

Weather radar in Goodland will be upgraded

The National Weather Service Doppler radar serving northwest Kansas, eastern Colorado, and southwest Nebraska will be enhanced with the latest dual polarization technology in late November and early December.

Dual polarization radar technology can better detect heavy rainfall in flooding events, improve hail detection in thunderstorms, and improve classification of precipitation types such as rain, snow, and ice. It can also detect the presence of airborne tornado debris, giving forecasters a high degree of confidence that a damaging tornado is occurring. Meteorologists at the National Weather Service in Goodland are currently being trained on how to interpret and best utilize

the new radar data.

The upgrade to dual polarization in Goodland will begin Nov. 30. The installation will take about two weeks to complete, and the Goodland radar will be out-of-service during that time. During this period, adjacent National Weather Service radars at Dodge City, Pueblo, Denver, North Platte and Hastings will provide coverage. The radar should return to service on Dec. 9.

Installation of dual polarization technology in all 122 National Weather Service radars is expected to be completed in 2013. Thirty-eight other Doppler radars owned by the Air Force and Federal Aviation Administration will also be upgraded.

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College western rider competes at university

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Western riders on the Colby Community College Equestrian Team competed in two shows at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Nov. 12. These shows concluded the fall season.

Coach Shanda Mattix said the team rode very well. She was pleased with the progress made by the team, and said, "Overall it was a great couple of shows". Kegan Vanover and Elizabeth Leiker earned enough points to ride in a higher division, and Brittany Normand qualified for the regional horse show. Freshman Tarrah Stuart has not been in competition since early October and moved up a level by winning a first and secondnd place in the Beginner Horsemanship Show. Other first place winners were William Wright, Liz Leiker, and Savannah Isely, who also finished third in her Advanced Horsemanship Shows.

Savannah Isely is the daughter of Jeter and Nina Isely of Bird City. This is her second and final year of competing in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). She started off the year with a sixth place win during the Colby Community College show on Oct. 1 and 2. The team consisting of 26 riders finished fifth as a team on Saturday, and first on Sunday.

Before the Oct. 8 and 9 show was rained out Ms. Isely finished in fifth place in the Advanced Walk Trot Center. The points she earned at this show qualified her for regional's. During the show in Boulder, Colo., on Oct. 22 and 23, she finished second in Novice Fences and third in Novice Flat during the first show. In Laramie, Wyo. on Nov. 5 and 6, she accomplished Reserve placement during both shows.

Savannah Isely has been riding horses for six years, and participated in 4-H for four years. She was home schooled and chose Colby Community College because of their equestrian program. After she graduates in May with a degree in Pre-Vet, she plans on going to Kansas State and getting into veterinary school.

Besides competing with the Western Riders team, Savannah has received the following honors while attending Colby Community College; Presidential Scholar, Presidential Honor roll, and she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and served as vice president of the equestrian team.



Isely



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