



Meteorologist Logan Johnson (left in right photo) of the Goodland National Weather Service office, Steve McCall (second from the left), Bruce Frahm (standing), Deborah Mentzer (bottom right) and student Kyle Stefan were in charge of the proceedings at the Grant Junior High Scholars' Bowl last Monday, Jan. 31. The eighth-grade competitors on the Goodland No. 2 team, Devin Mangus (from left), Bryan Gray, Tanner Oharah, Allen Smith and TJ Freeman, made it all the way to the final round, but lost to Colby Middle School.

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# Junior High Scholars' Bowl lets kids shine

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Friends, family, kids and coaches crowded into the room Monday, Jan. 31, as over 100 competitors from Colby, Oberlin, Rawlins County, Hoxie, Oakley, Burlington, Cheylin, Brewster and two Goodland teams squared off in the Grant Junior High Scholar Bowl.

Goodland's No. 2 team of seventh graders went into the playoffs undefeated, but came in second behind Colby Middle School. The Colby team posted a 9-0 record to take first.

In third place for the seventh graders was Oakley, with a 6-3 record, while Rawlins County and Cheylin tied for fourth.

Rawlins County Junior High won the 8th grade competition while Oakley placed second.

In seventh grade competition, Goodland's No. 2 team came out with an 8-1 record while the No. 1 team had a 4-5 record.

For the eighth graders, Goodland's No. 2 team was 6-3 and the No. 1 team went 4-5.

Placing third and not making it into the playoffs for eighth grade was Colby, with Goodland No. 2 in fourth.

Named as the most valuable players were seventh grader Caleb Jurey and eighth grader Logan Hopper, both from Oakley. The all-tournament team included seventh

graders Eric Whalen, Ben Waugh and Colton Nelson of Goodland and eighth grader Devin Mangus. Chosen for the all-tournament teams from other schools were, from Burlington, seventh-grader Matt Meyer; from Rawlins County, eighth-grader Keegan Peckham; from Cheylin, eighth-grader Sydney Busse; and from Colby, eighth-grader Zach Webb.

The match, put on by the National Weather Service here, took up five rooms and the library on the second floor of the school.

The round-robin play sent teams from room to room to answer some tough questions. The seventh graders went first and then the eighth graders in the same teams

squared off.

Students sat awaiting questions with buzzers in hand.

Scott Mentzer, meteorologist in charge at the weather service office and organizer of the meet, enlisted the office's outreach team to put together questions and work the event.

"We are always looking for opportunities to promote scholastic excellence," Mentzer said. "We especially want to encourage students to become involved with science and mathematics."

The meteorological influence was clear in questions like "Spell Meteorologist," "What type of cloud is formed when the sun heats the earth's surface making the air rise

into billowing puffy clouds?" (cumulus) and "What term describes a long period of well-below-average precipitation that can negatively affect farming and public water supplies?" (a drought).

Meteorologists, teachers and other volunteers served as judges, moderators and timers for the nine rounds of competition and the two rounds of playoffs.

At the end of the regular rounds, students and coaches met up in the school cafeteria for an awards ceremony. Mentzer announced the teams slated to move on to the championship round and gave out prizes to individual winners.

The overall winners in each grade took home a trophy.

# Sabetha holding forum

Congressman Jerry Moran will host his fifth veterans service forum this week to give veterans and citizens an opportunity to discuss the delivery of benefits and health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The forum will be held from 11 a.m. to noon Central Time Friday at the Sabetha Middle School auditorium.

Robert Malone, director of the Department of Veterans Affairs Eastern Kansas Health Care System, will join Moran.

"As the age and number of our

veterans increase, so too will their need for benefits and health care services from the Department of Veterans Affairs," Moran said. "This forum will provide area veterans with an opportunity to discuss their needs and the challenges they face with the eastern Kansas director, who is responsible for their care."

"Our country owes a tremendous debt to our veterans. By hearing directly from them, we can do a better job of providing veterans with the highest quality of care possible."

Previous forums have been held

in Salina, Clay Center, Goodland and Hutchinson. Moran is a member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and has served as chairman of the subcommittee on health.

Members of Moran's staff will be on hand along with representatives from Veterans Affairs to handle any questions veterans or their families may have. All area veterans and other members of the public are encouraged to attend.

For information, contact Congressman Moran's office at (202) 225-2715 or visit his web page at [www.house.gov/moranks01/](http://www.house.gov/moranks01/).

# Brewster teen dies in wreck

A Brewster teen-ager died Sunday when his car ran head on into a Greyhound bus on U.S. 50 two miles west of Cimarron, about halfway between Dodge City and Garden City in Gray County.

The victim was Sean M. Swanson, 19, son of Michelle Swanson and Roger Engler.

Trooper Steven Sites of the Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Swanson was driving a 2004

Pontiac Vibe west on U.S. 50 at 7:40 a.m. when it veered into the left lane, striking a 1995 Greyhound bus.

Swanson was taken to Western Plains Medical Complex hospital in Dodge City. Troopers notified his mother at 11:31 a.m. The patrol said officers couldn't tell whether he was wearing a seat belt.

The driver of the bus, Barry L. Lindsey, 46, Colorado Springs, re-

ceived minor injuries. Passengers Shayla Baier, 19, Dodge City; Juan Reyes-Nevarez, 25, Denver; Diana Sanchez-Sandoval, 23, Ulysses; Mark Costello, 42, Bailey, Colo.; Ismael Sanchez, 4, Ulysses; Ashton Steel, 19, Wichita; Jose Reyes, 50, Wichita; Louis Sanchez, 1, Ulysses; and Aaron Kiska, 26, Colorado Springs, escaped the accident uninjured.

# Truck rolls in Thomas County

Two Goodland residents were taken to the hospital Tuesday after their truck rolled on U.S. 24 three miles west of Levant in Thomas County.

Trooper Jason Duffey of the Kansas Highway Patrol reported the driver, Juanitta C. Fisher, 30, was headed east on U.S. 24 in a 1979 Chevrolet Blazer at 12:30 p.m. when the passenger-side tires dropped off the side of the road. Fisher overcorrected, the trooper said, and the truck went out of control, rolling into the south ditch, where it landed on the top facing

southwest.

Fischer was taken to Citizens Medical Center. Passengers Danny R. Fischer, 30, Goodland, and Richard E. Smotherman, 38, Laramie, Wyo., were taken to the hospital in Colby for injuries as well. All three were wearing seat belts, the patrol said. The Blazer, registered to a Nathan Morris from Wyoming, was

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removed by Butch's Body Shop in Colby.

# Eager Beavers win award

The Ruleton Eager Beaver 4-H Club won an award from the to the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary for its project to send lotion, soap, body wash, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, baby wipes, lip balm, eye drops, nasal spray and more to troops in Iraq.

The group was spurred into action by Devin and Dani Mangus, brother and sister from Kanorado, who donated their Christmas money to help buy some things for their cousin Steven, who is serving in the U.S. Army.

The gesture by the Mangus kids sparked an effort from other members that eventually raised \$190 to buy items from a list Steven made of his buddies' needs. The kids separated and mailed the items.

A story about the project was featured Friday, Jan. 14, in an article on Page 1 of in *The Goodland Star-News*.

The kids received a certificate and a letter of appreciation from the auxiliary, which read: "In recognition of the support you have given the troops serving overseas. Thank you and God Bless

America!"

Charlene Mangus, Devin's and Dani's mother, said no one expected to get an award and the kids were overwhelmed by the gesture.

She said the packages arrived in Iraq in 11 or 12 days and the club received a thank you e-mail from Steven. He referred to the soaps, lotions and deodorant the kids sent as "luxury items."

Mangus said she will tell the 4-H Club about the safe arrival of the boxes at their next meeting.

She said she suspects Jo Ann Wahrman, librarian at the high school and a member of the auxiliary, is responsible for sending in the kids' names for the award.

"She said, 'I thought those little kids deserved it,'" Mangus said.

Wahrman said the program this year was for anyone who helps troops overseas or their families at home.

"We're always looking for people," she said, "with ideas (to support the troops)."

# Colby man loses life in accident

Colby Community College canceled its basketball games Saturday after a member of the men's team, a 20-year-old Colby High grad, was killed in a traffic accident just after midnight.

Thomas County Undersheriff Jason R. Moses said Jordan Harris was driving west on a private road which extends east from East Ninth Street about 12:35 a.m. when he apparently lost control of his 1996

Chevy Blazer. Moses said the truck rolled into the ditch and Harris was thrown out.

Harris, along with his three passengers, Tanner Brown, 20, and Steve Young, 20, both of Colby, and Tyler Baker, 20, Fort Collins, Colo., were taken to Citizens Medical Center by the Thomas County Emergency Medical Service.

The three passengers were treated for minor injuries. None of

the four was wearing a seat belt.

The sheriff's office and the Kansas Highway Patrol were continuing the investigation Monday. Capt. Kelly McGuire, Troop D commander in Hays, said patrol specialists mapped the scene in an effort to reconstruct the incident.

Sheriff Mike Baughn said that freshly-laid sand could have been a factor that caused Harris to lose control.





















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