

Kansas winters haven't changed much in 75 years

Winter on the northwestern plains of Kansas hasn't changed any in 75 years. Reading two weekly publications of *The Goodland News-Republic* from the last week of February and the first of March 1932, the headlines told the story.

IT'S WINTER ON CALENDAR



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roads almost impassable according to people who have tried to travel them.

There is a good deal of moisture in the ground here, and continued warm weather may fool the grass and weeds into starting to grow. Sometimes an early spring does that, and often a late cold spell comes along to nip off the shoots that come through the ground too early.

Farmers are already talking about planting barley. This in spite of the fact that not all of last year's corn crop is husked yet.

The time of year has come again for weather prognosticators to be-

gin their speculations on what the coming seasons will bring and how crops will be affected. One fellow said the other day he "had a feeling this was going to be a wet year," whatever that feeling is, and it was at least presumed that he meant rainfall and not anything in connection with prohibition and elections.

Regardless of what the almanacs may say, there are a good many who believe the heavy snows over most of western Kansas will result in an increase in rainfall for the territory during the spring and summer.

Wheat acreage is below normal, which very likely will mean an increase in the spring crop acreage. While some of the wheat planted last fall does not show much promise, for the most part, the prospect

is fair for it coming through and making a crop.

MARCH STORM SETS RECORD WINTER COLD

The belated winter finally arrived yesterday. Last night the temperature dropped to four degrees below zero, which was the coldest temperature all winter.

The premonition that the beautiful winter weather of the past few weeks couldn't last until spring was justified. There had been the general feeling that March was the month to look out for. This premonition was increased by painful recognition of March last year. It repeated, but not as bad as before.

For a time it looked like this corner of Kansas might escape the worst of the storm, as it has repeatedly done this winter. People saw the quite unusual statement in the papers regarding last Sunday's weather that the warmest place in Kansas was Goodland, where the

temperature was 50 degrees.

Sunday night the snow fell and continued almost all day Monday. Tuesday the wind came up strong, drifted the snow, and at times it looked like this section was in for a blizzard. However, only a little more snow fell, and the wind finally went down.

While the storm was hard on livestock, no reports of losses had come in, and it was not likely that there was any.

In an agriculture-based community like Goodland, weather and farm animals were the two biggest topics of conversation three-quarters of a century ago. Livestock auctions were no exception.

HORSE SALE OVER BIG BUYERS FROM EVERYWHERE AND PRICES ARE HIGH

The horse and mule auction held Thursday by the Goodland Livestock Sales Company at the pavilion brought in about 340 horses and

mules, and they sold well.

Buyers came from all over, knowing that there would be a good opportunity to secure a number of head of work stock in one lot. There were buyers from Chicago, from Michigan and North Carolina among the bidders, the company reported.

One team of mules brought \$195, and a team of horses brought nearly as much. One horse sold for \$105. The high prices surprised almost everyone, as it was not generally believed that there was any such demand for horses and mules.

Hopefully the notice in the "Lost and Found" column wasn't the high-priced horse from the auction: **SORREL** gelding 6 years old, white smudge in forehead and small black spot left side of neck. Branded LV on left cheek. Liberal reward. Chauncey Dewey, Brewster, Kansas.

Social workers provide assessments, support, bereavement services

Hospice Services is very proud of the social workers who are an integral part of the Hospice interdisciplinary team. Hospice social workers provide initial assessments, ongoing support, bereavement services and community education and outreach.

More than just treating the physical effects of an illness, hospice social workers need to be aware of the other psychosocial issues that play into providing quality end-of-life care.

This profession promotes dignity for everyone, especially the most



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vulnerable among us.

Since the inception of National Professional Social Work Month in 1984, March has been a month to celebrate social workers and their commitments and accomplishments.

National Social Work Month

highlights the important role of health social workers in the well-being of their clients. Social Workers are positive and compassionate professionals who are dedicated to improving the society in which we live.

Social Workers help people in all stages of life, from children to the elderly, and in all situations from adoption to hospice care.

More than 600,000 people in the United States hold social work de-

grees as reported by the National Association of Social Workers. The association said there are more than 170 social workers in national, state and local elected offices, including two U.S. Senators and four U.S. Representatives.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says the need for social workers is expected to grow twice as fast as any other occupation, especially in gerontology, home healthcare, substance abuse, private social service agencies and school social work.

Hospice Services salutes and celebrates hospice social workers

Mindy Greene of Goodland, West Team; Missy Lamont of Phillipsburg, East Team; and Diane Frickey of Oberlin, writer of the Life After Loss newsletter, provides bereavement help and supports other social workers; along with all social workers who are making a difference in the communities they serve.

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Common mistakes cause business failure

According to the Small Business Administration, a third of small businesses fail within the first two years, and over half fail within the first five years. To protect yourself from falling into this category, avoid these common mistakes:

- Not enough cash — Lack of cash will hurt a business quicker than anything. It begins a vicious cycle. Late fees and interest begin adding up, making it even more difficult to catch up. To protect yourself from this problem, project your cash flow and plan for shortages before they come. Set aside a reserve fund for unexpected expenses.
- Failure to plan — You wouldn't build a house without a plan, and you shouldn't build a business without a plan. Determine the direction you want your business to go and



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the steps you need to take to get there.

- Inflexibility — The market is always changing, and you need to be able to adapt to the current conditions. Regularly evaluate your

business and make changes as necessary.

If you're thinking of starting a small business and would like assistance, give us a call.

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Goodland Police
 The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Feb. 22 — 9:42 a.m., 320 E. Eighth, Kabredlo's reported a forgery and theft. Case referred to county attorney.

Feb. 24 — 1:34 a.m., 800 Montana, arrested Jason Griffith Davis for driving under the influence. Case referred to city attorney.

3:16 a.m., 217 W. 11, Apt. 4, Jerry Kirkpatrick reported criminal damage to property.

Feb. 27 — 12:21 p.m., 220 W. 12, arrested Sara Jean Pitcher for driving while suspended. Case referred to city attorney.

District Traffic
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Jan. 24 — Gilbert L. York, \$166 for not stopping at motor carrier inspection station.

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