

# Buzzer shot gives Wildcats overtime win

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The first match-up of the year Saturday between the Sharon Springs Wildcats and the Brewster Bulldogs lived up to its billing, with the Wildcats winning 76-75 on a last-second shot.

The win gave the Wildcats the championship of the Western Kansas Liberty League, and a 59-39 win by the Lady Wildcats made for a Sharon Springs sweep of the league tournament, with the semifinal and championship rounds played at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

**Lady Wildcats win, 59-39**  
The Lady Wildcats played in the early championship game against the Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs.

The Sharon Springs girls took an early lead, 7-0 before, Golden Plains got its first point.

Sharon Springs led 18-6 at the end of the first quarter, 32-12 at the half and 49-23 at the end of the third.

The Lady Wildcats got into some foul trouble late in the game, but it was not enough to help the Lady Bulldogs, who were having trouble getting the ball to drop through the hoop.

They had several rebound shots, but could not get them to fall.

Wallace County freshman Kenzie Knobbe fouled out with 1:33 left in the game, but the Wildcats had it salted away at 55-37.

The final Lady Bulldog points came on free throws by Katelyn Spesser, who led all scorers with 26 points.

The Lady Wildcats had the ball for the final 20 seconds, and ran out the clock to win the championship, 59-39.

Nikki Welsh led the Lady Wildcats with 21 points, and Bracey Fischer was in double figures with 18.

**Wildcats beat Brewster, 76-75**  
It appeared the Brewster Bulldogs were in position to win their first meeting of the year against the Sharon Springs Wildcats with 16.4 seconds left and a 67-64 lead.

Sharon Springs took a full 60-second time out to figure out what to do. It looked dark when the Wildcats threw the ball away under their basket with 10.1 seconds left.

A quick foul by Wildcat Ty Bieker sent Bulldog Michael Collett to the free throw line for a one-and-one, and a chance to salt the game away.

Collett missed, though, and a 3-point shot by Wildcat Taylor Elder at the buzzer tied the game at 67 to force an overtime.

The Wildcats got the first basket in overtime, but the Bulldogs answered every time, tying the score at 69 and at 71.

With 44 seconds left, two free

throws by Jance McKee gave the Bulldogs a 73-71 lead. On the next play, Brewster's Jeff Reid fouled Wildcat Jeff Hennick.

Hennick made the first of two free throws but missed the second. The Wildcats got the rebound, but there was a scramble on the floor and the referees called a jump ball. The possession arrow gave the ball to the Wildcats.

Hennick got the inbounds and scored to take a 74-73 lead for the Wildcats.

The Bulldogs took their time and Collett hit a basket to give them a 75-74 lead with 2 seconds on the clock.

Sharon Springs took a time out and Coach Kenny Richardson told his boys what he wanted.

They inbounded the ball in front of the Brewster bench and went to Hennick, who turned dribbled once and took a shot. It went in as the buzzer sounded, giving the Wildcats a 76-75 win.

In the boys bracket, Tribune fin-

ished third, defeating Golden Plains, 57-51. Grinnell/Wheatland finished fifth, defeating Healy, 64-32. Weskan was seventh, defeating Triplains 49-39.

On the girls side, Brewster finished third, defeating Tribune 66-46. Weskan was fifth, defeating Healy 45-41.

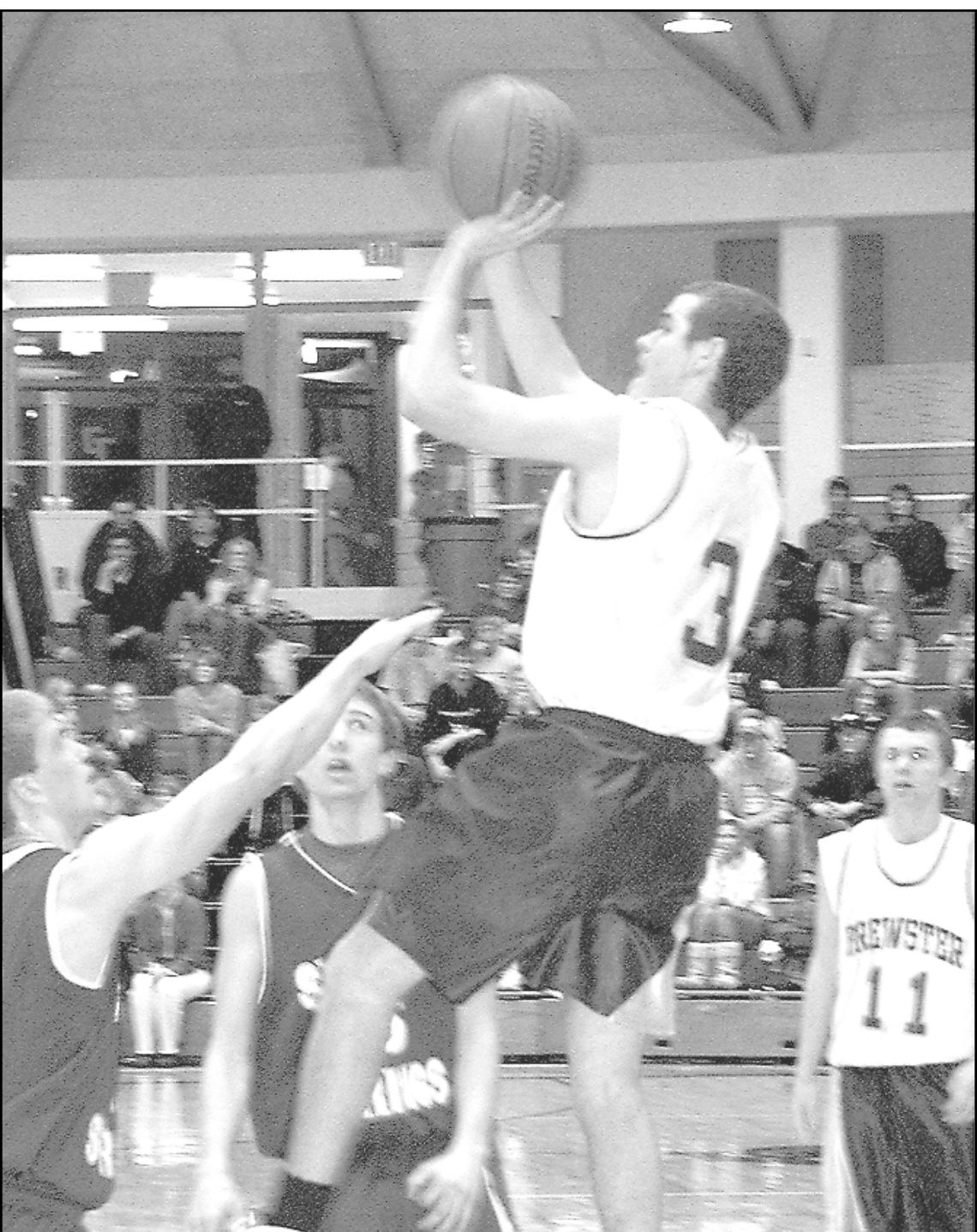
Grinnell/Wheatland finished seventh, defeating Cheylin 55-43.

Between the championship games, Weskan's Payton Walker won the girls free-throw shooting title, hitting 21 of 25 shots.

Runner-up was Trisha Tholen of Wheatland-Grinnell with 19.

The boys free-throw shoot-out was like the championship game, with Tribune's Andrew Mishler and Golden Plains' Ryan Brantley hitting 24 of 25.

A second round of five left the two tied at 29. In a sudden death round, Mishler sank his fifth shot, but Brantley's fifth bounced off the rim. Mishler won with 34 of 35 total free throws.



Brewster junior Jance McKee (above) went airborne to score the first basket of the second quarter of the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament championship Saturday against the Sharon Springs Wildcats at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Lady Wildcat Kenzie Knobbe (below) grabbed a loose ball in the first half of the championship against the Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Wildcats won 59-39.

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## Crossword Puzzle

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Lowest chess piece
- Serious theatrical play
- 19th C. German writer Heinrich
- Lake \_\_, one of the Great
- Nephritic
- Pitcher
- No. European marine food fish
- Leg joint
- \_\_ communications magazine
- Suddenly become angry
- Carryall
- Undivided
- Unclearly
- Small coins (French)
- One point south of due west
- Vertical position
- Copy
- Organization
- Cleanse the entire body
- Distinctive and stylish elegance
- Brings into existence
- Cod and Haddock fish family
- Holds
- Polite interruption sound
- Woodland creature of Greek mythology
- A health resort near a spring or at the seaside
- 3 star Kusadasi hotel
- Barbara Eden vehicle
- Qatar capital
- Refers to end of small intestine
- NBC show "My Name Is "
- 12th Jewish month
- Any habitation at a high altitude
- Plural of 45 across
- \_\_ ion man: studio musician
- Grandmothers
- Mentally healthy

### CLUES DOWN

- Dishonestly acquired wealth
- Fleshy seed cover
- Having the taste of merlot or cabernet
- Settle by discussion
- Not airtight
- Annual income from capital investment
- Egyptian cross
- Chief atoll of the Maldives
- Saloon
- \_\_-Borel Theorem
- Inspired by a feeling of wonderment
- Perceive by the senses
- Plant with a trunk and a crown
- Kin
- Body that defines computing protocols
- Bottomland (Scot.)
- Transient cessation of respiration
- Corn proteins
- Centum- \_\_ isogloss language
- Adolph Simon \_\_, New York Times
- \_\_ & Sons Ltd: online law bookshop
- Prime Minister (British)
- Posts
- Predetermines the course of events
- A meaningful quality
- A citizen of the Bahamas
- \_\_ Nui or Easter Island
- Lavish social event
- Upright stone monuments
- Varnishes
- New World Spoonbill genus
- March 15th
- 1996 Presidential candidate
- Mango or cashew genus
- Olive tree genus
- Shade loving plant
- Shelery cabbage
- Country of Ahmadinejad
- Other, different

## bowling results

<p><b>Monday Afternoon Ladies League</b> January 8</p> <p>Callahans over Wheatridge Farms 4-0 Alcorn/Shelter Ins. over McClure Plumbing &amp; Heating 3-1 Clawsons over Bowladium Lanes 4-0</p> <p><b>Team high score game:</b> Callahans 620 <b>Team high scores series:</b> Callahans 1819 <b>Individual high score game:</b> Mary Callahan 207 <b>Individual high score series:</b> Mary Callahan 568</p>	<p><b>Standings</b></p> <p>1. Callhans and Clawsons 7-1 2. Alcorn/Shelter Ins. 6-2</p> <p><b>Wednesday Night Scratch League</b> January 10</p> <p>J&amp;L Deliveries over Adronics 11-9 Sigco over Floyd's Refrig. &amp; AC 13-7 Phil's Pro Shop over Fitzgibbon's 16-4 Weber Kennels over Steve's Body Shop 11.5-8.5</p> <p><b>Team high score game:</b> Sigco 625</p>	<p><b>Team high scores series:</b> Sigco 931 <b>Individual high score game:</b> Jerry Amthor 257 <b>Individual high score series:</b> Darren Hickson 931</p> <p><b>Standings</b></p> <p>1. Phil's Pro Shop 29.5 - 10.5 2. Weber Kennels 27.5 - 12.5 3. Floyd's Refrig. &amp; AC 20 - 20 4. Adronics 16 - 24 5. Steve's Body Shop 15 - 25 6. Sigco 13 - 7 7. J&amp;L Deliveries 11 - 9 8. Fitzgibbon's Inc. 8 - 32</p>
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## matters of record

**Real Estate**  
The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:  
Avion Webster and Jane Hamilton to Rick Warren, Lots 10 and 11, Block 22, Second Addition to the City of Goodland.  
Charlene Cole to Avion Webster and Jane Hamilton, Lots 10 and 11, Block 22, Second Addition to the City of Goodland.  
Ardith A. Showalter to Donald E. Harrison and Fredora F. Harrison, Lots 3, Block 3, Rosewood Addition to the City of Goodland.  
Marsha Elaine Mooney, trustee of Henry W. Breedan Revocable Trust, to Marsha Elaine Mooney, Lots 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 16, CK&N Addition to the City of Goodland.  
Bill R. Fuller, Kansas State Executive Director Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, quit claims to Clint Lee Bursch, SE/4 Sec. 1, NW/4 Sec. 2 and NE/4 Sec. 3, all in T6S R39W.

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