

# Golf team heads to state Monday

## Cowgirls finish second at regional tournament

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The Cowgirls qualified to take the whole team to state competition, finishing second at regional competition Monday.

Goodland will compete Monday at Cottonwood Hills Golf Course in Buhler.

Senior Sammie Raymer was second overall at the regional tournament in Syracuse, finishing 18 holes in 82 strokes, and senior Eryn Topliff was sixth in 92 strokes. Topliff tied with Jamie Frazee of Ulysses but lost the tie-breaker.

Junior Chelsie Gausman finished in 102 strokes, junior Amber Douglas in 112, senior Heidi Yonkey in 114 and sophomore Natasha Hillman in 144.

The Cowgirls had a team score of 388. Syracuse won with 375. In

third was Lakin with 411, fourth was Ulysses with 414, fifth Holcomb with 416, sixth Oakley with 463 and seventh Colby with 537. Scott City had an individual golfer but no team score.

"I am very proud of the girls for doing their best," said Coach Connie Livengood. "We were leading the tournament after the first round and then gave way to Syracuse, but it was exciting."

All the girls did very well, she said; there was a lot of pressure, and for regional that is common.

"We have made it to state," the coach said; "we need to relax and play good golf at state and compete with the best teams in Kansas. We can do it. The course will be a neutral course for most of the teams, and that is a plus for us."



Senior Sammie Raymer putted at hole No. 9 at the Cowgirls' home meet Tuesday, Sept. 4. She was second in regional competition Monday at Syracuse, leading the Cowgirls to the

runner-up spot that qualified the team for state competition Monday at Buhler.

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## Cowboys junior varsity beats Oakley 30-0



Freshman Kelly Pearson (No. 32) ran for a touchdown in the third quarter of Monday's junior varsity Cowboys game with teammate Drew Raile (No. 27) close behind. The Cowboys shut out the Oakley Plainsmen 30-0.

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## Goodland begins district play tonight

The Cowboys begin 4A district play tonight as they face the Ulysses Tigers at 6 p.m. tonight at Ulysses.

The Tigers are 5-1, and while not ranked in the top 5 are among other teams listed in the top 15 in Class 4A. Last year when the Cowboys started district play they hosted the Tigers, who were 5-1 and ranked fourth in Class 4A. The Tigers lost to Holton 28-27 in the 4A state championship.

The Cowboys are 1-5 on the season and Coach Jonathan Dassel told the team the record doesn't mean anything when they begin district play.

Last year the Cowboys lost to the Tigers 75-12, but because Goodland was able to win the next two games against Hugoton and Colby the Cowboys made it into the first round of the playoffs.

Dassel is hoping history will repeat itself, but he would rather have a different outcome in the game against the Tigers.

The Cowboys were shut out by Oakley 35-0, but as with the other games thus far in the season the Cowboys had chances to score.

Interceptions and fumbles have stopped Cowboy drives inside the red zone, and Dassel has been focusing his team on holding onto the ball.

Dassel feels the Cowboys are close to breaking a big game, and

said he is focusing the team on believing in themselves.

The Cowboys top rusher is Fernando Martinez, who has been averaging 74.2 yards a game, but in the past two weeks full back Casey Henderson and quarterback Travis Angelos have been carrying the ball because Martinez has been a target of the defenses.

Angelos is averaging 50.8 yard passing, but was intercepted three times against Oakley.

On defense T.J. Hawkins is averaging 13.7 tackles a game, and had a sack a game.

Ulysses is coming off a 62-0 win over Larned. Alex Chavez scored the Tigers' first touchdown of the game against Larned on a 14 yards run in the first quarter. Andrew Anderson then took over, leading the Tiger in rushing with 176 yards and one touchdown. Trey Adams also passed for 79 yards and two scores.

The Tigers opened the season with a 21-20 win over Liberal. The Tigers' only loss was 27-6 to Garden City. The Tigers defeated Scott City 31-0, Thomas More Prep-Marion of Hay 50-8, and Pratt 41-7.

The Cowboys will continue district play at home next Friday as they host Hugoton for the final home game, and then travel to Colby on Thursday, Oct. 25 to face the Colby Eagles in the regular season finale.

## Eighth grade Lady Mustangs lose three at home

The Grant Junior High eighth grade Lady Mustangs lost three matches in a quad held at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Sept. 18.

Coach Denise White said, "Over all the girls played well. The first game against Kennedy Middle School of Hays we came out cold but came back and played much better the second game."

"For the two games our lead server was Jamie Gittinger with 7 serves with 2 of those being aces. Taylor Peden had 6 serves with one ace. The teams overall serving was 74 percent."

**Goodland vs. Kennedy**  
Game 1 — Goodland 5 — Kennedy 25  
Game 2 — Goodland 20 — Kennedy 25

In the second match Goodland lost both games to Felten Middle

School of Hays.

**Goodland vs. Felten**  
Game 1 — Goodland 10 — Felten 25  
Game 2 — Goodland 16 — Felten 25

"For the two games our lead server was Jamie Gittinger with 8 serves with M'Lynn Hinger having 4 serves," White said. "The teams overall serving average was 84 percent."

"These games the girls had many more sets and attacks but we just could not keep momentum on our side."

In the third set of matches Goodland lost to the Colby Junior High Lady Eagles.

**Goodland vs. Colby**  
Game 1 — Goodland 12 — Colby 25  
Game 2 — Goodland 17 — Colby 25

"For the two games our lead server was Sydney Winston with 7 serves with 4 being aces," White said. "The teams overall serving average was 72 percent."

"Over all the girls played well. We just need to learn how to get and keep intensity in a game."

The eighth grade Lady Mustangs had matches with Oberlin on Thursday, and their next action will be in the league tournament in Quinter at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18. The seventh grade Lady Mustangs league tournament will be in Oakley at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18.

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## student of the week



**Name:** Chris Geeseka  
**Parents:** Guy and Vicky Geeseka  
**Grade:** 12  
**Age:** 18

**We've nominated this student because:** "Chris always comes to class with a good attitude and never places limitations on himself. He sets goals consistently and strives everyday to reach them."  
- Coach Dassel  
**Student Comment:** I

enjoy talking with students and hanging out with friends. My favorite classes are cabinet making and weight lifting.

**Activities involved in at school:** Cross country, track and FCS.

**My choice of movies, books, and games:** My favorite movie is "The Passion of the Christ." I like Christian music and country music. I really enjoy hunting and trap shooting.

**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to ...:** go to college.

**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be ...:** in the ministry field with a family.

**Favorite Quote:** "Tough time don't last but tough people do." - A. C. Green

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