



40-day old black-footed ferrets at a captive breeding facility at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

Ferrets OK, get rid of dogs

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expensive to keep on top of the prairie dogs.

"We poisoned ours and had 85 to 90 percent killed in February, but today you can't tell that we had poisoned. I like Larry, but I don't see this as helping to control the prairie dogs. Get rid of prairie dogs. I think we should enforce the Kansas law and eradicate them all. They are labeled as a pest."

Edwards said he thinks land values drop by \$100 an acre if prairie dogs are present. He said he understands the ferret plan, but that it will not control the prairie dogs, and he thinks having the ferrets will drop the land values more because they are an endangered species.

Asked if it wouldn't help the land value if there were ferrets along with the prairie dogs helping keep the numbers down, Edwards said he did not know, saying the best answer is to get rid of the prairie dogs. He said Haverfield's efforts to create a grass border to keep the prairie dogs from leaving his land could work if there were more rain to make the grass grow.

"It is not working because of the drought," Edwards said. "It will take several years, and I want to know where this has worked. I don't think they can keep the dogs in place."

"I have nothing personal against Haverfield. We disagree with the prairie dogs."

Sherre Baker, who ranches south

of Haverfield, told him the prairie dogs were wiping out the grass for her cattle.

"Is this because of the cost to poison the dogs?" she asked Haverfield.

"I believe they are good," Haverfield replied.

"The only place for them is in the zoo," Baker said.

Travis M. Livieri, executive director of Prairie Wildlife Research, said he had seen the Haverfield property and thought it was the best place he had seen to place ferrets.

"If not here, then where in Kansas?" Livieri asked.

Clint Kwasnicka, who farms north of Haverfield said he did not want to oppose the ferrets, but did not believe they are going to help control the prairie dogs.

"Why would the ferrets kill off their food source?" Kwasnicka asked.

Livieri said 90 percent of the ferrets' diet is prairie dogs and that each one will eat about 125 dogs in a year, but he did agree the ferrets will not actually "control" the prairie dogs directly. He said the ferrets will hold down the numbers, but that will not guarantee the prairie dogs don't spread to neighboring farms.

"Ferrets aren't going to control prairie dogs," LeValley said, "but you have to have prairie dogs on ground to reintroduce ferrets."

He said there are no guarantees to the reintroduction program, and the government assumes the risk that

some of the ferrets might leave the area where they are placed.

"If a ferret gets off the ground into treated ground, that's just tough for the ferret," he said.

One of the questions asked of Mulhern was if the poisoning of the prairie dogs on neighboring lands would have to be stopped because of the ferrets.

Mulhern said there was no problem with poisoning the prairie dogs because the ferrets do not eat the poison and would not be affected.

Jonathan Proctor of Defenders of Wildlife from Denver said his group was in favor of the ferret project as another step in getting them off the endangered species list. He said the question of reintroducing the ferret was hard to separate from the farmers' problems with the prairie dogs.

The five landowners in Logan County who have volunteered to help with the ferret project are the Nature Conservancy, with land east of Russell Springs; Haverfield and Gordon Barnhardt, who have land south of Russell Springs; and Maxine Blank and Gene Bertrand, west of Russell Springs near the county line.

Mulhern said a decision on the project will be made in January, and if it is approved, the first ferrets could be put out later that month depending on the weather.

Copies of the draft environmental assessment and permit application for the project are available at mountain-prairie.fws.gov/species/mammals/blackfootedferret/.

Wrestlers going to St. Francis

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Goodland kicked off the wrestling season Thursday at home against Hoxie and will hit the mats Saturday at the St. Francis Invitational Tournament.

The Cowboys are 26 wrestlers strong with six returning state qualifiers from last year to anchor the team, which also includes young wrestlers who had excellent seasons last year.

The St. Francis tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. Mountain Time, and about half the Cowboys will compete there, while the other half is host to their home junior varsity tournament at 9 a.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Coach Joseph Sramek said he is excited about a bunch of the wrestlers, including the state qualifiers, three seniors, Kerek Mason, wrestling at 125, Brett Shields at 171 and Josiah Goodley at 189; and three juniors, A.J. Stephens, 140,

T.J. Hawkins, 215, and Bob Daxon, 285.

The coach said he is also excited about sophomores Kade Sheldon, 103; Ryan Taylor, 160; Keegan Smith, 135, and Bryan Gray, 130; and junior Aaron Deeds, 160.

Deeds was out for basketball last year, Sramek said, but came out for wrestling this year. The others were very successful in wrestling last year, he said.

As assistant coach to Randy Bahe last year and assistant football coach this fall, Sramek has worked with the wrestlers before this season.

Goodland should have a pretty solid season, the coach said, and along with St. Francis, Colby and Oakley will be among the toughest teams in the area.

The Cowboys face Colby and St. Francis Saturday along with Scott

City, Rawlins County (Atwood) and Quinter and Wray and Sterling, Colo.

The Cowboys will compete at 5:30 Thursday against Atwood in the high school gym and at 1 p.m. next Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Colby Invitational Tournament.

Sramek said the Cowboys have been working hard at practice and are doing well at getting down to their weights.

The rest of the Cowboys are senior Tyrel Smith, 152; juniors Michael Ledesma, 130, and Toby Hurst, 152; sophomores, Rich Sanders, 119, T.J. Freeman, 125, Josh Lamb, 145, and Vance Johnson, 160; and freshmen, Tim Roeder, 119, Lerenzo Delgado, 125, Edgardo Martinez, 135, Paul Starr, 152, Zack Prine, 171, and Jay Cotter, 189.

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Electric rates, parking on agenda

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ment will get them a free five-day permit to park on the street while they visit.

The commission decided on Nov. 20 that a two-hour limit in the existing parking ordinance was too short, and agreed to allow five-day permits for recreational vehicles.

City Manager Wayne Hill said with the help of the police chief and the city attorney they have worked out wording to amend the city parking ordinance to allow recreational

vehicles to park on the street with a free permit to be issued by the city.

Hill said the new parking permit definition would include boat trailers. The question about parking boat trailers on the street overnight was brought up as a problem under the existing ordinance.

In other business the commission will

- Hear a proclamation honoring the Goodland Rotary Club for their efforts to create a viewing area and brick sidewalks around the Van Gogh painting.

- Approve 3.2 beer licenses for next year, both for on premise consumption and package sales. The license renewals include China Gardens, Pizza Hut, Gambino's, Buffalo Inn and Bowladium for on premise consumption; and for package sales they include Wal-Mart, Conoco Travel Shoppe, Presto and Kabredlo's.

The city commission meets at 5 p.m. upstairs in the administration building at 204 W. 11th. To gain entrance, press the button on the wall inside the first set of double doors.

SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Saturday

10 a.m. CBS College Basketball Kentucky at North Carolina

ESPN College Football Connecticut Huskies at Louisville Cardinals from Papa John's Cardinal Stadium

11:30 a.m. FXSP High-School Football CHSAA Class 4A championship

12:30 p.m. CBS College Football Army-Navy Game

1 p.m. ESPN College Basketball Hall of Fame Challenge Gonzaga Bulldogs vs Texas Longhorns from Phoenix, Ariz

2 p.m. ESPN2 College Football Division I Championship: Quarterfinals Montana State Bobcats vs Appalachian State Mountaineers from Boone, NC

2:30 p.m. ABC College Football Southern California at UCLA

3 p.m. ESPN College Basketball Hall of Fame Challenge Illinois Fighting Illini vs Arizona Wildcats from Phoenix, AZ

3:30 p.m. FXSP High-School Football CHSAA Class 5A championship

5 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Georgetown Hoyas at Duke Blue Devils from Cameron Indoor Stadium

5:30 p.m. WGN NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Washington Wizards from The MCI Center

5:45 p.m. ESPN College Football Rutgers Scarlet Knights at West Virginia Mountaineers from Mountaineer Field

7 p.m. ESPN2 PRCA Rodeo National Finals: Third Round from Las Vegas

FXSP College Hockey Colorado College at Denver

7:45 p.m. HBO World Championship Boxing Wright vs. Quartey; Lacy vs. Tsytko

10 p.m. ESPN College Football Oregon State Beavers at Hawaii Warriors from Aloha Stadium

Sunday

10:30 a.m. ESPN2 Women's College Soccer College Cup - Championship from Cary, N.C.

11 a.m. CBS NFL Football Teams TBA

ESPN PBA Bowling ACE Hardware Championship from

Wickliffe, Ohio

1 p.m. ESPN2 College Soccer College Cup Championship from St. Louis, Miss.

1:30 p.m. FXSP College Basketball North Carolina State at Virginia

3 p.m. ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Clemson Lady Tigers at Vanderbilt Lady Commodores from Memorial Gymnasium

3:30 p.m. FXSP College Basketball Georgia Tech at Miami

5:30 p.m. FXSP College Basketball Florida at Florida State

6 p.m. ANPL Dog Shows & Competitions AKC Eukanuba National Championship

ESPN Women's College Basketball NCAA Torneo Tennessee Lady Volunteers vs North Carolina Lady Tar Heels from The Dean Smith Center

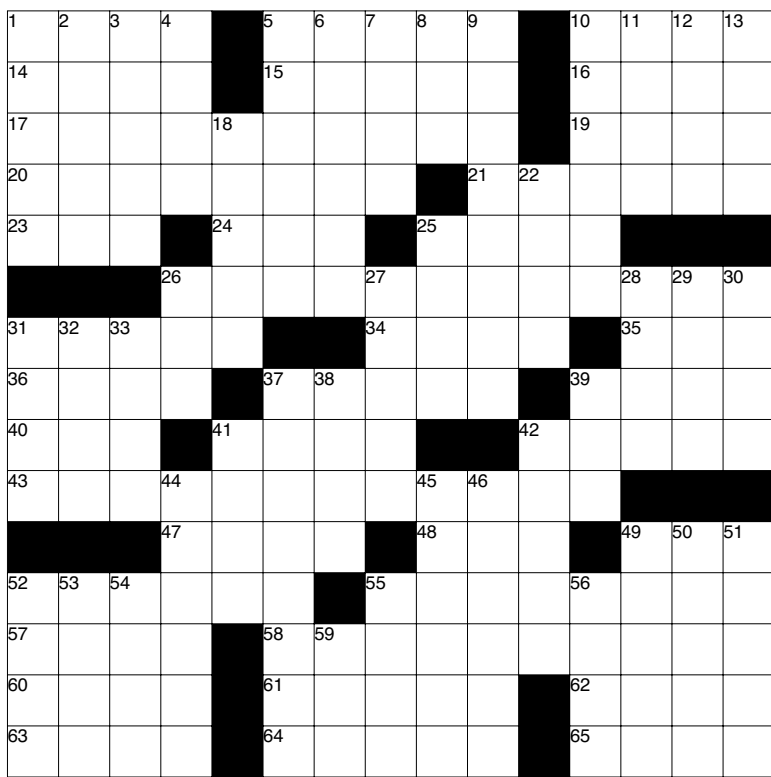
6:15 p.m. NBC Sunday Night Football Seahawks at Broncos

7 p.m. ESPN2 PRCA Rodeo National Finals: Fourth Round from Las Vegas

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Pitcher's miscue
5. "Lemon Tree" singer Lopez
10. Dirtbags
14. Ready for business
15. Pine exudation
16. Twistable snack
17. Marked by self-indulgence
19. Tijuana's locale, for short
20. Means of escape
21. Place to get oysters or clams
23. Like some grins
24. Have a bug
25. Marathoner's rate
26. Arborist's skill
31. Satellite's job, briefly
34. Part of an interstate
35. Old French coin
36. Cheese in a ball
37. Sunday assents
39. Gives a boost to
40. Cackleberry
41. Light bulb, in comics
42. Map close-up
43. Doctors sometimes engage in it
47. "The doctor ___"
48. Offbeat
49. "That's all ___ wrote"
52. Rub elbows
55. Free from imperfections
57. Bad way to run
58. Insect domestication
60. Greedy one's cry
61. Overthrow, maybe
62. ___ Nicole Smith
63. Critic's bestowal



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64. Bit attachments
65. Oenophile's concern

DOWN

1. Box office biggies
2. Boston Marathon month
3. Smelling a rat
4. "Trick" joint
5. Mrs. Ed Norton
6. Attack verbally
7. "___ any wonder?"
8. Diarist Anais
9. Fixes indelibly
10. Sign of disuse
11. Native Saudi
12. "It was ___ vu all over again"
13. Eagles do it
18. Soak up
22. Wile E. Coyote's supplier
25. Think ahead
26. Rock's Petty
27. Traction aid
28. Horned goddess
29. Intersection point
30. Sudden burst
31. Cause of grounding
32. Upper hand
33. Tamer's workplace
37. Off-the-cuff comic, e.g.
38. Chow ___
39. Director Lee
41. ___ facto
42. The movie "Wordplay" is one
44. Tricky pitch

45. Accepted, as a job
46. Thumb twiddlers
49. Perform superbly
50. Reddish brown dye
51. Award named for Poe
52. Some Easter dinners
53. Leave off
54. ___ fide
55. Gilpin of "Frasier"
56. Fix, in a way
59. Poetic preposition

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