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weather report

39°

noon Thursday



Today

• Sunset, 4:47 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 7:05 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:48 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 29 degrees

• Humidity 44 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds west 8 mph

• Barometer 30.05 inches

and falling

• Record High today 64° (2000)

• Record Low today -15° (1979)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 32°

Low Wednesday 18°

Precipitation trace

This month .08

Year to date .08

Normal .15

The Topside Forecast

Today: mostly cloudy, high around 15, low near 4, winds east southeast 5-8 mph. Saturday: mostly cloudy, high near 14, low around 6, winds east 3-6 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy, high around 17, low around 7. Monday: partly cloudy, high around 26, low near 15. Tuesday: mostly sunny, high near 41, low around 19.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



The troops are sure to remain moisturized after Ruleton Eager Beavers members Katelyn Coon (above from left), Sidney Winston and Pricila Ledesma helped pack up boxes of lotion, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and more into boxes to send to Iraq. Dani Mangus (from left) helped Adam Duell and her brother Devin, all Ruleton Eager Beaver 4-H club members, pack up boxes of items to send overseas to her cousin Steven.

Photo by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News



Kids pack troop boxes with love

By Kathryn Burke

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Two Kanorado kids sparked an outpouring from the Ruleton Eager Beavers 4-H club after they decided to donate some Christmas money to help support the troops.

"We figured it was the right thing to do," said Devin Mangus, who along with his sister Dani came up with the idea to raise money to buy some things for their cousin Steven, who is serving in Iraq. (Steve's fam-

ily has asked we not use his last name for security reasons.)

Charlene Mangus, the kids' mother, said Devin and Dani took the idea to their 4-H group, which matched the money from its treasury. Kevin and Barb Winston, co-sponsors of the Eager Beavers and parents of member Sydney Winston, matched the money again. Mangus said Steve and Collen Duell, co-sponsors of the club and parents of member Adam, matched the

money, too.

In all, the group raised a total of \$190 which they used to buy items from a list Steve made of items his troops' needs.

"I was just so proud of that little group," Mangus said.

They bought lotion, soap, body wash, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, baby wipes, lip balm, eye drops, nasal spray and more, she said.

"The main thing they want is," she

said, "a lot of moisturizing stuff."

She said they sent hard candy and Payday candy bars.

"They like the salt," she said, "and it's quick energy."

"They can't just run over to the px (post exchange, a type of general store on a military base)," said Danny Mangus, Charlene's husband.

The group took the big bottles of soap and lotion and divided everything out in smaller bottles. Mrs.

Mangus said now Steven can just put the items in a central place and troops moving in and out can use everything.

Sending the items to the troops won't be the first contact this group has had with the military, Mangus said. They have written to the troops, including Steven's unit, three times. Club members said they send pictures, stickers and items from home.

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Former resident pursues acting career

By Kathryn Burke

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Dan Cole might be Goodland's next David Janssen.

Janssen, who lived here briefly as a child, claimed fame as a television actor in the 1950s and 1960s, when he starred in *The Fugitive* and *Richard Diamond, Private Detective*, plus as many as 44 feature films. He died on Feb. 13, 1980.

Cole, 60, the son of the late Wilber and Ilene Cole of Goodland, and step-son of Raymond Boll, made his acting debut later in life, roughly 3 1/2 years ago in the film "The Last Castle."

"It's just something I fell into," he said. "I've always been interested in film."

After retiring from United Airlines, Cole said, he moved to Franklin, Tenn., about 15 miles

south of Nashville, with his wife Sandy.

He went to a casting call for extras in the movie and got a job. From there, Cole said, he was promoted to a speaking role by Director Rod Lurie.

"He said, 'How would you like to be a movie star,'" Cole recalled. "It was just a real thrill."

Cole said he signed a contract with DreamWorks and got his own dressing room. The film stars Robert Redford and James Gandolfini, who

played Tony Soprano on television.

"It just blew me away," Cole said. The budding actor has appeared in several films since.

He has been involved with a few independent films, including "Stuey" with Michael Imperioli, who plays Christopher Moltisanti on "The Sopranos," and Michael



Dan Cole



Dan Cole's acting debut was in the film "The Last Castle."

Nouri, who starred in "Flashdance." Cole recently did a scene with Reese Witherspoon and Joaquin Phoenix, who played Commodus in "Gladiator," for "Walk the Line," a film

about the early years of Johnny Cash set to come out this spring.

His feature films include "The Real Sting," "Demon Sight," "New Detectives — Absent Witness," "Charlie's War" and films with students at the Vanderbilt University and Watkins film schools. He said overall, he has appeared in 22 features.

"It's very fun," he said, "but it's work, too."

Along with movies, Cole has worked on several music videos including, "You Do Your Thing, I'll Do Mine" by the country group Montgomery Gentry. He said he plays a sleazy businessman who entices a young woman into his stretch limo.

He has appeared in live performances, print work and a local commercial with Jeff Fischer, the coach of the Tennessee Titans.

Cole didn't always want to be an actor, but he always loved movies.

When he was younger, he said, he used to go to the Sherman Theatre. Movies cost only 15 cents per show then.

"I've always been interested in films," he said, "I've watched a lot of film and I'm a fan of the actors."

Cole said he had never even taken a drama class when he was cast in the movie. He said working for United, he gave many presentations and supervised crews, so he isn't afraid of being in the spotlight.

Cole retired from United in San Francisco. He said he started out as a mechanic and worked his way up, attending college while working and earning degrees in aeronautics and business. He served as aircraft maintenance supervisor, aircraft engine inspector and managed the hydraulics and electronics mechanical unit.

He said in his 33 1/2 year career

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Edson gym getting some hits on eBay auction listing

By Kathryn Burke

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The Edson gymnasium building has been up for sale by the Goodland school district on the Internet auction service eBay since June. Superintendent Marvin Selby told the school board Monday that he thinks the sale is going well.

"We're still getting a few bites," he said. "We are getting inquiries

about it."

Selby said two offers are currently on the table, but both buyers want to purchase the adjacent school building and land as well.

The school did receive a bid last fall when an Arizona business man offered \$50,000 for the building.

The school board held a special meeting on Oct. 1 to accept the bid that stipulated a new well be in-

stalled. The building was going to be used for a natural sheep milk soap factory, but the deal fell through when the bidder could not convince his wife to make the move to Kansas.

The eBay incident was not the first of failed attempts to sell the building.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the district would have realized

about \$40,000, even with the cost of the new well, if the deal had gone through.

In 2002, the school attempted to sell the building to Tom Simpson and Tom Harrison, owners of TNT Auction. The deal fell through after the school board decided the buying price of \$15,000 was not high enough. The school still wanted to use the building and determined that

they would pay more to rent the facility, \$325 a day, than it was costing them to keep it open.

Another bid of \$20,000 in the same year from Jay Herl, who runs Herl Chevrolet, and Chuck Wilkens, owner of Wilkens Truck and Trailer, fell through for the same reason.

The district acquired the build-

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local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.17 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.28

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$1.78 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.73

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$1.46 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.64 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.91

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$6 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$12.40 cwt.

NuSun — \$12.50 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Confection — \$19/\$13 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$25

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowgirls roll to win

Dani Bedore was surrounded by Lady Trojans as she took a shot in the first half on Tuesday. She scored a team high 32 points in the Cowgirls 70-42 win. Story, photo on Page 11.