

weather report

21°
10 a.m.
Thursday



Today

- Sunset, 4:36 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 7:07 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:37 p.m.
- Midday Conditions**
- Soil temperature 30 degrees
- Humidity 65 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds northwest 10 mph
- Barometer 30.36 inches and rising
- Record High today 70° (2001)
- Record Low today -19° (1959)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	32°
Low Wednesday	12°
Precipitation	trace
This month	0.01
Year to date	0.01
Below normal	0.01 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 39, winds out of the west at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 9. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 39, winds breezy out of the northwest at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 11.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Sunny with a high near 42 and a low around 15. Monday: Sunny with a high near 42 and a low around 15. Tuesday: Sunny with a high near 44 and a low around 19. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 43 with a 10 percent chance of rain. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

Senator to chair catch-all committee

By Kevin Bottrell

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Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, fresh from his landslide victory in November, will be heading up a committee when the Kansas Senate gavels back into session on Monday, Jan. 14, but not the one he had planned on.

Ostmeyer, the Grinnell Republican who represents the 40th District, had been in line to continue his chairmanship of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, but doing so would have left a vacant chairmanship on the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee.

"We couldn't find anyone to chair except freshmen," he said. "There were not a lot of

options."

There are 12 new senators this year and four have no prior legislative experience. Ostmeyer had served on Federal and State Affairs for years and agreed to take over as chairman.

The committee handles social policy, which can mean anything from liquor laws to immigration to inner-city housing.

"It's interesting and controversial at times," Ostmeyer said. "You name it, it can be talked about."

The committee meets every day it can, he said, and often schedules extra time. Ostmeyer will also serve on the Agriculture, Natural

Resources and Education Committees. He had served on the Education Committee his first four years of being a senator, but dropped off it several years ago.

"It's been a battle in the past to make sure rural schools are taken care of," he said. "It got frustrating and we weren't getting anywhere."

He asked to be put back on this session as there is a new committee chair, Sen. Steve Abrams and other new members. Ostmeyer said having all the new faces isn't necessarily a bad thing since most of them are former House members with plenty of experience.

"They'll fit right in and do a good job,"

he said.

Abrams had been a candidate for Senate President. Ostmeyer supported eventual winner Susan Wagle in her bid for the presidency, and said that when he agreed to take the chairmanship he asked her for two things. The first was to have Sen. Jay Emler, a political opponent of Wagle's as his vice chair, and the second was to keep the staff that the former committee chair had.

"I didn't want to break new people in," he said.

Ostmeyer got both requests granted, and

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More snow falls on Monday and Wednesday

Crews worked to clear the streets while others dug out from under a few inches of snow on Wednesday. Much of the snow was left over from New Year's Eve, when about an inch fell during the day. The moisture helped put Goodland at just over 10 inches of precipitation for the year. There was very little accumulation from the snowfall Wednesday morning. The National Weather Service is predicting clear skies for the weekend with highs in the 30s and 40s. The forecast also calls for a windy Saturday, with gusts reaching 30 mph.

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local markets

10 a.m.

- Wheat — \$7.55 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$7.54
 - Corn — \$6.97 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$6.98
 - Milo — \$6.52 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$13.10 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$13.71
 - Millet — no bid
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$24.30 cwt.
 - Confection — no bid
 - Pinto beans — \$28
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Mavs get win at home

The Northwest Kansas Technical College men's basketball team beat Dodge City at home on Wednesday.

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Group wants licenses for massage therapists

By Kevin Bottrell

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Several organizations will be pushing the Kansas Legislature this year to approve a bill that would require all massage therapists to be licensed.

The main force behind the bill is the Kansas chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association with help from the national association and Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals.

Paige Harper, a Goodland therapist and member of the association, said only six states do not have licensure for massage therapy,

including Kansas. The association tried last year to get the legislation through, but it never made it out of committee.

"With so many new legislators, we have a lot of education to do," she said.

If the bill were to be passed and signed by the governor, massage therapists would be required to pay \$100 for a two-year license. They would be required to undergo six credit-hours of continuing education a year.

"It sets a minimum standard of

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Work film to be shown Saturday at the theater

The first in a film series accompanying the Smithsonian exhibit "The Way We Worked" will be shown at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Sherman Theater.

"Philosopher Kings" is a 2009 documentary by Patrick Shen and Greg Bennick about finding wisdom in unlikely places, in

this case in custodial workers at universities like Duke, University of California Berkeley and Princeton.

A discussion panel will follow the film.

The next film, "Gathering Remnants," will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12.

Four injured in I-70 accident

Four people were taken to the hospital Saturday morning when their car went airborne off the interstate near the rest areas.

A 2009 Dodge utility vehicle had been traveling west of I-70 at milepost nine when it drifted onto the shoulder and struck the guard rail. It rapidly crossed both lanes and struck the guard rail on the other side of the road. It drove through a Kansas Department of Transportation fence and went off the road, ending up at the bottom level of the underpass.

Two ambulances were paged to the scene. Emergency vehicles had to go through the gravel storage area to get to the crashed vehicle.

The driver, Trisha Douwenga, 35, of Cypress, Calif., and passengers Brian, 44, Galaxy, 15, and Exodus Douwenga, 14, were injured and taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center. Ireland Douwenga, seven months, is listed as uninjured. All the occupants had been wearing their seatbelts.

Coyote Calling planned for this weekend

By Karen Krien

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FoxPro's Midwest Coyote Calling Event will be held Saturday and Sunday in St. Francis at the fairgrounds. This is the contest's 16th year.

"Our 15th year was another great year despite the windy weather conditions on Saturday," said Brent Rueb, event coordinator. "There were 72 of the 121 teams checking in on Sunday."

There are two classes again this year: the Nikon Coyote Special Class which is "over full," and the Hornady Novice Class Teams.

Callers are coming from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska as well as Oklahoma, Wyoming, South Dakota, Minnesota and Missouri. These callers are some of the top callers in the nation!

People who are not participating in the event are urged to come to the fairgrounds during check-in on Sunday to see all the teams returning with their coyotes.

It is a good time to talk to the hunters, said Mr. Rueb, adding that callers like to swap calling techniques and it is just an interesting event to be a part of.

New name

The name of the two-pointer coyote competition has been changed to the "Zombie Dog" coyote contest. A two-pointer or "Zombie" coyote is a coyote that has a predominately white-tipped tail (80 percent or more white than black). There are very few coyotes that have a white-tipped tail and so this competition is very unique. Last year, there was \$1,200 given away in this competition.

Taking first place in the two-pointer contest (where the coyote is predominately white) last year were Brad Phillips and Luke Seelhoff, both of Burlington, had two two-pointers. Taking second was the local St. Francis team of Trent Kinen and Tanner Kinen, with one two pointer.

Hunters usually see anywhere from six hairs or more but normally no more than 20 or so in a coyote's tails. A two-pointer, Rueb said, is easily detected and it is very apparent that almost all the hair in the tip of the tail is white.

Kill block

A new style of kill block used is a "bench mark" in the contest-calling industry. This newly designed kill block dramatically stops the

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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 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

the calendar

calendar

The Goodland Senior Center Annual Meeting and election of four board members will be held at **noon on Tuesday** at the Senior Center, 208 W. 15. The meeting following the \$3 per person meal at 11:30 a.m. Reports of past and present business will be given. If you would like to eat with us call 890-7764 the day before. All Goodland senior citizen welcome. For information call Lois Cossman 899-2654 or Marie Edwards 899-3323.

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: Bierock casserole, spinach salad, mixed fruit and fruit crisp. **Monday:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, bread and applesauce. **Tuesday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, orange pineapple salad, garlic bread and no bake cookie. **Wednesday:** Hamburger steak with mushroom gravy, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and gelatin with fruit. **Thursday:** Barbecue chicken, potato salad, California blend vegetables, bread and cinnamon apple slices. **Friday:** Pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, cook's choice vegetable, bread and peaches.

school menu

Today: No school winter break. **Monday:** Breakfast- cereal bar, string cheese, fresh fruit cup and milk. Lunch - hot ham and cheese on a bun, potato wedges, fresh broccoli, fresh grapes, chocolate chip cookie and milk. **Tuesday:** Breakfast - baked French toast strips with syrup, strawberries and bananas and milk. Lunch - pepperoni pizza, tossed salad with romaine, garlic bread stick with marinara, fresh banana and milk. **Wednesday:** Breakfast - western omelet quesadilla with salsa, potato rounds, fresh pear and milk. Lunch - taco burger on a bun with lettuce and tomato, refried beans,

salsa, sliced pears, whole grain corn chips and milk. **Thursday:** Breakfast - coffee cake, sunrise smoothie, graham crackers and milk. Lunch - Italian pasta bake, green pepper strips with baby carrots, applesauce, royal brownie, whole wheat bread and milk. **Friday:** Breakfast - biscuit and gravy, apricots, fruit juice and milk. Lunch - chicken pattie, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, orange wedges, wheat roll and milk.

school calendar

Today: No school. 3:45 junior varsity and c team basketball at Ulysses. 5:30 p.m. varsity basketball at Ulysses. Saturday: 8 a.m. varsity wrestling at the Rossville Invitational. 8 a.m. junior varsity wrestling at WaKeeney. **Monday:** Classes resume. 3 p.m. junior high scholars' bowl at Colby. **Tuesday:** Gold day. 3:45 p.m. junior varsity and c team basketball against Oakley at Max Jones Fieldhouse. 5:30 p.m. varsity basketball against Oakley at Max Jones Fieldhouse. **Wednesday:** Black day. 7:30 a.m. professional learning community. 4 p.m. Central Site Council. **Thursday:** 3 p.m. high school scholars' bowl at Hugoton. 5:30 p.m. varsity and junior varsity wrestling at Hoxie. **Friday:** 3:45 p.m. junior varsity and c team basketball against Holcomb at Max Jones Fieldhouse. 5:30 p.m. varsity basketball against Holcomb at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

obituaries

William Lester Sutton

William Lester Sutton, 87, retired advertising salesman for KLOE, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, at his home in Goodland.

He was born July 18, 1925, to William and Mary Sutton in Flagler, Colo. He attended schools in Flagler and Ft. Collins, Colo., where he graduated in 1943.

Upon graduated he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and went to Europe. He choose to be trained as a bombardier-navigator. Mr. Sutton flew 23 missions over Western Europe in the B-26C Marauder. He was awarded the Air Medal EAME, Victory Medal and Occupation Medal Germany and received his honorable discharge from the newly formed U.S. Air Force in 1954.

His love of animals led to his years-long avocation of breeding and training championship field-trial German Weimaraners. During that time with three young children and dogs he settled temporarily in the south and midwest as they worked their way to California.

In 1958 the family settled in Burlington, where he became the manager of The Men's Shop.

While in Burlington he met and married Betty Brown on Aug. 31, 1962. The couple moved to Goodland that night with their merged families.

Mr. Sutton sold radio and tv advertising for KLOE until his re-

tirement in 1987. He even endured a stint hosting a Sunday morning radio program for a couple of years.

He had a love for animals and rode horseback from a toddler to Sept. 10, 2011, at the age of 86.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a brother Leslie Ivan Sutton and two sisters, Ella Mae Sutton and Mary Evelyn Sherman.

Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Ron (Joey) Sutton of Pleasanton, Calif., Paul (Lori) Sutton of El Cajon, Calif. and Jack (Janet) Chalfant of Manchester, Mo.; two daughters, Nedra Elbl of Salina and Diana (Bill) Van Cleave of Redwood City, Calif.; two sisters, Blanche Newton of Laughlin, Nev. and Betty Austring of Tombstone, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013, at the United Methodist Church, 1116 Sherman, Goodland with a reception to follow. There was no visitation and inurnment will be at a later date.

Memorials to the William Lester and Betty B. Sutton Family Scholarship Fund for Goodland High School graduates may be sent to the First National Bank, 202 E. 11, Goodland or Bateman Funeral Home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Florence Farris

Florence Farris, 97, retired Edson postmaster, died on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013 at Good Samaritan Society - Sherman County in Goodland.

Arrangements are pending. Bateman Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th, Goodland is handling the arrangements.

Edgar "Ozzie" Osborn

Edgar "Ozzie" Osborn, 88, retired Goodland High School teacher, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013, at Hays Medical Center in Hays.

Following cremation, there will be a private inurnment. The family will be present from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, at Koons

Chapel, 211 N. Main, Goodland to meet with those wishing to share their respects.

Memorials to the Edgar Osborn Memorial may be sent to the funeral home.

A full obituary will follow.

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Byron W. Myers III

Byron W. Myers III, 65 of Grand Island died Wednesday, January 02, 2013 at Tiffany Square Care Center.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Pauls Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Harrison; Grand Island, Nebraska. Reverend William Pavuk will officiate.

To honor Mr. Myers wishes cremation has taken place.

Gathering of family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island.

Memorials are suggested to St. Pauls Lutheran Church or the donor's choice.

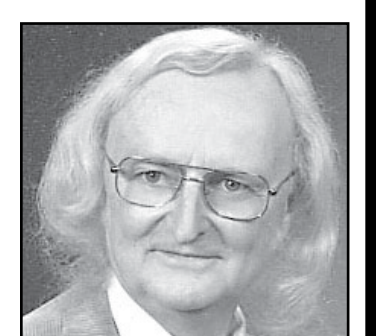
Byron Wayne Myers III was born November 11, 1947 at Goodland, Kansas the son of Byron W. Myers, Jr. and Jimmie Francenia "Fritzi" Foote Myers. He received his early education in Goodland and graduated from Sherman Community High School in Goodland in 1965. He attended Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas from 1965 until early 1968 when he returned to Goodland to become a partner in the Myers Oil Co., a Phillips 66 jobbership, operating service station and delivery bulk fuels.

He left the firm in 1972 and moved to Lawrence, Kansas, where he studied journalism at the University of Kansas, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism in 1974.

He married Colleen Marshall on February 27, 1968. They lived in Goodland and in Lawrence, moving to Grand Island in 1974. They had a daughter, Melissa.

Upon moving to Grand Island he went to work for The Grand Island Independent, where he had served as sports writer, police and county courts reporter and as a copy editor. He left the Independent in 1990 due to declining health.

Later he was employed at



Idleman Telemarketing Inc. and Husker Water Specialists in outbound telemarketing and in 1996 went to work for Cabela's telemarketing department where he received orders and assisted customers. He retired in 2005.

On August 16, 1978, he married Marjorie "Molly" Holcher. They lived in Grand Island and had a son, Kit.

Mr. Myers was a member of St. Pauls Lutheran Church, where he had served in the Stephen Ministry, played drums at the contemporary service, and cooked for the Wednesday night "Renew" meal. He was also an avid firearms enthusiast, and had been involved in many aspects of gun collecting, shooting, and reloading ammunition. He had been involved in funeral service throughout most of his life and was an auto enthusiast as well, combining his interests as a hearse collector and restorer. He wrote for The Professional Car, a magazine devoted to hearses, ambulances and limousines.

Survivors include his wife Molly Holcher of Grand Island; sister, Michelle Simoneau of Goodland, Kansas, and his children, Melissa Adams and Nick Valle of Grand Island, and Kit and Kristen Myers of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Abby Adams, Nicholas Valle, Jr., Landon Valle, Kristen Valle and Gavin Valle.

Condolences may be sent to www.giallfaiths.com

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 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday. 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 in-

formation 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.

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Sherman County Health Fair Saturday, January 26 - 8 to 11:30 a.m. NWKTC Student Union Blood Draws prior to Health Fair January 7-11 - 7 to 9 a.m. Main Lobby at GRMC Free at Health Fair: Blood profile consultations, DRE (Prostate), Skin Cancer Screening, Balance Test Screening, & much more.

Classifieds work! 899-2338

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Family gathers to honor 100th birthday

Vida Young and her family celebrated her 100th birthday at an open house Saturday at the Good Samaritan Society — Sherman County in Goodland.

Vida didn't have a lot to say but her daughter-in-law Clydene Young, widow of Gale Young, told her story as she knew it.

She was born January 1, 1913, to Percival and Anna (Kolancy) Murray, the fourth child in the total of ten children in this family. Raised on the family homestead southwest of Goodland, their life was much like other families in the community. The struggles of the times effected many families, however the Murray family had a zest for life and even the tough days had some fun in them.

As younger children were born the older siblings became helpers in child care, farm chores and providing for the family. Vida recalled attending country schools. Several children would ride one horse to and from school as the neighboring kids did. On bitter cold days they would take a wagon, giving them more protection from the weather. Lunch was simple and small sometimes a lard sandwich and a piece of fruit.

Fishing in the Smokey River with her mother was a fun family outing, or her father and brother gathering fish from the river after a rain big enough to make the river



Vida Young

rise. Community gatherings were common, especially dances at a neighbor's barn, where her father Percy would call the square dances. The skating rink at Smokey Gardens was another favorite.

Herding cattle on open range was not a bad chore for the day, if the cattle stayed where she left them while she ran home for lunch. Vida said "many times they would be over the next hill and several miles

further from home." Another necessity of these times was gathering cow chips to burn for heat as well as gathering wood. Helping in the garden, preserving the produce and processing meat without the use of refrigeration and freezers were learned.

At the age of 12 or 13 Vida started working for neighbors helping with child care, cooking, cleaning and laundry.

In September of 1934 Vida was united in marriage to Vernon B. Young and they lived on the Applegate place in northeast Wallace County. While Vernon worked Vida cared for the livestock, garden and home. In the late 1930's renting a farmstead with some farmland southeast of Goodland was a big decision for the Youngs. The couple later bought the land making their home on Road 61 southeast of Goodland. Their three children Leonard, Gale and Dorothy were born and raised there. Having a small amount of grassland made it possible for milk cows, raising beef for butchering and chickens for layers and fryers. Every spring she prepared and planted her garden. The produce was preserved and stored for later use. When talking of those times Vida would say "back then you had to raise or grow what you needed to feed your family and sometimes that got a little slim."

Fortunately over time the Young's were able to purchase adjoining land and expand their farm operation. She was a wife, mother, homemaker and farm hand. When the children were small she would occasionally take them to the field with her, stopping every few rounds to check on them. Vida enjoyed "driving the tractor and feel the wind in my face and the smell of the fresh turned soil, sometimes it could be pretty hot and dirty, but that is farming." Irrigation was added to their farm plan, starting with ditch/gated pipe and later walking sprinklers. For many years a sizable hog operation added to the work and livelihood of the farm. Vida recalls the work of getting the pigs sorted and ready for market. Often the pig lot was a wet sloppy mess. Trucks were loaded in the "wee" morning hours for the trip to market in Denver.

After forty years of hard work and sacrifice the couple remained active in the farming but moved to Goodland, at Cherry and Eighth Street. The huge back yard had plenty of space for her garden and there were cherry, peach and pear trees.

Vida made the best dill pickles and cinnamon "stickles" in the world. Her pickles were coveted by her grandchildren and other relatives. Quarts of Vida's homemade pickles have ended up hundreds of miles away in Kansas and other

states. At the age of 93, Vida ended her "pickle making career," 2006 was the last summer she made pickles but not the last garden she planted. Part of the advantage of living in town was time to go fishing. Vernon added a boat to their fishing gear they fished local area lakes and farther east to Glen Elder where son Gale's family from Salina could join them. Vida enjoyed fishing, after Vernon's death she would go with her brother Carl and nephew Eddie Emig.

Vida's home in Goodland became the family gathering place. After Vernon's death in 1986 Vida continued to monitor the farming operation and keep the farm books. Saturday garage sales with various family and friends became a weekly activity for her. She kept a large supply of board games and toys to entertain and play with the grandchildren. At the age of 97 if you won in a game of Chinese checkers or dominos with her it may have been because she let you.

At 95 passersby might see her on a ladder cleaning the gutters on her house or mowing the lawn.

Vernon and Vida were charter members of the Goodland Church of the Nazarene. Vida served in many volunteer capacities, her longest was twenty-five years as the church treasurer.

Christian group to have show

Four-time Grammy award winning, 24-time Dove award winning, Platinum Christian recording artist Third Day is coming to the Oakley High School Auditorium at 6 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday, Jan. 20. The doors will open at 5 p.m. (Mountain Time).

Third Day who is best known for their chart topping songs, "Cry Out To Jesus," "Revelation," "Call My Name," "Born Again" will be introducing their fans to their new album Miracle which just hit stores this past November. According to Third Day's website, at www.third-day.com in preparing for their new album Third Day enlisted the help of major recording producer Brendan O'Brien.

Regarding the the album and working with Third Day O'Brien said, "They came to me and said, 'We're looking to make music that appeals to our fans and our spiritual side, but we want to break out a little bit and invite everyone in,' O'Brien went on to say. "When I hear this music...it's very inviting. It brings people in. It's saying, 'Come along and hear what we have to say.' It really moves me. I really appreciate the hard work these guys have done"

The albums first release "I Need A Miracle" is certainly making a

name for the new record becoming Third Day's 28th number one hit career radio single. According to their website the song, was inspired by a conversation the band had with a couple in New Jersey after a concert. "Their son was in a really depressed place in life. He drove way into the woods and was going to commit suicide," Powell recounts. "But he turned on the radio and he heard 'Cry Out To Jesus.' It literally changed his heart and gave him encouragement to keep going."

KGCR Station Manager James Claassen said, "We are very excited to bring a artist of Third Day's caliber to the Northwest Kansas area. After hearing the story of their inspiring new single and looking back at how God has used their past hit songs, we can't wait to see how He will bless the community with their concert this coming January 20th."

For ticket information call (785) 694-2877 or visit www.kgcr.org.

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Inability to decide threatens country

While it is good that the so-called "fiscal cliff" was avoided, the manner in which it happened just goes to show how much of a failure the current Washington culture has become.

The deal raises taxes on some, ends tax holidays for others and will shrink paychecks for most of us. The fact that there is a deal that somehow scraped up enough votes to pass is good. The bad part is the deal was only reached after we had technically fallen off the cliff. The deadline had passed and nothing had been done. It seems Congress is no longer content to grandstand until the very last minute then reach a deal, they now have to go over the last minute. Both parties share equal parts blame.

And, in case you were curious, Kansas Rep. Tim Huelskamp voted against the deal while Sens. Jerry Moran and Pat Roberts voted in favor.

The other problem with the deal is that it doesn't fix the problem. As one CNN columnist put it, it pretty much kicks the can down the road. We expect three more "showdowns" in our future, on spending cuts, debt ceiling and a continuing budget resolution.

Spending cuts will be a problem because no one will follow the sequestration agreement, the debt ceiling is a problem because no one will let the limit be a real limit, and the budget will be a problem because no one will want to agree on anything.

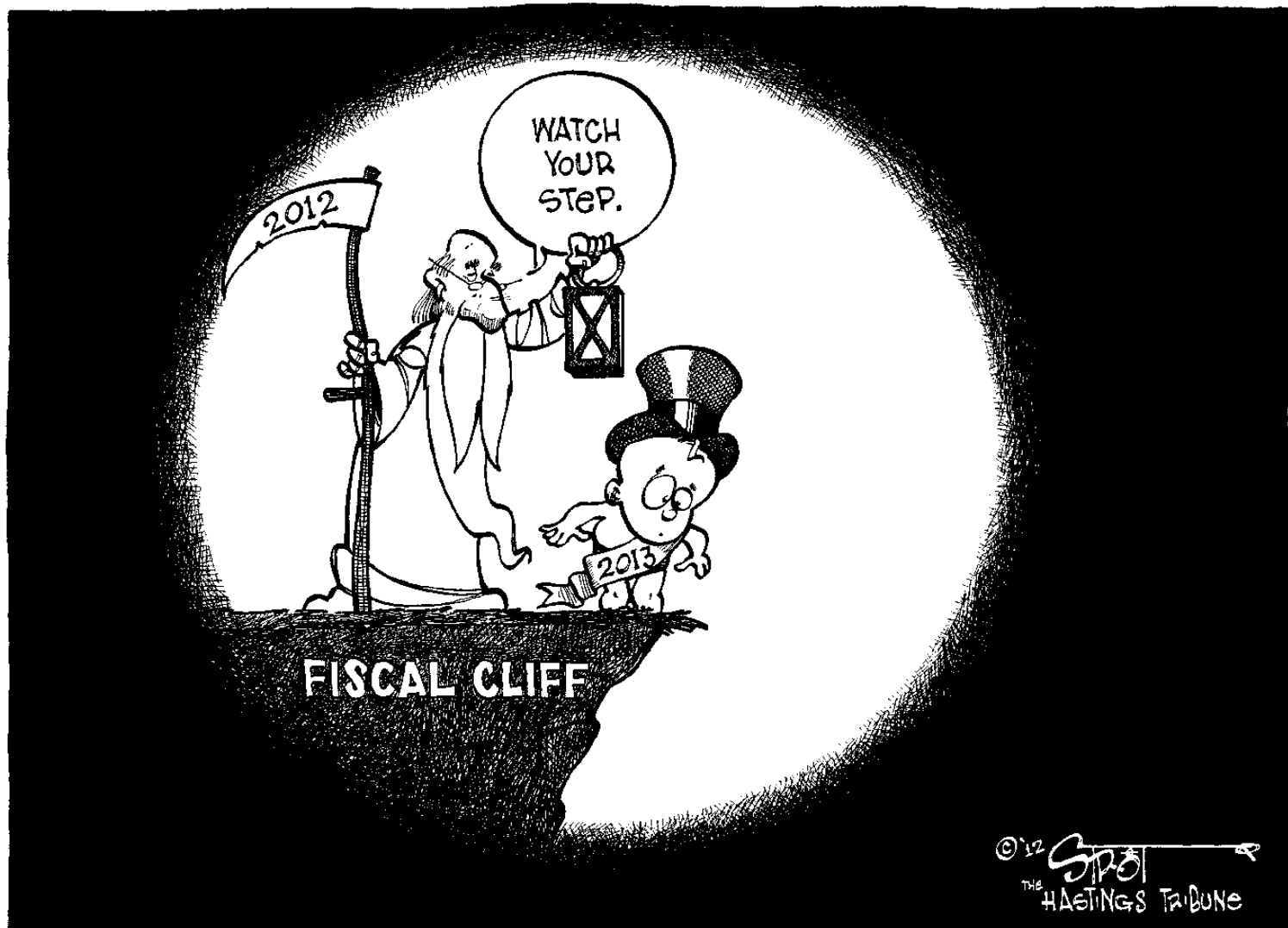
That's not even the worst part. The worst part is the Speaker of the House's refusal to allow a vote on disaster relief for states affected by Hurricane Sandy. Rep. John Boehner faced a lot of criticism for the decision, especially from a very blunt New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, and, seeing which way the wind was blowing, the Speaker reversed course, opening the bill back up Thursday. Likely not because he cares about disaster relief, but more because he's in fear for his political career.

Both parties are guilty of obstructionism and putting politics before practicality and patriotism in the run up to this deal and in nearly everything else.

The good news is that the some of the chief architects of this failure are reaping the consequences. At press time Thursday, both parties were in a crisis as the House leadership elections for the new 113th Congress heated up. Boehner was still expected to keep his speakership despite conservatives being in full revolt. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi wasn't faring much better.

In the next election, we must send a message loud and clear that we do not want yes men and we do not want people who will stick to their guns while the country burns down around them. We want people who will look at the facts, look at the options, sit down with each other at a table and by God get something done.

What we have now is a gaggle of argumentative geese who are content to stand there honking while Americans are suffering around them. Wouldn't you like to just once read a story about the goings on in Congress without the word "showdown?" —Kevin Bottrell



Time to take down the decorations

Come Sunday, it'll be time to take down the Christmas decorations, sort of.

I know, a lot of people do that on New Year's Day. Christmas is over, right?

Well, not really. In the church, Christmas Eve and Christmas are the big celebration. The season of Christmas runs 12 days, until the Feast of the Epiphany on Jan. 6. That's Sunday this year.

The church celebrates another season, Advent, leading up to Christmas. It's a time of reflection and preparation for the joyous event. Many churches don't decorate for Christmas until near the end of Advent.

So, a few years ago, we agreed, or Cynthia said, I can't remember for sure, that we'd leave our lights and stuff up until Christmas was over. Remember, she likes decorations and she really likes lights.

So, Sunday we'll turn our outdoor lights out. Might even take them off the bushes and roll them up — if they're not stuck to the bushes by ice and snow. I remember years when that's been a problem, though in Kansas, it's not often we see a white Christmas.



steve haynes

• along the sappa

The problem with having a white Christmas is that it usually turns into a white January, and then even into a white February, before it thaws. It just doesn't warm up much this time of year, especially when you have snow cover, which reflects the sun's light and heat back into space.

Indoors is another thing, however. Our son is coming home the next week — he was busy painting his new house this week — and Cynthia decided to save the presents, his and ours, until he gets there.

So, the tree stays up, and all those lights and decorations on every flat surface and house plant inside. The lights in the dining room, the ones on the rubber tree, the ones in the new bay window, the ones in the TV room. The ones around the nativity set in the fireplace.

And the tree. So there. After that, I guess, we'll put the decorations away. But it'll only be temporary, because, you see, she like lights. I've told you that before, right? Or you driven down Cass Avenue at night. You can spot our block.

Thing is, I think there's another set of lights ready to go out. Red and white ones to honor another saint's day that comes in February.

It's not exactly a religious holiday today, but when it comes to excuses to put out lights on long, dark nights, any port in a storm.

At least, I think that's happening. I spotted several bags full of red and white lights from the hardware store the other day. At least the LED lights, so they shouldn't run up the power bill too much.

And there's no evidence of red-and-white decorations for the flat spaces inside yet. Not that I've seen, at least. No hearts or cards or red, heart-shaped wreaths.

Not yet, anyway. Of course, there are no vacant flat spaces in our house. Not right now, at least.

In praise of independent congressmen

I heard an interesting speaker at the Newspaper Association Managers legislative conference on Dec. 3 and 4 in Washington.

Rep. Jim Cooper, a Tennessee "Blue Dog" Democrat, was our closing luncheon speaker.

Cooper is the antithesis of the typical Washington politician:

- He refuses to carry the party banner. He votes with leadership at a much lower clip than most of his colleagues.

- He is blunt, no matter what audience he is addressing, even ours.

- And he's consistent to a fault, which is really no fault at all.

You might wonder just exactly what a Blue Dog Democrat is. Well, a Blue Dog is conservative, which is obviously out of character for members of that party, at least the ones in the nation's capital.

The Blue Dog Coalition comprises 25 or so members of Congress who are closer to the center of the political spectrum and, according to its preamble, "dedicated to the financial stability and national security of the country, notwithstanding partisan political positions and personal fortune."

Who are some of his colleagues in the coalition? I'd tell you, but you've likely never heard of a single one of them, probably because they've been ostracized.

Too bad. But that's Washington.

Cooper said most Americans would be shocked to know the truth about the "real" national debt, but you won't hear the true num-



from other pens

• doug anstaett

bers from most Democrats or Republicans.

Cooper wants you to know both parties are to blame, and he identified two troubling trends that don't bode well for the future of our republic.

First, he said, partisan politics has become so fierce that if you don't vote with the leadership 95 to 99 percent of the time, you're in trouble.

That seems to leave little room for thinking for yourself, or even listening to good ideas from the other side of the political aisle. Compromise? Forget about it.

The same afternoon as Cooper's speech, Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan., was booted from two key House committees, Budget and Agriculture.

The GOP leadership isn't saying, but it appears Huelskamp is in trouble because he actually had the nerve to vote his conscience and what he believes to be the will of his constituency. He's apparently too conservative even for the conservatives!

Now, I'm no fan of Tim Huelskamp — I sit far to the left of him on the political spectrum — but doesn't the oath of office refer to upholding the U.S. Constitution and not the elected official's political party? Not in today's poisonous

Washington atmosphere.

Cooper said he votes with the Democratic leadership about 80 percent of the time, which in the years before the mid-1990s would have fit the record of a strict party loyalist.

Not anymore. Cooper is considered an outsider in his own party, just as Huelskamp is on the Republican side of the aisle.

Second, the Tennessee congressman said, the goal of a member of Congress today is not to rise to the top and become a leader in the House or Senate.

No, the goal is to vote in such a narrow way that a special interest group finds you attractive and hires you away for a gazillion dollars.

Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., announced on the same day Huelskamp was demoted that he was resigning from the Senate to lead an ultra-right wing conservative think tank.

A Tea Party hero, DeMint voted "right" so many times that the Heritage Foundation anointed him as its next leader.

Washington has become toxic. The system is severely broken, quite possibly beyond repair. Cooper had one more thing to say: In the past, when politicians deliberately put the national security or financial well-being of our nation at risk, as they are now with the Fiscal Cliff stalemate, we called it treason.

What do we call it now?

Party loyalty?

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Before we all become buried in the new year, let's look at this new beginning with a bit of humor. Plenty of people trot out their lists of resolutions. Often, such lists are as long as their arms and last as long as their pinky.

I've all but given up on New Year resolutions. Seems I can't keep them either. But this year, I've decided to do something different. I've compiled a list of "lesser" resolutions — some things I believe I can accomplish in 2013.

Here's what I will try to work in my new year:

- Remember that no time spent with your children is ever wasted.
- Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
- Never laugh at anyone's dream.
- Don't wash a car, mow a yard or select a Christmas tree after dark.
- When traveling, take two big safety pins so you can pin the motel drapes shut.
- Always accept a breath mint if someone offers you one.
- Keep the porch light on until the family is in for the night.
- Rehearse a joke before you tell it.
- Always try the house dressing.
- Believe in love at first sight.
- Send your mother-in-law flowers on your spouse's birthday.
- Buy ladders, extension cords and garden hoses longer than you think you'll need.



Insight this week

• john schlageck

- Steer clear of any place with a "Ladies Welcome" sign in the window.

- Once in a while invite the person in line behind you to go ahead.

- Exercise patience when behind the wheel of your vehicle — hand gestures are out of the question.

- Own a hammock and use it often.

- Never be photographed holding a cocktail glass.

- Give people more than they expect and do so cheerfully.

- Be as friendly to the janitor as you are to the board chairman.

- Overestimate travel time by 15 percent.

- Never wear a white bathing suit.

- Don't miss a good idea simply because you don't like the source.

- Trust in God, but always lock your car.

- Have a wonderful 2013.

Group wants state to require licenses for massage therapists

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education and raises the profession up," Harper said.

Harper said those already practicing massage therapy will be grandfathered in, but would still have to do the continuing education.

One of the aims of the legislation is to make it more difficult for prostitution and human trafficking rings to operate. In recent years, several prostitution rings using massage parlors as a front have been busted in Wichita.

"As it stands there's no license to take away," Harper said. "It gives law enforcement another tool. Especially out here where we don't all have the resources to protect our citizens."

Most states recognize licenses issued in other states, she said, and would be able to bar someone from practicing were they to have their

Kansas license taken away. Harper said the legislation will also protect the public, as untrained massage therapists can damage patients. Licensure also opens up an avenue for payment through insurance, she said.

It might be difficult to get passed in a year when the Legislature is concerned about funding, she said, and there have been criticisms that the association is trying to run people out of business. The grandfathering clause is very liberal, she said, and the continuing education hours are easy to come by online or at some community colleges.

"We're not trying to alienate anyone or take people's jobs away," she said. "We're following the standard set by other states."

Harper encouraged people to speak to their senator or representative, and said anyone with questions can call her at (785) 821-4442.

K-State has grants for community gardens

With holiday activities winding down, Kansas communities are urged to begin planning spring and summer gardens—and to apply for a Kansas Community Garden Grant.

Grants up to \$5,000 are available from the Kansas Health Foundation in cooperation with K-State Research and Extension, which administers the effort.

Evelyn Neier, a horticulturist and K-State Research and Extension 4-H youth gardening specialist, serves as state coordinator for the grants. She said two dozen 2012 recipients requested money to help

establish new community gardens, including:

- Site preparation.
- Installation of water wells and irrigation lines.
- Garden tools.
- Construction of a shed for equipment and tools.
- Miscellaneous start-up expenses.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Information about the grants is available at K-State Research and Extension county offices or at www.kansascommunitygardens.org.

Senator to chair catch-all committee

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even got a bigger office to house the larger staff. He said he also asked the Organization, Calendar and Rules Committee to keep the session to the 90 days that the state statutes provide for and not to have time scheduled to work bills during the veto session.

Ostmeyer said he hopes to continue stream-

lining the process. The average bill, he said, once it is printed up, goes through the Legislative Research Department, goes to committee and gets all the way to the governor for signature or veto, it can cost as much as \$2,500. About 700 to 800 bills are created every session, and only 300 or so are passed.

"Some don't see the light of day," he said. "So let's not introduce them."

Ostmeyer said the public doesn't want the Legislature to waste time and money, so it shouldn't introduce bills it knows have no chance of passing.

"We have to be humble and govern right," he said. "We've been given a chance to govern, so we can't be grandstanding or we will not get a thing done."

Coyote Calling contest set for this weekend

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chances of pooling coyotes and cheating.

The Midwest Coyote Event will have their kill blocks laser engraved with a special logo. This stops teams from making extra kill blocks of their own and also stops teams from pooling coyotes from other hunters

in order to increase their harvest count.

"This is another effort that we are taking to make sure that the Midwest Coyote Calling Event is honest and promotes the rules of fair chase," Mr. Rueb said. "The masters of coyote calling just keeps getting better and stronger."

2012 results

Of the 121 teams participating in the 2012 event, only 72 teams returned Sunday for check in. The hunters reported seeing 692 coyotes and brought in 245.

Last year's top winner in the Nikon Coyote Special Class was the father-son team of Dave and Dusty Shaklee of Wray who had

been hunting the calling contest for the last 15 years. The Shaklees are entered again this year.

There was a tie in the Hornady Novice Class. Winning first place were Ryan Thompson of Pierre, S.D., and Ryan Kennedy, Garden City. Local hunters Trevor Hilt and Trent Raile, St. Francis, placed second. Both teams are returning.

Snow shoveling bad for those with heart conditions

The American Heart Association says that for most people, shoveling snow may not lead to any health problems, but for some, the risk of a heart attack may increase.

The agency said the combination of colder temperatures and physical exertion increases the workload on the heart. People who are outdoors in cold weather should avoid sudden exertion, like lifting a heavy shovel full of snow, the group says. Even walking through heavy, wet snow or snow drifts can strain a person's heart.

To help make snow removal safer, the association issued a list of practical tips:

- Give yourself a break. Take frequent rest breaks during shoveling so you don't overstress your heart. Pay attention to how your body feels during those breaks.
- Don't eat a heavy meal before or soon after shoveling. Eating a large meal can put an extra load on your heart.
- Use a small shovel or consider a snow thrower. The act of lifting heavy snow can raise blood pressure acutely during the lift. It is safer to lift smaller amounts more times. When possible, simply push the snow.
- Learn the warning signs of a heart attack and

listen to your body, but remember this: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out. Tell a doctor about your symptoms. Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives—maybe your own. Don't wait more than five minutes to call 911.

• Don't drink alcohol before or immediately after shoveling. Alcohol may increase a person's sensation of warmth and may cause them to underestimate the extra strain their body is under in the cold.

• Be aware of the dangers of hypothermia. Heart failure causes most deaths in hypothermia. To prevent hypothermia, dress in layers of warm clothing, which traps air between layers forming a protective insulation. Wear a hat, because much of your body's heat can be lost through your head.

Heart Attack Warning Signs

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense—the "movie heart attack," where no one doubts what's happening. But most start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

• Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

• Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

• Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.

Calling 911 is almost always the fastest way to get life-saving treatment. Emergency medical services staff can begin treatment when they arrive—up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. Ambulance crews are also trained to revive someone whose heart has stopped. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too. It is best to call an ambulance for rapid transport to the emergency room. If you can't access one, have someone drive you to the hospital right away. If you're the one having symptoms, don't drive yourself unless you have absolutely no other option. For information, visit your doctor, call the association at (800) AHA-USA1 or go to www.heart.org.

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Dairy fits well into rural western Kansas

By Ron Wilson
*Director
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 "What's important is the fit."

That statement might apply to your suit or your shoes. It also applies to economic development. This is a story of a dairy enterprise which came to rural Kansas - in large part, because the "fit" felt right.

In last week's Kansas Profile we met Tom McCarty and his four sons Clay, Mike, David and Ken, owners of McCarty Family Farms LLC in northwest Kansas. Today, in the conclusion of our two-part series on these entrepreneurial dairymen, we'll learn about their innovative marketing agreement and care of natural resources.

The McCartys were a long-time dairy family in Pennsylvania, but when they needed room to grow in the 1990s, they relocated to rural western Kansas.

Why? Well, what's important is the fit. In a nutshell, dairies are a good fit with the Kansas agribusiness economy. Unlike the congested areas of the east coast or California, rural Kansas has lots of livestock feed and room to grow. Rural Kansas also needs more people and more jobs.

The McCartys built their first dairy at Rexford and expanded through the years. Their next dairy was built near the rural community of Bird City, population 472 people. Now, that's rural. Now the McCartys are operating a dairy near Scott City as well.

The three dairies produce about 59,000 gallons of milk per day. They milk about 7,200 cows - twice a day, 7 days a week.

In 2012, the McCartys announced the completion of a multi-million dollar milk processor and evaporator at the Rexford facility. In June, they signed an exclusive rights agreement to provide all of the condensed skim milk for Dannon Yogurt's plant in Fort Worth, Texas.

In the main facility at Rexford, McCarty Family Farms has positioned itself as a "net-neutral, or a net-negative water user," according to Ken McCarty.

"We've added 500 head of lactating cows," he said. "Cows drink a lot of water, [but] we actually draw less water out of our well today than we did a year ago." Water to

the facility is filtered, purified and eventually used as drinking water. It is then drawn from the milk in the newly-built evaporator, and used in lagoons and cropland.

"The lifecycle of a gallon of water on this farm is pretty dynamic," Ken McCarty said. "Water can be recycled anywhere from two to six times on this dairy before it eventually ends up out on the fields. We use zero commercial fertilizer on our ground and we also have enough effluent waste to spread on other farmers' grounds, where they have to use zero commercial fertilizers. We recycle all of our sand bedding. Everything is done on these farms for economic reasons but also for sustainability reasons. We try to recycle and re-use and be as efficient as we can be."

Tom McCarty says taking care of the land "is what we do. We take pride in taking good care of cattle; employees get a lot of training in doing everything properly. Environmentally, we've had a very good relationship with the [Kansas Department of Health and Environment]."

The McCartys also credit Kansas State Research and Extension faculty for their assistance. "K-State helped with the dairy's overall concept and the basic ideas and critical components," Ken McCarty said. "We don't have time to pour over research journals and do studies, that's why we lean on those guys. They've been a phenomenal help."

"By bringing the McCarty Dairy to northwest Kansas and creating the jobs and...increasing the en-

rollment in schools, that has made a huge impact for us," said Christy Rocca, director of the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance. "This is what it's going to take to bring people back to northwest Kansas."

"What's important is the fit." Yes, that statement is true of your shoes, your suit, and the type of businesses we recruit. We commend Tom, Clay, Mike, David and Ken and all the McCarty family for making a difference by making a new life in Kansas. Their innovative dairy production seems to be a good fit with the high plains of Kansas, and if the shoe fits, wear it.

Doctors prescribe reading to children

The State Library of Kansas awarded four Kansas libraries grants to support the implementation of the "Checkup and Check Out" pilot program in well-child checkups, sending families home with an age-appropriate book (through the Kansas Pediatric Foundation's current program, Turn a Page, Touch a Mind) and encouraging parents to take an extra trip to the public library to receive another free book. Grants were awarded to Chanute Public Library (\$2,100; Ashley Clinic), Manhattan Public Library (\$8,750; Pediatric Associates), Newton Public Library (\$3,500; Cottonwood Pediatrics) and Smith Center Public Library (\$350; Smith County Family Practice).

For years, many Kansas doctors have been prescribing reading to children as part of their well-child checkups, and giving families age-appropriate books to encourage them to follow that advice. Now through the support of the State Library of Kansas, four public libraries will work with a group of those physicians to increase library attendance by offering families an additional free book when they come to their libraries to learn about six by six (the six skills children need by age six to be ready to learn to read). "We believe that reading and good health go hand in hand," said State Librarian Jo Budler. "What better way to ensure this than to instill a love of reading -- and books -- when our youngest residents visit their doctors?"

"This is an amazing way to get out information about the importance of reading to your child

and to encourage parents to foster their child's early literacy skills," said Jennifer Adams, Children's Services Manager of Manhattan Public Library. When asked about the impact this grant could have on families, Adams replied, "For some of them, this might be their first visit to their local library where they can discover all the books and other materials they can check out free, plus story times and fun programs their kids can attend. This grant will create awareness about the many services local libraries offer."

The pilot project will run for six months, beginning January 2013. The State Library worked with Regional Library Systems and Mel Hudelson of the Kansas Pediatric Foundation to identify libraries and clinics throughout the state willing to promote six by six and local library attendance. Amounts of each grant vary based on the number of books the partner clinic gives out in a six-month period at a total of \$3.50 per book. This pilot project is funded by the State Library, through the Children's Initiatives Fund as part of the Governor's Reading Roadmap. If this project is found to impact public library attendance, the State Library of Kansas will seek further funding to expand it to other public libraries.

"We are very excited to be a part of this program," said Chanute Library Director Susan Willis. "It provides us with another avenue to introduce the library and all of its services to families - giving us the chance to be a part of children's lives from an early age."

Government agencies address drought effects

U. S. Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies continue to work to address the long term effects of last summer's historic drought.

In the wake of a series of regional drought conferences with farmers, ranchers, business owners and other stakeholders, the department is entering into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Commerce, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to improve sharing of data and expertise, monitoring networks and drought forecasting efforts. The agreement is a direct outcome of the regional conferences.

In recent months, the agricultural department has partnered with local governments, colleges, state and federal partners to conduct a series of regional drought workshops. Hundreds of producers met with government officials to discuss needs, and programs available to them.

Earlier today, the Secretary addressed the National Drought Forum here in Washington, where he announced that the department's measures to open conservation

lands to emergency haying and grazing during the drought provided as much as \$200 million in forage to producers facing feed shortages.

The Secretary also announced a pilot program administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kansas and Colorado to remove sediment from ponds to restore their water holding to previous capacities and he announced that the service has made available over \$16 million through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to farmers and ranchers for water conservation and wildlife habitat.

The secretary also said that over the period of the recently expired Farm Bill, conservation systems installed with support from conservation programs reduced water withdrawn from the Ogallala Aquifer by at least 860,000 acre feet. This is more than enough water to cover the area of Washington nearly 20 feet deep and is equivalent to the domestic water use of approximately 9.6 million individuals for a year. These reduced water withdrawals have also resulted in a related energy savings of the equivalent of at least 18 million gallons of diesel fuel.

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Case No.

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Jeffrey Burgos drove inside during the Northwest Tech men's basketball game against Dodge City on Wednesday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Northwest Tech men beat Dodge City 77-68

By Kevin Bottrell
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The Northwest Kansas Technical College men's basketball team started 2013 off on the right foot with a 77-68 win over Dodge City Community College on Wednesday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

It was a tight game through the first quarter. The Mavericks never trailed by more than five and took the lead twice. They went into the second half leading by four and never gave up ground, going on to get the win by nine points.

The Mavericks will be in action next at 7 p.m. Monday at home against Western Nebraska Community College.

Dodge City put in the first five points of Wednesday's game. It would be more than two minutes before the Mavericks scored on a three pointer from Markees Walker. Dodge City answered with two points to make the score 7-3.

With 17:16 on the clock, Gian Clavell made a two-point shot and was fouled on the play. He made the extra free throw to make it 7-6. Dodge City put in two, then Marcus Walden put in two of his own to keep it a one-point game.

Then, Jeffrey Burgos drove inside for two points, giving the Mavericks their first lead of the game with 15:20 left in the first half. It was short-lived as the Conquistadores put in two consecutive three pointers to go up 15-10.

Walker sank a three pointer and Dodge City answered with two to make it 17-13. The Mavericks

caught up on a putback from Talan Whitaker and a two-pointer from Lamar Britton. Dodge City took the lead again with two free throws.

With 11:11 left in the half, the Conquistadores put in another free throw. Burgos hit a jumper, answered a moment later by a two pointer for Dodge City. The Mavericks scored again, then pulled within one on a dunk from Walden. Dodge City hit another basket, answered by Walden to make it 26-25 with eight minutes to go.

In the next two minutes, Dodge City scored four points, but the Mavericks caught up with five points from Burgos. With 4:40 left, Clavell hit a three pointer to take a 33-30 lead. Dodge City made a layup, then Britton went inside for two points. The Conquistadores kept it a one-point game up to the end of the half when Burgos hit a three pointer to make it 39-35.

The Mavericks never gave up the lead in the second half. Walden, Walker and Clavell all scored in the opening four and a half minutes while holding the Conquistadores to just a pair of free throws.

With the score at 53-37, Dodge City put in five points, then Walker hit a three pointer to make it 56-42. The Conquistadores put in another two free throws, then Walker hit

a three pointer. With 12:30 left in the half, Dodge City put in two, but the Mavericks answered with five, keeping their lead at 62-46.

The teams traded shots over the next few minutes. Dodge City added two, answered by two from Whitaker. Then the Conquistadores made a three pointer, answered by another two from Whitaker. Dodge City put in four points on a three pointer and a free throw to make it 68-55.

With 8:11 to play, Walden was fouled and made two free throws. Dodge City put in two free throws on a foul by Burgos. The Conquistadores put in another two to make it 70-59.

After a timeout, Nicholas Riley put in a two pointer. Dodge City got the next four points to make it 72-63.

At three minutes remaining, the Mavericks started running the clock. The Conquistadores hit a three pointer, then with 1:47 to play, Walden was fouled and made one of two free throws. The Mavericks got possession back and, after a timeout, Riley got a putback to make it 75-66.

With one minute left, Clavell hit a two pointer, then Dodge City put in the last two points of the game, giving the Mavericks a 77-68 win.

Lady Mavericks get 10-point win at home

By Pat Schiefen
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The Lady Mavericks started the new year with a 61-51 win over the Dodge City Lady Conquistadors at the Max Jones Fieldhouse on Wednesday.

The next action for the team will be at 5 p.m. on Monday against the women from Western Nebraska Community College at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

In the first half the first basket of the game was a three pointer made by Shaletha Mayberry. The Lady Mavericks increased it to 5 with a layup by Shannon Watts.

The Lady Conquistadors' Casey McCauley made their first basket of the game with 17:25 left in the half. Mayberry added another basket, then Kelli Tolar for Dodge City hit a basket, was fouled and made one of two free throws. The Lady Mavericks added a basket, then Dodge City put in two more free throws. With 11:51 left the Lady Mavericks led, 9-7. Points were added by the Mavericks to widen the lead to 16-11.

In the next two minutes the Lady Conquistadors managed to even the score, 16-16. Dodge City added a basket and Laticia Rodriguez for the Lady Mavericks added a three-point shot making the score 19-18. Dodge City answered with a basket and Mayberry responded with a three-point shot. With 2:54 left in the first half the score was again tied at 23-23. The lead passed back and forth again until Andrea Zaragoza widened the lead to 28-25 at the end of the first half.

Watts added two free throws for the first points in the second half. Dodge City managed to regain the lead and kept it until Watts hit a three point shot to tie again at 35-35. Northwest Tech pulled ahead by a bucket.

With 12:12 left Dodge City pulled ahead by one, 38-37. At 10:47 the Lady Mavericks pulled ahead, 42-40, with a basket by Mayberry. With 8:52 left the score



Laticia Rodriguez went up for a shot during the Lady Mavericks' 61-51 win over Dodge City at home on Wednesday. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

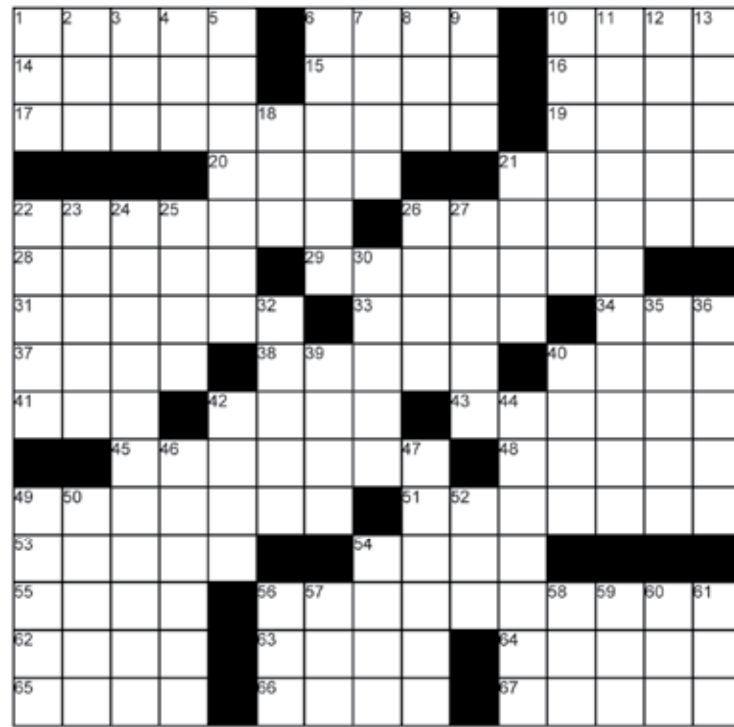
was Northwest Tech leading, 45-41. They held on to their lead until Rodriguez hit a three pointer to widen it to 52-47. A free throw by Biag Mayek and a basket by Rodriguez increased the lead to 55-47.

The final points made by the Lady Mavericks were a free throw by Anya Boyd, a free throw by Mayberry, two free throws by Watts and two free throws by YaMaya Leonard to give the Lady Mavericks the win, 61-51.

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1. Lake of TV talk
6. Zero-star fare
10. "Say no more!"
14. Abductor in tabloids
15. Putter's target
16. Facetious "I see"
17. Patriotic fan of author Fannie?
19. Greet the villain
20. Go ballistic
21. Jackie's predecessor
22. Step in for
26. Mitty's creator
28. Bothered incessantly
29. Sisterly
31. Earls' inferiors, in old England
33. Watered down
34. Building addition
37. Lighten up
38. "Oklahoma!" aunt
40. Pizazz
41. ___-cone (cold treat)
42. Play to ___ (draw)
43. Gets rotten
45. Exalts
48. Protractor's measure
49. Board a puddle-jumper, say
51. Scarlet bird
53. Errand runner
54. Prefix meaning "billionth"
55. Amorphous mass
56. Fete for football coach Amos Alonzo?
62. Barely beat
63. Do roadwork
64. Matt of "The Today Show"
65. Ph.D. and B.S.
66. Gave the boot to



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67. "Breaking Away" director Peter

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1. Luftwaffe battlers: Abbr.
2. Out of sorts
3. Cloak-and-dagger org.
4. Frat party sight
5. Thankless so-and-so
6. Tends to the stubble
7. Tennis score before 15
8. Praise for a picador
9. According to
10. Much of North Africa
11. Con game for actress Diana?

12. Actor Davis
13. Tough nut to crack
18. WWII lady in uniform
21. Gloom
22. Is worthy of
23. Hawke of film
24. Visibility problem for circumnavigator Phileas?
25. London's Drury ___
26. Sloth's home
27. Winter coats
30. Little hooter
32. Take hold
35. French textiles city
36. Short-straw drawer
39. Long sentence?
40. ___ fide
42. Apple treatment, once
44. Splendid array

46. Academy freshmen
47. Like a pro wrestling event
49. Incited, with "on"
50. German Expressionist Emil
52. Film director Lee
54. Basilica center
56. Healthful getaway
57. Word with sin or luxury
58. Travel org.
59. Stagnation, jobwise
60. Shirt with a slogan
61. Decade divs.

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