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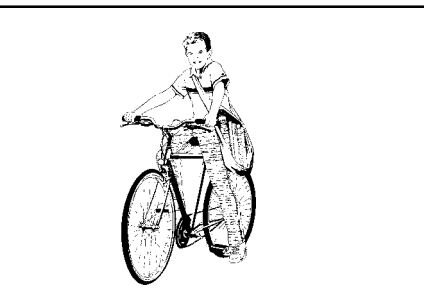
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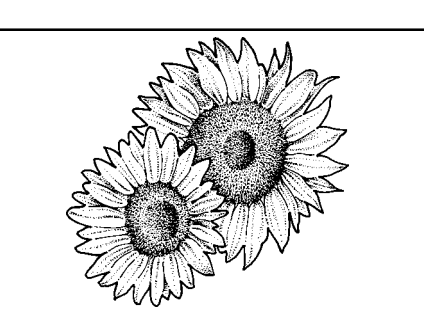


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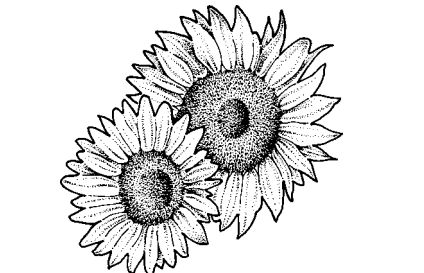
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CONGRATULATIONS Cowgirls



The members of the 2004 Cowgirls tennis team were (front row, from left) sophomores Lauren Hill, Jessica Parker, Sandy Johnson and Jena McCall, and (back row) sophomore Jessica Lu, juniors Megan Stefan and Kali Rietcheck, and senior Grace Langness.
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Tennis players earn letters for 2004

By Greg Stover
The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland High School girls tennis team ended its season at the regional tournament on Oct. 12 in Pratt, and although the Cowgirls did not send anybody to the state tournament, Coach Wallace Hansen said it was a successful season.

Hansen said all the players had improved their game since the start of the season, and since he will lose only one senior, he looks forward to next season.

All eight players on this year's roster lettered. This was the third letter for senior Grace Langness and juniors Megan Stefan and Kali Rietcheck, the second for sophomores Sandy Johnson, Jena McCall and Jessica Parker, and the first for sophomores Lauren Hill and Jessica Wu.

To earn a letter, a player must earn 38 points. A player earned five points for a varsity win, either singles or doubles, and

two for a varsity loss. A junior varsity win was worth three points and a loss one.

The team held an end-of-season banquet on Oct. 21 in the high school cafeteria, where family and friends watched the players receive their letter certificates from Hansen.

Parker was this year's most valuable player and was named Queen of the Court. Queen of the Court is a new practice drill Hansen introduced this season in which all the players participate together. He said it helps improve their quickness and conditioning. It is also a competition which one player will become Queen of the Court for each session. Hansen said each player won the drill at least once during the season.

Langness, who was a team captain, was named the Cowgirls' most inspirational player. Rietcheck and McCall were both named most improved player, and Hill earned Rookie of the Year honors.



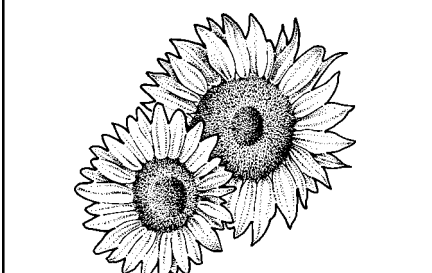
Senior Grace Langness smiled after being named the teams most inspirational player.



Sophomore Jena McCall (above) returned a serve during one of her doubles matches with partner sophomore Sandy Johnson on Sept. 14 at the Goodland Varsity Invitational. Sophomore Jessica Lu (left) served during a singles matches during the same tournament.

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