Sports

Football, runners display talents, seasons to start

fall sports schedule is beginning with the Goodland Cowboys football and cross country teams holding their scrimmage and run at 6:15 p.m. on Friday at Cowboy Stadium.

The Black and Gold Booster Club annual barbecue will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday at the south end of Cowboy Stadium.

The Goodland Cowgirls Volleyball team will hold their scrimmage at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The sports season kicks off on Thursday, Sept.1, with Cowgirls golf at Hugoton and the Cowboys cross country team hosting the Goodland Invitational at 4 p.m. at Sugar Hills Golf Club. The Grant Junior High cross country team will be part of the Goodland Invitational on Thursday,

The Grant Junior High volley-

School started Monday, and the ball team will be in action at 3:30 p.m. in St. Francis.

The home football opening game will be at 6:30 p.m. on Friday when the Cowboys take on Hugoton as Coach Kent Teeter and his team try to build on the success of last year.

The Goodland Cowgirls will hold their Invitational at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Cowgirls volleyball will be in action at 3:45p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Max Jones Fieldhouse

Junior varsity Cowboy football will be in Hugoton at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, and the freshman team will be in Oakley at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The first home Mustang football game will be 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, at Cowboy Stadium.

Proud fisherman



Jordan, Mont., to fish at Hell Creek State Park. On Saturday, proximately 20 pounds.

Laurie Carmichael and husband Mark of Goodland traveled to Aug. 6, Laurie caught this 40 inch Northern Pike weighing ap-

Area farmers, ranchers encouraged to 'get a conservation plan'

The state conservationist is encouraging farmers to get a conservation plan for their land before applying for financial assistance.

"Get a conservation plan," says Eric B. Banks, state conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kansas.

"It is a beneficial step for you, and it also helps NRCS," he said.

Banks said with a conservation plan developed prior to applying for financial assistance through popular farm bill programs – such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Conservation Stewardship Program, the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program and others – would add points to their

"The Fiscal Year 2012 application evaluation cutoff date for EQIP and ducer's input, NRCS will develop WHIP funds has been set as Nov. 15," Banks said. "Applicants who request a conservation plan prior Conservation planning is what the to Aug. 31, will receive additional points in the ranking process."

many benefits," said Banks. A few he mentioned□

- Identifies immediate or potential issues that may result in a Service Center to take advantage of resource concern and diminished
- Adapts to your changing farm or ranch operational goals
- Establishes a reasonable schedule for applying needed conser- the conservation practices and sys-

timetable and resources

'And, of course with the prothe plan for him or her for free." said Banks. "This is not something new. agency has done for over 75 years.

"However, newer producers and "A conservation plan has so others may not be aware of this valuable free service available to them. They just need to do it. Call or go into their local county USDA this opportunity."

What is a Conservation Plan?

The NRCS defines a conservation plan as "a written record of your management decisions and vation practices that will fit your tems you plan to use and maintain

on your farm." More specifically, a are spelled out specifically in the ranch. Additional resource maps conservation plan is the culmination of a nine-step planning process used by the NRCS district conservationist from the USDA Service Center in consultation with the farmer or rancher who owns and/or farms the land. The conservation plan may address a single soil, air, water, plant, or animal resource concern or any combination thereof.

A Historical Record

The conservation plan may be looked at as a historical record of what has taken place on your farm or ranch as well as a guide to what will take place on the farm or ranch regarding conservation work. The Adetail map of the planning area is timeline and practices to implement developed along with descriptions as well as the installation methods of the soils present on the farm or

conservation plan. A conservation may be developed based upon land plan not only addresses the proper installation of new conservation practices, it also addresses proper to ensure that they function and perform as originally intended.

Combination of Skills, Science

A conservation plan combines the farming and ranching skills and goals of the land user with the science-based knowledge and tools of the conservation planner in a user-friendly format that is easily updated as tenants, owners, and objectives change over time.

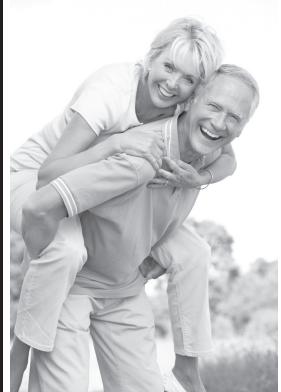
use and resource concern. **Additional Benefit**

For further information or to maintenance of existing practices schedule a planning appointment. contact your local USDA Service Center and talk with the NRCS staff or conservation district staff about your conservation plan. Information is available on the Web site at www. ks.nrcs.usda.gov.



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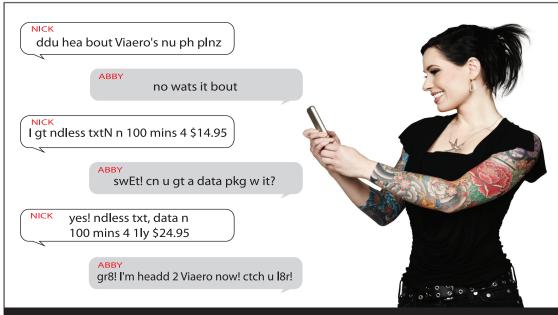
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