



Hannah Jones (left, from left), Dylaney Weaver and Rachel Witman giggled and practiced their stances while waiting for their turn to dance in practice last week. Jessica Kannady (above), teacher at the Right Combination Dance Studio, demonstrated the "surf" move for Blake Sanderson and Henry Cole while they practiced the boys' number, "Brown Eyed Girl." Dancers from the studio will have a recital at 7 p.m. Saturday in the high school auditorium. Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

# Dancers ready for recital using colors as a theme

By Sharon Corcoran

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It promises to be a colorful recital. Seventy-five dancers, from age 3 to adult, will perform in "The Colors of Dance," a recital in which all of the songs mention color.

From "Yellow Submarine" to "The Little

Red Caboose" to "Brown Eyed Girl," color will come up again and again in performances by students in the Right Combination Dance Studio.

The recital will start at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, in the Goodland High School auditorium, admission being paid at the door. It will include ballet, tap and jazz dancers.

All the songs have to do with color, said Jessica Kannady, instructor for the studio. She conducts classes at the Goodland Activities Center, and the students have been practicing their routines there.

The dancers will have a routine for each style of dance they are enrolled in, Kannady said; a dancer enrolled in ballet, tap and jazz

will have three dances in the recital.

Classes start in September each year, she said, and the students work on technique and steps until after Christmas. Then they start putting together their songs, and Kannady starts on choreography. The dancers have been working on their routines since February, she said.

Kannady was born and raised in Goodland and went to Butler Community College and Wichita State University, majoring in music and dance. She taught at the Wichita School of Performing Arts for three years while attending the university. She has taught dance classes 4 1/2 years in Goodland.



Tom Glasco, a poet from Fort Morgan, Colo., talked to students at Central Elementary School about poetry and about writing. Students are Berkley White (left back), Gannon Ihrig, Austin Ray,

Amber Smith (middle left), Ian Bonsall, Katrina Delgado (front left) and Michele Zupko.

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# Central students hear about writing

By Pat Schiefen

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A poet from Fort Morgan, Colo., talked with students from Central Elementary School recently in a visit about poetry and writing.

Tom Glasco told the kids on Friday, May 5, that he went to Porter School in Cheyenne County and read his first poem for his eighth grade graduation. He said he has published four books, finished a fifth and planned an anthology for his sixth. He said his first book was the most gut-wrenching and had the most of him personally in it.

Writing is a way of life, Glasco said.

"You are either writing or thinking about writing," he said.

He said his books have taken from two to five years. When he needs inspiration, he said, he goes out into nature.

"It takes however long it takes to write them," he said.

When asked how he wrote, he told the students he writes in long-hand first and then the poems are transferred to a computer. He has a

writing room in a converted work-

shop. Belonging to the Toastmaster's Club and writing his own speeches gave him the push to really start writing, he said. When people keep telling you they like to hear what you write and can see pictures from the writing, he said, you eventually listen.

One of the students asked which book is his favorite.

"I don't know whether I have a favorite," he said. "It's like having a favorite child." He added that "Take Hold My Heart" holds a special place as the first one.

Glasco said he grew up on a farm in Cheyenne County, one of 12 children. He graduated with a major in sociology and a minor in English from Kearney State College in Nebraska and received a Master's Degree in social work from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He started writing full time after a 25-year career as a clinical therapist.

He said he has sold several thousand books.

## correction

A Kansas Highway Patrol trooper identified as Joshua McQuitty in a story about a man injured on I-70 on Page 3 of the Friday, May 12, edition of The Goodland Star-News should have been Min Win. This was due to a reporting error.

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