

weather report

52°

10:30 a.m. Monday

Today

Sunset, 4:32 p.m.

Wednesday

Sunrise, 6:32 a.m.

Sunset, 4:31 p.m.

Midday Conditions

Soil temperature 44 degrees

Humidity 34 percent

Sky mostly cloudy

Winds southwest 12 mph

Barometer 29.80 inches and steady

Record High today 79° (1963)

Record Low today 5° (1955)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 58°

Low Sunday 28°

Precipitation none

This month .28

Year to date 18.89

Above normal 0.03 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a possibility of scattered flurries after 8 p.m., a high near 49, winds out of the north at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 21. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 44, winds out of the north at 5 mph and a low around 26.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 56 and a low around 31. Friday: Sunny with a high near 61 and a low around 34. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 63 and a low around 29.

(National Weather Service)

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local markets

10:30 a.m.

Wheat — \$6.57 bushel

Posted county price — \$6.46

Corn — \$6.18 bushel

Posted county price — \$6.27

Milo — \$5.86 bushel

Soybeans — \$10.48 bushel

Posted county price — \$10.85

Millet — \$11.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$28.85 cwt.

Confection — no bid

Pinto beans — \$28 (new crop)

(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News

Trojans beat Mavericks

Maverick Jaurex Vasquez of Pueblo, Colo., was a highlight for the Northwest Tech team with a pin over Trojan Lawrence Williams at the dual on Friday. See photos, story on Page 10.

‘Christmas on Us’ begins Friday

Ten lucky winners can collect \$50 instant prizes, a \$500 second place winner and a grand prize winner will collect \$1,000 in the Goodland Merchants “Christmas on Us” promotion that will spread a total of \$2,000 around to lucky shoppers over the next four weeks.

The promotion is a win-win for the community helping businesses attract Christmas shoppers, and helping keep money in town. The businesses will offer special promotions in their weekly ads to encourage customers to come check out what they have for sale.

Be sure to collect your tickets at participating merchants, and you may be one of those who find your number hidden in the ads inside next Friday’s The Goodland Star-News.

Participating businesses are Garcia’s Home Furnishings and Appliance, Elliott’s, Cowboy Corner Express, Jacque’s Hallmark, Olde Westport Trading Company, Cochran Farm Supply, Gambino’s, Casey’s Corner Store and The Goodland Star-News.

Shoppers will have plenty of chances to win the \$50 “instant prizes” along the way.

Participating businesses will hand out one ticket for every \$1 up to \$10 a customer



spends. For additional spending over \$10 a customer will receive one ticket for any portion over \$10 and for every \$10 of spending over with a limit of 250 tickets per transaction.

If you ask at the Star-News office, we’ll give you one free ticket each week. No purchase is required to win.

The customer takes half of each ticket and the other side is dropped into gift-wrapped collection boxes, which are emptied once a week into a large barrel. The Star-News staff will pick tickets each week and hide the winning numbers in “Christmas on Us” advertisements, which will run every Friday.

Winners have four days, until noon each Wednesday, to bring their tickets to The Star-News office, 1205 Main, and collect \$50 in scrip, which can be spent at participating businesses.

At least ten \$50 instant prizes will be given out over four weeks, for a total of \$500. Eight winning numbers will appear in ads, which means eight shoppers have a chance to win up to \$400 with the prizes given out on a first come basis until all the prizes are gone. Numbers will appear on Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, and Dec. 16. All of the \$50 instant winners will be given out during the month.

The grand prize drawing for \$1,000 will be

held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, on 12th Street across from the Sherman Theater.

It’s simple enough, but there are a few rules.

- You must be 18 to participate.
- Employees of participating businesses are not eligible at their workplace, but can collect tickets from other sponsors. Star-News employees and their immediate family are not eligible.
- All prizes will be awarded in scrip, which can be spent only at participating businesses.
- The last day to collect tickets is Monday, Dec. 19.
- Winners must be present at the grand prize drawing and be able to show their winning ticket.
- All winners agree to have their name and photo published in the Star-News. Winners of major prizes must provide their tax identification number, and agree to be interviewed and photographed for publication in the newspaper.
- Be sure to remind the clerk if you’re not offered tickets. If that happens, you should get one extra ticket.

Pheasant hunters find good conditions



Hunters enjoyed the beautiful weather for the opening of hunting season on Saturday and Sunday. This group of hunters was out Sunday morning hunting on Tom Livengood’s property. There were many groups of hunters both large and small out for the starting weekend.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Christmas shopping day includes Santa’s visit

Santa Claus is coming to town, and the Goodland Ambassadors are planning a parade to mark his special visit on Saturday.

Saturday will be a busy day for Christmas shoppers with two craft fairs both opening at 9 a.m. with the Nu Phi Mu at Max Jones Fieldhouse and “We Did It” at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall at 824 Main Ave.

The Ambassadors are inviting clubs and organizations that would like to parade with Santa to show their festive spirit to participate.

Coming up at 3 p.m. on Saturday, is the Jingle Bell Fun Run, sponsored by the Carnegie Arts Center. Three winners will be named as the race begins at Eighth and Main Ave. and the finish line is at 17th and Main Ave. The fun run is being held before the Goodland Ambassadors Santa Parade to begin at 17th and Main at 4 p.m. and travel up to the Goodland Activities Center at Eighth and Main where Santa will greet the children.

First place in the run will receive \$100, and the runner or walker with the most festive and most original costume will each win \$50, Kay Younger, Arts Center director said.

To enter come to the Carnegie Arts Center by Thursday to get your Jingle Bells and Santa Hat to wear during the fun run.

The Goodland Ambassador Christmas Parade will start at 4 p.m. — with participants asked to arrive at 3:45 p.m. — at 17th and Main. The parade will travel up to Eighth and Main where Santa will stop at the Goodland Activities Center for refreshments and to visit with children.

Linda Rumpel said the Ambassadors have received a special donation and cash prizes will be awarded to the top parade participants.

At the GAC photos will be taken by Amy’s Photography for \$5 if parents are interested in having that special moment captured with Santa.

Kids can bring their lists and stop by and visit with Santa at the GAC after the parade.

If you have any questions please contact Michael Solomon at (785) 890-3743.

Refreshments and cookies will be served by the Goodland Ambassadors.

Nu Phi M’s 34th annual Food and Gift Extravaganza will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse and visitors can shop at more than 40 booths offering everything from homemade crafts to photography services to cosmetics and housewares.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is holding its 16th annual “We Did It” arts and crafts fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. More than 20 booths will have individuals selling items from their home-based businesses, including knickknacks, collectibles, wind chimes and other crafts. Refreshments will be served at the free event. The VFW Hall is at 824 Main Ave.

Fort Hays State benefits from China connection

By Tom Betz
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China has been a longtime partner with Fort Hays State University, and the success of that connection has helped the university keep tuition costs down President Dr. Ed Hammond told the Goodland Rotary on Friday.

Dr. Hammond was making his next to last stop on a 16-city statewide tour to talk about current issues in higher education and to emphasize support for education is vital for the state during difficult economic times.

Hammond said the 30-year China connection was part of the Kissinger Doctrine to get the Chinese involved in the American economy to make it harder for them to consider America as an enemy.

He said that has worked in many ways with the Chinese today having about \$1.5 trillion invested in the United States. He said China’s worldwide investment totals \$1.9 trillion.

Investment in China is about \$50 billion and most of that if private investment, Ham-



Hammond

mond said.

Today 63 percent of China’s exports are to the U.S.

Hammond said today Fort Hays State University has about 3,600 Chinese students on two campuses in China and about 200 on the Hays campus.

He said the China connection has been profitable for Fort Hays State and is one of the things that helps keep the tuition cost down.

According to the June 2011 State University Data Book, Fort Hays State is the only Regents university to reduce its cost for a credit hour over the past five years/

Fort Hays State continues to offer the lowest tuition in the 17 states of the Midwest at \$105.20 per credit hour.

Tuition at Fort Hays State is \$1,578 per semester for a student who is enrolled in 15 hours.

For four years, it would be \$12,624. A student could attend Fort Hays State for four years at about half what it would cost to attend some other Kansas universities.

“The low tuition is critical because it means Kansans have a high-quality, affordable opportunity to get a college degree by attending FHSU,” President Hammond said.

He said the next few weeks will be important as Congress has to produce a balanced budget plan by the end of November.

He said if Congress fails to produced a balance budget program the government will face across the board cuts that will affect many aspects of the American economy including veterans benefits, highway construction money and research money.

“We do not want across the board cuts,” he said. “We need to be more careful about how we determine the cuts.”

He said the loss of research money would not affect schools like Fort Hays State and Northwest Tech, but would be a big blow to the big universities.

The China connection has a ripple effect, Hammond said.

Kansas is a big exporter of grain to China, and China’s desert is seven times the size of Germany.

He said in the future China will have to

import more grain than is produced in the U.S. today.

He said in the next 20 years the Chinese are going to develop more like the U.S. and will need more gas and oil making gas an even more scarce resource.

He said the gas prices of today a much lower than to be expected in the future because there is not enough undiscovered oil to eventually meet the worldwide need.

One area of economic importance to Kansas is China is opening the airspace in the country to more private flights, and that will be important to the aerospace companies in the state.

He said the saying in China is “No Boeing, No going.”

In the education arena Hammond said there are many more English speaking Chinese, and that number continues to grow.

He said the China connection continues to be a beneficial relationship, and he hopes to continue to work to increase the number of Fort Hays State students enrolled in China.