

**weather  
report****54°****noon  
Thursday****Today**

•Sunset, 5:09 p.m.

**Saturday**

•Sunrise, 6:50 a.m.

•Sunset, 5:11 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 33 degrees
- Humidity 26 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds NW 7 mph.
- Barometer 30.34 inches and steady

- Record High today 68° (1935)
- Record Low today -15° (1985)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Wednesday	52°
Low Wednesday	20°
Precipitation	—
This month	.00
Year to date	.09

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Friday: Sunny, high upper 50s. SW winds, 5-10 mph. Friday night: Increasing clouds, low upper 20s. SW winds around 10 mph.

**Extended Forecast**

Saturday: Partly cloudy, high upper 50s. SW winds 10-15 mph. low around 30. Sunday: Mostly cloudy, high lower 40s. Sunday night: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of snow. Low in lower 20s. Monday: Mostly cloudy 30 percent chance of snow. High lower 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local  
markets****Noon**

Wheat — \$3.00 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.04  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.74 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.70  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 00¢  
Milo — \$1.42 bushel  
Soybeans — \$4.38 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.65  
Loan deficiency pmt. — .03¢  
Millet — \$6.00 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$11.20 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$0.00  
Confection — \$19/\$13 cwt.  
NuSun — \$11.30  
Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)  
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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**Cowboys  
face Indians**

Junior Jase Herl (second from right) scored two of his game-high 19 points during the second half on the Cowboys' 72-57 win over Oberlin last Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Cowboys face the St. Francis Indians tonight. Story, Photo on Page 11.



Kindergartner Katlyn Daise (right) led the pack in the front row of the mini cheer clinic last Friday. The girls and boys spent three days practicing before their performance (above) at halftime of the boys' basketball game Friday.

Photos by Kathryn Burke and Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## Kids learn to cheer

**By Kathryn Burke***The Goodland Star-News*

"Tonight is the night, Cowboys let's fight," filled the gym at West School as tiny tots learned to cheer in the mini cheer clinic last Friday.

The 76 participants practiced moving their arms, dancing and cheering in the three day clinic. They performed during half time at the boys basketball game at the Max Jones Field House on Friday.

Shelly Angelos, principal at West Elementary and sponsor of the high school cheerleaders, said the turnout for the clinic was exceptional this year.

"I think it's the most we've had," she said.

Over the three days, she said, the high school cheerleaders teach the clinic.

Roberta Pianalto, secretary at West school, said the cheerleaders create the dances and teach the younger girls. They learn the dance and some basics on cheering.

"I liked it when the cheerleaders (danced)," said kindergartner Katlyn Daise a clinic participant.

Daise showed off her moves with a jump she learned over the three days.

"I liked it," she said. "I learned to do the dance."

"I learned that it takes a lot of practice to learn things," said fourth grader Ashley Roeder.

Almost all of the participants said they want to be cheerleaders when they get older.

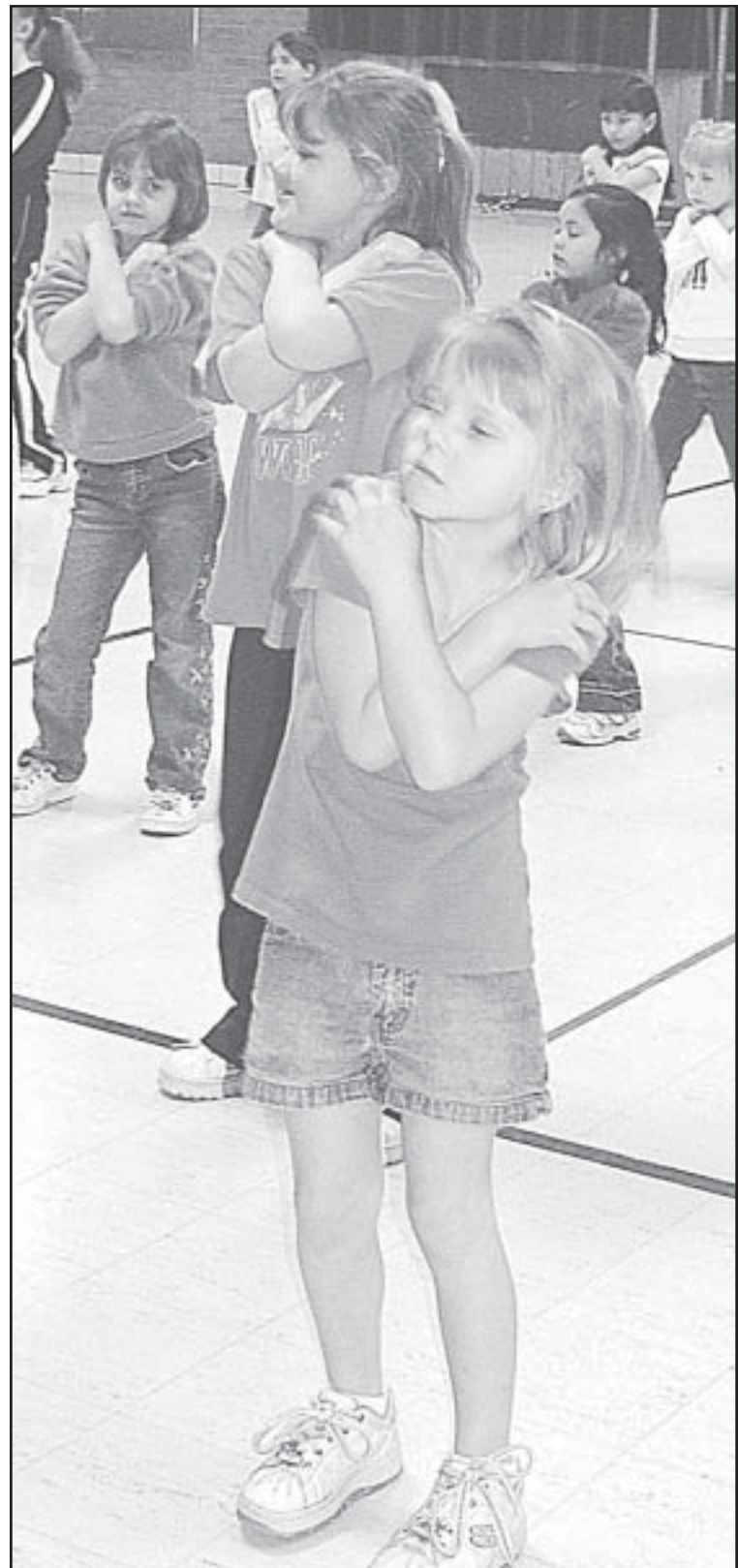
Pianalto said the clinic is a major fundraiser for the cheerleaders and they use the proceeds for outfits.

The routine started with a cheer and then the younger group performed a dance. The little girls turned, jumped and used hand motions.

As the cheer continued, the older girls did a more complicated dance routine.

When the mini cheerleaders were done, the high school group performed another dance routine.

"It was awesome," Pianalto said about the performance at the game. "They were so excited."



## Army calls eye doctor back into service

**By Kathryn Burke***The Goodland Star-News*

Goodland is losing an optometrist and recent member of the community as Dr. Thomas M. White has been recalled to active military service.

Dr. White came to town and started seeing patients almost one year ago on March 22, in the optometry practice formerly owned by Dr. R. Kay Driver.

He is leaving because he has been

called into active service by the U.S. Army.

Dr. White began his 19-year military career in 1985 when he joined the U.S. Naval Reserve and was promoted to lieutenant commander before transferring to the Army Reserve in 1991. In 1998, a major in the U.S. Army Reserve, he volunteered for a six year tour of active duty.

After completing the Army Medical Officer Advanced Course, he became the chief of optometric ser-

vices at the U.S. Army Medical Activity at Camp Zama for a three-year tour in Japan.

He was then assigned to Irwin Army Hospital at Fort Riley, in 2001 where he was the chief of optometry. Two years ago, Dr. White became the chief of the eye, ear, nose and throat clinic at the hospital, where he served until his release. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel last January.

After his release, Lt. Col. White

transferred from the Army Reserve to the U.S. Air Force Reserve where he joined the 302nd Airlift Wing at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs.

Dr. White will report to service with the U.S. Army on Wednesday, March 9, at Fort Benning outside of Columbus, Ga.

He will continue to see established patients until he turns the practice over to the new owner on Tuesday, March, 1.

"I think (Dr. White's) got some mixed emotions," Dr. Driver said, "about (going back into the military), like anyone would."

Dr. White brought over 23 years of experience as an optometrist to Goodland. He attended the Southern California College of Optometry, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in 1978 and his doctor's degree in 1980.

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## Goodland man arrested on meth drug charges

**By Kathryn Burke***The Goodland Star-News*

A Goodland man facing charges in District Court in Sherman County for allegedly having a methamphetamine lab at his business is facing similar charges in Colorado.

Scott A. Baumfalk, 38, 715 Center, formerly of Kanorado, was arrested in St. Francis Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2002, after members of the Quad County Drug Task Force, Sherman County Sheriff's Department and

Kansas Bureau of Investigations executed a warrant to search Scotty's Motors Co., 209 Main in Kanorado.

He faced a preliminary hearing Wednesday, Jan., 26, on charges including manufacturing meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of amphetamine and possession of ammonia.

He was arrested again on Tuesday, Jan. 4, in Thornton, Colo., and has been charged in Adams County

Court with possession of a controlled substance a sixth degree felony, possession of chemical supplies as a precursor to manufacture drugs a third degree felony and possession of a deadly weapon, a special offender sentence enhancement charge.

Detective Rob Lopez with the Thornton Police Department said Baumfalk was found in the parking lot of a Kmart store at 3:22 a.m.

Lopez said officers were talking

to him when they noticed several rounds of rifle bullets in plain view in the car. Due to safety concerns, he said, officers asked Baumfalk to get out of the car and then searched him. Lopez said they found a knife in his pocket.

The car, he said, did not belong to Baumfalk, but to his friend, later identified as Rell Zimbelman, one-quarter mile north of Road M on Road 6 in Cheyenne County.

Zimbelman was a co-defendant

with Baumfalk in a magistrate court in 2002 in St. Francis on charges of criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct.

The men had been accused of making threats in an attempt to recover a purse allegedly stolen by Chris Merklin from Tamera Zimbelman, Rell's estranged at the time and now ex-wife and former Cheyenne County district magis-

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## Dinner theater tickets on sale at art center

Robbers foiled by bridge-playing housewives. That's the basic plot of "You Can't Be Too Careful," the Goodland Arts Council's dinner theater production.

Local actors will perform the comedy Feb. 12-14 for a dinner performance at 6 p.m. Saturday, a desert bar at 2 p.m. Sunday and a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre hour at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Goodland Elks Lodge.

Tickets are on sale at the Carnegie Arts Center. Call 890-6442. Reservations for the dinner theater, desert matinee and cocktail hour need to be made before Wednesday, Feb. 9. Only second seating tickets will be sold at the door.

All meals are being catered by Errington & Errington of Burlington.

The show is set in the 1970s; four suburban housewives are suddenly interrupted during their weekly bridge game by a pair of inept bank robbers who are desperate for a hideout.

The housewives try hilariously to communicate their "hostage" situation to two unexpected visitors, as the hapless robbers attempt to keep things under control. In the end, it is the housewives (who take their cues from soap operas) that prevail, but not before they convince the robbers to "go straight."

Jessica Cole is the director. The bridge players are portrayed by Cole, Debbie Lucas, Elizabeth Hernandez and Jacque Schields. Tom Purvis and Curt Goodwin por-

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One of the bank robbers, played by Tom Purvis, seemed less than thrilled to be hustled at poker by a housewife, as the cast of "You Can't Be Too Careful" practiced Wednesday night for the Goodland Arts Council's dinner theater. The housewives are played by Jessica Cole (left), who was thrilled to be winning, Debbie Lucas (right) and Jacque Schields (not pictured). After betting cosmetics and winning, Cole's character demanded cash from the robber. Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News