

# Three earn silver in Topeka

The competition was tough at the Kansas Kids state wrestling tournament this weekend, where 26 boys from Goodland competed.

Three Goodland boys took second place and five others finished in the top six in their age/weight brackets at the tournament at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka.

Earning silver medals were Laine Herl at 110 pounds in the 10-year-old-and-under category, Josiah Goodley at 160 pounds in the 14-and-under bracket and Dexter Deeds at 130 pounds in the 16-and-under group.

Brett Bahe finished third at 115 pounds for 16-and-under, and Austin Avelar placed fourth at 55 pounds in the 10-and-under bracket.

et. Three Goodland wrestlers in the 14-and-under competition finished sixth: A.J. Stephens at 125 pounds, Brett Schields at 135 pounds and Casey House at 265 pounds.

Competing in the 8-and-under bracket were Aaron Avelar (43 pounds), Brook Bahe (67 pounds), Ian Bonsall (88 pounds) and Taylen Smith (110 pounds). Seth Miller wrestled at 67 pounds in the 10-and-under competition.

Competing for Goodland in the 12-and-under category were Tim Roeder (92 pounds), Keegan Smith (110 pounds) and Ryan Taylor (115 pounds).

Other wrestlers competing in the 14-and-under bracket were Michael Klinge (85 pounds), Bryan

Gray (90 pounds), Casey Henderson (155 pounds) and Clay Schilling (235 pounds).

Wrestling in the 16-and-under competition were Chad Normandin (115 pounds), Justin Holloway (120 pounds), Brandon Zelfer (125 pounds), Jon Cook (160 pounds), Brandon Cowan (185 pounds) and Mark Starr (215 pounds).

Accompanying the wrestlers to Topeka were coaches Randy and Terry Bahe, Ponch Avelar, Charlie Herl, Gary Smith and Neal Starr.

Laine Herl (on top) pinned his opponent in this match and went on to finish second in his weight class.

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## sports shorts

### Former Coyote ends collegiate career at Sweet 16

Todd Okeson, a senior guard for the University of Nevada, placed his final college game Friday as the Wolf Pack lost to Georgia Tech 72-67 in the third round of the NCAA Division I tournament, also known as the Sweet 16.

Okeson, a 2000 graduate of Weskan High School, was Nevada's second leading scorer with 13 points and led the team in rebounds with 10 in the game in St. Louis.

The Weskan standout ended the season third on the Wolf Pack's scoring list with 380 points, averaging over 11 per game. He led the team with 131 assists and 53 steals.

Okeson was Nevada's best free-throw shooter, hitting 101 of 116 attempts for an 87 percent.

Nevada finished the season 25-9 as Western Athletic Conference champions. This was the Wolf Pack's third trip to the national tournament and its first since 1985.

The Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech defeated the University of Kansas 79-71 in overtime Saturday. They face the Cowboys of Oklahoma State University this coming Saturday in the Final Four, being played in San Antonio, Texas.

### Former Cowboy makes all-academic list

Former Cowboy wrestler Bryce Abbey, a junior at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, was one of three Lopers picked for the Wrestling Coaches Association's NCAA Division II All-Academic first team.

Abbey, an exercise science major, has a 3.42 grade point average. This is his second year for all-academic honors.

He finished third at 125 pounds at the national championships March 13 in Mankato, Minn., and earned All-American honors for the third straight year.

To be eligible for the all-academic team, a student must have a

minimum 3.0 grade point average, be in at least his second full year at his school, be a member of the varsity or a key reserve and demonstrate a high degree of athletic skill. Nominees must have two letters of recommendation.

Nebraska-Kearney won the "Academic National Championship" with a cumulative grade point average of 3.51, the highest in the 11-year history of the association's all-academic team. Nine Loper wrestlers made the team.

Nebraska had the top three teams on the all-academic list, with Chadron State College second and the University of Nebraska at Omaha third. The Colorado School of Mines was fifth.

### Trojans have tough time in Arizona

The Colby Community College baseball team faced some tough competition at the Mile High Classic this weekend in Prescott, Ariz., winning just two of the six games.

The Trojans lost their first game to the host Yavapai College team 9-6 Thursday. Later that same day, Colby lost to Skagit Valley College 10-5.

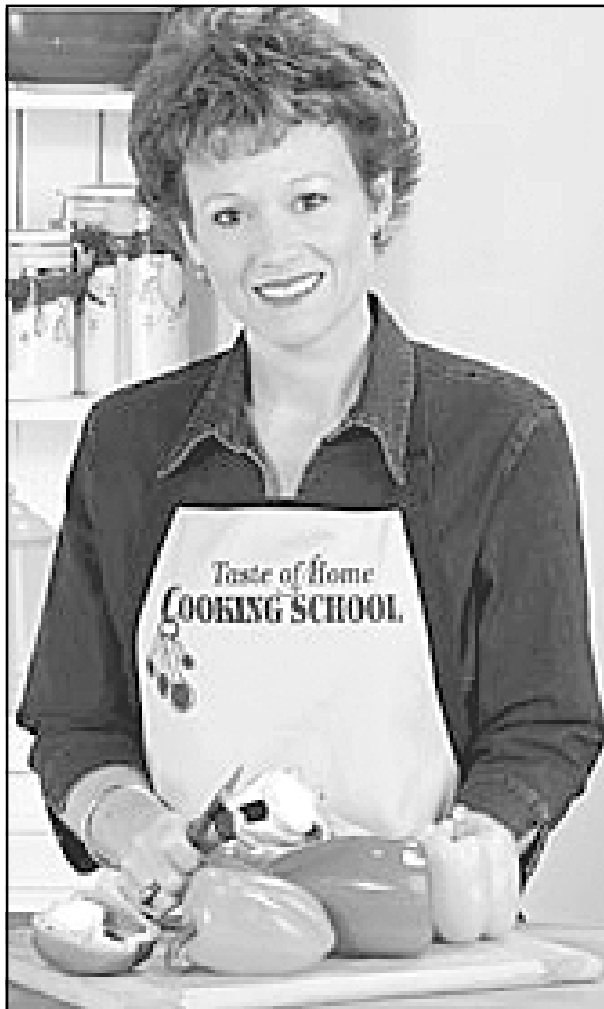
On Friday, the Trojans earned a come-from-behind 5-4 victory over the New Mexico Military Institute after being down 4-3 in the seventh inning. In their second game Friday, the Trojans faced Chandler-Gilbert Community College, which is ranked No. 20 by the National Junior College Athletic Association, and lost 6-1.

Saturday, Colby picked up its second win beating Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University 14-1. The Trojans ended the tournament with 6-1 loss to Yavapai.

The Trojans are now 9-14 overall for the season. They will play Western Nebraska Community College for a doubleheader today at 1 p.m. (Central Time) at home.

Wednesday, Colby returns to conference play with Pratt Community College, also at 1 p.m. in Colby.

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