Globetrotter plays keep away

Larry "Gator" Rivers, for 13 years the top ball handler for the Harlem Globetrotters, showed Saturday why he is still the best with a exhibition at the Sherman County Health Fair. Rivers had some fun as he played keep away with one of the kids who came to watch. The Globetrotters star has been working with the Northwest Kansas Medical Foundation to raise money for the Goodland Regional Medical Center and to help recruit doctors.
Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

DECA members prepare for state

Goodland High School DECA members are preparing four major projects for competition at the state Career Development Conference on March 3 to 6 in Overland Park.

The work includes a Learn and Earn Project, an Entrepreneurship Promotion project, a Public Relations project, and a Community Service project, sponsor Richard Schwasinger said Friday.

Twenty-three chapter members will attend the state competition. Schwasinger said the members qualified through series competition (career tests and case study role plays), written events (30-page written projects and interviews) and state officer elections.

The Learn and Earn project focuses on entrepreneurship and starting a business, he said. During the basketball and wrestling seasons, chapter members operate concession stands as actual businesses to practice management, marketing, merchandising, selling, inventory, product development, communications and advertising skills. Members include Jonathan McClung, Thomas Terry and Taolor Freeman.

The Entrepreneurship Promotion Project focuses on promoting local retailers and persuading people to buy at home. Chapter members spoke to the city commissioners on Jan. 22, and Mayor Rick Billinger signed a proclamation for "Entrepreneurship Promotion Week."

"During our Entrepreneurship Promotion Week, through Friday of this week, chapter members will conduct promotional projects in Goodland and specifically the elementary and junior high," said project member Jessica Lu.

Events include a retail program that allows consumers (students) to buy in selected Goodland businesses and receive a chance to win a $100 gift certificate to a participating business of their choice. Project members include Lu, Jillian Parker, Sandy Johnson and Michael Bryce.

The Public Relations project emphasizes promoting worthy organizations in Goodland. DECA members chose to support the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter this year.

Chapter members spoke to the city commissioners and the mayor signed a proclamation on Jan. 22 for "Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter Promotion Week," which is next week.

The chapter campaign, "Have a Heart, Animals Need Love Too," is dedicated to promoting the shelter, raising money for it and teaching people how they can become pet owners through the shelter. The agency has 77 dogs and 20 cats to be adopted, Linsey Owens said. Plans include a bake sale to raise money for the shelter, Schwasinger said. Project members include Mindi Keith, Owens and Sean Cochrane.

The Community Service project is dedicated to raising money for the American Cancer Society. DECA members will take part in the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life" this August. Through fund-raising activities, he said, members hope to double the money they collected last year. Project members include Cody Engel and Adrienne West.

Other chapter members competing at state include Lauren Abernathy, Michelle Smith, Tamara West, Tiffanie Schlink, Dylan Hageman, Chris Geeseka, Robert Borneman, Andrew Philbrick, Brittaney Medrano, Samantha Grote and Kathy Wood.

Kanorado water project moving slowly

By Sharon Corcoran
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Work is moving forward, though slowly, on a project to replace the water lines, wells, meters and fire hydrants in Kanorado.

The city has nearly $1 million to pay for the work, a $400,000 grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce and $583,130 from the federal Rural Development Administration, part as a grant and part as a loan. The city will add $15,000.

The city plans to replace old 2-inch and 4-inch water lines, upgrading most to 6 inches, and replace the wells, meters and fire hydrants.

The city is waiting for a company to scope the wells and see what needs to be done, said Susan Adams, city clerk and water and sewer operator. The project had gone out for bid, she said, but the bids that came in weren't what the council wanted.

After the company sees what needs to be done, she said, it will go out for bid again and will be done in stages. It's a slow moving project, Adams said. When you're dealing with grants, she added, you have to make sure your "t's" are crossed and your "i's" dotted.

Both grants came with a one-year deadline, Adams said, but the city has applied for an extension.

"Hopefully, we'll get it moving this spring," she added.

Taste of Home culinary specialist calls table 'a gift'

Setting an inviting table for your guests takes some planning, but the results are worth the effort, said Kristi Larson, culinary specialist from the Taste of Home Cooking School.

Think of the table as a gift that you wrap with care, say Larson, who will be in Goodland on Tuesday, Feb. 20. The display invites each guest to the table with anticipation of more good things to follow. The whole meal will take on new significance because you made this special effort.

Decorate your table with the trendiest colors of the season, she says. Golden apricot, strawberry ice or café crème are some of the hottest colors this spring. They may sound like a dessert menu, she said, but they can brighten your table. Placemats, runners, napkins and tablecloths in these shades are guaranteed to stimulate the appetite.

Speaking of desserts, you will want to have an impressive finale for your festive meal, come to the celebration of spring flavors at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Tuesday, Feb. 20, when *The Goodland Star-News* hosts a Taste of Home Cooking School. A rainbow of 10 enticing recipes will be presented by Larson from the cooking school staff. A dessert segment will include an eye-catching "Chocolate-Strawberry Bombe."

A classic French dessert, a bombe or dome was popular in the '80s and the item is making a comeback today. This frozen dessert is made of mousse or ice cream and cake packed into a round mold. Its stunning presentation draws oohs and aahs every time it is served. Although you won't be able to sample this mouth-watering dessert, you will receive the Taste of Home Cooking School Classic Cooking magazine, which includes all recipes prepared on stage. Directions are easy to follow and a full-color photo illustrates the completed dish. There's even space for taking notes.

Larson will be Marty Melia's guest for the Afternoon Show at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14, on KLOE/KKCI/KWGB radio, to talk about the Taste of Home cooking show and cooking ideas. Melia said he reads the magazine and enjoys cooking, and is looking forward to talking with Larson.

At the show Feb. 20, there will be drawings for door prizes during the two-hour program.

Taste of Home Cooking School is proud of its association with Taste of Home magazine. The publishers of this popular magazine have put together the "Cadillac" of cookbooks. Packed with over 1,200 classic recipes and 300 practical kitchen tips, this comprehensive reference to great cooking will be awarded to three lucky winners.

"Taste of Home is about great food and real people who take pride in what they cook and have fun doing it," said Larson "People treasure Taste of Home recipes, but they value equally the connection they feel with other cooks just like themselves who want their families leaving the table full, happy and raving about their meals now and for generation to come."

Why not come and refresh your recipe library, as well as awaken your taste buds to "Savor Spring" flavors?

The Star-News is making final plans for an exciting evening.

"We're expecting a big crowd, so I'd advise people to buy their tickets now and show up early," says Sheila Smith, circulation manager of the paper.

Advance tickets for the show are available at *The Star-News*, 1205 Main, or at the *Colby Free Press, Saint Francis Herald, Norton Telegram, Oberlin Herald* the *Western Times* in Sharon Springs and *Health Essentials* in Burlington for $8 each. The doors will open for the event at 5 p.m., and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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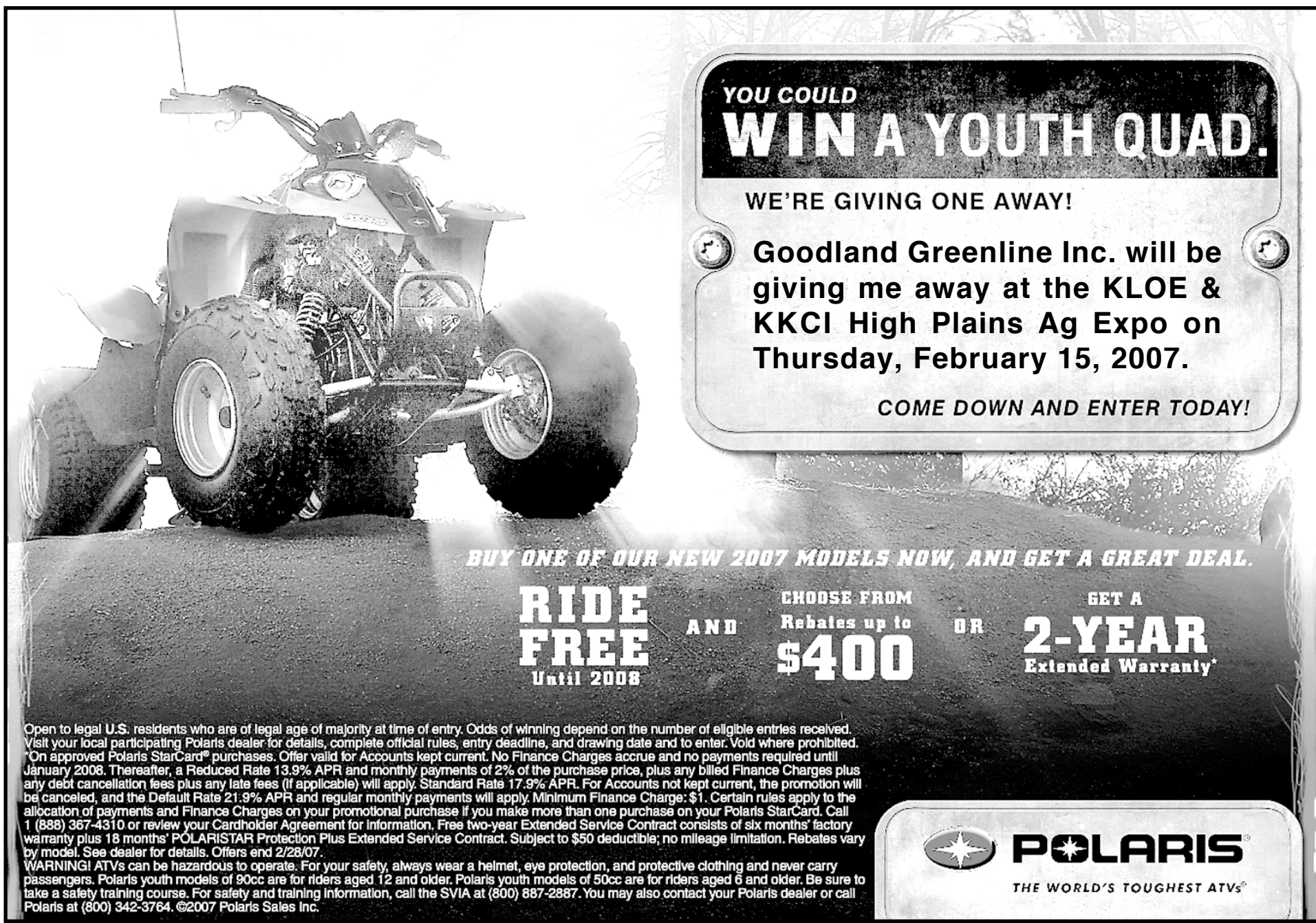
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