

# Cowgirls make it to state softball tourney

**SOFTBALL, from Page 1**

The Cowgirls were retired in order in the bottom half of the inning, again preventing them from increasing their lead.

In the top of the fifth the first Holcomb batter was out when her fly ball was caught by Mayer. Gaydusek caught the fly ball for out two and DeLaRosa struck the third batter out.

In the bottom of the fifth Berkley White hit a single. Rangel walked to first, advancing White to second. Siruta walked to load the bases. Amber Smith hit a single and batted Berkley White in. Gaydusek hit a sacrifice fly to right that got Rangel across the plate. DeLaRosa also flew out. Brianna White hit a single, scoring Siruta. White advanced to second, went to third on a throwing error and later scored. Lindsay Bauman hit a single, but was left stranded on first when Cochran flew out to left field. Goodland led 7-0.

In the top of the sixth the first batter for Holcomb hit a double, but the next batter hit into a double play. A strikeout ended the inning.

In the bottom half of the inning Berkley White and Rangel walked and Siruta hit a line drive single to load the bases. Mayer hit a triple to left field that brought in three runs, giving Goodland a 10-0 win. DeLaRosa struck out seven, making for 72 so far this season in 80 innings.

**Russell**

The Cowgirls were the home team once again for the championship round. In the first inning the first batter Russell hit a line drive to Brianna White and was out at first. The second batter hit a chopper to Rangel, who threw it to Siruta for the out. After a base hit, another throw from Rangel to Siruta ended the inning.

In the bottom of the first Brianna White was thrown out at first. Bauman hit a double, then Cochran hit a single, earning

an RBI for Bauman's score. Berkley White walked to first and was stranded on second. Rangel hit a sacrifice fly that scored Cochran. Siruta was out when her fly ball was caught, but the Cowgirls had jumped out to a 2-0 lead.

In the top of the second the first batter's fly was caught by Rangel. The next batter hit a line drive to go to first and made it to second on an error by Gaydusek. The third batter hit a double, batting the runner in to make it 2-1. The next two batters struck out.

In the bottom half of the inning, Mayer's fly ball was caught for the first out. Gaydusek and DeLaRosa each hit singles. Brianna White hit into a fielder's choice that got Gaydusek thrown out, but Bauman hit a double to get DeLaRosa and Brianna White across the plate to make it 4-1.

Cochran singled, made it to second on an error, advanced to third and scored. Berkley White singled, went to second and third and scored. Rangel walked and advanced to second and third. Siruta hit a single that went under the pitcher to make it to first and advanced to second. Mayer, up for the second time in the inning, struck out for out three, but the Cowgirls were now off to a 7-1 lead.

In the top of the third the first two batters scored to make it 7-3. The next two were out, but one battler hit a single and stole second. The next batter struck out. In the bottom of the third Gaydusek got on base on an error by the third baseman and was out on a combination play. DeLaRosa hit a single, advanced to second and third and scored. Brianna White hit a fly ball to center and was out. Bauman hit a double, went to third and scored. Cochran hit a single to left field, made it to second on a pitcher error and scored on an error. Berkley White grounded out.

At the top of the fourth the first batter struck out. The next batter hit a single followed by a single. The next batter's

fly was caught and the last batter struck out. The score was Goodland, 10-3.

In the bottom of the fourth Rangel hit a grounder and was thrown out. Siruta hit a single to left field. Mayer struck out. Gaydusek's fly ball to right was caught for the last out.

Russell's first batter in the top of the fifth was thrown out at first. The next batter was out when Cochran caught her fly ball. Gaydusek caught the last batter's fly ball. In the bottom half of the inning DeLaRosa walked, then Brianna White was out when her fly to right was caught. Bauman hit to the right was also caught and Cochran was out when her hit to the right field was caught.

Russell's first batter in the top of the sixth hit a double to left. A single followed. Both runners advanced. The next batter hit a triple and earned an RBI. Another single was hit to the right, bringing a second runner home. The batter made it to second on an error by Mayer, went to third and eventually scored. The next batter walked, stole second, advance and scored. DeLaRosa struck the next three batters out. The Cowgirls were still on top 10-7.

It was Goodland's turn. Berkley White struck out. Rangel hit a single and advanced to third when Siruta hit a double. Mayer struck out. Gaydusek hit a double to the left and batted in Rangel and Siruta. She went on to score. DeLaRosa walked, advanced and scored. Brianna White walked and scored. Bauman hit a triple and earned two RBIs for DeLaRosa and Brianna White. The next batter grounded out. Goodland led 15-7.

In the top of the seventh the first batter grounded out. The next batters were stranded on second and third. The last two batters struck out to give the Cowgirls the 15-7 championship win.

# Cowboys qualify for state golf

**GOLF, from Page 1**

off all cell phones in the vicinity of the players.

If the weather turns bad, the tournament will be played Tuesday.

Goodland's assignment for Monday's regional tournament was Lakin. The top two teams at each regional assignment qualify to go to state as a team. After that, the five players with the lowest score who are not on a qualifying team also get to go.

The Cowboys came in first with a combined score of 321, nine points lower than second-place Phillipsburg. Individual scores include:

Gage Ihrig, first place with a 73; Joel Linin, sixth with 80; and Gannon Ihrig, 10th with 83. Tanner Jones shot an 85; Thatcher Jones, 106; and Cooper Slough, 107.

# Rock, 80s music at third grade concert

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Harkins, Christina Jefferson, Javier Marin, Kayleigh McCombs, Ellee McDaniel, Brandt Mull, Evan Peter, Chelsea Phillips, Katie Purvis, Peyton Sieck, Tavean Stockman, Brent Vanmeter and Skyler Warren.

In Linda McKee's class are John Armstrong, Evin Bergquist, Katie Brighton, Hannah Doughman, Peyton Fenner, Coda Gerber, Shawna Goodman, Layne Goodwin, Mikayla Gutierrez, Wence Hendrich, Zachary Jones, Elke Kernal, Haliey Medrano, Saje Miller, Kerri Moyer, Parker Nemechek, Morgan

Pritchard, Powell Sieck, Shania Smith, Savannah Solomon and Kaitlyn Townsend.

Michelle Williams's class included Alexis Banks, Richard Barela, Gabriel Biermann, Drake Buchanan, Rumelo Bustillos, Jesus Diaz, Hannah Ferguson, Elena Flores, Joshua Garcia, Adriana Gonzales, Joselin Hernandez, Levi House, Nash Jarrett, Brooke Keim, Mitchek, Elizabeth Mueller, Ruben Munoz, Claudia Ramirez, Dawson Raymer, Rodolfo Rodriguez and Blaine Sederstrom.

The music director for the show was Char Avila and Steve Raymer is the principal of Grant.

# Seventh, eighth grade to move buildings

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renew the contract with Essdack for the Goodland Learning Center. Their current contract ends in June and does include the next school year. The district will take it over in the 2013-14 school year.

Board Member Mike Cochran made the motion and Jessica Cole seconded it. The motion passed 6-0. Board member Teresa Sieck left the room as she works for the Learning Center and had a conflict

of interest.

In other business:

- Biermann recommended no increase in the cost of school lunches for next year as the program was able to fund itself this year.
- The district's garage sale which will include mostly technology plus

desks, chairs, etc. will be on Friday, June 8.

• There will be a retirement reception from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 25, at the district office for Mary Krotky, Janet Davis and Maggie Hernandez.

# 90 day session limit reached, still no deal on important issues

The Kansas Constitution sets the numbers of days for the legislative session at 90. Last Friday the legislature hit the 90th day but key issues are still on the table. The Legislature began session with an aggressive agenda knowing the goal was to reform KPERS, redraw maps, pass a budget with a healthy ending balance and reform income tax policy within this limited timetable. Throughout the 15 weeks of the Legislative session, the House diligently discussed and negotiated each of these issues and will continue to push for what's right for Kansans. The same problem exist as I have stated in past news letters, redistricting continues to hold everything else hostage.

**Redistricting**

Every ten years, redistricting becomes a constitutional responsibility for the Legislature. It is critical that Legislators pass these maps rather than relinquishing their responsibilities to the courts

This week the House held public hearings regarding state House, Senate and Board of Education district maps

After 15 weeks of the Senate refusing to pass an equitable map that represents the best interest of Kansans, the House has a duty to move forward to pass redistricting



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plans for both Chambers as to allow time for the mandatory review by the Kansas Supreme Court

The Senate map the House adopted was proposed by Senator Abrams with slight changes in committee at the request of Senators

All amendments offered were rejected because they did not have the support of incumbent Senators whose districts they impacted

The only Congressional map was killed by the Senate and they have repeatedly stated they would work on completing a congressional map. To date, the Senate has not passed a congressional redistricting map

The House is concerned with the lack of action on congressional redistricting maps. My fear is the Senate would rather let the courts draw the maps then taking the responsibility of being fair to their fellow Senators.

**Tax Reform Update**

The "Iron Rule of Government," is the theory a government will not let funds sit idly by and they

will always be spent whether it is on tax cuts, education, infrastructure, public safety or a variety of other far less notable priorities. A combination of increased revenue collections and responsible budgeting practices has resulted in the state bank account achieving a sizable ending balance in a relatively short window of time. This leaves us with a rare opportunity to return wealth to citizens in the form of meaningful growth oriented tax cuts.

Another Important aspect of SB 177 is property tax relief through reinstatement of the local ad valorem tax reduction fund; which has not been in effect since 2003. Kansans are being crushed by a growing property tax burden. From 1997 to 2011, Kansas homeowners and businesses saw a 94 percent increase in their property taxes; from less the \$2 billion to over \$3.8 billion. Such dramatic tax increases suppress economic growth and prosperity. From what I have heard from most people in Western Kansas they would favor property tax relief over income tax relief. At this point, if there is going to be a tax package it will be decided during the extra days of this year's session.

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