

**weather report**

**55°**  
10 a.m.  
Monday



**Today**

• Sunset, 4:23 p.m.

**Wednesday**

• Sunrise, 6:52 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:23 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 47 degrees
- Humidity 38 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north 31-45 mph
- Barometer 29.96 inches and rising
- Record High today 74° (2007)
- Record Low today 1° (1955)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Sunday	66°
Low Sunday	31°
Precipitation	none
This month	none
Year to date	9.02
Below normal	10.21 inches

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Sunny with a high near 59, winds out of the southwest at 10 mph and a low around 31.  
Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 66, winds out of the south at 10-15 mph and a low around 36.

**Extended Forecast**

Thursday: Partly sunny with a high near 54 and a low around 29.  
Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 46 and a low around 27.  
Saturday: Partly sunny with a high near 44 and a low around 27.  
(National Weather Service)  
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**local markets**

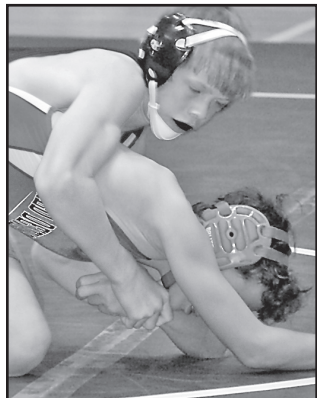
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Wheat	— \$8.46 bushel
Posted county price	— \$8.42
Corn	— \$7.54 bushel
Posted county price	— \$7.40
Milo	— \$7.14 bushel
Soybeans	— \$13.68 bushel
Posted county price	— \$13.87
Millet	— \$14 hundredweight
Sunflowers	
Oil current crop	— \$25.25 cwt.
Confection	— no bid
Pinto beans	— \$28

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

**inside today**

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**Cowboys win wrestling match**

The Goodland High School wrestling team beat Decatur Community High School in the opening home match of the winter season. The Cowboys will be in Colby on Friday and Saturday.

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## I-70 crash injures four

Several people had to be taken to the hospital Thursday night when their van was rear-ended on I-70.

A Kansas Highway Patrol report said there were seven people in the 2001 Honda van, which was traveling east on I-70 near mile post 15 when it was struck from behind by a 1995 Ford Ranger.

Passengers Sabado Torres, 32, Eusebio Diaz, 38, and Josefino Iturbide, 33, all of Chicago, were taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center. The driver, Artemio Cruz, 33, and other passengers, Merari Perez-Garcia, 21, Fredy Salgado, 37, and Higinio Torres, 26, also of Chicago, were uninjured. Emergency responders had to get an interpreter because none of the occupants of the van spoke English.

Diana Howell-Kersey, 18, of Greenville, Ind., a passenger in the Ford Ranger, was also taken to the hospital. Driver Shelby Terry, 20, of New Albany, Ind., was uninjured.

## Firefighters tackle hay bale fire



Sherman County Rural Fire Chief Brian James surveys burning hay bales near County Roads 10 and 58 on Friday. James said the bales caught fire after a hay grinder threw a spark. Workers on scene had difficulty calling 911 and about 100 bales ended up burning. It took firefighters 18 hours to get all of the fire put out.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News



## Holiday season begins with parade

Goodland had its annual Christmas Parade on Saturday. Among the entries were several semi-tractor rigs (above) decked out with Christmas lights and a float from the Brick Top Cruisers car club (below) one of the parade sponsors. After cruising down Main Street on a fire truck, Santa took present requests at the Goodland Activity Center.

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## Fort Hays president says colleges must expand

By Kevin Bottrell

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Fort Hays State University President Ed Hammond said his institution is continuing to expand, hopefully to help meet the job needs of an economically growing Kansas.



Ed Hammond

Hammond spoke to the Goodland Rotary Club at their regular Friday lunch meeting. Goodland was the last stop of the five-day, 17-city press tour that Hammond undertakes each year.

Hammond said he has been talking to people about what he calls Gov. Sam Brownback's "Great Experiment" aimed at economic growth. The experiment is in three parts, he said, beginning with reduction in taxes, primarily personal and business income taxes. This is supposed to help stimulate business growth, with an estimated 50,000 jobs added over the coming months.

Sometimes, he said, it's not even about new jobs. Some existing jobs are being recast and workers need new skills. Hammond pointed to the aviation industry, which is moving toward using composites in airplane manufacturing rather than metal, and needs workers trained in that.

With all those jobs, Hammond said, the state will have an increased need for college-educated workers, and its post-secondary education institutions — community and technical colleges and Regents universities — will have to expand in order to provide it.

That's why Fort Hays has been working to expand its online college, Hammond said. This year, Sherman County has 22 students enrolled on campus and 13 do-

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## Give wisely this season

By Derek Schmidt

Kansas Attorney General

Thousands of charitable organizations are registered in Kansas, and many of them rely on the generosity of Kansans during the holiday season.

Legitimate charities engage in a wide variety of important work that helps our communities stay vibrant and strong. Unfortunately, there are also scammers out there who may appear to be non-profit organizations but whose real purpose is to take advantage of your generosity.

Be careful, and if you are solicited by telephone, e-mail or direct mail by somebody claiming to be a charity — be skeptical.

Scammers posing as charities

## Decorating for the holidays



Three members of the Goodland High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America helped put up Christmas decoration on the exterior of Wheatridge Acres on Friday after-

noon. Also decorating were members from Grant Junior High. The group has helped Wheatridge decorate for the holidays for several years.

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