

State golf champions honored at reception

Senior Chelsie Gausman (from left), sophomore Kirsten Topliff, sophomore Andrea Roeder and junior Amber Douglas, members of the Class 3A state champion Cowgirls golf team, along with junior Natasha Hillman and sophomore Katlyn Topliff and Coach Connie Livengood, shared a laugh while waiting for the reception in their honor to begin Saturday. The Goodland Ambassadors served cake, coffee, punch and hot chocolate at the reception in the team's honor Saturday afternoon before the Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus parade.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Thirteen Cowboys make all-league football team

The Northwest Kansas League all-league football team has been announced, and Goodland has 13 different names on the list, including the first-team quarterback, and one player on the list for three positions.

The Cowboys have four first-team offensive players and two first-team defensive players. Goodland has two second-team offensive players and three second-team defensive along with four on honorable mention.

On offense, first team:
Senior Travis Angelos, 6'1", 205 pounds, quarterback.

Senior Fernando Martinez, 6', 200 pounds, split end.

Senior Brandon Rome, 6', 175 pounds, split end.

Senior Simon Grunfeld, 5'11", 165 pounds, kicker.

Offense, second team:
Sophomore David Murray, 6'3", 245 pounds, tackle.

Senior Clay Schilling, 5'10", 260 pounds, center.

Offense, honorable mention:
Sophomore Brock Wilkens, 6'3", 165 pounds, split end.

Defense, first team:
Rome, defensive back.

Senior Jace Mosbarger, 5'8", 175 pounds, defensive line.

Defense, second team:
Senior Keegan Smith, 5'10", 165 pounds, linebacker.

Rome, punter.
Sophomore Kelly Pearson, 5'10", 165 pounds, specialty player.

Defense, honorable mention:
Sophomore Nathan Deeds, 5'10", 170 pounds, linebacker.

Senior Vance Johnson, 6', 185 pounds, defensive end.

Junior Jay Cotter, 6'1", 245

pounds, defensive line.

Also on the list are second-team quarterback Lex Parsons of Oakley and honorable mention Matt Raile of St. Francis, Logan Fortin of Oberlin and Ed Machen of Quinter.

First team running back, Trent Raile of St. Francis, Drew Basgall of Rawlins County and Tanner Kriss of Colby, second team running back, Derek Glassman of Oakley, Jordan Hargitt of Quinter, Trevor Hilt of St. Francis and Ethan Stickel of Colby.

First team guard, Ethan Zwegardt of St. Francis and Ethan Jirak of Oakley, second team guard, Treat Bugbee of Colby and Casey House of St. Francis and honorable mention Steve Cox of Oakley and Keegan Peckham of Rawlins County.

First team split end, Matt Bird of Quinter, and second team Kraig Siruta of Oakley and Lucas Juenemann of Oberlin.

First team tight end, Toby Peters of Oberlin and Matt Weis of Hoxie, and second team, Marcus Cahoj of Rawlins County and Jesse Pacheco of St. Francis.

First team tackle, Shawn Warren of St. Francis and Nathan Simonson of Oberlin, second team Breck Arnberger of Colby and honorable mention, Dakota Sonderland of Oberlin, Patrick Ahrens of Oakley, Jon Peltz of Hoxie and Matt Ryan of Colby.

Second team kicker Tanner Kriss of Colby.

First team center Clem Felhoeiter of Oakley, honorable mention Brooks Hobrock of St. Francis, Jacob Larue of Oberlin, Dagon Holliman of Rawlins County and Zach

Nemechek of Quinter.

On defense:

First team linebacker, Kriss of Colby, Brad Halbleib of Oakley, Pacheco of St. Francis and Peckham of Rawlins County, second team Sage Trembley of Quinter, Everett Urban of Oberlin and Cory Sager of Colby and honorable mention Adam Guthmiller and Scott Ford, both of St. Francis, and Scott McCoy of Colby.

First team defensive end, Sam Sowers of St. Francis and Weis of Hoxie, second team Bugbee and Arnberger, both of Colby, and honorable mention, Toby Peters of Oberlin, Cahoj of Rawlins County, Shane Park of Oakley and Luke Ochs of Quinter.

First team defensive line, Zwegardt of St. Francis, Cody Pope of Hoxie and Jirak of Oakley, second team Warren of St. Francis, Zach Nemechek of Quinter, Sam Stapp of Oberlin and Adam Weber of Colby, honorable mention, Corey Wilson of Oakley.

First team defensive back, Basgall of Rawlins County, Trent Raile of St. Francis and Heath Stephens of Colby, second team Trent Kinen of St. Francis, Parsons of Oakley, Wiley Farr of Oberlin and Kevin Wolters of Rawlins County and honorable mention, Anthony Vrbas of Rawlins County, Heath Best and Dylan Bainter, both of Hoxie, and Thomas Wieland of Colby.

First team punter, Greg Solko of Rawlins County.

First team specialty player, Raile of St. Francis, second team, Jacob Fortin of Oberlin and Andrew Flanagan of Colby.

League football champions were the St. Francis Indians.

Athlete wins sectional

Dallas DeLaRosa kicked in the sectional Punt, Pass, Kick in Denver in October. He won the local Punt, Pass, Kick Competition in September to qualify, and by winning in Denver, he has advanced to the 2008 Denver Broncos NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick Team Championship to be held Sunday at the Broncos Training Facility. DeLaRosa, along with other participants, will also be recognized during half time at the Denver Broncos vs. Oakland Raiders football game the same day. Winners of the Team Championship will advance to the National Finals taking place at an NFC Playoff game in January. Dallas is the son of Harvey and Tammy DeLaRosa of Goodland.

Photo by Tammy DeLaRosa



Two Cowgirls make all-league list

The 2008 Northwest Kansas League all-league volleyball team has been announced, and the Goodland Cowgirls have one member on the team and one honorable mention.

Sophomore Ashley Archer is listed on the all-league team, and senior Ericka Gonzalez made honorable mention.

Other members of the all-league team are: St. Francis: Jami Pevler; Colby: Jordan Krzycki and Taylor Young; Decatur Community:

Adrienne Pauls, Jordan Dreher and Elisha Jones; Rawlins County: Leah Sharp; Hoxie: Kendra Spresser, Darra Stithem and Bailey Ochs; and Quinter: Hayley Harvey.

Also on honorable mention are: St. Francis: Elizabeth Gienger;

Colby: Kiri Kendrick; Decatur Community: Jessica Fredrickson; Rawlins County: Hillary Chvatal; Oakley: Hannah Hubert; Hoxie: Brittany Schamberger; and Quinter: Jacee Coberly.

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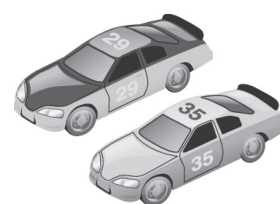
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The Merchant family moved from Denver, Colo. because they were tired of big city life and wanted to move to a small-town atmosphere. Goodland fit the bill and the family moved and took possession of the motel on September 1, 2008. The Merchant family is not a stranger to the motel business though as they already own a chain of motels across the midwest. In addition to the chain of motels, the family also owns several dry cleaners.

RAJ Merchant and his wife, Asimita are the new owners of Motel 7 and their son, Andy Merchant is their current Chief Executive Officer. Motel 7 is located at 811 US Highway 24 and is one of Goodland's best-kept secrets! The motel features 8 double queen rooms, 9 single queen rooms, 2 single king rooms and 5 apartments and offers the best rates in town.

The rooms are always clean and they offer coffee and doughnuts in the morning. Their rooms start at only \$32.95. As far as the apartments are concerned, who could pass up the idea of never having to pay utilities and have unlimited free local phone calls? The apartments and extended stays are available with a low monthly rate.

The Merchants are in the process of remodeling the third wing of the motel and are planning on putting banquet/conference room facilities in place. They would also like to add a restaurant in time.

They can be seen online at www.motel7ks.com and have a coupon in Nor'West's Hunting Guide which can be seen by picking up a copy at The Goodland Star-News at 1205 Main Street, Goodland, Kan.

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