

weather report

37°  
at noon

Today

•Sunset, 4:42 p.m.

Tomorrow

•Sunrise, 6:19 a.m.

•Sunset, 4:41 p.m.

Middy Conditions

•Soil Temperature 44 degrees

•Humidity 92 percent

•Sky overcast

•Winds southeast 10 m.p.h.

•Barometer 29.86 inches and falling

•Record High 79° (1999)

•Record Low 10° (1967)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 38°

Low 33°

Precipitation .02

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: partly cloudy, high upper 40s, low lower 30s, winds north 5-10 switching to southeast 10 m.p.h. Wednesday: partly cloudy, high upper 30s, low mid 20s, winds southeast 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy, high mid 30s, low lower 20s. Friday: partly cloudy, high lower 40s, low upper 20s. Saturday: partly cloudy, breezy, high lower 50s, low upper 20s. Sunday: partly cloudy, high lower 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.26 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.35

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.36 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.26

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.17 bushel

Soybeans — \$7.43 bushel

Posted county price — \$7.28

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$10.45 cwt.

NuSun — \$10.75 cwt.

Confection — \$16/\$9 cwt.

Pinto beans — Withdrawn

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures. )

inside today

More local news and views from your Goodland Star-News

Cowboy 8th at state meet

The Cowboys' Speedy Aguilar moved into high gear near the halfway point of the state cross country race Saturday, advancing from 19th to finish 8th, good enough for a medal and All-State honors. See story on Page 11.

# Champions!

## Girls take 4A title

“Oh Yeah!” was the battle cry for the Cowgirl volleyball team at the Class 4A state tournament Saturday, and, “Oh Yeah!” they won it all.

The Cowgirls defeated the Bulldogs of Baldwin High 25-14 and 25-20 in the finals to snatch the 2003 state championship.

Senior Alisha McKee, freshman Dani Bedore and senior Janae McKee were named to the Class 4A State Tournament Team.

Liz West, court photographer for *The Goodland Star-News*, said whenever their opponents put a rally together or took the lead, the Cowgirls would huddle and shout “Oh Yeah.” This settled the team down and helped them focus on the task at hand. West said a big Goodland crowd took up the cry.

Goodland was the No. 4 seed at the tournament, held at the Bicentennial Center in Salina.

The Cowgirls went 3-0 in pool play Friday including a 2-1 win over the No. 1 seed, Abilene, 25-28, 25-14, 15-9.

Saturday, they defeated the Clearwater Fighting Indians in their semifinal match 25-19 and 25-22.

Baldwin was the tournament’s No. 2 seed and also 3-0 in pool play Friday. The Bulldogs defeated Abilene 26-24 and 25-14 in Saturday’s other semi-final match.

In the first game of the title match, Goodland and Baldwin played even for the first 12 points. The score was tied five times.

Then with the score tied at 6, senior Courtney Schields went on a 3-point service run to give the Cowgirls a 9-6 lead.

After that, the two teams continued to play even, but with the score 15-12 the Cowgirls picked up seven



The Goodland Cowgirls hugged, jumped and yelled as the final point gave them the state Class 4A Volleyball championship Saturday afternoon in Salina. The girls defeated Baldwin in straight games, 25-14 and 25-20, to win the title. See Page 12 for more photos and another story. Photo by Liz West / The Goodland Star-News

straight points highlighted by Bedore’s 6-point service run to make it 22-12.

Four straight side-outs later, at 24-14, Alisha McKee went back to the service line and scored an ace to put Goodland up 1-0 in the match.

The Bulldogs’ only lead in the

second game was 1-0. After tying the score, the Cowgirls took the lead and kept it throughout the game. Baldwin never got more than four points behind until the end and closed to within one point 10 times.

A kill by Alisha McKee gave the Cowgirls a sideout with the score at

22-20. Bedore then served two consecutive aces to make it 24-20. After a short volley following Bedore’s next serve, a Bulldogs bump over to the Goodland side went out and the Cowgirls were the state champions.

This is Goodland High School’s fourth state championship since

1974 and the second under Coach Jerry McKee. His team won the title in 1988.

The Cowgirls will be honored with a special recognition ceremony at halftime during tonight’s football game between the Cowboys and the Kingman Eagles.

## Cowboys win district, face Kingman tonight

**By Greg Stover**  
*The Goodland Star-News*

The Goodland Cowboys face the Kingman Eagles at 6 p.m. today at Cowboy Stadium for the first round of the state Class 4A high school football playoffs.

“I am glad to be playing the first playoff game at home this year,” Coach Tony Diehl said.

The Eagles, members of the Chisholm Trail League, finished the regular season 5-4. Kingman defeated Hugoton, 26-20 in overtime on Thursday to secure a winning season and earn a spot in the playoffs.

The Eagles were behind by 13 points with a little over 10 minutes left in the game but were able to sustain two touchdown drives. However, they missed on the last extra point kick that would have won the game in regulation time.

Goodland is averaging more than 28 points per game while holding its opponents to 12. The Cowboys averaged nearly 360 yards of total offense per game during the regular season, of which the majority, more than 316 yards per game, was by the run.

Senior running back Jordan Bedore leads the Cowboys in rushing with 1,371 yards on 226 carries and scored 15 touchdowns. Sophomore Bobby Miller, who missed one game this season, is second with 627 yards on 82 carries. He ran for five touchdowns.

Senior quarterback Jared Doke has completed 21 of 59 passes for



David Livengood reached out to catch a pass from Jared Doke on Thursday for a touchdown to give the Cowboys a 21-0 lead in the first quarter against Scott City. The Cowboys won the final regular season game 42-6 and play Kingman here tonight in the first round of the state playoffs. Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Star-News

356 yards and five touchdowns. He was intercepted just once this season. Junior David Livengood is the Cowboys’ leading receiver with six

catches for 144 yards and three touchdowns. Junior Derrick Raymer has five receptions for 87 yards and two touchdowns.

On defense, Goodland is holding opponents to an average of 161 yards rushing and 106 yards passing per game. The Cowboy defense has

allowed their opposition to convert only 33 of 112 third-down conversion attempts.

Defensively, the Cowboys are led by Bedore as linebacker with 123 total tackles, including two quarterback sacks. Junior defensive end Bret Jarmin has 62 tackles and has four sacks.

Junior defensive back Drew Wilkens leads Goodland with three interceptions, returning one for 18 yards. Seven other Cowboy players have one interception each. The Cowboys also recovered 12 opponent fumbles for the season.

Diehl said the Cowboy linebackers are playing well right now, but will miss junior Brock Lohr, who is scheduled for knee surgery. Lohr made 53 tackles this season, including a sack, and has one interception which he returned for 26 yards.

“Look for Raymer to play at Lohr’s position on defense,” said Diehl, “and Miller to step back on the field at safety, where he was our starter earlier in the year.”

Despite the success the Cowboys have had this season, Diehl knows there are areas that could be better.

“I do think we will need to improve our pass defense against Kingman,” he said. “I think they will throw against us some, and Scott City had some success throwing it against us.”

Scott City passed for 199 yards Thursday, most of it in the second half. Kingman passed for 186 yards against Hugoton, including a 59-yard touchdown.