

## Inside for two points



Grant Junior High School seventh grader Nolan Deeds went up for a shot during the Mustangs' 36-12 win over Colby Middle School on Monday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. The middle school teams will face Colby again this coming Monday. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

## Seniors help Cowboys to 79-61 win Tuesday

The Cowboys hit the court with a lot of energy on Tuesday against the Rawlins County Buffalos, and despite a close call in the third quarter, they held on to win 79-61.

The story of the night was senior Reed Bellamy, who had a career-high 15 points, all of those in the first half. Bellamy, who sat out the first half of the season due to an injury, started the game, only his second start this year. He shot six of 10 from the field and picked up two assists and five rebounds.

The remaining starters were seniors Blaine Luther and Ryan Hillmer, and sophomores Taylen Smith and Gannon Ihrig.

Hillmer was the Cowboys' top scorer with 20 points. Smith had 14; Luther, 10; Gannon Ihrig, 8; Gage Ihrig, 5; Cy Paxton, 4; Cooper Slough, 2; and Parker Sieck, 1.

The Cowboys face Hugoton at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Rawlins County got the first two points, but the Cowboys quickly took the lead with scores from Gannon Ihrig and Bellamy. Gannon Ihrig drew a foul on his way to the basket. He made one of two free throws. A quick turnover allowed Bellamy to score, making it 7-2 in favor of the Cowboys.

Bellamy got a putback after rebounding a missed shot by Smith, who then got a steal and after passing the ball around, gave it to Bellamy who hit another two pointer. He was fouled on the play and hit a free throw to make it 12-2.

The Buffalos broke the streak with a jumper, making the score 12-4, then Gage Ihrig put in a three pointer with 3:54 left in the quarter.

Rawlins County put in another

jumper, but Luther answered with a bucket. Sieck got a steal and an offensive rebound and drew a foul. He hit one of two free throws to make it 18-6.

The Buffalos put in four more in the quarter, the Cowboys continued to flex their offensive muscles with three pointers from Hillmer and Luther and a bucket from Smith to end the quarter up 26-10.

It took a while for anyone to score in the second quarter. Bellamy was fouled and hit two free throws for the first points of the quarter.

Rawlins County came back with a bucket, but Hillmer put in two keep the 18-point lead. Bellamy then broke his previous career high with a layup for his 13th point of the game.

Coming off a Rawlins County timeout, Smith put in two buckets in a row to make it 36-12. Bellamy and Smith put in two each on turnovers to make it 40-12.

The Buffalos went on a run, scoring eight unanswered points as the half wound down. Hillmer put in two to snap the run and Gannon Ihrig put in one of two free throws, but Rawlins County came back with four to make it 43-24 at the half.

Smith opened up the second quarter with a jumper, but the Buffalos came back with one of their own to make it 45-26. Buffalos scored eight more points within the first two minutes while the Cowboys put in two.

With the score at 47-34, the Buffalos put in three free throws off a foul by Gannon Ihrig. Smith and Luther put in two each, but the Buffalos kept coming, putting in a jumper to make it 51-39.

Smith got a putback to make it 53-39, but Rawlins County made

a bucket and a free throw. Hillmer made two good free throws of his own, but the Buffalos went on another run to cut the Cowboys lead to five.

Luther hit a free throw with 1:25 left in the quarter, Rawlins County cut the lead to four, where it would stay for the rest of the quarter. Gannon Ihrig hit a two pointer with 16 seconds left, but the Buffalos got two more in the final seconds to make it 58-54 at the end of the third.

Hillmer put in one of two free throws early in the fourth quarter to make it 59-54. Luther scored on a pass from Bellamy, but the Buffalos came back with two to make it 61-56.

Hillmer hit two three pointers in a row to widen the Cowboys' lead to 11. The Buffalos cut it back to nine points soon after.

Hillmer put in two and was fouled on the play. He missed the free throw, but the Cowboys pulled down the rebound and passed it back to Hillmer, who was fouled again. This time he missed two, got his own rebound and was fouled a third time. This time he sunk two of two to make it 71-58 with 1:20 left in the game.

Gage Ihrig was fouled with 53 seconds left. He made two free throws. Paxton made two free throws, his first points since the season opener. The Buffalos hit a three pointer with 20 seconds to go for their last points of the game.

Paxton was fouled again and made two more free throws to make it 77-61 with 19 seconds left. Slough put in the first varsity points of his career with a last second bucket, ending the game with a 79-61 Cowboys victory.

## Cowgirls fall to Rawlins County despite 12-point fourth-quarter rally

The Goodland High School varsity girls basketball team had a good fourth quarter Tuesday, making 12 points and keeping the Atwood Lady Buffs from scoring. However, that good quarter did not make up for the 30 point lead the Lady Buffs had at the end of the first half. The Cowgirls lost, 47-17.

The girls were able to slow down the scoring of Atwood's 6 foot 2 inch senior Hillary Chavatal. Chavatal averaged 23 points a game to a high of 36 points this season. The Cowgirls held her to just 17 points Tuesday night. Her team mates made up the difference on the scoring.

The Cowgirls play Hugoton at 5:30 tonight at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

At the beginning of the first quarter Atwood had possession of the ball. Tasia Reuber made the first bucket for Atwood. The Cowgirls were able to limit Chavatal to six points in that quarter, but couldn't put in any of their own. The Lady Buffs led at the end of the first 18-0.

In the second quarter Berkley White made a bucket and a three-point shot. Those were the only points the Cowgirls made in the first

half. The Lady Buffs increased their lead, 35-5. Both teams had very few fouls in the first half.

In the third quarter the Lady Buffs increased their lead further to 47-7. M'Lynn Hinger made a bucket for the Cowgirls in the last minute.

The clock ran continuously in the fourth quarter because Atwood had over a 30 point lead. In the first minute of the quarter Megan

Siruta made a bucket from Sydney Winston. The Atwood coach pulled his starters off the floor and gave the younger girls some time. With 6:30 left in the quarter Berkley White made another bucket. When Brianna White was fouled she made one of two free throws. When Taryn Bedore was fouled she made one of two free throws. In the last minute Berkley White added another

bucket and Maddie Mayer made two free throws. The game ended with Atwood winning, 47-17.

The Cowgirls shot 15.8 percent of their baskets in the game for six out of 38 attempts. They made 20 rebounds with Mayer making the most at six.

## Goodland senior signs with Wesleyan

M'Lynn Hinger, daughter of John and Jo Hinger of Goodland signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Kansas Wesleyan University at Salina. Hinger will graduate in the spring of 2012 from Goodland High School.

"Being a versatile volleyball

player will make her even more of an asset for the Coyotes next season. She was named Honorable Mention All - Great West Activities Association in 2011, said Wesleyan Volleyball Coach Fred Aubuchon.

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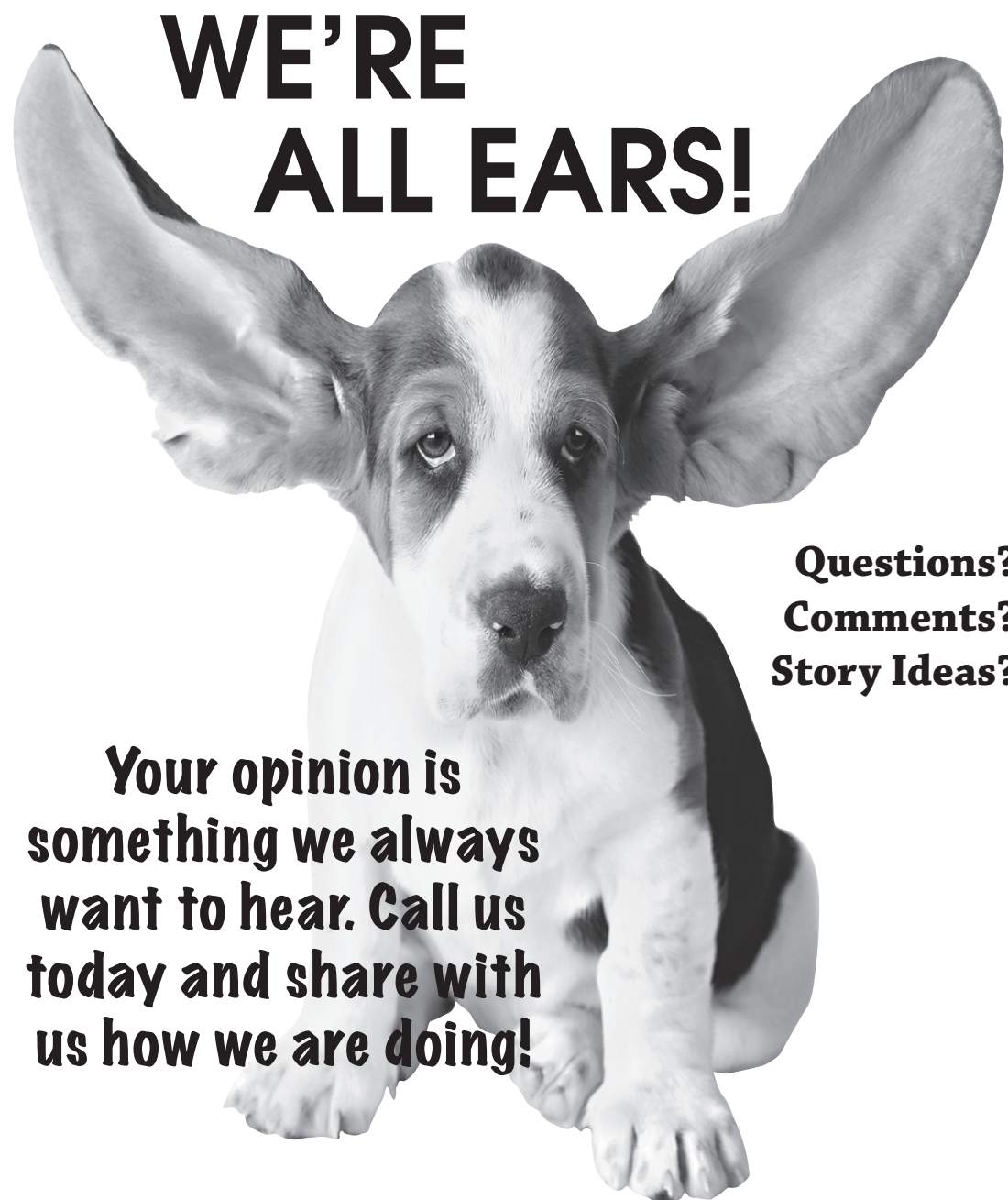
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