

weather
report

47°

10:30 a.m.
Thursday

Today

Sunset, 5:09 p.m.

Saturday

Sunrise, 6:52 a.m.

Sunset, 5:10 p.m.

Midday Conditions

Soil temperature 36 degrees

Humidity 43 percent

Sky mostly cloudy

Winds south 20-25 mph

Barometer 30.07 inches
and steady

Record High today 74° (1962)

Record Low today -19° (1996)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 56°

Low Wednesday 20°

Precipitation none

This month none

Year to date .09

Below Normal .31 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Snow and widespread
blowing snow with an accumula-
tion of 3 to 5 inches, a high falling
to 30, winds out of the north at 25
to 45 mph and a low around 22.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a
70 percent chance of snow likely
and areas of blowing show, winds
blustery out of the north at 15 to
35 mph, a high near 31 and a low
around 14.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a
high near 33 and a low around 12.
Monday: Sunny with a high near
36 and a low around 13.
(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

10:30 a.m.

Wheat — \$6.79 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.58

Corn — \$6.26 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.24

Milo — \$5.98 bushel

Soybeans — \$10.91 bushel
Posted county price — \$11.29

Millet — \$11.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$25.50 cwt.

Confection — no bid

Pinto beans — \$28
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta,
Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean.
These may not be closing figures.)

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today

More lo-
cal news
and views
from your
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Cowboys
come close

The Goodland High
School boys basketball
team came within four in
their 54-50 loss to Burling-
ton on Tuesday. The girls
team also lost Tuesday
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Former Goodland editor passes

By Kevin Bottrell
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Tom Dreiling, longtime editor of the old *Goodland Daily News*, died at his home in Denver on Monday, Jan. 30, 2012.

A wake will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 307 W. 13th St., Goodland. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, at the church. Burial will follow at the Goodland Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to attend a lunch gathering at the church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean, who died of leukemia in 1975; brothers James and Norbert Dreiling; and sister Mary Bieker.

He is survived by his brothers Donald (Dolores) Dreiling, Overland Park, K. Dean (Mikki) Dreiling, Corpus Christy, Texas, and Eugene (Flo) Dreiling, Tulsa, Okla.; sisters Dolores (Robert) Schlyer, Hays, and JoAnn JayJack of Scheierville, Ind.; sons, Todd (Darci) and Lance (Tobie) Dreiling; a step-daughter, Denise (Darren) Burrows; and five grandchildren, all of Centennial, Colo.

Dreiling was born on Nov. 25 in Hays to Richard and Mollie (Eichman) Dreiling, the second-youngest of nine children. He was never sure of the year of his birth. He had

documents saying both 1934 and 1935. In a column last year, he joked he often received birthday cards with two ages listed and instructions to circle one.

He graduated from St. Joseph's Military Academy — which is now Thomas More Prep-Marian — in 1953. He attended Fort Hays State University before joining the Air Force in 1955. While in the service he was stationed in Japan.

After his discharge in 1959, Dreiling spent 44 years in the newspaper business, getting his start at *The Ellis County Star*, a weekly paper in Hays owned by his family. In 1962 he was hired as a photographer by the *Hays Daily News* and eventually became sports editor and city editor.

Dreiling moved to Goodland in 1965 to take over as editor of the old *Goodland Daily News*, where he stayed until the paper changed hands in 1989. He worked for Kay Melia at KLOE, then at Thomas More Prep as director of development.

In 1995 he moved to Sheridan, Wyo., to become the editor of the *The Sheridan Press*. He returned to Kansas in 1998 as the publisher of the *Colby Free Press*. He retired from that

Former Goodland Daily News editor Tom Dreiling at work in his office at the Norton Telegram before his retirement in 2009, a photo Dreiling liked to use with his "Man of the Plains" column.

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Celebrating Kansas Day

These two boys were part of the 91 people who showed up at the High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry, to celebrate Kansas Day on Sunday, Jan. 29. The pair discussed between themselves if the rabbit skins were real in the alphabet block J that included jack rabbits. The blocks are part of the "K is for Kansas" exhibit. There were other blocks with things to touch and do such as hear a Prairie Chicken and play a basketball game.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

St Francis' market closes briefly for tax problem

Bella's Market in St. Francis closed for several hours Tuesday so that it could comply with the state sales tax policy. It reopened at 3 p.m.

There have been many questions and some fair criticism over the operation of the grocery store, said Sam Mancini, owner, who has been looking at opening a Bella's Market in Goodland.

The fact of the matter is, Mancini said, in January 2011 the main bank that Bella's Market uses was shut down by the FDIC. That immediately cut off service to Bella's, other than some basic check cashing.

"This put a severe financial strain on the company," he said. "Bella's had nothing to do with this closure. We were simply an unwitting customer to the bank."

"As a result of losing the bank's services, Bella's loans and line of credit were suspended and we immediately had to take a cash constraining operations approach. It lacked significant cash reserves — as have most businesses in the

last three years."

Most significantly, Mancini said, this meant running inventories lower than he would like to at the company's stores. They found a new bank to work with in October and subsequently began rebuilding inventories.

"Our store managers have done a good job of managing this situation," he said, "However, from time to time, our orders have fallen short. We continue to work on this and will continue to improve it."

As a result of the turmoil last year, the company failed to file sales tax reports on time.

"This resulted in the state taking customary actions to insure we complied," he said, "As part of our agreement with the state on Tuesday, the state of Kansas, sales tax division came to the store because the report due on Jan. 25 was not filed on time. Our company was wrong to file the report late and we sincerely

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Former Goodland man inducted into Texas newspaper hall of fame

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A 1957 graduate of Goodland High School who has spent his life in journalism was inducted into the Texas Newspaper Foundation Hall of Fame on Jan. 20, at a ceremony at the Texas Press Midwinter Conference at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

Roy Robinson got his journalism start when his family moved to Goodland in 1948 when his parents B.G. and Marian Robinson bought The Goodland Daily News.

He said he was in fourth grade and attended the old Central Elementary School, the new (current) Central Elementary School, Grant Junior High School and graduated from Sherman Community High School in 1957.

His wife, the former Carol Lee Peter, is a Goodland native and graduated from SCHS with the Class of 1955.

"I grew up, literally, in the back shop of The Daily News," Robinson said. "My first paper route, delivered by bicycle, was in the fourth

Goodland High School alumni Carol Lee (Peter, 1955) and Roy Robinson (1957) attended the Friday afternoon reception in August held at the Goodland Elks. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

grade. I worked my way to the casting room, layout tables, Linotype, flatbed press, commercial printing shop, the sports desk and the news desk before moving to Lamar in 1961."

Robinson was born in Stafford,

Kan., on Nov. 25, 1939. He started kindergarten in Ulysses and attended first, second and third grades in Elizabeth, Colo., before moving to Goodland.

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Local guardsmen to deploy to Asia

About 80 Kansas National Guardsmen of the 170th Maintenance Company, including several from Goodland, will be deploying to southwest Asia in mid-February.

The guardsmen, including Pfc. Matthew Bryce and Spc. Donald Lucas of Goodland, will be honored in a departure ceremony on Sunday, Feb. 12, at Hangar 600, 2720 Arnold Ave., in Salina. The ceremony starts at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) and the public is invited to attend. The unit is deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"I have every confidence that

these soldiers will perform their mission with the disciplined professionalism and pride that has become the hallmark of our Kansas National Guard soldiers and airmen," said Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, the adjutant general. "We wish them well, God-speed and look forward to the day we welcome them home."

"The soldiers of the 170th Support Maintenance Company have been preparing for this deployment for several months," said Capt. Scott Weber, commander of the

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New carpet at theater turns up original tile

Patrons to the Sherman Theater this week have seen a fresh change in the color of the carpet in the lobby and the aisles between the seats.

Dave Branda, theater owner, said the new carpet replaced what was there for the past 17 years. He said he hoped to reveal more of the hand-laid tile from the original floor, but when the old carpet was removed it revealed areas of damage to the original design making it nearly impossible to restore the original tile floor.

Branda said he had revealed a

section of the original floor several years ago, inside the north door and was disappointed he could not do the same in the main lobby area.

The original floor laid down about 86 years ago was made of three-quarter inch tiles laid out in a pattern using red tiles surrounded with lines of black tiles to produce the square pattern. Each square of red tiles had 64 tiles and were bordered by black tiles. The lobby area being re-carpeted had about 75

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