

# Cowboy wrestlers honored at banquet

By Greg Stover

*The Goodland Star-News*  
The Goodland High School wrestling team was honored at a banquet celebrating its season Thursday night in the student union at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

About 100 wrestlers, managers, cheerleaders and coaches, along with their parents and supporters, enjoyed a potluck buffet, after which they were treated to highlight film of their season. The Mustang wrestling team from Grant Junior High were guests.

Following the film, Coach Randy Bahe said that making Goodland successful in wrestling was the common goal of the three wrestling programs: high school, junior high, and Kansas Kids. He also said one of the reasons the junior high team was invited was to get the boys excited about wrestling at the next level and to show them the quality of the high school program and the support it receives.

Bahe took time to thank his two managers, senior Michael Hall and sophomore Aaron Duell, noting that Duell put together the highlight film.

Bahe introduced Kevin Zimmerman, who presented Hall with a special award as outstanding

## Individual awards recognize achievement, success

These awards were presented at the Goodland High School wrestling banquet Thursday night:

- Freshman Josiah Goodley received the award for the most falls by a junior varsity wrestler during the season. He had 20 falls, including one in varsity competition. Goodley mostly wrestled at 160 pounds, but also competed at 152 and 171. He was 22-13 in junior varsity competition and 1-3 with the varsity. He also received the "most improved wrestler" award.

- There was a tie for the most takedowns between sophomore Justin Holloway and freshman Kerek Mason. Holloway, at 125

pounds, finished the season 13-7. Mason, at 112 pounds, finished 23-3 including 4-2 at varsity level.

- The most inspirational junior varsity wrestler award went to senior Brock Whitmore, who started the season at 135 pounds then dropped down 130. He finished the season 15-12 overall, 7-9 varsity and 8-3 junior varsity.

- The award for the most falls by a varsity wrestler went to senior Blayze Bahe, who pinned his opponents 24 times while building a 35-1 record this season. He won this year's Class 4A state championship at 119 pounds. The team also voted him the most inspirational wrestler.

- Junior Blake Saint earned the plaque for the most takedowns by a

varsity wrestler. He recorded 65 while wrestling at 140 pounds, finishing the season 26-15. Saint took fourth place at the regional tournament, qualifying for state.

- The most improved varsity wrestler was sophomore Brandon Hatfield. Wrestling mostly at 135 pounds, Hatfield had a 16-14 varsity record, winning six of his last eight matches.

- The Pistol Pete Award, which goes to the wrestler who demonstrates toughness, guts and a never-quit attitude, went to Saint. Coach Bahe said Saint suffered a back injury during football that bothered him throughout the season.

"He never did quit," the coach said.

- The Cowboy Award, for the wrestler who best displayed leadership, dedication, sportsmanship, and the willingness to make the extra effort, went to two seniors, Jordan Bedore and Blayze Bahe. Coach Bahe told the guests that the season is not yet over for these two wrestlers. They will compete at the National High School Tournament in Cleveland, Ohio April 2-4.

- The final presentation was certificates of recognition to the seven Cowboys, along with the two managers, who qualified for the state tournament for their third-place finish, from the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

their help.

Doug Hall, president of the Goodland Enthusiasts Club, talked briefly about what the club does and encouraged the parents of all wrestlers to join. Hall especially thanked Kevin and Mary Zimmerman for their help. Zimmerman, in turn, thanked Hall and his wife, April, for all have done for the club and gave them a gift as a token of the club's appreciation.

The club also gave a gift to Linda Saint for operating the concession stand during home duals and tournaments. The club gave an "announcer of the year" award to Schilling and Wilmer Bahe.

After all the speakers were done, Bahe recognized the wrestler cheerleaders and their sponsor, Sabrina Erhart, giving each a rose.

Next came the presentation of plaques honoring the wrestler with the most falls, with the most takedowns, most improved and most inspirational, at both the varsity and junior varsity level, as voted on by the team.

The banquet concluded with words from each of the seniors on what the season meant to them. They spoke of the good times they had this season and thanked the coaches for their guidance, and the parents and fans for their support.

# Two Goodland wrestlers head to national tourney

Goodland High School will send two of its state champion wrestlers to the 15th annual National High School Senior Wrestling Championships in Cleveland on April 2-4.

Seniors Jordan Bedore and Blayze Bahe won their weight classes at the Class 4A state championship in Wichita last month. Bedore, this year's heavyweight champion, won the state title at 215 pounds in 2002 and 2003. He finished the season 31-0 with 20 pins. Bahe won the state at 119 pounds.

He pinned 24 of his opponents while building a 35-1 record this season. His one loss was a 9-7 decision to Abilene's Tanner Dawson at the Bobcat Classic on Jan. 16. Bahe won both rematches since, beating Dawson by major decision 15-7 at the regional tournament and pinning him during the second period in the title match at state.



Blayze Bahe



Jordan Bedore



Randy Bahe

league opponent.

Bahe said the team came together for a unified effort. When injuries or illness caused holes in the lineup, others stepped up. The team had great camaraderie and seniors provided plenty of leadership.

Bahe said the six seniors will be missed, and the team may have to

go through a year or two of rebuilding. However, he said, there is a great group of wrestlers returning next season and a wonderful group of freshman coming in.

Bahe thanked school administrators for their support and the pep band for their enthusiasm and spirit. He also thanked Ron Schilling and

Wilmer Bahe of KLOE, KKCI and KWGB Radio for their broadcasts. Wilmer Bahe, Randy's father, received the Media of the Year award from the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association.

Assistant coaches Ponch Avelar and Travis Palmgren thanked the parents and other supporters for

There will be at least two wrestlers who are undefeated in their high school careers, both with over 225 wins each. The total will not be determined until after competition begins, as the tournament will accept walk-ins.

Goodland Coach Randy Bahe, Blayze's father, will accompany him and Bedore to Cleveland, leaving Goodland on Tuesday, March 30.

This is Coach Bahe's second trip to the national tournament. He said

he knows of at least 27 wrestlers from Kansas who will be there, including Tony Lewis and Joey Ortiz of Ulysses, and Brett Keck of Decatur Community High School of Oberlin. Hoxie will send three wrestlers, Matt Gilliland, and brothers Jason and Matt Shippers.

The national tournament began keeping state team scores in 1993 with two-time defending champion Ohio winning the title seven times, California three times, and Minnesota once.

## sports shorts

### Former Cowboy wrestler places third at nationals

Bryce Abbey, a junior at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, finished third at the NCAA Division II national wrestling championships this weekend at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Wrestling at 125 pounds, Abbey finished 5-1 for the tournament. He pinned Jamie Thomas of the Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania in the second period of their first-round match. Next Abbey lost

a 8-6 decision to Dustin Tovar of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the eventual national runner-up.

In the consolation bracket, Abbey won three straight matches to advance to the third-place match. He whipped Thomas, who had won four straight matches after losing to Abbey in the first round, in a 12-0 major decision.

The Lopers of Nebraska-Kearney finished eighth and had one individual champion, sophomore Jeff Sylvester at 197 pounds. The Mavericks of the University of

Nebraska at Omaha were the national champions. Fort Hays State University finished 10th.

### Trojan baseball team goes 1-2 for weekend

The Colby Community College baseball team lost to Brown Mackie College 2-0 Saturday and split a doubleheader Sunday with Butler County Community College, winning the first game 2-1 and losing the second 3-2.

In Saturday's game, the two teams went scoreless until the bottom of the sixth inning, when a Tro-

jan error led to two runs for Brown Mackie. The second game was rained out.

Colby opened its conference season in El Dorado against the Grizzlies of Butler County. The Trojans came back from trailing 1-0 in the fifth inning to earn the win. Sophomore pitcher Tyler Landenberger earned his first victory of the season and freshman reliever Travis Hearne pitched a perfect seventh inning for a save.

In the second game, Butler County took a 2-0 lead in the bot-


tom of the fourth inning on a two-run homer. Colby tied the game in the top of the fifth. The score stayed tied until the bottom of the sixth, when with two outs, the Grizzlies scored a run on a double to the right center gap.

The Trojans are 4-7 for the season and 1-1 in conference play. They will be on the road to Concordia on Wednesday for a doubleheader with Cloud County Community College. Saturday Colby hosts Dodge City Community College starting at 1 p.m. (Central Time).

 Linda & Walt Linthacum  
**Insurance PLUS Service**  
**L&W-Andrist Insurance Agency**  
785-899-5678 785-332-2121  
102 E. 8th Street 107 S. Quincy  
Goodland Goodland St. Francis

  
**FIRST**  
NATIONAL BANK  
www.fnb.com  
203 E. 11th  
Goodland, KS  
(785) 899-2000  
FDIC  
"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

  
**WESTERN STATE BANK**  
"Quality Tradition You Can Trust"  
815 Center  
Goodland, Kan.  
(785) 899-2393  
FDIC

**CHUCK WILKENS**  
  
**WILKENS TRUCK & TRAILER**  
1016 West Hwy. 24, Suite 2  
Goodland, KS  
Toll Free: (888) 613-1121  
Office: (785) 899-5454

  
**117 E. 9th - P.O. Box 833**  
Goodland, KS  
(785) 899-5011  
(785) 899-5201 - fax  
Roxann Kling Susan Duke


**BANKWEST**  
OF KANSAS  
  
**SUNWEST**  
BANKS OF COLORADO  
A BRANCH OF BANKWEST OF KANSAS  
www.ebankwest.com  
924 Main  
Goodland, KS 67735  
899-2265  
MEMBER FDIC EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LENDER

**102.5 FM KKCI**  
Best of the 70s, 80s, & 90s  
  
**KWGB 97.9**  
  
**KLOE 730am**  
Full Service Radio

**baked and built before your eyes**  
  
**SUBWAY**  
eat fresh.  
2217 Enterprise Rd.  
Goodland, KS  
785-899-5245

**School calendar for March 17 - March 23**  
**Wednesday** - "Black Day"; City/County recreation in the fieldhouse and junior high gym 7:30 p.m.; make up State Assessments.  
**Thursday** - "Gold Day"; Seminar - DECA and FCS; Make up State Assessments; end of third nine weeks; MORP Dance high school gym 9 pm to midnight.  
**Friday** - "Black Day"; No school; Teacher inservice and workday; American Field Service State Roundup in Manhattan; Kansas Kids wrestling at fieldhouse.  
**Saturday** - American Field Service State Roundup in Manhattan; Kansas Kids wrestling at fieldhouse.  
**Sunday** - American Field Service State Roundup in Manhattan; Kansas Kids wrestling at fieldhouse.  
**Monday** -No school, spring break; Board of Education meeting at the Administration building 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday** - No school, spring break.

**Lonny's Quality**  
**LONNY'S QUALITY AUTO BODY INC.**  
1933 Caldwell  
Goodland, KS  
(785) 899-6311

Quality Care  
  
"Where Service is an Affair of the Heart"  
**DAN BRENNER**  
**FORD-MERCURY, INC.**  
222 W. Hwy. 24  
I-70 BUSINESS LOOP  
GOODLAND, KS 67735  
(Toll Free) 800-636-8770  
(Business) 785-899-2316  
(Fax) 785-899-2317

**HIGH PLAINS Office Supply LLC**  
1118 Main Street  
Goodland, Kan. 67735  
Phone: 785-890-6900  
Fax: 785-890-6902

  
**Goodland Sinclair**  
2320 Commerce Road  
Goodland, Kan. 67735  
785-890-6855  
Open 7 days, Auto repair, 24 hour towing, after hours cell 785-821-1509

**Truck & Tractor Repair L.L.C.**  
714 E. Hwy. 24  
P.O. Box 751  
Goodland, Kan. 67735  
785-899-2401  
785-899-2217  
If you've cussed it or kicked it, call us & let the Boys fix it.

**Picnic in the Park**  
  
**CHESTER FRIED**  
1016 Main  
Goodland, KS 67735  
899-3911  
Hours: 11a.m.- 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday  
Everything For a Picnic but the ants.

  
**SHORT & SON INC.**  
SINCE 1934  
**Hwy 24**  
**Goodland, Kansas**  
(785) 899-2592  
1-800-242-6939