

# Hall of famers, state qualifiers kick off list of top 2012 sports stories

The Goodland Star-News staff has chosen 10 stories that highlight the achievements of local athletes throughout 2012. The first five stories are listed below. The top five stories of the year will appear in the Tuesday, Jan. 1, paper.

**10** After a tough regional competition, the Goodland High School track teams sent two athletes to the Class 3A state competition at Wichita State University on May 25.

For the boys team, Dax Ruhs competed in the javelin throw. He threw for 159 feet, 2 inches, earning an eighth-place finish.

On the girls side, Cortney Cowan competed in the discus. She threw for 99 feet, 3 inches, earning an 11th-place finish.

The boys team placed 14th at regionals and the girls 13th, but both teams found plenty of success in the months prior. The Cowgirls got six finishes in the top three at the Great West Activities Conference meet in Scott City: Jordan Knitig in pole vault, Sierra Estes in the 3,200 meters, Nicole Sederstrom in the triple jump and 1,600 meters, Chantel Coates in the high jump and Taryn Bedore in the 300-meter hurdles.

On the boys team, Holton Witman won or placed in the pole vault at meet after meet. He set a new league record with a vault of 12 feet, 6 inches. Reed Bellamy did well all year in the 300-meter hurdles, finishing first at meets in Colby and Atwood.

**9** The Cowgirls golf team came in seventh at state, first at regionals and first in the league this year, helped by strong performances from its youngest member.

Freshman Logan Perryman led the team in scoring all year, finishing third at the league meet and fourth at regionals. At state she shot a 96.

The league title was the first in team history.

At the regional meet in October, the Cowgirls got into a three-way tie with Colby and Ulysses. Team



scores are determined by taking the four lowest individual scores. In the case of a tie the fifth place scores are compared to break the tie. Jordan Knitig shot a 113, higher than the other two schools' fifth place finishers, giving Goodland the win and sending them to state.

Other top players on the Cowgirls team included Cortney Cowan, Megan Siruta and Katie Hays.

**8** Three Cowboy wrestlers placed at state in February.

Laine Herl, wrestling at 195 pounds, and Riley Oharah, 220, each took second place. John Peden, 152, placed sixth.

Herl and Oharah made it through the bracket to the championship matches with wins over wrestlers from Doniphan West, Smith Center, Garden Plain and Stafford. Herl lost an 8-3 decision to Colt Castlbury of Douglass, and Oharah lost by fall to Austin Veach of Doniphan West.

Peden, who was battling an injury

sustained in the second round, got a come-from-behind win over Sam Watt of Caney Valley and a 16-1 major decision to get to consolidation semi-finals. He lost 1-0 to Dalton Snyder of Hoxie and 5-3 to Gregg Clarke to take sixth place.

Other Cowboys to qualify for state were Austin Avelar, 120, and Tyler Gastineau, 182.

**7** Despite falling in the first round at state, the Goodland High School softball team had an excellent year, taking first place at regionals and claiming the league title.

At state, the Cowgirls lost 11-2 to Rock Creek, who went on to place second in the tournament. The girls finished 20-4 and improved on their 2011 season, in which they lost at regionals.

Helped by strong pitching from Stephani DeLaRosa, good hitting from Lindsay Bauman, Tasha Gaydusek, Megan Siruta and sisters Berkley and Brianna White, the

girls beat Holcomb and Russell At this year's regionals. DeLaRosa picked up seven strikeouts in the Cowgirls' 10-0 shutout against Holcomb. Bauman had a triple to bring home two runners in the final inning of the Cowgirls' 15-7 win over Russell.

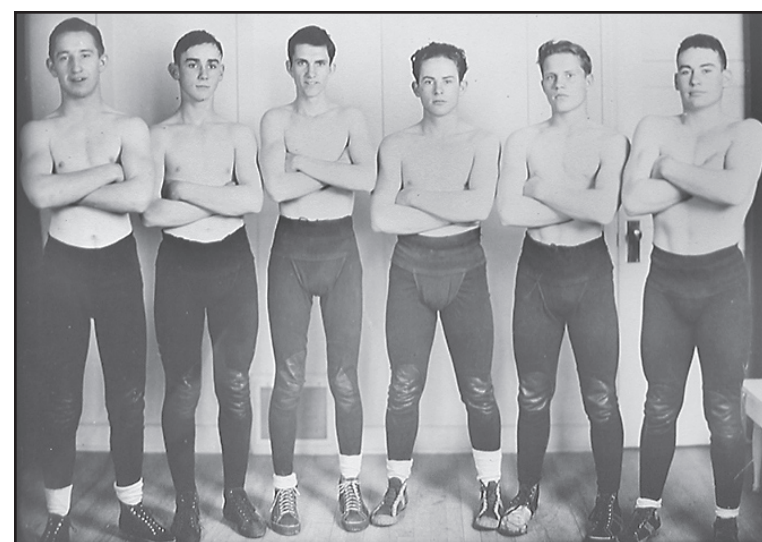
Goodland claimed the league title on another shutout, this time a 9-0 win over

Besides Rock Creek, the girls' only losses came against Hays and Colby.

**6** Former Goodland players and coaches were recognized for their contributions this year.

Gene Daise and Ben Duell, both graduates of Sherman Community High School, were both inducted into the Colorado chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Daise and his brothers Ted and Bob wrestled for Goodland in the 1940s. He was recruited by Colorado State University and eventried



Goodland third baseman Gabby Rangel (left) fired the ball over the head of pitcher Stephani DeLaRosa toward first baseman Lindsay Bauman after fielding a grounder. The 1943-44 Goodland High School wrestling team included Jack Horner (above, from left), Ted Daise, Joe Colburn, Bob Daise, Kenneth Craig and Gene Daise.

out for the Olympics in 1948. He started a wrestling program in the Holyoke, Colo., school district in 1953 and coached there until 1982.

Duell had never wrestled until his senior year of high school. In the 1960s, after attending college, he began teaching sixth grade in Burlington. While there he began to teach the students some wrestling moves on his lunch hour. Duell replaced the former wrestling coach at the high school and set about his goal of defeating Wray, the local

wrestling powerhouse. His team defeated Wray and won state championship titles in 1973 and 1974.

Duell later became a radio broadcaster and retired from the Burlington school district in 1977 to become a farmer.

Also this year, Billy Gabel, who briefly taught and coached wrestling in Goodland, coached his wrestling team at Pine Creek High School in Colorado Springs to a 5A state title. Gabel was inducted into the Wrestling Hall of Fame last year.

## College bowl games under way

The college football bowl season is off to a running start.

Eight bowl games have already been played. Arizona narrowly defeated Nevada 49-48 in the New Mexico Bowl on Dec. 15; Utah State defeated Toledo 41-15 in the Idaho Potato Bowl on Dec. 15; BYO beat San Diego State 23-6 in the Poinsettia Bowl on Dec. 20; Central Florida beat Ball State 38-17 in the St. Petersburg Bowl on Dec. 21; Louisiana-Lafayette won 43-34 over East Carolina in the New Orleans Bowl on last Saturday; Boise State won 28-26 over Washington in the Las Vegas Bowl last Saturday; SMU defeated Fresno State 43-10 in the Hawaii Bowl on Monday; and Central Michigan defeated Western Kentucky in the Pizza Bowl on Wednesday.

The Goodland Star-News staff has chosen 12 bowl games and tried to predict the winners. Games include the Holiday Bowl on Thursday between Baylor and

UCLA; the Independence Bowl today between Louisiana-Monroe and Ohio; the Alamo Bowl on Saturday between Texas and Oregon State; the Liberty Bowl on Monday between Tulsa and Iowa State; the Gator Bowl on Tuesday between Northwestern and Mississippi State; the Outback Bowl on Tuesday between Michigan and South Carolina; the Rose Bowl on Tuesday between Stanford and Wisconsin; the Orange Bowl on Tuesday between Florida State and Northern Illinois; the Sugar Bowl on Wednesday between Florida and Louisville; the Fiesta Bowl on Thursday between Oregon and Kansas State; the Cotton Bowl next Friday between Oklahoma and Texas A&M; and the BCS Championship on Monday, Jan. 7, between Notre Dame and Alabama.

Check back in the Friday, Jan. 11, edition of the Goodland Star-News to see how accurate we were.

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| Holiday Bowl      | UCLA              | Baylor         | UCLA          | UCLA              |
| Independence Bowl | Ohio              | Ohio           | Ohio          | Ohio              |
| Alamo Bowl        | Oregon State      | Texas          | Texas         | Oregon State      |
| Liberty Bowl      | Iowa State        | Iowa State     | Iowa State    | Tulsa             |
| Gator Bowl        | Mississippi State | Northwestern   | Northwestern  | Mississippi State |
| Outback Bowl      | Michigan          | South Carolina | Michigan      | Michigan          |
| Rose Bowl         | Stanford          | Stanford       | Stanford      | Wisconsin         |
| Orange Bowl       | Florida State     | Florida State  | Florida State | Florida State     |
| Sugar Bowl        | Louisville        | Florida        | Florida       | Florida           |
| Fiesta Bowl       | Kansas State      | Oregon         | Oregon        | Oregon            |
| Cotton Bowl       | Oklahoma          | Oklahoma       | Oklahoma      | Texas A&M         |
| BCS Championship  | Alabama           | Alabama        | Alabama       | Alabama           |

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Brianna Salinas

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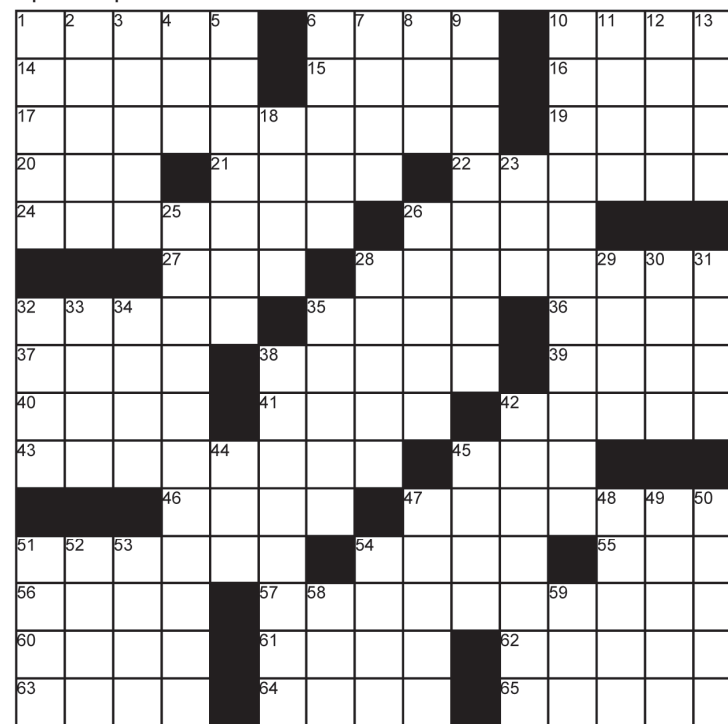
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- Satellite spiffer-upper?
- Atlas stat
- McKellen or Holm
- Trident prong
- Happy hour buys
- Solitary one
- Caught in the act
- Org. dealing with aliens
- Famous
- Classic toothpaste
- Wealthy one
- High point
- Ancient letter
- Prepared like shepherd's pie
- Spanker, e.g.
- Travel guide list
- Mideast's Gulf of



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- Hard to hold on to
- Cash in much of the Continent
- Genius spiffer-upper?
- Take home
- Long march
- Salty seven
- Web page visits
- Stutz Bearcat contemporary
- Excavation spiffer-upper?
- Mantle's number
- Collected clippings
- March Madness
- Kuwaiti bigwig
- Editor's excision
- Pupil's place
- Music to slam-dance to
- Green Gables girl
- Hell of a place?
- Boat hanger-on
- Beat to death, so to speak
- Dawn goddess
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- Fertilizer ingredient
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