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weather report

**Today** 

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m. **Tomorrow** 

at noon

• Sunrise, 6:57 a.m. • Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

### **Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 36 degrees
- Humidity 14 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds west 8 m.p.h. • Barometer 29.95 inches and falling
- Record High 71° (1975)
- Record Low -14° (1972)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Low Precipitation none

### **Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: clear, low mid 20s, winds south 5-10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: sunny with 30 percent chance of snow during the night, high upper 40s, low lower 20s, winds north 10-15 m.p.h.

#### **Extended Forecast**

Thursday: cloudy with 30 percent chance of snow, high near 40, low mid 20s. Friday: partly cloudy and breezy, high lower 50s. Saturday: mostly clear, high lower 50s, low mid

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



### Noon

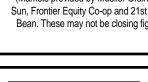
Wheat — \$3.67 bushel Posted county price — \$3.78 Loan deficiency payment — 0¢ Corn — \$2.43 bushel

Posted county price Loan deficiency payment — 0¢ Milo — \$2.20 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.14 bushel Posted county price — \$5.03 Loan deficiency payment — 0¢ Millet — \$14.00 hundredweight Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$11.95 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢ Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt. Pinto beans — \$16

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







## 1 p.m. **Cardinal talks** with Vatican

BOSTON — Embattled Cardinal Bernard Law met with Vatican officials again today, a day after the Boston Archdiocese released more personnel records on sexually abusive priests and 58 clerics

called for Law to resign. Law was meeting privately with the top Vatican officials who would handle the damage caused by the sex abuse scandal — the a bankruptcy filing by the archdio-

cese or a resignation. Elsewhere today, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester, N.H., averted unprecedented criminal charges, agreeing that it probably would have been convicted of failing to protect children from sexually abusive priests, the

attorney general said today. State Attorney General Philip McLaughlin said the agreement includes provisions to protect children from abuse in the future.

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Samantha Raymer added a sack of food to the stage full collected Saturday for the Genesis porches and bringing them back to the Methodist Fellowship Hall so they can be sorted and organization as part of their 17th annual holiday food drive. Young volunteers spread out boxed for Sherman County families. Volunteers will make up and distribute the boxes beover the city early Saturday morning picking up sacks of food and Christmas gifts from fore Christmas.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

# Land swap crawls on

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News Plans to swap land between the nical college are moving slowly, Super- mission for their approval." intendent Marvin Selby explained at meeting Monday night,

He told the board members that he and College President Ken Clouse have been working with the surveyor to get the legal description of the property figured out and make sure it is properly recorded.

'We have been working closely together and believe we have found most and have asked if the city has planned school was getting started.

"Pickman said the city does not have building on a 3-year lease, but would the lawyers can do the transfer.

go through to eliminate this easement. He is going to send us the paperwork Goodland School District and the tech- and we will then take it to the city com-

The property is east and north of the school district running track. The district is interested in the site as a possible future location for a new stadium and practice fields. There are no plans at this time to build anything, but Selby said, they are hoping to get the property description cleaned up so a future board doesn't have to worry about it.

The land swap is being considered of the legal items we need to have because the technical college wants a give the land to the city. cleared up," Selby said. "We have 99 years lease on its administration 11th Street to go through the property, Jones Fieldhouse when the vocational not to be a problem.

any plans, and said there is a process to like to swap property they have for the 99-year lease.

There is also an easement on parts of Eustis which they will ask the city to remove. Part of the land would be the school district's and part would be the college's.

On the north end of the property there is a section of 10th Street which shows that the college owns the land to the middle of the street. The city officials feel the city should have been given the property at the time the street was designated, but there are no records of this having been done. The college would

Selby said there is an easement on the talked to Ron Pickman, city manager, building, which the school district built property for one of the main gas lines about an easement listed for allowing in the 60s at the same time as the Max into the city, but that it is deep enough

> He expects the details to be worked The college has been leasing the out in the next couple months and then

## School chief expects to dip into reserves

Superintendent Marvin Selby told the Goodland School Board on Monday that he expects more state budgets cuts in January, but believes the district has enough reserves to get by. "This money has been put aside for

emergencies," Selby said. "It is for use if you have a roof or something will have to survive on this money this year."

Selby said everyone is being asked layed to keep the budget sound.

years," he added.

With the new leadership in the Legislature and the governor's of- will be Monday, Jan. 13, with no secfice, Selby said he has no idea what ond meeting this month because of

"I did read where the new House education leader has said 'Schools can't avoid a hit," Selby said

Selby reported that High School Principal Harvey Swager is undergoing treatments for leukemia, and that he is hoping to be able to handle his principal duties. If he is unable to to replace or repair. Looks like we work, Selby will spend part of his day helping Steve Raymer with the duties.

Raymer, principal of North Elto not spend anything that can be de- ementary and a coach, has been named to take over as acting high "We cannot do this for many school athletic director and help Swager next semester.

> The next school board meeting the holidays.

## Road panel wants to keep sales tax money safe

By John Milburn

Associated Press Writer TOPEKA—Facing a mounting budget shortmake changes in how it pays for its \$13.6 billion transportation program before it cuts projects.

Members of the Transportation 2000 task force which drew up the program suggested to Gov. Bill Graves that all sales tax revenue from new and

used vehicles should go to the 10-year program "It is evident from the recent hearings that the

fall, a task force recommended Monday the state citizens of the state of Kansas continue to overwhelmingly support completion of the entire 1999 Comprehensive Transportation Program and strenuously oppose any reduction in funding which would prevent the completion," the task force stated.

Ben Bauman, a spokesman for Graves, said the governor would be reviewing the report over the final weeks of his administration. The governor has suggested "borrowing" sales tax money from transportation to help fill the state's budget gap.

"It's certainly a good document to have," Bauman said. "He would hope that the next governor and legislators would use it as much as possible in setting state government down the road."

The findings come less than two weeks after Graves recommended a \$94.6 million loan payment owed to the transportation program not be paid in fiscal 2003. The money was diverted by legislators to shore up the current budget, an effort paired with increases in motor fuels taxes and vehicle registration fees.

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## Six shoppers pick Christmas elfs

Employees in 19 Goodland stores were wearing red or green ribbons Saturday and Sunday, waiting for people to ask them if they were the Christmas When someone found one of the spe-

cial undercover elves, they won \$100 in scrip. Prizes were handed out today at the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce office. Shoppers Saturday and Sunday

found all six of the elves, and the win-

ners were Patty Melton, Leslie Farley, Angela Cullens, Cristi Walls, Debbie Overmiller and Marita Birkholtz. The chamber Business Promotion Committee sponsored the contest. Ron Harding, Chamber executive director, said the contest had been popular in past

this year. Other promotions the Chamber has Angela Cullens done have worked well, he said, but businesses and customers still said they liked the elf con-

year, so the Chamber brought it back

"It was very successful," he said. "People enjoyed it and asked if we would do it again...."

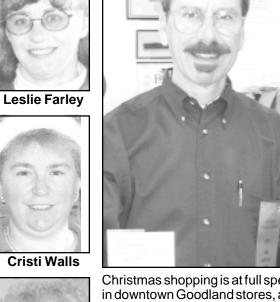
Harding said three elves were picked each day of the weekend, for a total of six. \$600 in scrip was given away to

Customers and business owners like the promotion because it's simple, Harding said, and the prize money will be spent in Goodland





Cristi Walls



Christmas shopping is at full speed in downtown Goodland stores, and this weekend was the Chamber's Christmas Elf promotion. Ardy Showalter (right) was busy wrapping packages at Uniques by Bonnie and Mike Elliott (above) at Elliott's was one of the undercover elfs who helped give away \$600 in









M. Birkholtz