5 8. Witzel & Rhea Implement 40-60 9. Sunflower Satellite 33-67 10. Western Ks. Valley 22.5-77.5

# Bryce Abbey is an All-American on and off of the mats

Goodland native Bryce Abbey, a 2001 graduate of Goodland High School, and currently a sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, repeated as a wrestling All-American and made Academic All-American for the first time this year.

Abbey helped the Lopers to a runner-up finish in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division Two championships. Abbey defeated Matt Strawser of North Dakota State 6-3 for third place at

the national championships. Abbey was a fourth-place finisher last year for UNK.

He's also getting the job done in the classroom, helping the Lopers to achieve the second-highest grade point average in the country at 3.362.

Bryce is an Exercise Science major with a 3.16 g.p.a., which earned him first-team All-Academic honors for the first time.

Bryce is the son of Mike and Lorie Abbey of Goodland.



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