

**weather report**



**50°**

10 a.m.  
Thursday

**Today**

• Sunset, 4:25 p.m.

**Saturday**

• Sunrise, 7:01 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:25 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 36 degrees
- Humidity 24 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds southeast 10 mph
- Barometer 30.06 inches and steady
- Record High today 66° (1962)
- Record Low today -16° (1963)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Wednesday	61°
Low Wednesday	18°
Precipitation	none
This month	none
Year to date	9.02
Below normal	10.37 inches

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain or snow showers with some thunder, a high near 47, winds breezy out of the southwest at 5 to 10 mph switching to the southeast at 15 to 30 mph and a low around 28. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 48, winds breezy out of the northwest at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 23.

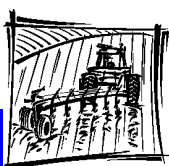
**Extended Forecast**

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 45 and a low around 24.

(National Weather Service)

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**local markets**



**10 a.m.**

- Wheat — \$8.06 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$8.18
  - Corn — \$7.23 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$7.14
  - Milo — \$6.83 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$14.01 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$14.24
  - Millet — \$14 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$24.75 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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**Girls, boys beat Atwood**

The Goodland High School girls and boys basketball teams both beat Rawlins County High School at home on Tuesday.

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Linda Fogo (left) and Linda Holton were served their turkey dinner by Goodland High School students at the Senior Citizens Dinner, put on each year by the high school's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, National Honor Society and AFS chapters. Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

## Students serve dinner for seniors

By Pat Schiefen

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The sounds, sights and tastes of the season greeted people over 55 at the 19th Annual Senior Citizens Dinner at Goodland High School given by the Goodland School District. The high school organization of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, National Honor Society and AFS hosted the event.

The cooks at the school prepared turkey and all the fixings with apple salad and pumpkin squares. To entertain people students in the vocal department and some parents sang seasonal music. Bracelyn Redlin was the mistress of ceremonies and Stuco president Jeffery House gave the blessing. School board vice president welcomed the diners and Jim Alcorn gave the response.

He said that he did not know of another school district that did a dinner like this one.

A special treat was solos by vocal instructor Emily Blankenship and a trio with superintendent Bill Biermann, his wife Laura and daughter Faith. Dani and her father Danny Mangus did a couple of numbers. Others doing solos were Britney Brow, Christina Stasser, Trace

Santa (right) greeted seniors at the door including Lois Cossman and Robert Kinderknecht. Santa kidded that he could not give them trim figures and fat bank accounts.

Waugh, Sarah Baker, D.J. McNeely, Brianna White, Berkley White, Sarah Baker, Chantel Coates and others. Choirs singing were an all choirs group, Black and Gold and Mixed Chorale. The X-Pressos sang and danced through a number.

Meals were also delivered to the home bound by high school students. Elementary students made the placemats. The oldest person at the event was Fern Estes who was 96 1/2 and Don Schwendener came from Mesa, Ariz., to attend, as the person who came the farthest.

Students greeted people at the door or at their car to escort them in. Valet parking was provided.

Ten names were drawn to receive the poinsettias at the podium. They were Lucy and Ron Ackerman, Vera Beneda, David Branda, Dwight Perrey, Rita Dean, Nina Spencer, Ed Carlton, Renita Artzer, Juanita Barnett and Stan and Martha Pettibone.



## County to replace radios ahead of narrowband deadline

By Kevin Bottrell

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The Sherman County Commissioners decided to expand their contract with Larry Dickey in order to get new narrowband radios for the road and landfill departments.

Dickey has been maintaining a repeater for the county on his own radio tower since 1988. At the commissioners' regular Tuesday

meeting he offered to get a new repeater — his own this time instead of owned by the county — and continue maintaining it for \$19 more a month.

The commissioners agreed and decided to go through Dickey to get new narrowband radios. Dickey said there are about 21 radios that will need to be replaced along with some that can be reprogrammed. The radios have to

be replaced because there are federal penalties for operating non-narrowbanded radios after Jan. 1. He said the radios will cost about \$685 each along with two base stations that will a little more.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Signed the annual contract to provide \$25,000 to the public library.
- Received an update on the ambulance

department. Director Dwayne Wright said they need to buy two new computers and they are working on payroll software. The current software, he said, will handle hourly employees but can't handle paying per ambulance run.

The department will be getting encryption

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## Alternative snowmen



On Saturday, 28 kids were on hand at the elementary art classes. They made snowmen out of pinecones and cards stamped using fruit. Shirley Houston was the instructor.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

## Agriculture conference scheduled here in January

Kansas State University Research and Extension will hold a Grain Markets, Cropland Leases and Farm Bill Conference on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Goodland Elks Lodge, 1523 Arcade Street. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The discussion will cover the direction of commodity prices, changes in the farm bill, land leasing and fair values, increasing input costs and other key issues facing Kansas farmers.

The Thomas and Rawlins county extension offices along with the Sunflower and Golden Prairie extension districts will coordinate the conference, which is open to all Kansans and producers from surrounding states. The conference is part of Kansas State University's 2013 Agricultural Profitability Conference series.

"Grain Market Outlook for 2013" is the featured topic, presented by Alan Brugler, president of Brugler Marketing and Management LLC. Brugler is a consulting analyst for DTN, writer of the Market Watch blog for Farm Journal's AgWeb.com and is a guest analyst for PBS'

Market to Market, Farm Journal's U.S. Farm Report and AgDaily.

"Farm Bill Prospects for 2013" will be addressed by Troy Dumler, Kansas State Research and Extension agricultural economist.

The afternoon portion of the conference will focus on 2013 cropland leases. Presentations will include 2012-13 Farmland Cash Rental Rates in Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska; New Generation Flex Leases and Traditional Cropland Leases; and Cropland Lease Cost and Returns Using Northwest Kansas Farm Management Association Budgets. Kansas State Research and Extension and Kansas Farm Management Association agricultural economists Daniel O'Brien, Troy Dumler, Kiel Roehl, Mark Wood and Clint Milliman will address 2013 farmland leasing trends and prospects.

Early registration is requested by Friday, Jan. 4. A complete brochure and registration form can be picked up at the above extension offices or go to [www.sunflower.ksu.edu](http://www.sunflower.ksu.edu) and click on the conference information.