<u>star-news</u> <u>Goodland</u> Goodland Star-News / Friday, January 21, 2005 3a Cowboy poet entertains at Wheat Ridge Acres

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News Home on the range, stories of neighbors and the general spirit of the Plains; cowboy poet Ernie



Ketzner of Bird City tries to bring all that to his audiences. Ketznercame to town Wednesday to present his poetry to residents of Wheat Ridge Acres Retire-

ment Community.

His poems are about the hard life of a cowboy, looking back to a simpler time. Ketzner said he has always been fascinated by the Old West.

His poems include stories of his life raising "a small ranch heard of mamma cows" and farming just north and west of Bird City. He said his favorite subjects are life, raising kids and the West..

Ketzner has been writing the poetry and presenting it to people for the last four or five years. He started with performances at the Imperial fair in Nebraska and at the Cheyenne County Fair.

He said his cowboy poetry has been shared at the co-op's annual meeting and he's open to visit anyone who wants a laugh.

"I do it for fun," he said, "or to give somebody a laugh."

The trip to Wheat Ridge was even more fun for him as his third grade teacher, Sylvia Daniels, was in the audience.



Wheat Ridge Acres resident Pearl Parish (above) sat in to hear the cowboy poet Ernie Ketzner of Bird City entertain Wednesday. After the performance, Ketzner (right) visited with resident Neva Loomis. Photos by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News



"I give her credit," he said, for Residents giggled or clapped two rounds of applause when he After the performance, Ketzner ily members and growing up in teaching him how to write poetry. through the readings and gave him was done.

met residents and visited about fam- northwest Kansas.

Archeological dig coming to town this summer

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News The small brushes, picks and digging equipment of the Kansas Historical Society will be coming to town this June for an archaeological dig, searching for 9,000-yearold mammoth bones.

Starting June 4, the Goodland School District will open its doors and allow scientists, students and enthusiasts to use school buildings as base camp for a 16-day dig near Kanorado.

The project is being put on by the Historical Society and the Kansas Anthropological Association, along with the state Geological partment of Anthropology and the 10,900 years ago.

valley

The site was visited several times Denver museum.

Wulfkuhle said those efforts were some human remains. focused on animal remains, not the types of artifacts they will explore this summer.

The museum came back in 2002, Wulfkuhle said, when Dr. Steven Holen, curator of archeology, and are looking for a connection be-Dr. Jack Hofman, associate professor of anthropology at the University of Kansas, conducted tests suggesting the presence of Clovis-era with these extinct animal bones," artifacts related to the existence of she said, "we'll really have made a Survey, the Kansas University De- people living from about 11,400 to discovery."

camels in the Middle Beaver Creek House, an area farmer and local field. contact for Wulfkuhle.

in 1976 and then in 1981 by the them (artifacts)," he said, adding he will have plenty of experts and seawould like to see them uncover

> Wulfkuhle said she doesn't expect the dig to produce a lot of artifacts, but she thinks what they do uncover will be exciting.

She said through the project, they tween the animal bones and humans.

The project, Wulfkuhle said, will tecture. In 2003 and 2004, groups from include a full fledged archeological

late Pleistocene mammoth and north of the bridge, said Harlan class, participants can be out in the

We don't require any previous "I think there might be a lot of experience," she said, adding they soned volunteers on hand to supervise.

> Participants can even earn college credits through Emporia State University by attending the courses and excavations.

Wulfkuhle said that is an opportunity for teachers to earn credit hours for certification.

The classes offered include Ar-"If we find stone tools associated cheological Fieldwork, Archeological Site Survey, Field and Laboratory Photography, Historical Ar-

The program is \$20 for members

"We have the full range of time pe- buildings. riods. We do have a diverse geog-

raphy with different climates." Kanorado may be the furthest west the dig has been, but Wulfkuhle said they may draw volunteers from Colorado or Nebraska.

The dig based in Goodland will help the community, too, Wulfkuhle said. It could bring out more than 100 people over the 16-day project, but turnout is normally larger around the bigger cities in eastern Kansas.

"We hope to have a good crowd," she said. "I think we almost always help the economy."

cheology and Historic Rural Archi- will camp outdoors or in recre- public can bring in artifacts to share ational vehicles, sparking camp- with the experts. fires, sing-alongs and games. She said the project doesn't provide should contact Wulfkuhle at food, so participants go out to eat or shop in local stores.

The board agreed to let the society to use the buildings since school will be out of session.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said they could even use the dressing rooms and showers in the gym, the science department, the library and the auditorium.

Wulfkuhle said it is important to have a central location, like a school, for the dig. She said they will use the buildings for classes and artifact processing.

The schools will be used for evening programs, she said, including a collector's night during the Many of the volunteers, she said, first week of the project where the

Anyone interested in the dig

Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

Virginia Wulfkuhle, public archeologist in the cultural resources division of the historical society, said the site just north of the Kanorado I-70 exit was found nearly 30 years ago when the Kansas Department of Transportation cleaned out some channels. She said they exposed lithic, or stone, artifacts and the remains of extinct

the KU Odyssey Archaeological dig, with the area gridded off and of the historical society or the an-Research Program under Dr. Rolfe most of the work being done with thropological association and \$80 Mandel of the Geological Survey got involved with the Denver museum to research and test materials be used to clean, sort and catalogue from the site.

Wulfkuhle said they found at least two mammoths and a camel, experts, Wulfkuhle said. Anyone along with lithic material in buried can join in. Children must be at least soil.

fine hand tools.

The laboratory at the school will the artifacts.

10 and be accompanied by an adult.

for nonmembers before May 6. After that date members will be charged \$30 and nonmembers \$90.

She said the historical society and The dig will not only be for the the anthropological association have put on a dig somewhere in the state every year since 1975.

"Kansas is no slouch when it The dig will be in the pasture just Wulfkuhle said after a morning comes to archeology," she said.

The board will meet each Mon-

book Monday. Normally, the board

meets just twice a month.

board Monday, Jan. 10, to request www.kshs.org thorough the archaepermission for the society to use the ology link.

vwulfkuhle@kshs.org or 785-272-8681 ext. 255. She said information House approached the school on the dig will be available at

student of the week



Name: Sami Philbrick **Parents:** Brady and Jane Philbrick Grade: Junior Age: 16 We've nominated this student because: Sami is doing a great balancing act of being involved in 4-H and other community activities as well as being committed to excellence in school classes and clubs.

Student Comment: My favorite aspect of school

life is getting to see my friends.

Activities involved in at school: FCCLA, American Field Service, Girls Athletic Association, X-Pressos and jazz band.

My choice of movies, books, and games: I am open to most books, movies, music and games. I don't like mystery that much.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: Be in college, learning something I want to do.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: Doing something I love.

Favorite Quote: "Nothing deters a man from doing what is honorable." Madlene L'Engle

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School board reviews policy handb

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News The Goodland School Board has scheduled weekly meetings to complete an overhaul of its policy handbook.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said two more Monday meetings each month will ensure that the each policy will be reviewed by the end of the school year.

Although most changes are minor, he said, the sessions take time as board members read through each portion and compare it with the old policy.

"There are not a whole lot of changes," Selby said.

Board members are given copies of the changes to look at before meetings, he said. Monday, board clerk Pat Juhl said the proposed changes are sent to the board from the state Department of Education. Juhl said although the board makes changes to the policy as needed, they haven't taken a major look at the handbook for several years.

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For example, she said, a couple for \$50,000, but the new policy calls mandatory for each school. The the policy on weapons in school to match a new federal law.

some less-important changes, like making sure the right budget forms are used and policy on preferential treatment for local merchants.

The board agreed to continue to have Selby formulate the budget and present a tentative draft in June. The new policy outlines rules for accepting bids to invest school money.

Invested money cannot be held for more than two years. The policy will allow the district to go out of town if they can not get an acceptable bid locally.

Bonded employees with the school are currently only insured

Furniture Annex Opening

The Goodland **Churches Thrift Shop** has opened the furniture annex on Thursday, January 20 with a sale starting at 1 p.m.

> 1218 Main Ave. Goodland, Kan. 785-899-2007

years ago the board had to update for \$100,000 worth of insurance. handbook said that one copy must be kept in each building and one by Selby said he is not bonded, but the board clerk, treasurer and deputy the district clerk. Monday, the board agreed on clerk are insured. The board agreed to check out costs for higher insurday until the entire handbook has ance before approving the higher been reviewed. Selby handed out copies of the next block of the hand-

price. The new policy covered inventories and made a building inventory



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