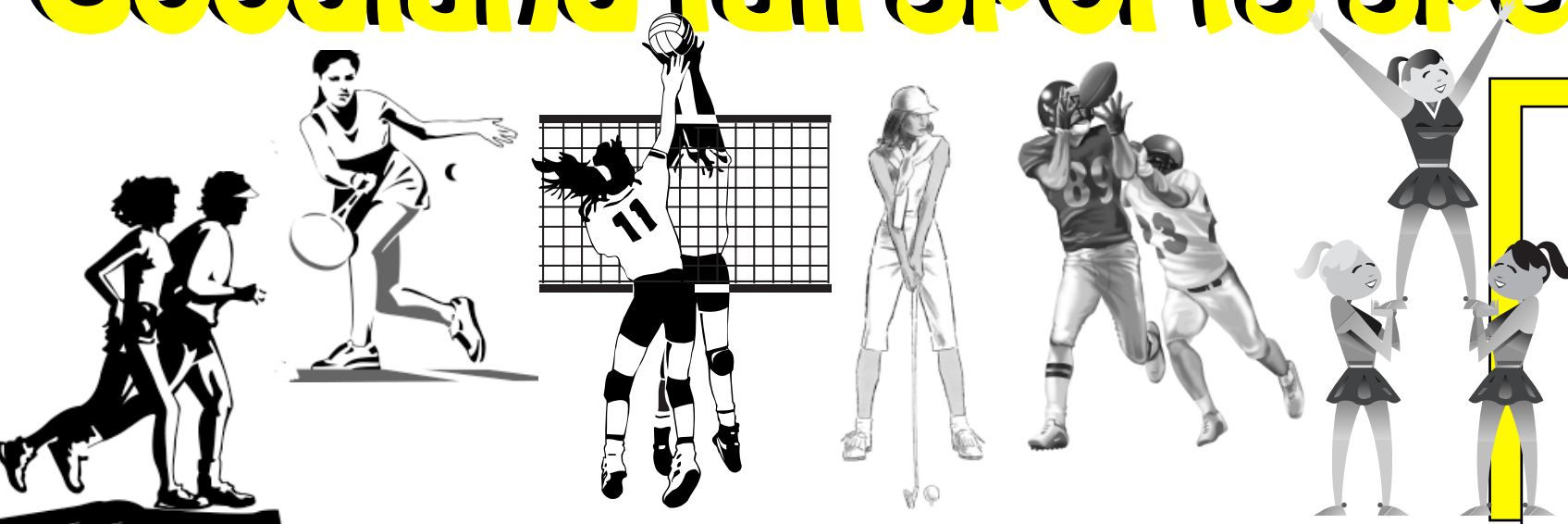


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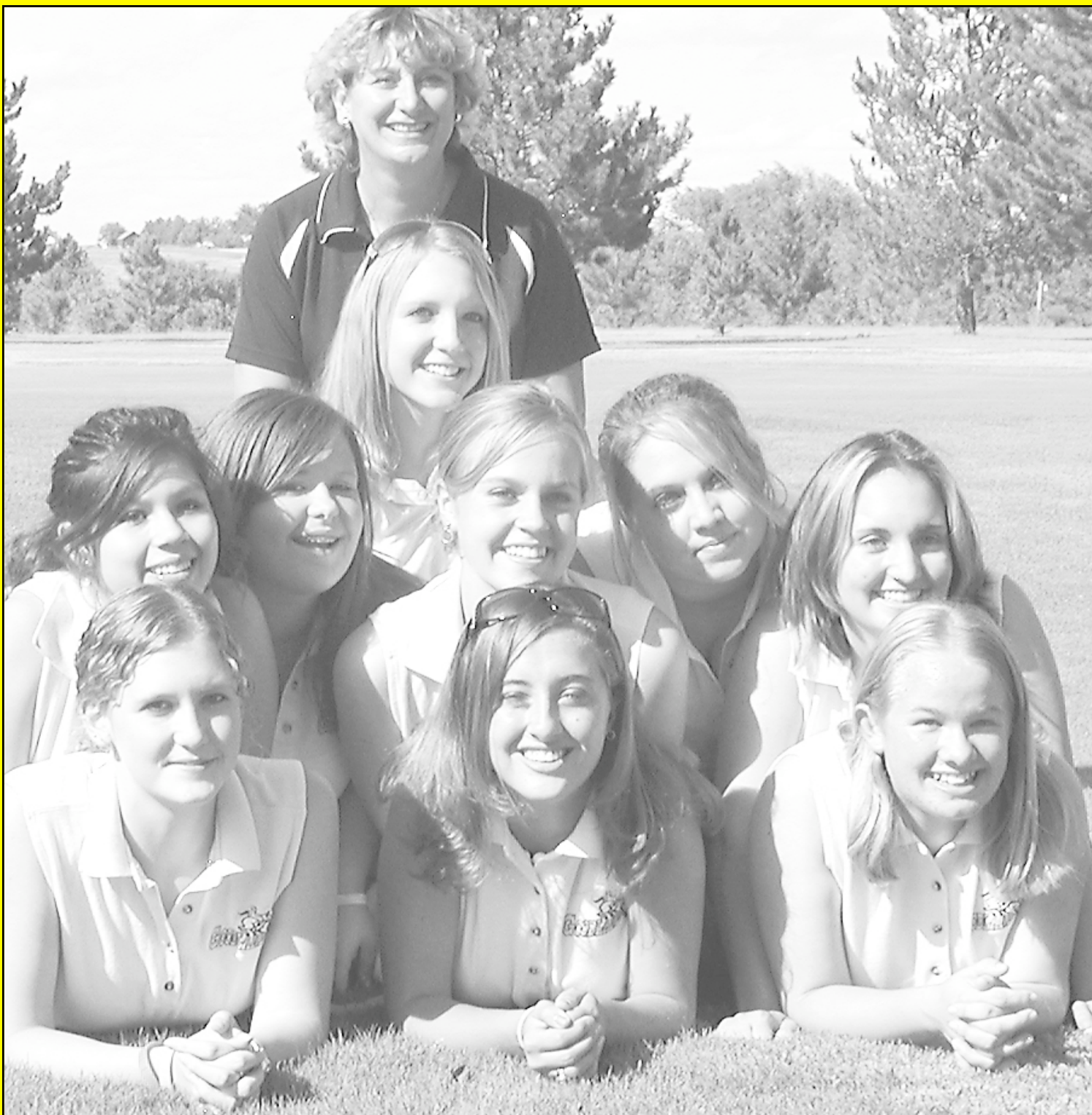
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Fall Sports Spectacular

Go Cowgirls, Cowboys



The Cowgirls golf team aiming for a state championship are (front) Eryn Topliff, Sammie Raymer and Heidi Yonkey; (middle) Ashley Garza, Natashaia Hillman, Chelsie Gausman, Amber Douglas and Melanie Pierce; and (third) Kirsten Topliff; and (top) Coach Connie Livengood.

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Golf, football teams play for state berths

Five of the six Cowgirls golfers who missed a chance to go to state last year by a stroke are back to take another shot at the state title, adding two teammates who will be in the thick of things as well.

The team has such depth, said Coach Connie Livengood, that going into challenges for the varsity spots, all of them had a chance.

Seniors Sammie Raymer, No. 19 in the state last year, Eryn Topliff, and Heidi Yonkey; junior Chelsie Gausman; sophomores Natashaia Hillman and Amber Douglas; and freshman Kirsten Topliff, sister of Eryn, competed for the spots on the team.

Last year, Raymer was in the No. 1 spot, Eryn Topliff No. 2, Gausman No. 3, Hillman No. 4 and Douglas No. 6. No. 5 Amber Webster graduated in May. Yonkey played with the junior varsity last year.

The girls were one stroke short of going state last year, Livengood said, and it was a good contest. There is a lot of talent this year, the coach said, and the girls definitely want to get to state.

"With the core of kids we have back," the coach said, "we should make it if we work hard and do our jobs."

Raymer was the top golfer at the regional tournament last year and finished 19th out of 101 golfers at state. The Cowgirls were third at the regional, just one stroke behind Holcomb. Syracuse was first; the top two teams got to go to state.

The Cowgirls started the season at Thursday, at WaKeeney, and their second competition will be at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Goodland Cowboys Football

The Goodland High Cowboys begin another run at football glory this Friday at 6 p.m. at Cowboys Stadium as the season kicks off with the team facing the Buffaloes of Rawlins County of Atwood.

"Our numbers are way up, partially due to graduating only four seniors and bringing in a good-sized, fine group of freshmen," Second-year head football coach Jonathan Dansel said. "There are also a lot more kids out this year who could have been out last year who I recruited out of the hallways."

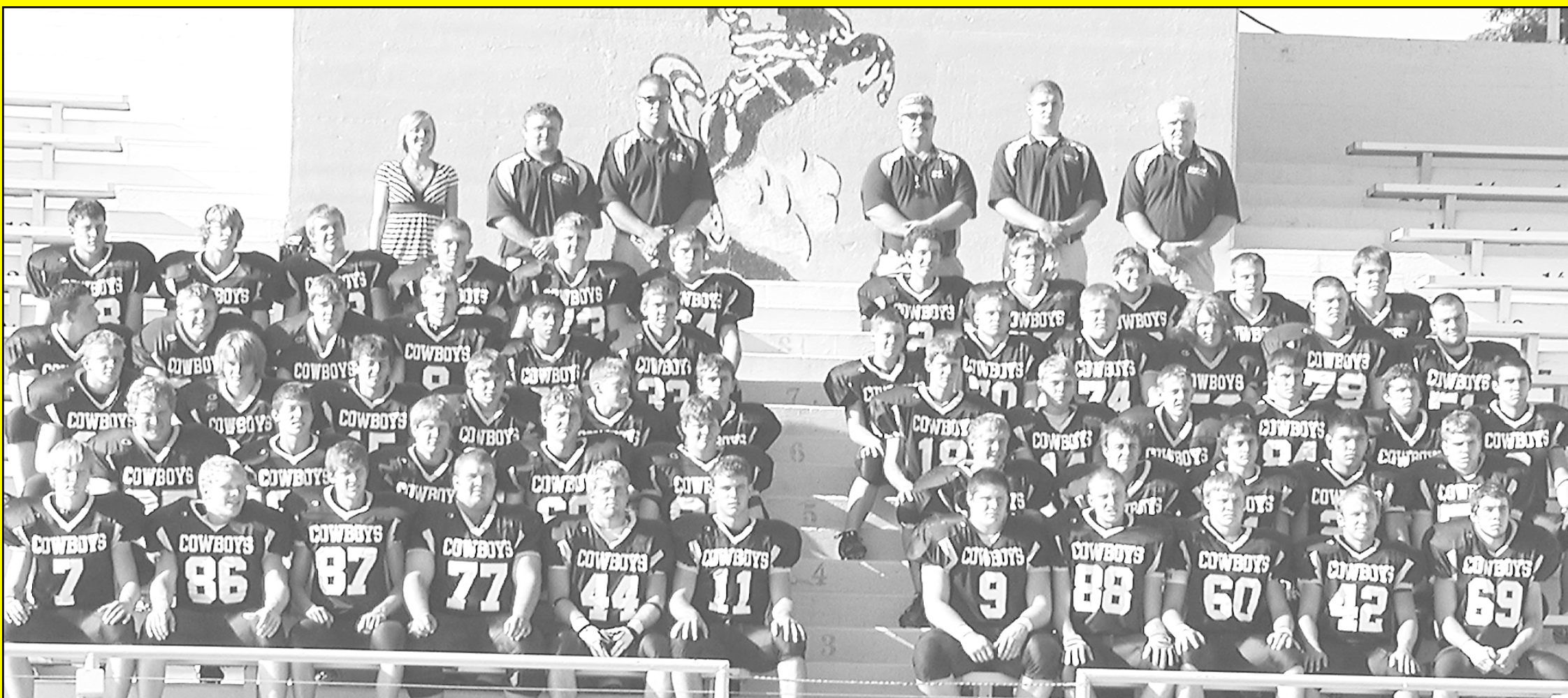
"We are sitting around 55-57 (players) as of now. We only had 39 last year. We have a few positions locked down right now, but there are still some we are looking at."

The Cowboys will be a more experienced team this year, he said, as nine starters return on offense and nine on defensive. The 18 starters remember how last year ended, with a loss to Ulysses in the first round of the state playoffs.

Dansel said he thinks the team can use that as a stepping stone to this season.

"Winning our last two district games of last season was key in laying the foundation for this season," he said. "We didn't play well

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Goodland Cowboys Football team for 2007 includes (by number) Kutter Isaac, 2; Brandon Rome, 3; Dillon Trachsel, 6; Josh Doke, 7; Josh Lamb, 8; T.J. Hawkins, 9; Seth Miller, 10; Travis Angelos, 11; Kayler Reitchcheck, 14; Garth Helton, 15; Dexter Wyle, 17; Brock Wilkens, 18; Fernando Martinez, 21; Nathan Deeds, 22; Vincent Kear, 24; Zach Lohr, 25; Drew Raile, 27; Blaine Varney, 28; Kelly Pearson, 32; Robert Cowan, 33; Corbin Townsend, 34; Hazen Deeds, 40; Jake Kling, 42; Casey Hend-

erson, 44; Tanner Oharah, 48; Tyler Jones, 50; Tom Terry, 51; Marcus Binger, 56; Harrison Ford, 58; Aaron Deeds, 60; Paul Starr, 63; Devon Garrett, 64; Ryan Taylor, 65; Michael Johnson, 66; Bryan Guyer, 67; Vance Johnson, 68; A.J. Stevens, 69; Jason Krayca, 70; Jay Cotter, 72; David Murray, 73; Bob Daxon, 74; Kevin Amthor, 75; Jace Mosbarger, 76; Clay Schilling, 77; Brett Meissinger, 78; Casey House, 79; Toby Hurst, 80; Kade Sheldon, 81; Forrest Trachsel, 83; Andrew Taylor, 84; Chris Bustillos, 85; Ren Scherling,

86; Grant Wilkens, 87; Tanner Smith, 88; Ryan Fisher, 90; and Nathan Heiter, 95. Head Coach Jonathan Dansel, assistant coaches Dennis Stone, Joe Sramek, Donald Raymer and Micha Seamens. Managers Halli Stone, Sammie Raymer and Courtney Sheldon. Student video Keegan Smith and Eric Linnell. The Cowboys football team opens the season tonight at 6 p.m. (Mountain Time) at Cowboys Stadium against the Rawlins County Buffaloes of Atwood.