

weather report



16°
10 a.m.
Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 4:31 p.m.
Saturday
• Sunrise, 7:06 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:32 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 31 degrees
- Humidity 80 percent
- Sky cloudy with light snow
- Winds northwest 12 mph
- Barometer 29.78 inches and rising
- Record High today 76° (1962)
- Record Low today -17° (1981)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 17°
Low Wednesday -10° record
Precipitation trace
This month 0.5
Year to date 9.52
Below normal 10.08 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly sunny with a high near 25, winds out of the northwest at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 8.
Saturday: Sunny with a high near 34, winds out of the west at 10 mph and a low around 14.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high near 36 and a low around 14.
Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 31 and a low around 14.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 35 and a low around 18.
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local markets



10 a.m.

Wheat — \$7.60 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.69
Corn — \$6.93 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.93
Milo — \$6.53 bushel
Soybeans — \$13.37 bushel
Posted county price — \$13.79
Millet — \$14 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$24.10 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

More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News



Top sports stories of 2012

Softball, girls golf and local hall of famers help round out the bottom half of the top 10 sports stories of 2012.

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Guard unit home for the holidays

After serving a year in Kuwait, about 65 Kansas National Guard soldiers of the 170th Support Maintenance Company a northwest Kansas unit, returned home Sunday. A ceremony was held in Building 600 at the Salina Airport.

“To have these soldiers coming home just in time for Christmas is a wonderful present for their families,” said Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, state adjutant general.

The 170th includes Pfc. Matthew Bryce and Spc. Donald Lucas of Goodland. Former Goodland resident Capt. Scott Weber is the unit’s commander. Weber told the Goodland Star-News before the deployment that he was excited and his troops were extremely motivated.

In Kuwait, the unit operated a security detail mission for visiting dignitaries, American citizens and contractors, as well as supporting base security as required. This was the first deployment for the 170th since Operation Desert Storm.

Church puts on Christmas show



The Fugleberg family provided some of the special music at the Christmas Eve service at Harvest Evangelical Free Church, 521 E. Hwy. 24. They performed “Do You Hear What I Hear.” Other music was provided by the Redlin family and Julia McCurry. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Gas leak, election begin top story list

Was 2012 a year of great change? Or a year of the same-old same-old? A little bit of both as it turned out. The Goodland Star-News staff has voted on the top 10 local news stories of 2012. Stories 10 through six appear below. Check back on Tuesday, Jan. 1, to see what we think are the top five stories of the year.

10 One story that had local and national implications was the 2012 General Election.

It began with the Primary Election in August. On the national level, it saw former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney get the Republican nomination for president over a slew of rivals. President Barack Obama was unchallenged in the Democratic primary.

On the local level there were several contested races. Goodland farmer and former mayor Rick Billinger was defeated by St. Francis school principal Ward Cassidy for the Republican nomination to the Kansas House of Representatives. The two were both incumbents, but the legislative redistricting had thrown them into one district.

Grinnell farmer Ralph Ostmeyer defeated Norton County Commissioner John Miller for the nomination to the Kansas Senate. Ostmeyer, the incumbent, won every county and ended up with a landslide.

In Sherman County, two races were contested. Burton Pianalto defeated incumbent Sheriff Kevin Butts. Ken Klemm won the primary for County Commissioner

District 2 over Lowell Coon and Paul Flanders.

The General Election in November saw President Obama re-elected and despite many new senators and representatives, the majorities in both houses stayed the same, with Democrats in control of the Senate and Republicans in control of the House.

Ostmeyer defeated Democrat Allen Schmidt from Hays. Schmidt had been another incumbent placed in a different district. The overall balance of the Senate swung towards conservative Republicans. The 2012 session had been marked by conflict between the conservative and moderate wings of the party.

Sheriff Kevin Butts mounted a write-in campaign, but was again beaten by challenger Burton Pianalto by about 600 votes. Democrat Steve Evert beat Republican Larry Witt for County Commissioner District 3.

Because it was a presidential year, county voter turnout got up to nearly 70 percent.

9 At the beginning of 2012, the consolidation of the city and county fire departments seemed almost a certainty. City Fire Chief Brian James had been hired as county fire chief, cross training was being done and contracts and agreements were being drafted.

Then the talks broke down.

In early January, the Sherman Rural Fire District 1 board brought a resolution for consolidation to



City workers, firefighters, law enforcement and crews from Black Hills Energy worked late into the night on the gas leak in October. The leak forced the evacuation of about six blocks.

the city commission. It created a High Plains Fire District, which would cover the city and most of the county. Board member Daryl Cloyd told the commission the new district would be able to sell an excess rescue truck, have lower administration costs and a larger pool of firefighters.

Commissioner Bill Finley expressed concern that there was not enough cost savings as well as expenses down the road, such as a new fire station. The rural fire department didn’t have room for all its trucks and would need a new facility regardless of consolidation.

The county later said it would pay for the fire station regardless. Mayor John Garcia echoed those concerns, saying at the time that he would rather have a cooperative agreement than full consolidation.

Talks continued back and forth at the county and city. Sticking points included the structure of what would have been a new fire board, excess funds, taxes and city/county control. Several agreements and contracts were rejected. The county commission and fire board remained in favor of full consolidation. Commissioner Cynthia Strnad told the city commission that they had gone through the same situation with consolidating dispatch about 15 years ago, but are today seeing the benefits.

Finley and Garcia said citizens were concerned about the proposed consolidation, especially about keeping taxes low. City Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said the benefits of cooperation between the departments were already apparent, but that unknown costs frighten people.

The city’s final proposal ended up on a smaller scale than full consolidation. Both entities would retain ownership of their equipment and responsibility for its personnel, but it would share the services of the fire chief. The fire board said the issue may be brought up again in the future.

8 On Oct. 17, About six blocks of central Goodland were evacuated due to a ruptured gas line in the alley behind First National Bank. The strong winds aided emergency personnel by helping to disperse the gas. Luckily there were no explosions or fires.

The call came in about 3 p.m. of a major gas leak. A work crew using a boring machine had struck a gas line. First National and the post office were immediately evacuated along with homes on the other side



Former state representative Rick Billinger spoke at a town hall earlier this year. Billinger was defeated in the primary.

of the alley. Police and city crews helped close off the streets.

Fire Chief Brian James set up a command post at 11th Street and Broadway Avenue. The Sherman County Sheriff’s Office provided their mobile command center, which was parked at the post office.

Crews from Black Hills Energy worked to reduce the danger from the leak, including installation of a pipe to divert the gas higher into the air.

The Fire Department evacuated about six blocks, from 10th to 12th Streets between Main and Caldwell Avenues. Evacuees were sent to United Methodist Church. Several residents were escorted to and from their homes for emergency needs.

Emergency responders also blocked off the roads one block south of the evacuation area. Central Elementary School was not evacuated, but school administrators were told to make sure children didn’t enter the area when they were released.

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At the Sherman County Republican Presidential Caucus in March, Darren Way spoke on behalf of candidate Ron Paul. Candidate Rick Santorum won the caucus, but failed to get the nomination.



open house

Vida Young will turn 100 on her birthday of January 1, 2013. Friends and family are hosting an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012, at the Good Samaritan Center, 208 W. Second, Goodland. Cards may be sent to her there.

patient news

Taylor Finley has been moved to a rehab hospital. Cards and letters can be sent to him at Craig Rehab Hospital, Room 216A, 3425 South Clarkson Street, Englewood, Colo. 80113.

genesis and salvation army

Genesis and Salvation Army are available year round to help those in need. Please call 785-890-2299 to speak to a volunteer.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from **1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Monday.** Closed on Tuesday.

The High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.** Closed Tuesdays.

The Carnegie Arts Center is open from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday and 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday** at 120 W. 12th. The center is always in need of hosts and hostesses on Sundays. New monthly exhibits and you are invited to visit the gift shop.

The Goodland Public Library is open from **10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday** and from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.** For information call (785) 899-5461 or stop by the library.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 890-3665.

The Good Sam Family Support Council meets at **7 p.m.** the second Thursday of every month at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Meetings are open to all interested people. For information call 890-3117 or 890-5936.

Breast Cancer Support Group meets at **5:30 p.m. the second Monday** of the month. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Norma at 890-6629 for more information.

The Goodland Activities Center has the daily activities. For information call 890-7242. Memberships options for everyone including day passes for \$5. Visit goodland-gac.com or stop by 808 Main.

Aerobics with Tena Thompkins at 5:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. **Aerobics** with Lisa Malsom at 5:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. **High Impact Workouts** with Grady Bonsall at 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. **Taekwondo** with Wayne Luckert on Tuesday at 5 to 5:30 p.m. Tigers, 5:30 to 7 Karate Kids and 5:30 to 7 p.m. adult. Wednesdays 5 to 5:30 p.m. Tigers, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Karate Kids and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. adults.

Weight Watchers meets at **5:30 p.m. for weigh in** and 6 p.m. for the meeting every **Tuesday** at the

the calendar

calendar

"Playing at Work" - work related games will be played on **Saturday** at the High Plains Museum, Carnegie Arts Center and the Goodland Public Library.

Jodie Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in **Goodland from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Thursday** in the Assembly Room on the third floor of the courthouse to help veterans and dependents with claims. Call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

Prairie Land Food sign up will be until Monday, Jan. 14. Distribution is 1 to 2 p.m. on

Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Knights of Columbus, 7th and Caldwell, or at the Bernadine Johnson residence, located at 704 Walnut. For information call 821-1827, 821-1275, or 890-3793 or order online at www.prairielandfood.com. The Prairie Pak will have ground beef, ham steak, chicken thighs, tilapia, meat balls and seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables. The specials are salmon filets; boneless pork chops; breakfast box with breakfast bites, French toast sticks, hash browns and bacon; pizzas; and chicken wings.

The Red Cross will be **collecting blood from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15**, at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 12th and

Sherman.

Tuesday Flicks are at **1:30 p.m.** at the **Goodland Public Library**, 812 Broadway. Call the library for the title of the movie at 899-5461.

senior menu

Today: Tuna and noodles, winter mix vegetables, mixed fruit, bread and cookie. **Monday:** Swiss steak, has brown casserole, beets, bread and pears.

school menu

Today to Jan. 7: No school winter break.

school calendar

Today to Jan. 7: Winter break.

Harvest Evangelical Free Church, 521 E. Hwy. 24. For information call (785) 890-6423.

Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous, 1013 Center. If you drink alcohol, that's your business. If you want to stop, we can help. Call 821-3826 pr 728-7491.

Goodland Al-Anon Family Group meets at **6 p.m. on Fridays** at First Christian Church, 711 Arcade. For information call Alice or Marilyn at 890-5914 or 821-2862.

The Incognito Group. If alcohol has made your life unmanageable. Our group meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday at the First Christian Church, 711 Arcade. Goodland West entrance. Talking about it is the first step. (785) 728-7022 and (785) 501-8282.

The "Freedom Today" group of **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and 8 p.m. on Sundays** at 1013 Center. Call 890-8369.

Bird City Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at **6:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Fridays** at the Senior Center on 4th Street. **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at **6:30 (Mountain Time) on Tuesdays** at the Senior Center. Call (785) 734-2734 for more information.

Stratton "AA by the Book" Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at **7 p.m. Thursdays** for a beginners open meeting. Filies and young people welcome. Call (719) 348-5398 for men and (719) 346-8553 for women. On U.S. Highway 24 go to Statton and it is the second house on the left, 513 Iola Street.

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group meets from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday** of every month in the Emergency Medical Services building, 257 15th St., in Burlington. Call Debbie at 719-346-4612.

area events

Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin, Colby is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. On exhibit during the month of October is a selection of works from the art department at Colby Community College. The pieces in the show, created by art instructor Rebel Jay

and her students from several art classes, utilize a variety of media including acrylics, chalk, clay, paper and found objects.

thrift store

The Goodland Churches Thrift Shop, 1002 Main, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Donations welcome. For information call 890-2007.

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Blood pressures; infants', children's and adults' immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; and family planning available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free. WIC program available. Call 890-4888 or go to www.sherman.kansas.com.

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care, call the health department.

Water Testing - The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 890-4888.

hospital volunteers

Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. volunteers are in the gift shop.

early head start

Early Head Start is a state funded program for income eligible families with prenatal mothers and children up to age three. Families participate in a variety of educational activities and receive free medical and dental care.

Services include special needs of children with disabilities. If you have a family member with a special problem, such as drug or alcohol abuse, job loss or other family crisis, your family can qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 187.

preschool

Sherman County Head Start is

a free preschool for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. The federally funded program is targeted to families who meet certain economic guidelines and provides hearing, vision, dental and educational screenings. Nutritious meals are served, and parents are encouraged to get involved in their children's education. For information call 890-2552.

crimestoppers

If you have information about any crime, call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers "Look Line" at 899-5665. Your call will be confidential and you will not be asked your name. If the information results in the arrest and/or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

The police department can also be called at 890-4570.

family shelter

The Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services provides help day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available in Hays. Support group for women's domestic violence victims/survivors is from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Central Time on Wednesdays; a men's domestic violence victims/survivors support group from noon to 1 p.m. Central Time Tuesdays; and a youth support group is available by appointment. A sexual violence victims/survivors support group in Hays and a domestic violence support group to meet in Colby are being formed. If interested in joining or for information or help, call (800) 794-4624. In the Colby area, call (785) 443-1130.

animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call 890-4575 or go to www.petfinder.com and be sure to enter the Goodland zip code 67735. You can also call the Goodland Police Department at 890-4570 or Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-4398. Interested in adopting a pet? Call the animal shelter or go to the website www.nwkasgoodland.webs.com.

obituary

Glenn J. Weis

Glenn J. Weis, 83, Sherman County gas well pumper for Lobo Enterprises, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012.

He was born Oct. 9, 1929, to Ruby (Pentico) and Pete Weis at Denver. Mr. Weis attended Brownville School in rural Sherman County and graduated from Brewster High School.

Mr. Weis had worked for Lobo Enterprises for the last 20 years.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Survivors include a daughter, Jennifer (John) Mazanec of Colby and two grandsons, Brandon (Tess Baumfalk) Mazanec of Colby and Joshua Mazanec of Goodland.

Memorial services are pending. Memorials to the Glenn J. Weis Memorial may be sent to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

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matters of record

Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

Oct. 20 - 1:08 a.m., 300 E. 17th, Rusty Dean Robinson was driving east on 17th street

when he drove off of the road, over the curb and struck a ditch and gas line.

Municipal Court

These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

Nov. 4: Patricia A. Ross, speeding 12 mph over limit, fined \$117.

Nov. 16: Christian Gonzales, failure to yield at stop or yield sign, fined \$135.

Ashley Nicole McClary, dog at large, fined \$90.

Aaron J. Luckert, speeding 15 mph over limit, fined \$210.

Nov. 17: Juan Ramirez-Cortes, battery - domestic violence and disorderly conduct, fined \$360.

Nov. 27: Joshua L. Dorn, speeding 12 mph over limit, fined \$198.

Dec. 3: Marysol Renteria, dog at large, fined \$90.

Dec. 5: John Richard Hendrick III, speeding 15 mph over limit, fined \$210.

Kevin C. Siegler, speeding 1 to 10 mph over limit, fined \$150.

Dec. 6: Frank Piccone Jr., disorderly conduct, diversion \$260.

Heather L. West, speeding 1 to 10 mph over limit, fined \$150.

Dec. 7: Christopher L. Durr, speeding 1 to 10 mph, over limit, fined \$150.

Dec. 10: Charles M. Day III, speeding 14 mph over limit, fined \$129.

Joan Y. Reid, speeding 13 mph over limit, fined \$186.

John T. Amason Jr., speeding 10 mph over limit, fined \$105.

Curtis P. Ross, speeding 1 to 10 mph over limit, fined \$150.

Dec. 11: Sherry L. Thomas, dog at large x2, fined \$150.

Colby M. Minchow, speeding 11 mph over limit, fined \$162.

Michael Anthony Fieger Jr., speeding 14 mph over limit, fined \$129.

Denton D. Tankersley, speeding 1 to 10 mph over limit, fined \$150.

Dec. 12: Clifford E. Smith, careless driving and illegal tag or no tag, fined \$235.

Javier A. Bussone, dog at large, fined \$90.

Stephen G. West, speeding 1 to 10 mph over limit, fined \$150.

Dec. 13: Jasmine R. Ewing, speeding 14 mph over limit, fined \$129.

Dec. 17: Steven R. Smith, no animal license, fined \$90.

Stetson E. Johnson, illegal tag or no tag, fined \$135.

Ryan E. Johnson, dog at large, fined \$90.

Dec. 19: Jerri Hord, dog at large, fined \$120.

Goodland Police

The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Nov. 19 - 1:43 p.m., 516 W. Hwy. 24 Apt 508, child in need of care. Case referred to county attorney.

Nov. 20 - 8:38 a.m., 204 W. 11th St., arrested Gary Roy Slusher on warrant arrest for another jurisdiction for Thomas County, Kan. Case referred to county attorney.

Nov. 24 - 7:40 a.m., 218 Center Ave., Levi Wassemiller reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

7:47 a.m., 205 Main Ave., Kathy Wiley reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

11:48 a.m., 519 E. 4th St., Michael L. Sorenson reported criminal damage to property. Case remains under investigation.

2:59 p.m., 812 Washington Ave., Tracey Purvis reported a theft. Case remains under investigation.

3:37 p.m., 115 E. 7th St., Janice Pearson reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

Nov. 25 - 1:59 a.m., 1502 Caldwell Ave., Rust Short reported a theft. Case remains under investigation.

3:38 p.m., 1209 Clark Ave., William Robert Booth reported a theft and burglary. Case remains under investigation.

Nov. 26 - 11:17 a.m., 330 W. 17th St., Brian Rippe reported theft and burglary. Case remains under investigation.

Nov. 29 - 5:29 p.m., 100 Clark Ave., arrested a juvenile for probation violation. Case referred to county attorney.

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White Christmas



People were greeted by snow starting Christmas morning. The snow continued throughout the day with an accumulation of 4.2 inches.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Women's agricultural conference in February

The 2013 Women Managing the Farm Conference is scheduled Thursday and Friday, Feb. 7 to 8, and will be held in Manhattan at the Hilton Garden Inn.

The popular agriculture conference for women will be the eighth in a series. It began as a regional offering before becoming a multi-day conference held in Hutchinson and, in recent years, in Wichita.

Moving the conference to Manhattan allows greater access to resources at Kansas State University and Kansas State Research and Extension, said Janet Barrows, who, with Robin Blume, are serving as volunteers for the educational effort.

Moving the conference also provides an opportunity for adding a pre-conference session, which Barrows dubbed "Blue Jean Basics" on Wednesday, Feb. 6. The session is being planned as a less formal introductory and interactive opportunity for participants to learn from Kansas State crops and livestock specialists.

The conference is recommended for women who are land owners, farm or ranch managers, partners or employees, absentee landlords, or career women engaged in agricultural careers.

Women new to production agri-

culture - by inheritance or marriage - find the conference to be informative and reassuring, Barrows said. And, while geared to women, spouses and others appreciate conference topics and time to network with women moving into leadership roles in agriculture.

The 2013 edition of the conference promises a full agenda with featured speakers and more than two dozen breakout sessions considering financial risks; human risks; estate planning and legal issues; insurance; production; drought management; social advocacy; retail agriculture and, yes, even farming in the city.

Jolene Brown, a champion for agriculture and consultant for family-owned businesses will blend humor with tips into two conference presentations.

Her topics, "If We Huff and We Puff Will We Blow Your House Down?" and "The Balancing Act: 10 Ideas to Relieve Stress and Bring Renewal to Our Farm and Family Life" promise a realistic look at agriculture and family life in today's world and offers ideas for moving forward successfully and keeping peace in the family.

The cost to attend the two-day conference is \$145 for registrations received by Wednesday, Jan. 23,

and \$170 for registrations received after Jan. 23. Registration includes conference sessions, materials and packet, two lunches, one breakfast buffet, and refreshment breaks.

More information about the conference and online registration is available at www.womenmanagingthefarm.info.

The conference hotel (Hilton Garden Inn) will offer a limited number of rooms at a conference rate (\$104, plus 15.05 percent tax). Reservations can be made online as part of the registration process or by phone: (785) 532-9116. The conference code is WMFC.

The conference typically attracts more than 200 attendees, and early registration and reservations are recommended, Barrows said.

Conference sponsors and partners include the USDA Farm Service Agency; Kansas State Research and Extension; Kansas Farm Bureau; Farm Credit Associations of Kansas, which includes Frontier Farm Credit; American AgCredit; Farm Credit of Ness City; High Plains Farm Credit; Farm Credit of Western Kansas, and Farm Credit of Southwest Kansas, Kansas Dairy Commission, Kansas Wheat, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Fossilized foot displayed at Kansas Cosmosphere

In 1964, the Hutchinson Planetarium had on display what was believed to be the fossil of a three-toed dinosaur foot estimated to be between 70 and 100 million years old. The fossilized foot originally belonged to Charlie Dovel who had been storing it in his basement along with several other artifacts. Dovel offered the foot to then-director (and founder of the Planetarium) Patty Carey - or Mrs. Howard Carey, Jr., as she was called in the newspaper article documenting the historical find.

Fifty years later, the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center is in a new location and has undergone some significant changes. Nearly unrecognizable from its chicken-coop beginnings, but with the constant mission of honoring the past and inspiring the future of space exploration, the Cosmosphere has, once again, an opportunity to display this prehistoric artifact.

Though not the kind of "curiosity" one would expect to find at the internationally acclaimed space museum, this Mesozoic

marvel makes a timely appearance. The fossil was originally retrieved from 2,750 feet below the surface of a coal mine in Utah and weighs approximately 200 pounds. It has been returned for display while Flying Monsters, the dinosaur documentary narrated by David Attenborough, is showing in the Cosmosphere's Carey Digital Dome Theater. Having transferred ownership several times over the past five decades, the fossil was offered on loan to the Cosmosphere courtesy of Tom Zarnowski of Hutchinson.

Every day, the Cosmosphere offers stunning documentaries at the Carey Digital Dome Theater. Now showing are Flying Monsters and The Last Reef. Full-length Hollywood feature films show every night. Other educational programming includes "Dr. Goddard's Lab," where viewers explore the history of rocketry and experience explosive experiments, and Planetarium presentations - including the miraculous holiday favorite, Star of Bethlehem, and the in-

spiring Night Sky Live showing daily. Visitors can also explore the world-famous Hall of Space Museum, documenting the history of space exploration from the beginning, and featuring actual flown artifacts and spacecraft - including Liberty Bell 7 and the Apollo 13 command module Odyssey.

The Smithsonian-affiliated Cosmosphere houses the largest collection of U.S. space artifacts outside the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. It also houses the largest collection of Russian space artifacts outside of Moscow. The Carey Digital Dome Theater proudly supports education. Camp KAOS is dedicated to inspiring explorers of all ages using STEM principles and provides students the opportunity to build leadership and teamwork skills.

The Cosmosphere is located at 1100 N. Plum in Hutchinson. For tickets, hours and pricing call (800)397-0330 or visit www.cosmo.org.

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Don't treat gun owners like criminals

Earlier this week, the *Journal News*, a newspaper in New York, put together a map of registered handgun owners, including their names and addresses and put it out to the public. It shows a red dot with the location of every handgun owner across two counties. Click on that dot and it shows you their name and address.

The map has obviously drawn a lot of comments, both in support and criticizing the decision.

Did the *Journal News* violate the law? No. Everything that was used was public information from handgun permits. The county clerks told the paper that there was information that could not be released such as type of handguns each person possessed or the number of guns owned.

What the paper did, however, was violate good taste and step all over people's right not to be persecuted for lawful activities. That's not spelled out right in the Constitution, but it's at the core of who we are: that if you follow the law, you can live your life free of harassment.

Over the years, similar things have been done with sex offender registries. Like the cursory information from the handgun permits, such information about sex offenders is also public information. But that registry is there for criminal activity. People on that registry are on there because they have done something wrong. The gun ownership map is the exact opposite. People are on that map because they followed the law.

We understand that everyone is upset over the Newtown massacre, but we have to think through our reactions. You cannot trample on the rights of law abiding citizens just because one person goes off to the deep end. It would be like singling out anyone who's ever rented a Ryder truck just because the Oklahoma City bombers used a Ryder truck.

If you have a concern about a neighbor, it should be your responsibility to look up public records on them. It is not for newspapers to "out" every gun owner in their area as if because one gun owner does something wrong, they all have.

Whatever you think of gun ownership and gun owners, we should all be able to agree that gun owners are not criminals simply by virtue of being gun owners, and they should not be portrayed as such. —Kevin Bottrell



Capitol improvements worth the money

On Jan. 14 the newly elected Legislature will gather in the State Capitol for the start of the 2013 session. It will be the first time in six years that all legislators will have an office space in the Capitol Building. Because I am now the Education Budget chair I will have my own office. I will be in Topeka Jan. 2 through 5 getting training on running a committee and setting up my office.

If you have an opportunity to travel to Topeka this session to see the Kansas Legislature in action, or if you would like to see the Kansas taxpayers \$340 million investment in the capitol renovations, I would enjoy showing you around. Although I disagree with much of the expense associated with the renovations, the fresh look, additional space, and furnishings in the capitol are impressive to behold. The inside



ward cassidy

• state rep.

is now completely finished and the outside is scheduled to be finished next December. If you could give me a few days notice prior to your arrival it would help me plan my schedule to try to have a little more time to spend with you.

There will be many issues discussed during the 2013 session, but it appears the headline issues will be taxes, government spending (the budget), and education finance. I would sincerely appreciate your input and will post my contact information as soon as I have ev-

erything updated.

Kansas Revenue Update: tax only revenues in November came in \$2.5 million above estimates that had been revised by the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group earlier this month. The good news is the amount of individual income taxes collected was \$3.5 million higher than projected for November which puts the total to \$55 million more than was collected last year. A question we are all asking is what is going to happen when income tax goes away?

Sales tax collections fell short in November by \$29 million, but they were above last November. Sales tax is \$27 million ahead of what was brought in July-November in 2011.

Letter Policy

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Time to thank those road crews

It's weeks like last week that ought to make use appreciate the guys who keep the roads open and safe for travel, day or night, rain or snow: the state highway crews, troopers and deputies, firemen and all the others who keep us moving and sometimes save us from ourselves.

Most of the time, we take them for granted. The only time we come in contact with a trooper might be when we're going a bit too fast. And highway crews, there the guys with the orange cones and stop signs who hold us back, make us late for that appointment in the next town.

We haven't have much winter yet, but that's when these people really shine. State crews went to 12-hour shifts as the storm approached, keeping the plows moving day and night until the roads were clear.

Say what you will, but I have a lot of respect for people who can work that way, 12 hours on, 12 off, in the worst weather of the year, plowing icy roads in a howling storm where sometimes you can't see the road at all.

But you know there are people out there who depend on you, the ones stuck in the ditch, the ones hurt in icy spinouts, the ones who might be stuck if you don't keep plowing.

Troopers and tow-truck drivers, deputies and



cynthia haynes

• open season

firemen all have to get out in the storm to check the people stuck in the ditch, direct traffic, hook up chains, all the time never knowing when the next driver might not stop in time, might go skidding out of control. It's no wonder the close the roads when things get bad.

This isn't just work; it's stress. Not that working out on the road is much easier in the summer. The sun is hot, safety rules make the work drag on and people don't slow down much just because you're out there in orange.

Flagging may look like the easiest job, but it's maybe the hardest. You're on your feet in the sun all day, with wind, dust, rain and traffic. And stress. Who knows if the woman barreling down on you is awake, or on the phone, or yelling at her kids, or talking on the phone? Who knows if she sees the flag? Who knows if she's even going to stop?

Yeah, a lot of times it may not look like the

crew is getting much done. Sure, there're all those jokes about road crews; you know, "What's orange and sleeps three?"

The people who think these things up have never driven a plow alone at night in a blizzard, or shoveled hot asphalt patch on a summer day, or stood and flagged traffic, safely, for hours on end.

They have nice office jobs, live in California maybe. It's OK. A lot of guys on the road crews have a sense of humor.

But next time you see a bunch of road workers—but only if it's safe to stop—why you might just want to stop and say thanks. Tell 'em how much you appreciate what they do, day and night, winter and summer. Same for the trooper in your town or the deputy who lives down the block, your neighbor the volunteer fireman, the tow-truck guy who never seems to have a think to do all day.

Not many people bother, you know. Most just drive on buy or shake their fist at the delay. (How do they think roads get fixed, anyway?)

Heck, stop and talk to the guys, they might just show you some of those new shovels the state bought. You know, the ones that stand up by themselves so the crew can get some work done.

Silence is golden



Insight this week

• john schlageck

Today, information bombards us like a meteor shower. It's everywhere.

Each day our eyes see thousands of images on television and computer screens. Our ears hear thousands of words. Many people read thousands of words on the printed page.

People text and talk. They Facebook and walk. They Twitter and tweet. They blog and beep. They Bluetooth—I didn't know that was even a word until a few years ago. One thing I do know, it shouldn't be a verb.

Folks who can't speak or write our English language are making up their own version daily, but that's a whole 'nother story.

Does anyone listen anymore?

Listening and reading. Wise men and women throughout history have told us we ought to be doing more of this. Give your eyes a rest from the video world every now and then.

Guess what?

Every day, I scan about a half dozen newspapers online. I even pick up a copy of the *Kansas City Star* and hold the "real thing" in my mitts nearly every Sunday.

And books, both in paper, hardback and my Nook, I can't begin to think of how many I've read during the last 50 years. I read every day, and sometimes I have two or three books going at the same time.

One of my favorite authors, Leo Tolstoy ("War and Peace" and "Anna Karenina") used to choose a theme and offer a wise thought for each day of the year. He coupled this with quotes from some of the greatest philosophers of all times.

Here are a few of the thoughts on which Tolstoy reflected. Most have to do with listening.

• After a long conversation, stop and try to remember what you have just discussed. Don't be surprised if many things, sometimes all things you discuss, are meaningless, empty and trivial.

• A stupid person should keep silent. But if he knew this, he would not be a stupid person. — Saadi.

• If you want to be a clever person, you have to learn how to ask cleverly, how to listen attentively, how to respond quietly and how to stop talking when there is nothing more to say.

• People whose only motivation is to say

something original utter many stupid things. — Voltaire.

• If you have time to think before you start talking, think.

Will what I have to say harm anyone?

Is it necessary to speak?

Nothing can support idleness better than empty chatter. People would do better to keep silent rather than speak the boring, empty things they routinely say to entertain themselves.

• First think, then speak. Stop when told, "enough." — Saadi.

• Those people speak most who do not have much to say.

• People are taught to speak, but their major concern should be how to keep silent.

• I have spent all my life amongst wise people, and I have found nothing better than silence in this world. If a word costs one coin, then silence costs two. — Talmud.

• Keep silent. Rest your tongue more often than you do your hands. You will never regret that you have kept silent, but you will often regret that you spoke too much.

• Do not say words you do not feel, lest your soul be blackened with darkness. — The Book of Divine Thoughts.

• Silence is golden. Listen.

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Gas leak, election begin list of top stories

TOP STORIES, from Page 1

at the end of the school day. The Sherman County Rural Fire Department was paged out to help at 3:13 p.m. The Police Department assisted in providing traffic control and an ambulance was put on standby at the church. Also assisting were the Goodland Public Works Department, Sherman County Emergency Management, the Sherman County Health department and the National Weather Service.

The American Red Cross sent an emergency response vehicle with food as well as four volunteers from Hays.

Black Hills Energy continued to work on the leak into the night. Lights were set up to allow them to continue working after dark.

Residents in the block south of First National Bank, from 11th to 12th from Broadway to Caldwell, were allowed to return home at 5 p.m., but homes on the 10th to 11th Street remained evacuated due to the plume from the gas line.

The all clear was given at 7:45 p.m.

7 Fire department issues came back to the forefront again later in the year, but with a different result. Sherman County was moving ahead with plans to build a new fire and ambulance station. The original plan was to utilize ground on the west side of Goodland that the county already owns and build the ambulance bays and administration offices first so the Emergency Medical Services department could move in when the county takes it over in January, and then add on fire truck bays later.

Then the city proposed allowing the county to remodel the Wolach Building, which at times had been a grocery store and a manufacturing firm, into a fire and ambulance station. The fire board had long had its eye on the building, which would be larger than the proposed new building, enough space to house the city and rural fire departments as well as the ambulances.

The issue came down to cost.



The temporary pipe seen in the background was put in over the gas leak in the alley behind First National Bank in October to disperse the gas into the air. Firefighters were on scene to help in case of an explosion or a fire.

The city would provide the building, which was structurally strong, and the county would pay for the remodel. It took several months to get final numbers, but the remodel came in cheaper than doing a new building.

Writing up a contract between the city, county and fire board took more time, with negotiations going back and forth. Final approval on the agreement came in late November. The county approved a bid from Miller Construction, who said they could have the ambulance portion complete enough to move in the department director and the ambulances in February. The remodel will be complete sometime this summer.

6 A continually developing story throughout the year was changes in the U.S. Postal Service due to a crippling loss of revenue over the past decade.

The main local impact of the losses will be that the Goodland out-of-town mail is being shipped overnight to North Platte, Neb., for sorting. It was being sorted in Colby.

Colby is one of seven plants in Kansas on the "hit list" for closure. Others are in Hays, Salina, Dodge City, Hutchinson, Liberal and Topeka. Mail sorting for most would be moved to Wichita, but Topeka's would go to Kansas City, Mo., Liberal's to Amarillo, Texas, and Colby's to North Platte.

As part of the overall plan, the Postal Service hopes to change the standard for delivery of First Class

mail from overnight to three days, depending on distance, to two to three days regardless of distance.

The current system is designed to get mail moved overnight within about 200 miles, said Brian Sperry, a spokesman for the service in Denver. After realignment of the network, he said, the service would plan to deliver mail within three days anywhere in the country. That means a letter to the person next door would go to North Platte for sorting the day after mailing and be delivered by the second or third day.

Roy Reynolds, processing plant manager for the Omaha district, said the service had planned on closing the plant in North Platte, moving the work to Cheyenne, Wyo. That was nixed when officials found out the

building in Cheyenne would have to be expanded.

The North Platte facility kept its 50 jobs. *The North Platte Telegraph* reported Thursday that the plant would not need to add any jobs to cover Colby's mail volume, but it would add a position to take on mail from Alliance. Elsewhere in Nebraska, the plants in Grand Island and Norfolk will close, costing 101 jobs at those plants.

Distance could also be a factor in the decision. North Platte is only 145 miles from Colby, while Denver is 235. U.S. 83 connects the two towns, and is seldom closed in the winter, unlike I-70. And the consolidation would preserve north-south mail connections in the area.

"As we conducted the study," Sperry said, "we decided that North

Platte made more sense (than Denver)."

In Washington, Tonda Rush, chief executive officer of the National Newspaper Association, and a national authority on postal operations and regulatory cases, said newspapers have pushed for a plan to allow entry of presorted mail at "hubs" where trucks will exchange mail, even if the regional plants are closed. Otherwise, she said, newspapers will have to leave the mails and find some other way of delivering their product.

We have been told at the headquarters level that they will do that," she said. "The hub operation would help save the quality of mail service for everyone, not just newspapers."

The service is going to have money problems until it gets control of its labor costs, she said.

"Labor is 80 percent of their costs," she said. "It's a person-heavy operation."

Nationally, the service hopes to get down to about 250 plants. Of 264 operations studies for closure, it says, six are on hold, 35 will remain open like North Platte and 223 will close or be scaled down.

"The building (in Colby) will remain open and continue to function as a post office," Sperry said.

This means that all the basic services will stay in place, and people can still mail letters from Colby. Most letters will take the same time to deliver, he said, because the post office maintains a standard of being able to deliver a letter anywhere in the country in one to three days.

There will, however, be two fewer employees working at the Colby office, after the consolidation process Sperry said. In Colby, Postmaster Jean Johnson said the post office might already be down to the number of employees who should be working after the consolidations. The service tries to reduce the number of employees through attrition — retirements and resignations — and not layoffs.

Immigration exhibit opens at Fort Hays

Most Kansans can trace their heritage to another part of the world.

This is the unique story told in "Americans by Choice: The Story of Immigration and Citizenship in Kansas," a new exhibit opening Thursday, Jan. 3, at Forsyth Library on the Fort Hays State University campus.

Some came in search of a better life for themselves or their children. Many came to join families or friends. Between 1865 and 1880, Kansas attracted immigrants at a faster pace than anywhere else in the United States. The state's population grew from 107,205 in 1860 to 1,428,108 in 1890, thanks to the irresistible promise of a better life through land and jobs.

In 1870, 13 percent of Kansas' total population was foreign-born. Employment opportunities, a lower cost of living and the ease of integrating into communities in a meaningful way continue to attract many new immigrants.

Today, 6 percent of all Kansans are foreign-born. And, each year, the U.S. District Court for Kansas conducts about 20 naturalization ceremonies where people who have completed the requirements for citizenship take the Oath of Allegiance and become U.S. citizens.

Beginning Jan. 3 the exhibit will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, closed on weekends and on Monday, Jan. 21. New hours will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 22, when the exhibit will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 10 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. The exhibit will close Wednesday, Feb. 20.

The exhibit illustrates the paths to citizenship taken by Kansas settlers from around the world over the past 150 years and personalizes the story of immigration and citizenship — who came, where they came from, why they came to Kansas and why they chose to become U.S. citizens. It features photographs, documents, quotes and interactive books describing major laws affecting immigration and naturalization over the past 150 years, the consequences of those laws and how they directly affected the life of a Kansan.

The exhibit was commissioned by the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas to highlight the court's role in the naturalization process. A permanent exhibit of the same title is installed at the Robert J. Dole Courthouse in Kansas City, Kan.

"I speak for every one of the judges on this court," said the Hon. Kathryn H. Vratil, chief judge, "when I say that participating in naturalization ceremonies is one of the highlights of our professional life. It helps us reaffirm and refocus ourselves on the values that we hold very dear to our hearts as American citizens."

From 1931 to 2010, more than 75,000 new citizens were naturalized in Kansas, an average of 2,400 a year.

The exhibit was developed by Jean Svadlenak, a museum consultant based in Kansas City, Mo., with more than 35 years of experience in history.

"I have been captivated and inspired by the people I've met through this project," Svadlenak said. "Their personal stories give meaning to immigration and citizenship facts and figures. Working on this project has given me a deeper appreciation for my own American citizenship."

For information, contact Patty Nicholas, archivist at the library, at pnichola@fhsu.edu or by calling (785) 628-5901.



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Tips to protect yourself during cold weather

When winter temperatures drop significantly below normal, staying warm and safe can become a challenge, says the Center for Disease Control. Extremely cold temperatures often accompany a winter storm, so you may have to cope with power failures and icy roads. Although staying indoors as much as possible can help reduce the risk of car crashes and falls on the ice, you may also face indoor hazards.

fireplace, or space heater, be extremely careful. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and remember these safety tips:

- Use fireplace, wood stoves, or other combustion heaters only if they are properly vented to the outside and do not leak flue gas into the indoor air space.
- Do not burn paper in a fireplace.
- Ensure adequate ventilation if you must use a kerosene heater.
- Use only the type of fuel your heater is designed to use - don't substitute.
- Do not place a space heater within three feet of anything that may catch on fire, such as drapes, furniture, or bedding, and never cover your space heater.

- Never place a space heater on top of furniture or near water.
- Never leave children unattended near a space heater.
- Make sure that the cord of an electric space heater is not a tripping hazard but do not run the cord under carpets or rugs.
- Avoid using extension cords to plug in your space heater.
- If your space heater has a damaged electrical cord or produces sparks, do not use it.
- Store a multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher near the area to be heated.
- Protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning by installing a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector and never using generators, grills, camp stoves, or similar devices indoors.

Conserve heat

You may need fresh air coming in for your heater or for emergency cooking arrangements. However, if you don't need extra ventilation, keep as much heat as possible inside your home. Avoid unnecessary opening of doors or windows. Close off unneeded rooms, stuff towels or

rags in cracks under doors, and close draperies or cover windows with blankets at night.

Dress warmly and stay dry when going outdoors

- Adults and children should wear:
- a hat
 - a scarf or knit mask to cover face and mouth
 - sleeves that are snug at the wrist
 - mittens (they are warmer than gloves)
 - water-resistant coat and boots
 - several layers of loose-fitting clothing

Be sure the outer layer of your clothing is tightly woven, preferably wind resistant, to reduce body-heat loss caused by wind. Wool, silk or polypropylene inner layers of clothing will hold more body heat than cotton. Stay dry - wet clothing chills the body rapidly. Excess perspiration will increase heat loss, so remove extra layers of clothing whenever you feel too warm. Also, avoid getting gasoline or alcohol on your skin while de-icing and fueling your car or using a snow blower. These materials in contact with the skin greatly increase heat loss from the body. Do not ignore shivering. It's an important first sign that the body is losing heat. Persistent shivering is a signal to return indoors.

Serious health problems can result from prolonged exposure to the cold. The most common cold-related are hypothermia and frostbite.

Hypothermia

When exposed to cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced. Prolonged exposure to cold will eventually use up your body's stored energy. The result is hypothermia, or abnormally low body temperature. Body temperature that is too low affects the brain, making the

victim unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia particularly dangerous because a person may not know it is happening and won't be able to do anything about it.

Hypothermia is most likely at very cold temperatures, but it can occur even at cool temperatures (above 40°F) if a person becomes chilled from rain, sweat, or submersion in cold water.

Victims of hypothermia are often (1) elderly people with inadequate food, clothing or heating; (2) babies sleeping in cold bedrooms; (3) people who remain outdoors for long periods - the homeless, hikers, hunters, etc.; and (4) people who drink alcohol or use illicit drugs.

Recognizing hypothermia

- Warnings signs of hypothermia:
- Infants:
- bright red, cold skin
 - very low energy
- Adults:
- shivering, exhaustion
 - confusion, fumbling hands
 - memory loss, slurred speech
 - drowsiness

What to do
If you notice any of these signs, take the person's temperature. If it is below 95°, the situation is an emergency - get medical attention immediately.

If medical care is not available, begin warming the person, as follows:

- Get the victim into a warm room or shelter.
- If the victim has on any wet clothing, remove it.
- Warm the center of the body first - chest, neck, head, and groin - using an electric blanket, if available. Or use skin-to-skin contact under loose, dry layers of blankets, clothing, towels, or sheets.
- Warm beverages can help increase the body temperature, but do not give alcoholic beverages.

Do not try to give beverages to an unconscious person.

- After body temperature has increased, keep the person dry and wrapped in a warm blanket, including the head and neck.

- Get medical attention as soon as possible.

A person with severe hypothermia may be unconscious and may not seem to have a pulse or to be breathing. In this case, handle the victim gently, and get emergency assistance immediately. Even if the victim appears dead, CPR should be provided. CPR should continue while the victim is being warmed, until the victim responds or medical aid becomes available. In some cases, hypothermia victims who appear to be dead can be successfully resuscitated.

Frostbite

Frostbite is an injury to the body that is caused by freezing. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and color in affected areas. It most often affects the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers or toes. Frostbite can permanently damage the body, and severe cases can lead to amputation. The risk of frostbite is increased in people with reduced blood circulation and among people who are not dressed properly for extremely cold temperatures.

Recognizing frostbite

At the first signs of redness or pain in any skin area, get out of the cold or protect any exposed skin. Frostbite may be beginning. Any of the following signs may indicate frostbite:

- a white or grayish-yellow skin area
- skin that feels unusually firm or waxy
- numbness

A victim is often unaware of frostbite until someone else points it out because the frozen tissues are numb.

What to do

If you detect symptoms of frostbite, seek medical care. Because frostbite and hypothermia both result from exposure, first determine whether the victim also shows signs of hypothermia, as described previously. Hypothermia is a more serious medical condition and requires emergency medical assistance.

If (1) there is frostbite but no sign of hypothermia and (2) immediate medical care is not available, proceed as follows:

- Get into a warm room as soon as possible.
- Unless absolutely necessary, do not walk on frostbitten feet or toes. This increases the damage.
- Immerse the affected area in warm - not hot - water (the temperature should be comfortable to the touch for unaffected parts of the body).
- Or, warm the affected area using body heat.

For example, the heat of an armpit can be used to warm frostbitten fingers.

- Do not rub the frostbitten area with snow or massage it at all. This can cause more damage.
- Don't use a heating pad, heat lamp, or the heat of a stove, fireplace, or radiator for warming. Affected areas are numb and can be easily burned.

These procedures are not substitutes for proper medical care. Hypothermia is a medical emergency and frostbite should be evaluated by a health care provider. It is a good idea to take a first aid and emergency resuscitation course to prepare for cold-weather health problems. Knowing what to do is an important part of protecting your health and the health of others.

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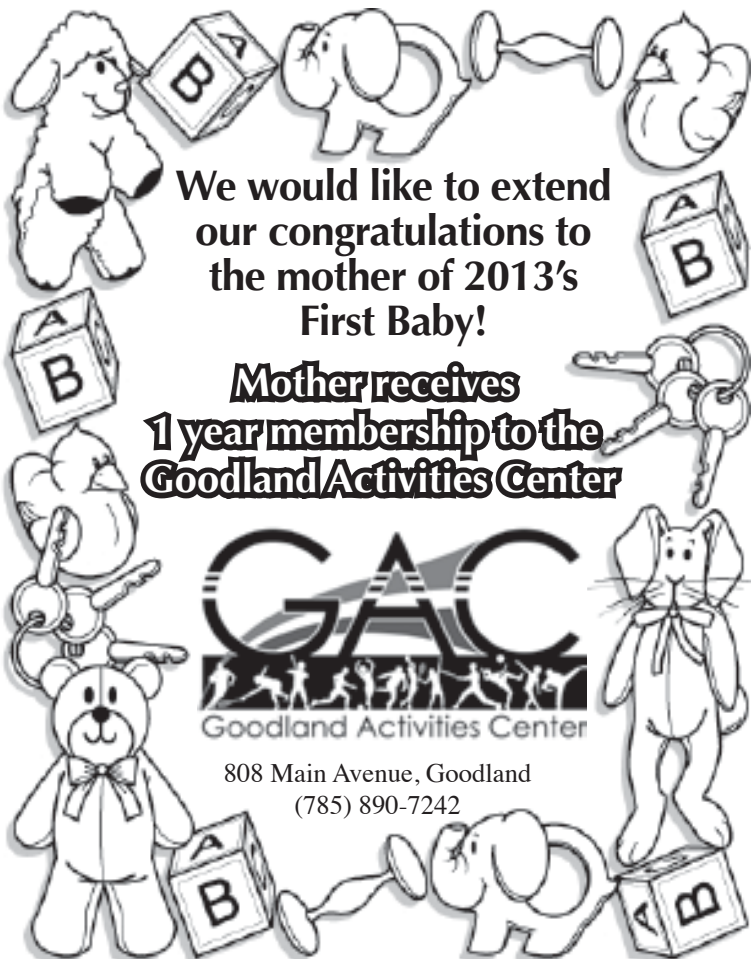
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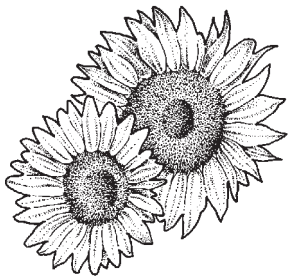


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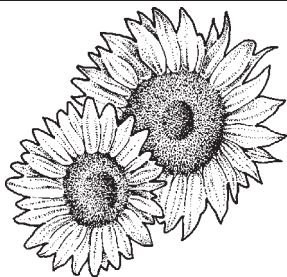
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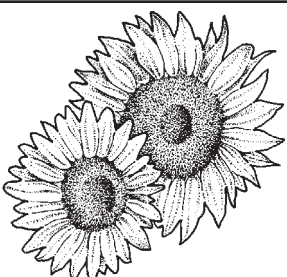


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Businesses, farmers honored at Elks and Chamber dinner

The Elks Lodge dinner was the place to be on Dec. 15. Not only was there dinner and dancing, but the newly reformed Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce also joined the event.

Mayor John Garcia, who has been helping to get the new Chamber up and running, said one of his goals was to reinstitute the yearly Chamber banquet, and this year the event was combined with the Elks' year-end banquet.

The Chamber board took the opportunity to recognize business and agriculture leaders with certificates.

Business honorees include:

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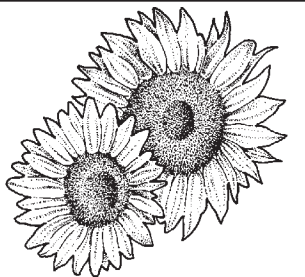
Ag honorees include:

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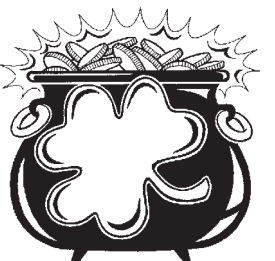


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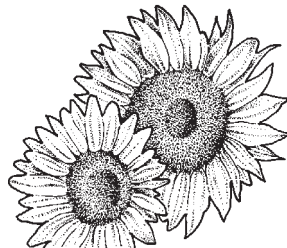
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New system supposed to track sick animals

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says it has finished a rule to improve traceability of diseased livestock moving across state lines. The final rule, to be published in the Federal Register today, will establish a framework to allow states and Native American tribes to establish animal disease traceability systems that meet their needs. Dr. Bill Brown, Kansas animal health commissioner, said an effective animal disease traceability program will give Kansas the ability to easily trace the movement of livestock in the event of a livestock

disease outbreak. He also said an effective program should reduce the number of animals involved in a disease investigation and the necessary response time while minimizing the financial impact on stockmen and ranchers. "We have been preparing for the final animal disease traceability system since February 2010, and we appreciate USDA's efforts to work with states, tribes and all industry stakeholders to finalize this rule," said Dr. Brown. "Agriculture is the largest industry in Kansas. As such, we have worked closely with our

partners in the livestock sector in Kansas to educate livestock farmers and ranchers about animal disease traceability and develop a statewide plan to implement the program in Kansas." Dr. Brown said Kansas has purchased USA-Herds, an in-house, secure electronic "filing cabinet" to collect confidential traceability data. Kansas is one of about 12 states that use the program and is leading efforts to educate other states about its capabilities to track the interstate movements of animals. The final rule will go into effect

60 days after publication. Under the rule, unless specifically exempted, livestock moving interstate must be officially identified and accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection (also known as a health certificate) or other state-approved documentation. The final rule exempts cattle under 18 months of age from traceability requirements, but the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service plans to work with the industry to promulgate a separate rule for this group. Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman said while traceabil-

ity is important for animal health purposes, it may also have implications on export markets as well. "More than 99.96 percent of the world's population lives outside of Kansas. Our farmers and ranchers have been feeding Kansans since before our statehood, but in the future, we will play an increasingly important role in feeding the world," he said. "Cattle traceability could impact market access in the future. This is especially concerning when recognizing that of the world's eight largest exporters, six have adopted mandatory cattle animal identifica-

tion and traceability systems. "We have worked with USDA on the animal disease traceability framework and will continue working with the agency to implement this rule and on all issues that impact the ability of farmers and ranchers to raise healthy animals and produce safe, wholesome food." For information about the issue and to read the rule, go to www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/. For information about animal disease traceability in Kansas, go to www.ksda.gov/animal/content/417.

Tools that can be used to turn compost piles

Several weeks ago I wrote that it was time to turn the compost. This week I saw a video on composting and gardening tools. Now we all know that round blade shovels or tile spades are great tools to move soil. When it comes to composting they will also do a good job if the compost is getting close to being finished. In the early stages of compost making the compost can be clumsy and hard to manage



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with stringy inter-twined materials. The use of a garden fork or potato fork, as I refer to it,

will allow you to penetrate the leaves and vines that are found in many compost piles. Ease of penetrating the pile is also why some gardeners prefer the pitch fork. As the pile matures, the finer materials can fall through the tines of the fork and the material may not move as well as you like. The tool that interested me the most in the

video was a compost auger. The auger had an open spoon on the end of a cranking brace. To use you simply turn the auger into the pile and pull it out with material falling off and mixing as it is retrieved. The presenter noted that lifting and pulling associated with the use of any of these tools can be hard on muscles and the back, so use a little caution if you are not use to

such activities. Yes, it's winter, but I am sure there are gardeners out there that are starting to miss the action in garden. The use of any of these hand tools in a compost pile would be a great way to get out of the house, back to nature and make a great product for next summer's garden.

Snow brings many benefits to the struggling wheat crop

Much-anticipated snow this winter will bring many benefits to the struggling wheat crop, said Jim Shroyer, Kansas State Research and Extension crop production specialist. In many ways, he added, snow will be even better than rain. Those benefits include:

- Moisture. Obviously, snow brings much-needed moisture to wheat fields. The general rule is 10 inches of snow equals 1 inch of rain, although this varies, depending on how fluffy or heavy the snow is. One of the benefits of getting moisture in the form of snow is that nearly all the moisture will move down into the

- soil and remain there for quite some time. Since the weather is cold, or at least cool, after a snow, little will evaporate.
- Root development. Moisture from snow will help increase root growth of wheat. Even is the top growth is dormant and isn't growing during cold weather, roots will con-

- tinue to grow if there is moisture.
- Soil protection. Snow cover does a great job in keeping the soil from blowing. As long as the ground is protected by snow, soil particles on the surface can't be picked up by the wind, preventing erosion.
- Soil temperatures. Snow insulates the soil. Keeping cold air

- from reducing soil temperatures and protecting the crown of the wheat plant from cold. Snow also keeps the ground warmer during the winter by adding moisture. It takes longer for wet soil to get cold. The best way for a grower to improve the chances of having snow cover is to maintain standing residue

- on the field, Shroyer added. "Standing residue is especially effective in capturing and keeping snow, especially when it's windy," he said. "That's another reason that keeping residue on the soil is important."

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McCarty Dairy moved from Pennsylvania

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To some, Tom McCarty's decision to move his family's century-old dairy from Pennsylvania to the plains of Kansas may have seemed like quite a leap of faith. For McCarty, not so much. Today we'll learn about this remarkable family which made the move halfway across the continent to rural Kansas. Thanks to author Pat Melgares of Kansas State Research and Extension. It's today's Kansas Profile.

Tom McCarty and his four sons - Clay, Mike, David, and Ken - are owners of McCarty Family Farms LLC in northwest Kansas. Their family has deep roots in dairying back east.

Tom McCarty's great grandfather started the family business in northeast Pennsylvania 105 years ago, milking seven cows. Tom's grandfather had 20 milking cows, and Tom's father doubled the business to 40 milking cows.

"In 1970, my wife and I built a new facility, and got up to 80 cows. [Soon after] we doubled it to about 150," Tom said. All four sons were active in the dairy growing up. As young adults, they were interested in being partners, but the Pennsylvania dairy was not big enough to support five families.

"To make a long story short, there was absolutely no future [in Pennsylvania] long term to be in the dairy business," Tom said. The McCartys faced a difficult decision. They needed room to grow - and they found it in rural Kansas.

"Our options were few and far between to stay in the ag side of things, to continue to grow and stay in the dairy industry," said David McCarty. "You move to western Kansas, there's feed, and there's nothing holding you back as far as growing...so that was the biggest draw."

As the McCartys were considering the future, the western Kansas Rural Economic Development Alliance, known as WKREDA, was seeking to attract and expand dairying in western Kansas. After an extensive process, the McCartys relocated from Pennsylvania to Kansas in 2000 and established the McCarty Dairy near the rural community of Rexford, population 156 people. Now, that's rural.

The McCartys were milking 800 cows at Rexford. Two of the sons

went to Kansas State for animal science degrees. Soon, the McCartys had more opportunity and need for growth.

"Economics changed, the dairy industry changed, the lending industry changed and we were forced into milking more cows in a less expensive way," said Ken McCarty. "So we added some open lots, pushed up to about 1,200 head of milking cows, and a little bit later added more open lots and pushed upwards of about 1,600 head of milking cows."

By 2009, McCarty Family Farms added a heifer yard with 3,500 animal units, and had nearly 6,000 head of livestock at the Rexford location alone. The next round of expansion would lead them to establish another dairy nearby.

"We went and asked them to

consider expanding to Bird City," said Cathy Domsch, the executive director of Bird City Century II Development Foundation. "The opportunity I saw was getting kids in our schools; that was my number-one goal in getting a dairy," she said.

"We didn't realize that was an impact that we'd have when we moved out here," Ken McCarty said. "Where we grew up, the economy was very diverse and ag was just a small piece of the pie back there. Here, it's more of an ag-based economy, and ag-based communities. We didn't understand the impact that 20, 30, 40 kids would have on a local school district."

Domsch said that an added 30 students to her town's schools translates to more than \$200,000 in state funding. Likewise, in Colby and the surrounding school district,

enrollment has increased by at least 32 students.

To some, Tom McCarty's decision to move his family's century-old dairy from Pennsylvania to Kansas may have seemed like quite a leap of faith, but it made sense for the McCarty family. We salute the McCartys and those who brought them to western Kansas for making a difference with agricultural entrepreneurship. They helped make the successful transition from Pennsylvania to the plains.

And there's more. The McCartys would go on to become a major source for yogurt. We'll learn about that in next week's Kansas Profile.

Lincoln larks

A fun night was held on Thursday, Nov. 29, at the 4-H building when people from Wallace, Sherman and Cheyenne Counties got together with four Lincoln Larks FCE members. Extension agents from Thomas, Sherman and Logan

Counties gave interesting programs on Harvest of Holidays.

Amy Lorenzen gave the first lesson on cover letters with paper, a wreath made with candy canes, a tomato cage made into a tree and a wreath of cookie cutters. Lots of fun

things to do.

Next Diane Gerstner gave several tips on frosting and making cup cakes. Her helper from Hill

City made a punch which was very tasty.

Lastly Melinda Daily gave the ways to avoid stress and get orga-

nized. She also had a craft for everyone to make spelling words and covering the letters with craft paper. Everyone enjoyed doing this.

A delicious snack was enjoyed by all.

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Matters of record

Sherman County Bastille

The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

Dec. 5: Tammy Kallestad, 54, Goodland, arrested by sheriff's deputy for driving under influence.

Dec. 6: Benjamin Newland, 19, Belle Fourche, S.D., 4 day journal entry.

Dec. 8: Terry Lucas, 58, Goodland, arrested by state trooper for driving under influence.

Dec. 12: Zachary Crow, 20, Bird City, arrested by sheriff's deputy for probation violation.

Damen Siruta, 24, Winona, arrested by Thomas county sheriff's deputy for criminal damage to property.

Miles Ackerman, 26, Colby, arrested by Thomas county sheriff's deputy for failure to appear.

Brandon Warren, 32, Goodland, arrested by city police for probation violation.

Melinda Hayse, 25, Goodland, arrested by sheriff's deputy for warrant other jurisdiction.

Dec. 13: Sheri Crawford, 29, Colby, 48 hour journal entry

Dec. 14: Taylon Higgins, 18, Goodland, arrested by city police for assault, criminal damage to property and criminal deprivation of property.

Dec. 16: Brenden Files, 26, Burlington, arrested by sheriff's deputy for failure to appear and probation violation.

Dec. 18: Levi Taylor, 29, Goodland, arrested by sheriff's deputy for driving while suspended x3, no insurance and no registration.

Jose Riojas, 35, Goodland, arrested by sheriff's deputy for failure to appear.

Dec. 19: Charles Polson, 44, hold for transport company.

Wilford Goodwin, 38, hold for transport company.

Goodland Police

The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Oct. 15 - 2:46 a.m., 800 S Hwy 27., arrested Steven M. Rossi for possession of stolen property belonging to Beacon Sales Acquisition INC, Denver, Colo. Case referred to county attorney.

Oct. 16 - 11:43 a.m., 1209 Cherry Ave., Stetson Johnson reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

12:09 p.m., 1209 Cherry Ave., Jacob Becvary reported criminal damage to property. Case remains under investigation.

Oct. 17 - 2:10 p.m., 2510 Commerce Road, arrested Randall Houlton Ray for driving under the influence, transporting an open container and driving while suspended. Case referred to county attorney.

Oct. 18 - 7:31 p.m., 916 W 10th, Justin Verlinden reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

Oct. 19 - 7:46 a.m., 1214 Cattletrail, Jason Becher reported criminal damage to property. Case remains under investigation.

Oct. 20 - 12:14 a.m., 315 Sherman Ave., arrested Justin Beckner for disorderly conduct, giving a false alarm and criminal trespass against Penny Lane. Case referred to city attorney.

1:08 a.m., 300 E 17th, arrested Rusty Robinson for driving under

the influence, driving while suspended and failure to give notice of injury accident. Case referred to city attorney.

Oct. 25 - 3:49 p.m., 204 W 11th, USD 352 reported theft. Item recovered Oct. 29.

Oct. 27 - 7:44 a.m., 507 E. 13th St. Apt. 1, Ernest Garza and Sheryl L. Davis reported battery, disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. Case referred to city attorney.

5:47 p.m., 700 Clark Ave., arrested Michael Doxon for probation violation. Case referred to county attorney.

Oct. 30 - 9:24 p.m., 117 Center, arrested Frank Piccone Jr. for disorderly conduct against Michelle Lee Wear and Alyssa Wear. Case referred to city attorney.

Nov. 1 - 7:56 a.m., 1008 W. 17th, Drew Miller reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

2:11 p.m., 1600 Main Ave., arrested Kelly Duvall for trafficking contraband in correctional facility, possession of stimulants and disorderly conduct. Case referred to county attorney.

Nov. 6 - 11:21 a.m., 1209 Cherry Ave., Bobbie Jo Doyle reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

Nov. 7 - 18:34 a.m., 912 W. 12th St., City of Goodland reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

Nov. 8 - 1:29 p.m., 320 E. 8th St., arrested Stacy J. Brashear for theft against Casey's General Store. Case referred to county attorney.

3:58 p.m., 802 Center Ave. Emergency detention.

8:09 p.m., 217 W. 5th St., arrested Randall Willmes for domestic battery against Amanda Willmes. case referred to county attorney.

10:13 p.m., 1401 Cherry Ave., Tracy Smith reported theft and burglary. Case remains under investigation.

Nov. 11 - 9:35 a.m., 119 Center Ave., Skatter Niblett reported criminal damage to property. Case remains under investigation.

10:54 a.m., 610 Cherry Ave., Jordan Lee Zwegardt reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

Nov. 13 - 6:40 a.m., Billie J. Knitig reported theft and burglary. Case remains under investigation.

Nov. 14 - 12:40 p.m., 516 W. Hwy. 24 Apt 508, arrested Dawn Robinson for probation violation.

Nov. 15 - 12:40 p.m., 516 W. Hwy. 24 Apt 508, Richard D Robinson and a juvenile reported aggravated endangering of a child and domestic battery. Case referred to county attorney.

6:00 p.m., 220 W. 2nd St., Goodland Regional Medical Center reported a theft. Case referred to county attorney.

Nov. 16 - 12:25 p.m., 901 Texas Ave., arrested Juan Pablo Ramirez-Cortez for domestic battery and disorderly conduct against Viviana Lopez. Case referred to city attorney.

3:54 p.m., 820 W. 14th St., arrested Terry Dean Carpenter on a warrant arrest for another jurisdiction for Forest County, Wisconsin. Case referred to county attorney.

Nov. 18 - 4:31 p.m., 810 W. 10th St., Jim Applebee reported a theft. case remains under investigation.

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Case No.

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Jody A Engel, Petitioner

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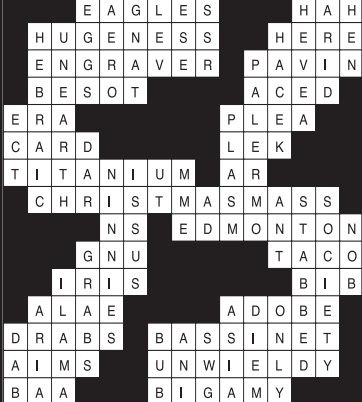


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Hall of famers, state qualifiers kick off list of top 2012 sports stories

The Goodland Star-News staff has chosen 10 stories that highlight the achievements of local athletes throughout 2012. The first five stories are listed below. The top five stories of the year will appear in the Tuesday, Jan. 1, paper.

10 After a tough regional competition, the Goodland High School track teams sent two athletes to the Class 3A state competition at Wichita State University on May 25.

For the boys team, Dax Ruhs competed in the javelin throw. He threw for 159 feet, 2 inches, earning an eighth-place finish.

On the girls side, Cortney Cowan competed in the discus. She threw for 99 feet, 3 inches, earning an 11th-place finish.

The boys team placed 14th at regionals and the girls 13th, but both teams found plenty of success in the months prior. The Cowgirls got six finishes in the top three at the Great West Activities Conference meet in Scott City: Jordan Knitig in pole vault, Sierra Estes in the 3,200 meters, Nicole Sederstrom in the triple jump and 1,600 meters, Chantel Coates in the high jump and Taryn Bedore in the 300-meter hurdles.

On the boys team, Holton Witman won or placed in the pole vault at meet after meet. He set a new league record with a vault of 12 feet, 6 inches. Reed Bellamy did well all year in the 300-meter hurdles, finishing first at meets in Colby and Atwood.

9 The Cowgirls golf team came in seventh at state, first at regionals and first in the league this year, helped by strong performances from its youngest member.

Freshman Logan Perryman led the team in scoring all year, finishing third at the league meet and fourth at regionals. At state she shot a 96.

The league title was the first in team history.

At the regional meet in October, the Cowgirls got into a three-way tie with Colby and Ulysses. Team



scores are determined by taking the four lowest individual scores. In the case of a tie the fifth place scores are compared to break the tie. Jordan Knitig shot a 113, higher than the other two schools' fifth place finishers, giving Goodland the win and sending them to state.

Other top players on the Cowgirls team included Cortney Cowan, Megan Siruta and Katie Hays.

8 Three Cowboy wrestlers placed at state in February.

Laine Herl, wrestling at 195 pounds, and Riley Oharah, 220, each took second place. John Peden, 152, placed sixth.

Herl and Oharah made it through the bracket to the championship matches with wins over wrestlers from Doniphan West, Smith Center, Garden Plain and Stafford. Herl lost an 8-3 decision to Colt Castlbury of Douglass, and Oharah lost by fall to Austin Veach of Doniphan West.

Peden, who was battling an injury

sustained in the second round, got a come-from-behind win over Sam Watt of Caney Valley and a 16-1 major decision to get to consolidation semi-finals. He lost 1-0 to Dalton Snyder of Hoxie and 5-3 to Gregg Clark to take sixth place.

Other Cowboys to qualify for state were Austin Avelar, 120, and Tyler Gastineau, 182.

7 Despite falling in the first round at state, the Goodland High School softball team had an excellent year, taking first place at regionals and claiming the league title.

At state, the Cowgirls lost 11-2 to Rock Creek, who went on to place second in the tournament. The girls finished 20-4 and improved on their 2011 season, in which they lost at regionals.

Helped by strong pitching from Stephani DeLaRosa, good hitting from Lindsay Bauman, Tasha Gaydusek, Megan Siruta and sisters Berkley and Brianna White, the

girls beat Holcomb and Russell At this year's regionals. DeLaRosa picked up seven strikeouts in the Cowgirls' 10-0 shutout against Holcomb. Bauman had a triple to bring home two runners in the final inning of the Cowgirls' 15-7 win over Russell.

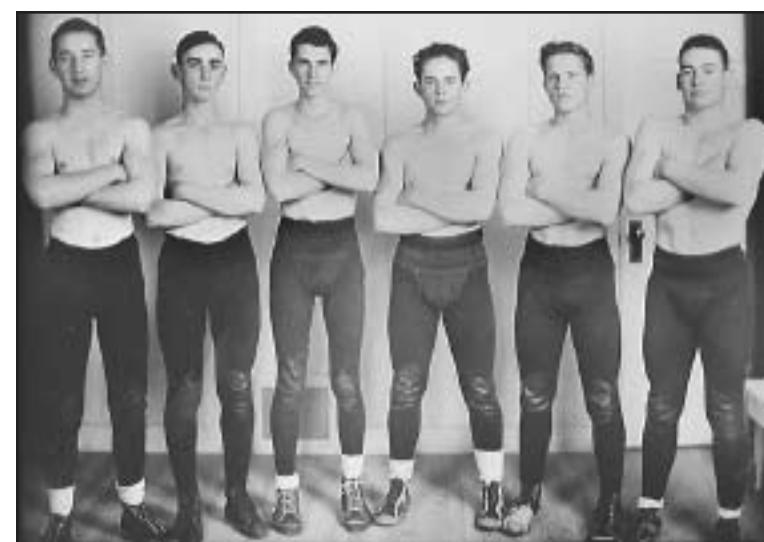
Goodland claimed the league title on another shutout, this time a 9-0 win over

Besides Rock Creek, the girls' only losses came against Hays and Colby.

6 Former Goodland players and coaches were recognized for their contributions this year.

Gene Daise and Ben Duell, both graduates of Sherman Community High School, were both inducted into the Colorado chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Daise and his brothers Ted and Bob wrestled for Goodland in the 1940s. He was recruited by Colorado State University and eventried



Goodland third baseman Gabby Rangel (left) fired the ball over the head of pitcher Stephani DeLaRosa toward first baseman Lindsay Bauman after fielding a grounder. The 1943-44 Goodland High School wrestling team included Jack Horner (above, from left), Ted Daise, Joe Colburn, Bob Daise, Kenneth Craig and Gene Daise.

out for the Olympics in 1948. He started a wrestling program in the Holyoke, Colo., school district in 1953 and coached there until 1982.

Duell had never wrestled until his senior year of high school. In the 1960s, after attending college, he began teaching sixth grade in Burlington. While there he began to teach the students some wrestling moves on his lunch hour. Duell replaced the former wrestling coach at the high school and set about his goal of defeating Wray, the local

wrestling powerhouse. His team defeated Wray and won state championship titles in 1973 and 1974.

Duell later became a radio broadcaster and retired from the Burlington school district in 1977 to become a farmer.

Also this year, Billy Gabel, who briefly taught and coached wrestling in Goodland, coached his wrestling team at Pine Creek High School in Colorado Springs to a 5A state title. Gabel was inducted into the Wrestling Hall of Fame last year.

College bowl games under way

The college football bowl season is off to a running start.

Eight bowl games have already been played. Arizona narrowly defeated Nevada 49-48 in the New Mexico Bowl on Dec. 15; Utah State defeated Toledo 41-15 in the Idaho Potato Bowl on Dec. 15; BYU beat San Diego State 23-6 in the Poinsettia Bowl on Dec. 20; Central Florida beat Ball State 38-17 in the St. Petersburg Bowl on Dec. 21; Louisiana-Lafayette won 43-34 over East Carolina in the New Orleans Bowl on last Saturday; Boise State won 28-26 over Washington in the Las Vegas Bowl last Saturday; SMU defeated Fresno State 43-10 in the Hawaii Bowl on Monday; and Central Michigan defeated Western Kentucky in the Pizza Bowl on Wednesday.

The Goodland Star-News staff has chosen 12 bowl games and tried to predict the winners. Games include the Holiday Bowl on Thursday between Baylor and

UCLA; the Independence Bowl today between Louisiana-Monroe and Ohio; the Alamo Bowl on Saturday between Texas and Oregon State; the Liberty Bowl on Monday between Tulsa and Iowa State; the Gator Bowl on Tuesday between Northwestern and Mississippi State; the Outback Bowl on Tuesday between Michigan and South Carolina; the Rose Bowl on Tuesday between Stanford and Wisconsin; the Orange Bowl on Tuesday between Florida State and Northern Illinois; the Sugar Bowl on Wednesday between Florida and Louisville; the Fiesta Bowl on Thursday between Oregon and Kansas State; the Cotton Bowl next Friday between Oklahoma and Texas A&M; and the BCS Championship on Monday, Jan. 7, between Notre Dame and Alabama.

Check back in the Friday, Jan. 11, edition of the Goodland Star-News to see how accurate we were.

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Independence Bowl	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio
Alamo Bowl	Oregon State	Texas	Texas	Oregon State
Liberty Bowl	Iowa State	Iowa State	Iowa State	Tulsa
Gator Bowl	Mississippi State	Northwestern	Northwestern	Mississippi State
Outback Bowl	Michigan	South Carolina	Michigan	Michigan
Rose Bowl	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Wisconsin
Orange Bowl	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State
Sugar Bowl	Louisville	Florida	Florida	Florida
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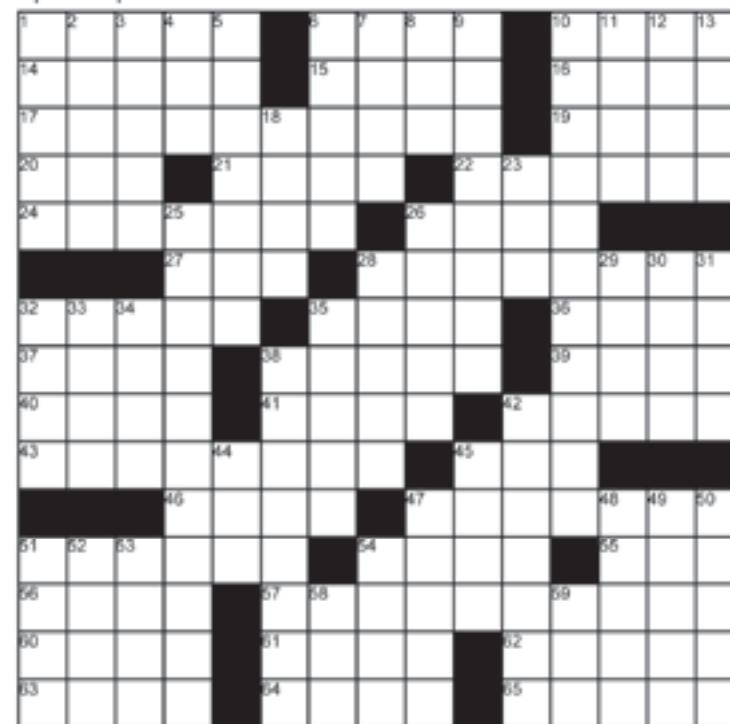
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- Flesh and blood
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