

weather report



32°
10 a.m.
Monday

Today

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:58 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 33 degrees
- Humidity 27 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds west 17 mph
- Barometer 29.95 inches and rising
- Record High today 77° (1939)
- Record Low today -18° (1961)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	33°
Low Sunday	0°
Precipitation	none
This month	none
Year to date	9.02
Below normal	10.32 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 46, winds breezy out of the west at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 18. Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 58, winds out of the south at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 22.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 55 and a low around 23. Friday: Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of rain or snow, a high near 49 and a low around 26. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 43 and a low around 23. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

Painting snowmen



The Carnegie Arts Center had a full house at the Paint Brush and Cocktail Christmas Series where anyone can paint their own Christmas piece. The group on Saturday morning included Karen Loudon (center) and Carrie Peters (right). They painted a snowman while they drank coffee, mimosas and ate pastries. There are two more gatherings in the series. One is at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and one at 6:30 p.m. on Monday. For details call (785) 890-6442. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Smithsonian exhibit will be open this weekend

The traveling Smithsonian Museum interactive exhibit "The Way We Worked" will open Saturday at the High Plains Museum.

The exhibit is adapted from a photograph exhibit developed by the National Archives. It details America's diverse job history from steel workers to truck drivers to homemakers. The museum has been highlighting local work stories with exhibits and articles to tie in with the Smithsonian exhibit, the latest being displays on Goodland's Police Department.

The museum will have a reception from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday with guest Virgil Dean, editor of Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains and state scholar for exhibit's Kansas tour.

The museum along with the Carnegie Arts Center and Goodland Public Library will have work-related games for all ages on Dec. 22 and 29.

The Way We Worked is sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council as part of the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street program.

Semi-tractor rear-ended on interstate

Two Oklahoma City residents were taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center early Sunday morning after two semi-tractors collided on I-70.

A Kansas Highway Patrol report said that Stanley and Barbara Knott, both 44 of Oklahoma City, were traveling westbound on I-70 just west of Brewster when they were rear-ended by another rig at milepost 34. They were both taken to the Goodland hospital.

The other driver, Gretchen Hagerdorn, 50 of Thornton, Colo., was uninjured. Passenger Jeffrey Gallahar, 55, of Woodland Park, Colo., was in the sleeper compartment and was thrown around the cab. The report lists him as having possible injuries.

Hagerdorn and Stanley Knott were both wearing seatbelts. Barbara Knott was in the sleeper cab.

Alex's Radiator of Goodland towed Hagerdorn's rig while Butch's Body Shop of Colby handled the other rig.

The accident occurred at 2:35 a.m. Sunday morning.

Kids shop for Christmas



The Goodland Churches Thrift Store held its annual Kids Christmas Shoppe on Saturday. The popular event allows kids to come in and shop for presents to give out, while parents get to wait outside. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

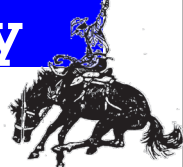
local markets

10 a.m.

Wheat — \$8.45 bushel	Posted county price — \$8.34
Corn — \$7.33 bushel	Posted county price — \$7.26
Milo — \$6.93 bushel	
Soybeans — \$13.85 bushel	Posted county price — \$14.27
Millet — \$14 hundredweight	
Sunflowers	
Oil current crop — \$25.55 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.)

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White Elephant sale



The Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars post held its White Elephant Sale on Saturday. The event raises money for candy, which will be given to kids when Santa visits the post at 10 a.m. this Saturday. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Water officials talk local plans, regulations

By Sam Dieter

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The state's top water engineer met with farmers and leaders of the area's Groundwater Management District, which includes Sherman County, on Nov. 28 to consider a new form of regulation where farmers and landowners get to decide how to use irrigation water while meeting conservation goals.

David Barfield, chief engineer with the Kansas Division of Water Resources, heard testimony about the creation of the state's first Local Management Area at a meeting at the Sheridan County Courthouse in Hoxie. The management area would impose tougher restrictions on well water use in 99 square miles of the "Sheridan 6" subarea in Sheridan and Thomas counties.

About 35 people, including farmers and board members of Colby-based Ground Water Management District No. 4, showed up. Some of them later asked questions and gave their own testimony, generally in support of the proposal. Barfield spent most of the meeting talking to Wayne Bossert, manager

of the district, which includes the experimental area. District four covers all of Thomas, Sheridan and Sherman counties and part of Decatur and several others in northwest Kansas.

The meeting was the last time Barfield is going to hear statements regarding creation of the management area, he said. Any additional testimony needs to be mailed to his office and postmarked no later than Tuesday. Wednesday's meeting came after it was decided at a session on Oct. 4 that a management area is necessary and should be considered.

Barfield has four choices now: he could approve the proposal for the management area; he could reject the proposal because it violates state law; he could send the proposal back to the district with his own suggestions, to be brought up at another meeting; or he could send the proposal back with suggestions from Wednesday's meeting, at which point the district could approve the suggestions or give up on the whole proposal.

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Tournament held here

The 2012 Topside Tipoff high school basketball tournament was held here Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Cowgirls took eighth while the Cowboys took fourth.

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