

1940s wrestler, coach earns spot in Hall of Fame

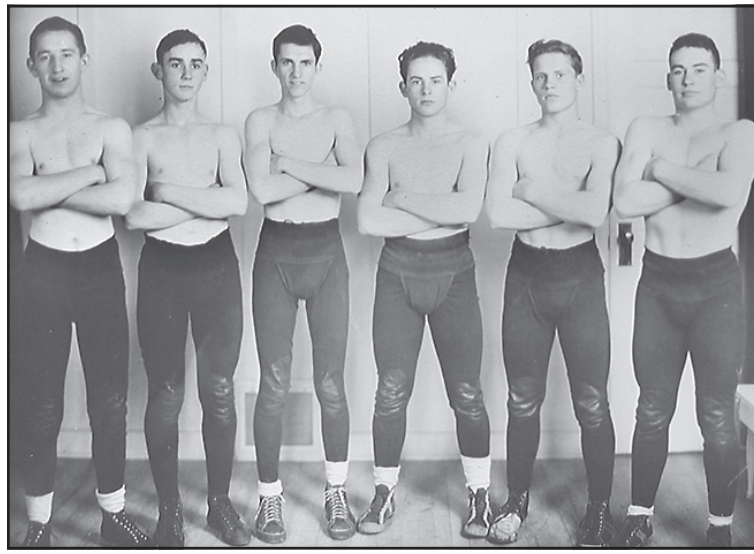
Goodland has a second wrestling alumni receiving a Lifetime Service to Wrestling award this year from the Wrestling Hall of Fame.

1945 graduate Gene Daise will be honored by the Colorado Chapter of the Wrestling Hall of Fame at a banquet on Saturday, May 12, in Colorado Springs alongside fellow wrestler and Burlington coach Ben Duell.

Daise started the Holyoke, Colo., wrestling program in 1953 and coached there until 1982.

Daise began wrestling with his brothers when he was 4 years old. Winning wasn't important, he said, the matches were thrilling enough.

He joined the Sherman Community High School wrestling team in the mid 1940s. At the time, the high school didn't have a wrestling coach. Daise said the upper-classmen – who had a coach earlier in



The 1943-44 Goodland High School wrestling team included Jack Horner (from left), Ted Daise, Joe Colburn, Bob Daise, Kenneth Craig and Gene Daise, three of whom graduated that year.

their careers – taught their moves to the freshmen and sophomores.

The team would not have a coach until the 1950s.

Daise's brothers Bob and Ted were also on the wrestling team. Ted, his younger brother, won the state championship in 1947.

It was a small team. The 1943-44 wrestling team had six members, including Daise and his brothers. The next year – Daise's senior year – it was down to three, not enough for a team. That year Daise decided to go out for basketball and lettered in it.

Daise said he was wearing sweatpants for his first match, while his opponent had on the more traditional tights and had a coach on the sidelines. His father wasn't impressed with the match and the next day, local veterinarian Cliff Duncan – a former Kansas State University wrestler – showed up and began coaching. Duncan got the team proper uniforms and safety

gear.

Daise did very well as a Cowboy wrestler. He was recruited by Colorado State University, which at the time was Colorado A&M. He was the Skyline Conference champion in 1950, his senior year. He tried out for the U.S. Olympic team in 1948 and won all his matches by decision. However, only pins counted in the tryouts and he did not make the team.

After finishing high school 1945, Daise joined the Navy and served until six months after the end of World War II when he was discharged. He was called back after college and did two tours of duty during the Korean War. He married Caroline Hoefler in August, 1956.

He returned Holyoke just as Wray and Yuma and later Akron added wrestling teams. Daise started the Holyoke program and his team won

the league championship in 1954 and 1955. One of his wrestlers, Jim Ferguson, won the state championship.

Daise turned the coaching duties over to Gary Sperber in 1966, and after a short break became his assistant coach, serving in that capacity until 1982.

During his coaching days, he taught at Holyoke High School, continuing to teach there for one more year after he retired as coach. After leaving the school he worked on the Phillips County road crew for five years and raised cattle.

Daise and his wife still live in Holyoke on a small farm just outside of town. They have two sons, three daughters and three grandsons.

Anyone wishing to go to the banquet can find more information on www.nwhofcc.com.

Grant Junior High athletes take top spots at Burlington track meet

All four Grant Junior High School track divisions won the team title at the meet in Burlington on March 29.

Seventh Grade Girls

Margaux Thompson got first in the long jump and the 100-meter hurdles. Thompson also got second in the pole vault and fifth in the high jump.

Kelsey White placed first in the 200-meter hurdles, second in the 100-meter hurdles and second in the high jump.

Erin Floyd got first place in the 800 meters and second in the 1,600 meters.

Other results included: Kaitlyn Daise got fourth in the high jump and third in the 200-meter hurdles.

Chalee Luther got third in the 100-meter hurdles and fourth in the 200-meter hurdles.

Alexi Vasquez got third in the 400 meters and sixth in the 200 meters.

The 4-by-400 meter relay team of Daise, Luther, Savannah Brighton and Myrna Ruiz placed third.

The 4-by-200 meter relay team of TC Ruhs, Luther, Ashley Anderson and Brighton placed fourth.

The 4-by-100 meter relay team of Ruiz, Daise, Ruhs and White placed second.

Seventh Grade Boys

Nolan Deeds got first in the long jump and first in the 110-meter hurdles. He also placed second in the 200 meters.

Jesus Dominguez placed first in the pole vault.

The 4-by-400 meter relay team of Michael Garza, Tate Withington, Hagan Hoss and Trace Mason placed first.

Other results included: Jacob Brown placed second in the triple jump and fourth in the high jump.

Kasey Stramel placed fourth in the triple jump, third in the 110-meter hurdles and third in the 200-meter hurdles.

Cade Mayer placed fifth in the triple jump, sixth in the 110-meter hurdles, third in the 1,600 meters and third in the 800 meters.

Darian Kent placed second in the long jump and third in the 200 meters.

Dusty Johnson placed third in the long jump.

Jon Banks placed second in the pole vault and sixth in the 200 meters.

Dillon Gillming placed fourth in the 1,600 meters and second in the 800 meters.

Withington placed sixth in the 400 meters.

Garza placed second in the 200-meter hurdles.

The 4-by-200 meter relay team of Withington, Austin Keim, Mason and Garza placed fifth.

The medley relay team of Brown, Banks, Johnson and Dominguez placed third.

The 4-by-100 meter relay team of Stramel, Deeds, Johnson and Kent placed second.

Eighth Grade Girls

Kaitlyn Raile placed first in the long jump and first in the 100 meters.

Faith Biermann placed first in the 100-meter hurdles and the 200-meter hurdles.

Lacie Siruta placed first in the 400 meters.

Lindsay Geeska placed first in the 800 meters.

Grace Cole placed first in the 200 meters.

The medley relay team of Saige Vandiver, Logan Perryman, Jovanna Nunez and Geeska placed first.

The 4-by-200 meter relay team of Mary Schnabel, Geeska, Vandiver and Cole placed first.

The 4-by-100 meter relay team of Biermann, Siruta, Cole and Raile placed first.

The 4-by-400 meter relay team of Biermann, Raile, Perryman and Siruta placed first.

Other results included: Vandiver placed fourth in the long jump.

Kyndell King placed second in the shot put and fifth in the discus.

Schnabel placed fourth in the high jump and second in the 200-meter hurdles.

Perryman placed second in the pole vault.

Rheagan Hageman placed fifth in the triple jump, fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and 23rd in the 200-meter hurdles.

Lexi Bergquist placed sixth in the 100-meters hurdles and third in the 800 meters.

Nunez placed sixth in the 400 meters.

Eighth Grade Boys

Trey Teeter placed first in the 100-meter hurdles, setting a new school record. He also placed first in the 200-meter hurdles.

In another school record, Luke Avila placed first in the triple jump. Avila also placed sixth in the long jump.

Koal Artzer placed first in the high jump, fourth in the long jump and fifth in the triple jump.

Cole Knitig placed first in the discus.

Braxton Redlin placed first in

the pole vault and sixth in the 100 meters.

Arron Arteaga placed first in the 1,600 meters and fourth in the pole vault.

The 4-by-400 meter relay team of Teeter, Riley Lopez, Daniel Cepeda and Austin Hernandez

Other results included: Kelby Smith placed fourth in shot put.

Jacob Gerber placed fifth in the high jump and fourth in the 1,600 meters.

Lopez placed third in the pole vault, second in the 110-meter hurdles and third in the 200-meter hurdles.

Austin Hernandez placed second in the 100 meters.

Cepeda placed fifth in the 400 meters.

Orlando Wooten placed second in the 200-meter hurdles and fifth in the 200 meters.

Yidam Mendoza placed third in the 800 meters.

Brevin Bergsma placed fifth in the 800 meters.

Hunter Harkins placed sixth in the 800 meters.

The 4-by-100 meter relay team of Hernandez, Redlin, Avila and Teeter placed second.

The 4-by-200 meter relay team of Wooten, Daniel, Mario Lazo and Tanner Gastineau placed second.

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Crossword Puzzle

Between Acts

ACROSS

1. Egotist's concern
5. Pull an all-nighter
9. Word accompanying a pounding gavel
14. It beats nothing
15. Turner or Cantrell
16. Wet behind the ears
17. Slips, spills, and such
19. Plumed wader
20. Petal-plucker's word
21. SDS member, e.g.
23. Close down
24. An Oscar is mostly this
25. Black-bordered bio
27. They may needle you
34. Essen's valley
35. Singer Zadora
36. "Are not!" response
37. Composer Satie
38. Bit of parsley
41. Numbered work
42. Try to buy your own stuff, at an auction
44. College Web site suffix
45. South Seas staple
46. Hickok's last hand
50. Icy coating
51. Susan of "L.A. Law"
52. Sine __ non
55. Peppers from the air
58. __ NO HOOKS
61. Quitter's cry
63. Critical hurdles
65. European viper
66. It's off-limits
67. Pilots' guesstimates, for short

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DOWN

1. Workout venues
2. A pop
3. Cooties
4. Popular happy-hour day: Abbr.
5. Post-party chores
6. Author Ayn
7. Nay sayer
8. Army's mule, e.g.
9. Former Italian coin denomination
10. Molotov cocktail fuse
11. Calamitous
12. All tied up
13. Emeritus: Abbr.

18. Crashing bore
22. Egypt's __ Simbel
24. __ bath (hot spot)
26. Tripper Leary
27. Containing gold
28. Scold mildly
29. Barely beat
30. Thoughtful soul
31. Mar. honoree
32. Promotes a CD, perhaps
33. No great shakes
34. McEntire of country
39. Ox tail?
40. Pooch who's a leader
43. Makers of hangman's knots
47. Industrial tub
48. Wide of the mark
49. Tale of adventure

52. Campus area, briefly
53. Press the escape key, say
54. Electrical letters
56. "Don't have __, man!"
57. Artist's "Done!"
58. Ashe Stadium inits.
59. Collar stiffener
60. Old name at US pumps
62. Albanian currency unit
64. Comics shriek

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