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weather report

21°
9 a.m.
Saturday



Today
• Sunset, 4:34 p.m.

Wednesday
• Sunrise, 7:07 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:35 p.m.

Middy Conditions
• Soil temperature 29 degrees
• Humidity 54 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds west 10 mph
• Barometer 30.23 inches and rising

• Record High today 70° (1997)
• Record Low today -15° (1928)

Last 24 Hours*
High Friday 27°
Low Friday 1°
Precipitation none
This month 0.50
Year to date 9.52
Below normal 10.10 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Sunny with a high near 28 and a low around 13. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 30 and a low around 9.

Extended Forecast
Thursday: Sunny with a high near 31 and a low around 14. Friday: Sunny with a high near 38. (National Weather Service)
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The dry conditions in 2012 contributed to numerous County Roads 20 and 54. The fire was one of several often hampered firefighting efforts. fires, such as this one in a stubble field in June near believed to have been started by lightning. High winds

Drought, bricks are top stories

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 appeared in the Friday, Dec. 28, paper. The top five stories of the year appear below.

1 In the top story of 2012, the crippling drought that stretched across the United States this year was readily apparent in Sherman County. Even in December, the area is still listed under the most extreme classification of drought by the U.S. Drought Monitor, and it was much the same all year.

Dry weather combined with a record-setting heat wave took its toll on local dryland crops and water wells. Harvest began earlier due to plants maturing faster. Groundwater Management District Four Manager Wayne Bossert said one well in Thomas County had reached its lowest-ever recorded water level. The governor suspended motor carrier rules and regulations so that more hay could be taken to drought-stricken areas, especially in southwestern Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The dry crops and grasslands prompted both the city and county to put burn bans in place. Despite a respite or two, the bans remained in place until December. Fireworks were also banned except for the professional display on the Fourth of July. Goodland ended up having one of the only fireworks displays in the area this year, which made for a lot of out-of-town visitors.

As the year came to a close, it looked like 2012 might be on track to be the driest year on record for Goodland. In late November, the National Weather Service had recorded only 9.02 inches of precipitation for the year, less than half of the normal. If the area were to receive less than 17 hundredths of an inch of rain, it would be drier than 1956, the worst year for precipitation since record-keeping began.

However, snowfall in mid-De-

cember added to the total precipitation. As of Dec. 28, Goodland had seen 9.52 inches of precipitation during 2012, making it not the driest year on record. The Blizzard on Dec. 19 pushed Goodland over the edge. 1956, which saw 9.19 inches, remains the driest year.

The National Weather Service is predicting snow for Monday, so the year-end total may be higher.

The yearly total is a dramatic drop from the past several years. In 2011, the area got 19.3 inches of precipitation. In 2010 it was 19.46 and in 2009 it was 22.66. Meteorologist Dave Floyd said part of the reason for the dry year was a big, stagnant area of high pressure that sat over the plains states all summer.

That high pressure resulted in a mass of warm, dry air, in which it was difficult for thunderstorms to form. When thunderstorms did form, they were often small and localized, Floyd said. Winds at high altitude were not strong enough to blow the thunderstorms around. Floyd said the area hadn't been doing too bad the first three to four months of the year, before the high-pressure mass set in.

That lack of thunderstorms, however, did result in fewer tornadoes. In an average year, the Goodland weather station issues 43 tornado warnings for the tri-state area. This year, it issued 11, with only five actual tornadoes reported.

2 Goodland spent most of its summer with a good chunk of Main Street inaccessible due to the brick replacement project.

Two blocks of the 90-year-old downtown bricks were replaced. In previous years, bricks at several intersections were replaced.

This year's project also included replacing the water mains below Main Street. The mains under the street were taken out and new ones installed under the sidewalks.

The project was done in two phases. In May, crews began tearing out the old bricks from 11th to 12th Streets. The sidewalks were kept mostly open. The workers replaced



With less than half the normal amount of precipitation throughout the year and no rain when it was most needed, the drought took its toll on this year's dryland corn crop.

the water mains and filled the dirt back in. They then poured a layer of reinforced concrete over which was poured a layer of sand. The bricks were laid by hand over the layer of sand. No mortar was used.

That first phase was completed and opened to traffic on July 11. Some work was left, but the crews had already begun excavating phase two, the section between 12th and 13th Streets. Phase two was completed on Aug. 17.

The original bricks on Main Street were laid in 1921 for \$109,703. Prior to that, the streets were dirt. Jim Garfield Brown, a Native American, laid all the bricks himself, putting in about 125 to 150 bricks a minute, going as fast as eight men could bring the bricks to him.

Brown worked for Cook and Ransom, the Ottawa firm who won the contract. Black and Veatch did the engineering for the project. Like today's project, it included water line replacement.

The original project was controversial, with petitions, protests and threats of court injunctions. There were plenty on both sides, including some who thought the brick project should be expanded.

3 Goodland High School endured two bomb threats early in the year. On Jan. 20, a staff member at Goodland High School found writing in an upstairs bathroom that said there was a pipe bomb in the building. Police were notified at 7:22 a.m.

Students and staff were evacuated to the Max Jones Fieldhouse where they were organized and later taken to the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Goodland Police, the Sherman County Sheriff's office, the Kansas Highway Patrol and the county attorney's office blocked off traffic around the school and set up a command post at 11th Street and Cherry while waiting for Highway

Patrol units with explosive-sniffing dogs from Hays to arrive. Three fire engines and an ambulance were also called out and placed on standby at the scene.

School stayed in session, with teachers conducting study halls at the college. School board members contacted parents to inform them of the situation.

A Kansas Highway Patrol Special Operations search teams arrived on scene about 10 a.m. The dogs checked the high school building first and then the fieldhouse but were unable to find any threatening devices.

At 10:45 a.m., teachers were released back to their classrooms. Superintendent Bill Biermann told them to check their rooms for anything suspicious.

Police Chief Cliff Couch gave the all clear at 11:20 a.m. and students resumed regular classes.

A second threat was found in a bathroom on Feb. 22. The written message was found in the evening saying the school needed to be evacuated by that Friday because there was a bomb in the building, and the school was searched during the night. K-9 units from the Kansas Highway Patrol were again brought out to assist in the search.

No suspicious items were found, and school went on as normal the next day. Couch said at the time the threats were likely pranks, but law enforcement and the school district must respond to any such threat as if it were the real thing.

Bomb threats fall under state criminal threat statutes, which make it illegal to make threats of violence that cause evacuations of a building or disrupt ongoing activities in a building.

The schools added security cameras to several buildings after the scares.

In March, police were able to identify suspects two juvenile suspects, who were charged with felony

criminal threat.

4 One story that will continue making headlines next year is the Goodland School district's search for funding to update and consolidate its schools.

Superintendent Bill Biermann said he and the board had not really wanted to approach the remodeling issue with a school bond but that maintenance issues and future planning kept leading back to remodeling and where to get the money to do that.

The current thought of the district is to go to three buildings, pre kindergarten through second at West Elementary, third through sixth at North Elementary and seventh through 12th at Goodland High School, he said.

The Goodland School Board voted unanimously on Tuesday, Dec. 4, to move forward on a \$14,984,000 renovation for West Elementary, North Elementary and Goodland High School. To pay for it, the district will seek a combination of a .25 percent sales tax increase and an increase of 8.25 mills on property taxes.

The .25 percent sales tax increase added to the current 8.65 sales tax rate in the county would still leave the rate at less than 9 percent.

Biermann and several school board members came to the Goodland City Commission meeting at its regular meeting, Dec. 17, with a formal letter asking the city to consider putting a 1/4 cent sales tax on the April 2 ballot.

The commission stopped short of fully endorsing the sales tax itself, but most of the commissioners said they think the issue should go before voters.

The last school bond issue voted down in 2010 was for \$14.9 million to renovate North Elementary into

local markets

9 a.m.

Wheat — \$7.66 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.66
Corn — \$6.95 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.93
Milo — \$6.55 bushel
Soybeans — \$13.39 bushel
Posted county price — \$13.78
Millet — no bid
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$24 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 five sports stories

We count down the top five sports stories of the year. See Page 8




Kansas Highway Patrol bomb-sniffing K-9 units were called to Goodland twice early this year to search Goodland High School after threats were found written on bathroom stalls.

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.

the calendar

calendar

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: Swiss steak, has brown

casserole, beets, bread and pears. **Tuesday:** Closed. **Wednesday:** Chicken patti, parlsied potatoes, Italian blend vegetable, bun and Mandarin oranges. **Thursday:** Pasta salad with ham and vegetables, five cup salad, breadstick and strawberry shortcake. **Friday:** Bierock casserole, spinach salad, mixed fruit and fruit crisp. **Monday:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, bread and applesauce.

school menu
Today to Jan. 7: No school winter break.

school calendar
Today to Jan. 7: Winter break.

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 Lola 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 in-

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.

obituaries

Thelma Larie Wolf

Thelma Larie (Peter) Wolf, 86, Hot Springs, Ark., 1943 graduate of Sherman Community High School, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, at Fountain Lake Health and Rehab Center in Hot Springs.

She was born Dec. 27, 1925, to Jacob and Anna (Zimbelman) Peter in Sherman County.

On Jan. 30, 1948, she and Dale Allen Wolf were married in Sherman County.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband in December 2004, four brothers and six sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl (Dennis) Powell of Hot

Springs, Ark.; a son, Bobby Wolf of Hutton, Texas; a sister, Delores (Hank) Elliott of Goodland; a brother, Larry (Bernice) Peter of Finger, Tenn.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services were Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, at Beulah Cemetery in Colby. A memorial service is planned for the spring.

Memorials may be made to Dierksen Hospice, 3648 N. Arkansas Highway 7, Suite E, Hot Springs, Ark. 71909.

Kersenbrock Funeral Home, 745 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Les Sutton

William Lester Sutton, 87, long-time Goodland resident, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, at his home.

Services are pending. Memorials may be made to the William Lester and Betty B. Sutton Family Scholarship Fund for

Goodland High School graduates at the First National Ban, 202 E. 11th, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Arrangements are being handled by Bateman Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th, Goodland.

Marita Salomi Hildreth

Marita Salomi Aurora Hildreth, 80, retired Burlington bookkeeper, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012, at her home.

She was born on Feb. 8, 1932, in Orebro, Sweden.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, at the Bethel Assembly of God Church, 1055 Rose Avenue, Burlington with Pastor Joe Berry officiating. A second memorial services will be held

at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 13,

2013, at the Living Way Fellowship Church, 345 E. Wildcat Reserve Parkway, Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Memorials to the Brazil Outreach Ministries or to Behold the Lamb Ministries may be sent to the Bank of the West, 502 14th Street, Burlington, Colo. 80807.

Arrangements are being handled by Love Funeral Home, 377 15th, Burlington, Colo.

Thelma May Luther

Thelma May Maxine Luther, 89, Sharon Springs homemaker, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012, at the Greeley County Hospital in Tribune.

She was born March 7, 1923, to Mae (McKinley) and Henry Earl Mather at Wallace. She went to country school in Wallace County.

In 1939 she and Lloyd Aaron Luther were married at McAllaster. They lived first in Wallace County and then in Logan County. After selling the farm in Logan County, she moved back to Sharon Spring in 1981.

Mrs. Luther helped with the family's farming operation.

She had been a member of the Assembly of God Church and then the Wesleyan Church. Mrs. Luther was active in a Home Demonstration Unit, the Senior Center, the Silver-Haired Legislature, the Wallace County Jolly Neighbors and as a 4-H leader.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; a son, Lyle

Eugene Luther; and a grandson, Lloyd Allen Luther.

Survivors include three sons, Phillip (Carolyn) Luther of Oregon, Loren (Darlene) Luther of Sharon Springs and Michael (Diane) Luther of Goodland; a daughter, Margaret (John) Chitwood of Conway Springs; seven grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013, at the Wesleyan Church in Sharon Springs with the Rev. Paul McNall officiating. Burial will follow in the Sharon Springs Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday.

Memorials to the Thelma Luther Memorial Fund may be left at Koons Funeral Home in Sharon Springs or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.



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Most complaints about insurance are on claims

At the Kansas Insurance Department, approximately 65 percent of the complaints about insurance we get from consumers are related to claims handling. Delays in processing an insurance claim have been the number one complaint of insurance consumers across the nation for many years, unfortunately.

Filing and getting a claim resolved with your insurance company can be a frustrating process for you, especially when you are troubled with the incident that caused the claim or you are faced with a weather disaster.

Being prepared with and keeping track of the information your insurance company needs to process the claim is critical in reducing the time between the insurance incident and the resolution of your problem. To



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help get your claims paid promptly, consider the following ideas.

Know your policy. Understand what your policy says. Because it is a contract between you and your insurance company, you need to know what's covered, what's not and what your deductibles are.

File claims as soon as possible. Don't let the bills or receipts pile up. Call your agent or your company's claims hotline as soon as possible. Your policy might require that you make the notification within a cer-

tain time frame.

Provide complete, correct information. Be certain to give your insurance company all the necessary information. If your information is incorrect

or incomplete, your claim could be delayed.

Keep copies of all correspondence. Whenever you communicate with your insurance company, be sure to keep copies of all correspondence. With phone calls, include the date, name and title of the person you spoke with and what was said. Also, keep a record of your time and expenses.

Ask questions. If there is a disagreement about the claim settlement, ask the company for the

specific language in your policy that is in question. Find out if the disagreement is because you interpret the policy differently. If your claim is denied, make sure you have a letter from the company explaining the reason for the denial - including the specific policy language which caused the denial.

Don't rush into a settlement. If the first offer your insurance company makes does not meet your expectations, be prepared to negotiate to get a fair settlement. If you have any questions regarding the fairness of the offer, talk with your local insurance agent, seek other professional advice or call the consumer assistance hotline. (in Kansas) (800) 432-2484.

Document auto and homeowners temporary repairs. Auto and

homeowners policies might require you to make temporary repairs to protect your property from further damage. Your policy should cover the cost of these temporary repairs, so keep all receipts. Also, document any damaged personal property for an adjuster to inspect. If possible, take photographs or videotape the damage before making the repairs.

Don't make permanent repairs. A company might deny a claim if you make permanent repairs before the damage is inspected. If possible, determine what it will cost to repair your property before you meet with an adjuster. Provide the adjuster any records of improvements you made to the property, and ask him/her for an itemized explanation of the claim settlement offer.

Seek accident and health claims details. Ask your medical provider to give your insurance company details about your treatment, condition and prognosis. If you suspect your provider is overcharging, ask the insurance company to audit the bill, and verify whether the provider used the proper billing procedure.

Contact us. If you continue to have a dispute with your insurance company about the amount or terms of the claims settlement, contact our Consumer Assistance Hotline or go to our website, www.ksinsurance.org, to file an online complaint.

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Fun in the snow



These two were out enjoying the sun and the snow on Friday afternoon near Goodland Regional Medical Center. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Oakley to have ranching seminar

Kansas State University will hold its Winter Ranch Management Seminar on Tuesday, Jan. 8, in Manhattan, with remote sites at eight towns around the state.

The conference begins with registration at 3 p.m. (Mountain Time) at all sites, and the program starts at 3:30 p.m. (Mountain Time). Dinner is included at all locations.

Each seminar features onsite speakers, plus presentations via webinar, including:

- Protection and Restoration of Forage and Range Resources, speaker at each location.

- R.A. Brown Ranch: Management Innovations for a Changing Beef Industry, Donnell Brown, Throckmorton, Texas (webinar).

- Fetal Programming: Implications for Beef Cattle Production, Rick Funston, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (webinar).

- Tips and Tools to Reach Your Management Goals, onsite speakers.

Locations and contact information for each site:

- Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center, 703 W. Second St., Oakley, Scott Barrows, (785) 743-6361 or rsbarrow@ksu.edu.

- Kansas State University, 111

Weber Hall, Manhattan, Eve Clark, (785) 532-1280 or eve@ksu.edu.

- K-State Olathe, 22201 W. Innovation Drive, Olathe, Rick Miller, (913) 715-7000 or rick.miller@jocogov.org.

- Astra Bank, 1205 18th St., Belleville, Robin Slattery, (785) 325-2121 or rslat@ksu.edu.

- Ellsworth Golf Course, 900 E. Second St., Ellsworth, Debbie Jacobs, (785) 472-4442 or djacobs@ksu.edu.

- Bowyer Community Building, Lyon County Fairgrounds, 2710 W. Highway 50, Emporia, Brian Rees, (620) 341-3220 or bree@k-state.edu.

- Neosho County Courthouse basement, 100 S. Main, Erie, Delta George, (620) 223-3720 or delta@ksu.edu.

- Shears Technology Theater, Hutchinson Community College, 1300 N. Plum, Hutchinson, Cody Barilla, (620) 662-2371 or cbarilla@ksu.edu.

- Rooks County Golf Club, 1925 U.S. Highway 183, Plainville, Rachael Boyle, (785) 425-6851 or rboyle@k-state.edu.

For information or registration, call the contacts listed at each site or go to www.asi.ksu.edu/rms.

Kansas 511 offers personalized info

Just in time for the winter weather, the Kansas Department of Transportation has made it easier than ever for travelers to get the latest information about their route to work, school or gatherings.

Travelers may now subscribe to free text or e-mail message alerts about current conditions on the routes they travel. Subscribers to My Kansas 511 select the route, the time of the day and the type of information they want, such as road closures or National Weather Service warnings. To subscribe, visit www.kandrive.org, KDOT's traveler information portal, and select "Plan Your Drive" or "Get More Travel Info."

"My Kansas 511" is just one of a number of new content options and features now available through the Kansas 511 phone system.

New Content includes:

- Kansas City Traffic info – includes road condition, construction, incident/event and speed/congestion info for the greater metro area, including Kansas and Missouri

- National Weather Service Warnings (tornado; severe thunderstorm; flash flooding; blizzard; winter storm and ice storm)

- Rest Area locations/information

- Silver Alerts (in addition to AMBER Alerts)

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Dale Schields stood with Lorie Abbey at his retirement reception on Friday afternoon at the Goodland Regional Medical Center. He had worked for the hospital for 43 years. He said he and his wife planned to travel and spend time with their grandchildren.

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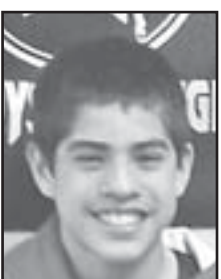
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Protesters went too far this time

People protesting against religion in government have gone a bit too far this time, we think.

A group called Americans United for Separation of Church and State raised a howl when Gov. Sam Brownback appeared at a religious rally a couple of weeks ago.

"The governor is really overstepping his constitutional bounds," the group said in a release. "He was elected to serve as governor of our state, not our state pastor-in-chief."

So what exactly did the activist group object to?

According to press reports, the governor talked that day about how he turned to God after learning he had cancer in 1995.

"I finally reached up and said, 'God, this life's yours,'" the governor said. "It started a great adventure."

He ended his talk by praying for forgiveness of his sins and the sins of others.

Organizers of the ReignDown USA event denied that they wanted political leaders to enforce any kind of religious belief on the state. The event was designed to promote "humility, prayer and repentance," they said.

What really ticked Americans United off, however, apparently was a proclamation the governor issued beforehand declaring the day of the rally as "a day of restoration."

That amounted to the governor using his office to promote religion, the group said.

"The people of Kansas do not need politicians telling us when, how or whether to pray," Vickie Sandell Stangl, president of the Great Plains Chapter, said in the statement. "If anybody needs to repent, it's Gov. Brownback. He needs to repent for violating the constitutional separation of church and state."

So was the governor promoting religion or just exercising his right to believe?

It's a fine line. American leaders have always proclaimed their piety, at least when it suits them. Most presidents have attended church. Most governors have led prayers and attended religious events. Our founding documents call upon the deity to guide and protect the Republic.

Perhaps Gov. Brownback stands out because he's made no bones about his Roman Catholic beliefs or his conservative approach to religion. He's an attractive target.

We're not here to argue for mixing church and state. School districts should not force students to pray, nor should the government support or promote the church, any church.

We're a free nation, though, and even the governor should be free to believe as he wishes. He shares the First Amendment with the anti-religionists.

But can our leaders pray in public or declare their faith in God? They have since the beginning of the Republic.

Our Constitution is an imperfect document, and its meaning has shifted with time. Where it once shielded slavery and denied women the vote, today it does neither. Public prayer? Our leaders are allowed, but no one is compelled to agree with them. That's part of what freedom means. — Steve Haynes



Thanks for a great year Goodland

Well, it's been exactly one year since I moved to Goodland.

I moved here on Dec. 31 from Colby to take over as editor. Ironically that day was the day of a rather large wreck out on the interstate. You might remember how the wind began to pick up in the morning and blew the dirt around, which combined with some snow, made interstate driving a bit perilous. Luckily I packed up the last of my stuff and got here before the weather hit.

It's been a rollercoaster of a year, with lots of highs and lows and everything in between. But I can definitely say that I've enjoyed living on the top side of Kansas — as John Golden would say — thus far.

I come from what out here seems like the big city, but ever since I graduated from college I've lived in one small town or another, and I've grown to enjoy it.

I've enjoyed attending the Flatlander Festival and the Elks year-end dinner. I've



kevin bottrell

• simple tricks and nonsense

wandered around the High Plains Museum and joined the Goodland Rotary Club.

One thing I've gotten more involved with since moving here is sports. I was never much interested in sports growing up or as an adult. The only experience I had covering sports was during a few months in Colby when we were between sports reporters.

At the Star-News we have a bit smaller staff, so the editor and reporter divide up a lot of the sports coverage. So I've had to get more into sports so I can write about it. And honestly, it's been a lot of fun. It's been fun watching the new

college teams find their footing, learning all the different wrestling rules and seeing how much the high school basketball teams — especially the girls — have improved from last season.

Funny thing is, I also just won an award from the Kansas Press Association for sports photography. I never suspected that the first award I'd win in this business would be for that. That award was for one I took for Colby, but I think I've gotten some decent shots here as well.

Besides sports there's been a lot to cover, from elections to county and city meetings to concerts and other events. I think by far my favorite interview of the year was with Capt. Scott Weber, the commander of the National Guard unit that deployed to Kuwait earlier this year. He was excited and enthusiastic about going overseas.

All in all I'd say, even though I moved away from Starbucks, it's been a good year, and I look forward to another great year in Goodland.

Debt is no laughing matter

"Are you kidding me?"

That was all I could think to myself when I heard that U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said that the U.S. "absolutely" should get rid of the debt ceiling, which is the limit on federal government borrowing.

Having served in Congress for two years now, I thought that I had heard it all from the Obama Administration, but it appears they have not run out of senseless ideas. At a time when America is more than \$16 trillion in debt — an amount about equivalent to the size of our entire economy — the last thing we need is to remove the cap on the government's credit card.

Two years before becoming president, then-Sen. Barack Obama declared it "unpatriotic" to raise the debt limit. It was probably one of the few times we have been or ever will be on the same page. Yet, as we come to the conclusion of his first term, present and future taxpayers are on the hook for \$6 trillion more debt and are likely to be responsible for at least \$4 trillion more come the end of his second term.

Despite the \$6 trillion more debt in his first term, the Obama Administration will come to Congress in a matter of weeks and ask that we raise the debt limit. Or, apparently as



tim huelskamp

• u.s. rep.

Secretary Geithner has suggested, get rid of it altogether.

The unfortunate reality is that Congress will have to raise the debt limit. That is what happens when Washington borrows 40 percent of what it spends. But this time, the conditions have to be different.

Another deal like the one that was cut by Republicans and Democrats in August 2011 cannot be on the table. Sixteen months after that arrangement, Washington has almost exhausted all of the borrowing, but has not a single spending cut yet to show for it. The cuts are set to take place on Jan. 1, but the odds are high that lawmakers on both sides of the aisle will find a way to finagle out of them.

As it was 16 months ago, the problem in Washington is not that we do not take in enough money. The problem is still that we spend too much. Perhaps I sound like a broken record writing that month after month, but Congress

and the President have yet to deal with the out-of-control spending.

Voters may have sent mixed messages to Washington by re-electing a Democrat president with a slim 51-percent margin and a Republican-controlled House (where the Constitution prescribes all revenue bills must originate), but exit polls on Election Day show a pretty clear mandate on the policy direction of Washington: it is time to tackle spending.

Nearly two-thirds of voters said "no" to raising taxes to fix the deficit (meaning spending cuts are the way to go), and by an eight-point margin voters said "government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals" rather than "government should do more to solve problems." Americans are not looking for higher taxes and more government; they are looking for less of both.

If the next "debt deal" is anything like the last — guaranteed debt, uncertain spending cuts — I will again ask: "Are you kidding me?" After all, more debt and more spending is no laughing matter.

Tim Huelskamp, a Republican from Fowler, and a former state senator, is the congressman for the 1st District of Kansas.

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'Twas the season of leftovers and small kitchen disasters.

Eldest daughter was scandalized when her sister said she was planning to take a wheel of brie left over from a company party to her book club Christmas party.

My husband told me this story, and I agreed with youngest daughter. I'm cheap, and I see no reason to throw away perfectly good food.

Steve just shook his head and rolled his eyes.

I never heard whether she took the brie or not, but she did make BLT bites, an appetizer that requires a lot of time and a pound of fried bacon.

There are seldom any of those left after a party.

Personally, I took a couple of leftovers to a party this Christmas.

We had an open house at the office, and I made a bunch of stuff, including the aforementioned BLT Bites, spiced toast, some fancy olives, rum balls, cherry and apple tarts and cream cheese on crackers with a cranberry-nut topping.

We had some of the olives and a few rum balls left. I took them home and put them in the refrigerator, although neither need to be



cynthia haynes

• open season

cooled. Especially those rum balls.

Then two days later, I took the leftovers plus fresh BLT bites and another panful of tarts to a Rotary party. Everything was a big hit, and I didn't have to take anything home.

However, the tarts are made with pie dough cut in rounds and cooked in a mini-muffin pan, then filled with cherry and apple pie filling. Each batch used up two pie crusts, but after making two batches, I still had some pie-dough filling left.

I was asked to bring a treat for a Christmas eve party, and guess what? I made more tarts and used up the last of my pie filling.

Sorry, eldest daughter, I just can't throw out good food. Mind you, I wouldn't have saved the BLT bites, since they have mayonnaise in them, nor would I have kept leftover tarts or cream cheese around for the two days between parties.

With leftovers still in mind, I pricked and put a dozen potatoes in the oven to cook for Christmas dinner. The menu was steak, twice-baked potatoes and green beans.

Since it was just for Steve and me, I figured that I'd make up a big batch of twice bakes and put the spares in the freezer for later. Which I did.

However, when I went to check the potatoes, one had exploded and there was potato all over the oven. I showed Steve the mess. Since the remaining potatoes still needed to cook a little longer, we closed the oven door and went to call our granddaughter on the video link.

That call may have saved us a trip to the emergency room. When I went back to pull the potatoes out, a second one had exploded — right up front. That would have been a painful experience if it had gone off while I was checking it.

The oven got cleaned and so did the floor after my sleeve caught a spare potato skin Steve had soaked in Worcestershire sauce and the whole mess landed on the floor.

We ended up with potatoes on the table, in the freezer, in the sink, on the floor, on me and all over the inside of the oven. Truly a Christmas to remember.

School facilities, Van Gogh repairs round out top stories of 2012

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pre kindergarten to sixth. The only thing addressed at the high school for seventh through 12 would have been heating and air conditioning. That bond would have raised the mill levy by 12.6.

Biermann said people could vote down the sales tax but approve the bond. If voters approve the sales tax but not the bond, the sales tax would be null and void.

Proposed remodeling to be done at West Elementary School would solve code issues such as the fire alarm system, emergency lighting, a kitchen fire suppression and compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act. Other issues facing West are the number of outside doors that make heating and cooling inefficient and provide access to strangers. In the proposal the outside doors would be enclosed with a hall way that would limit access. New construction there would be the building of two class rooms that would also be the storm shelter for the school. There is no store shelter currently and kids take shelter in bathrooms and interior halls. There would be a security vestibule added so that people coming into the building would have to funnel through the office. The old bathrooms would be converted into closets and storage except the bath rooms in the kindergarten rooms would be remodeled so they are handicapped accessible.

The improvements to North Elementary would be similar to the ones at West. The additional cost would be heating and air conditioning and a new roof not needed at West.

Since the sixth grade would be added the school would need four more class rooms. Two of those class rooms would be a storm shelter.

The current bathrooms would be turned into storage and the courtyard would be made into central bathrooms.

The issues that need to be addressed at Goodland High School include 1937 designed heating and wiring. The school does not have fire sprinklers and emergency lighting. In the classrooms except for the science rooms the doors are not handicapped accessible. Biermann said they want to maximize space and make it as functional as possible.

Starting with the auditorium, he said, it would get new lights and a ceiling. They want to move the band into the space currently occupied by the library. A door to the back of the stage could be added allowing students to enter from the back. Dressing rooms and bath rooms would be available there and some space for set storage. The rest of the space would be used for the band with practice rooms and storage. The library would be moved to where the cafeteria is now. The student area for the cafeteria would be the current band room. The only new construction would be a new kitchen with a boxed in area that could be made into a concession stand. At the front of the school the class rooms would be remodeled and would be used by the seventh and eighth grade.

Upstairs in the front of the building the classrooms would be remodeled and the sizes equalized. These would be the history and English class rooms and the freshman and sophomore lockers.

The gym would only get new heating. All the rest rooms would be renovated.

Biermann said the district aims to give the best education it can to the children of the county in the most efficient way possible.

5 Canadian artist Cameron Cross spent more than two weeks from July 9 to August 1 in Goodland working on cleaning, repairing and repainting the giant Van Gogh reproduction painting he had first done in the spring of 2001. The painting and



Artist Cameron Cross sanded part of the giant Van Gogh painting during his restoration efforts. Cross was in town for several weeks repairing the canvas and touching up the painting, which has been in place for more than 10 years.

easel were erected on June 19, 2001 as a special project of the Sunflower USA non-profit corporation. The revamped painting was lowered by a crane onto the 80-foot easel on Monday, July 30.

Cross smiled and said it was awesome to see the painting replaced on the easel. He said it had been quite a project to repair and repaint the Three Sunflowers in a Vase, and hoped it will last longer than the 11 years of the first effort.

To help protect the painting Cross added a clear coat sealer. He said it was good to be able to work on the painting on the ground, and he felt he used more vibrant colors in the repainting while trying to remain true to the original painting by Vincent van Gogh.

"This is bolder with fewer details," he said. "That will help with the fading over time."

The hot summer forced Cross to work early in the mornings and come back in the evenings to avoid the midday heat. He said it was nearly 100 degrees each day, but the painting felt more like 120 degrees. He said he tried working until about 1 p.m. on one day, and felt exhausted when he took a break.

Originally the plan had been for Cross to work on the painting while it was on the easel using a lift being donated by Miller Construction. Cross tried to get up to the painting using the lift, but found the wind to be a real problem. The decision was made to cut the painting down, and Bryant Nemechek of Nemechek

Welding was hired to cut the painting down.

The first step was for Cross to wash the painting off and inspect places where the image had been damaged over the 11 years. He said he was glad to see it had help up well, but found at least three places that had to be repaired with fiberglass.

Cross cleaned out the many screw holes which had become visible by having the resin pop off. He cleaned the screw holes and recovered them. Next he sanded the covered screw holes and the other places that needed to be smoothed. He sanded the outside frame where the steel had shown evidence of rust and damage to the surface.

He began the repainting once the

three areas had been repaired and the screw holes recovered. It took several days for Cross to repaint the background and details of the vase, sunflowers and base area. As the repainting progressed Cross would use a lift to get above the project to see how it was going.

The original project was begun about 1999 when Cross had approached the National Sunflower Association about locating a giant easel in the United States with a Van Gogh sunflower painting. He said the association suggested Goodland along I-70 would be a good location. When approached a small group of Goodland citizens put the non-profit Sunflowers USA group together to raise the money. The land where the painting is located was donated by the city. The total cost of the project was about \$140,000, and the group had received an attraction grant from the state of Kansas with the money coming from the Kansas Lottery and not taxpayer money.

Goodland Rotary members took on the project in 2004 starting by erecting a large spotlight in front of the easel to light the painting at night as part of the Rotary Centennial project. The Rotary members went on to add the brick handicap accessible sidewalk, benches and explanatory information at the viewing area. Rotary set up a visitor log, and has been collecting pages from that log for several years showing the many names and places of those who have stopped to see the painting.

An effort spearheaded by the Shine On Sherman County Resource Development Committee - led by Annette Fairbanks - began about two years ago to refurbish the painting. The first step was to reorganize the Sunflower USA group and ask them to donate the painting and viewing property to the city. Once that process had been completed and Cross had been contacted about coming to Goodland to look at the painting the planning began for the refurbishing project.

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CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles	Vegas			Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson				
NBC	Betty	Betty	Betty	Betty	Paranthood		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon				
FOX	Ben-Kate	Ben-Kate	New Girl	New Girl	Local								
Cable Channels													
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage Wars	Local				
AMC	Mad Max		Mad Max 2				Mad Max	Beyond Thunderdome	Local				
ANIM	Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot			Bigfoot	Local				
BET	Diary	Maeda's Family					Wendy Williams Show	Next Day	Local				
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Decorators		How to Lose		Local				
CMT	Local	Local	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Local				
CNN	Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront			Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson	Local				
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Coming	Local				
DISC	Local	Local	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Gold Rush	Local				
DISN	Local	Local	Girl vs. Monster		Dog		Dog	Let It Shine	Local				
E!	Fashion Police		Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	True Hollywood Story		Chelsea	Celebrity Oops: They	Chelsea				
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BET	Independence Day				Keyshia &		Wendy Williams Show	Streets	Local				
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FOOD	Local	Local	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant Stakeout	Local				
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HGTV	Cousins on Call		Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	House Hunters Reno	Property Brothers	Local				
HIST	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American Restoration	Local				
LIFE	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Project Runway		Wife Swap		Local				
MTV	Freedom Writers		True Life		Ridic.		Ridic.	Ridic.	Local				
NICK	Local	Local	Drake		Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny			
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters	American	Local				
SPIKE	Underworld				Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Local				
TBS	Family Guy		Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Office	Conan	Local			
TCM	Laugh	Platinum Blonde			Taxi!		Life Begins		Local				
TLC	Local	Local	The Sisterhood		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras	Cheer Perfection	Local				
TNT	Castle		Castle		CSI: NY		Leverage	Leverage	Local				
TOON	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	Squid	Local			
TRAV	Baggage B	Baggage B	Fast Food-Gib		Sandwich Paradise 2		Baggage B	Fast Food	Local				
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Divorced	Cleveland	Divorced	King	King	Cleveland	Local			
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS	House	Local				
VH1	Greatest R&B Songs		Marry	Marry	Marry	Marry	Marry	Romeo	Local				
WGN	Rules		WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Local			
Premium Channels													
HBO	Local	Local	Hemingway & Gellhorn		Journey 2-Myst				I, Robot	Local			
MAX	Local	Local	The Rite		Napoleon Dynamite				Anthony Clark	Local			
SHOW	Local	Local	Legendary		Untold History		Inside the NFL		Anthony Clark	Local			

Thursday Evening										January 3, 2013			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
ABC	Nashville		Scandal		Scandal		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
CBS	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest		Elementary		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson				
NBC	30 Rock	All Night	Office	Parks	Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon				
FOX	Mobbed		Mobbed		Local								
Cable Channels													
A & E	The First 48		Beyond Scared Straig		Teen Trouble		The First 48		Local				
AMC	The Karate Kid		North Woods		Karate Kid II		North Woods		Local				
ANIM	North Woods		Torque		North Woods		Wendy Williams Show	Torque	Local				
BET	Lottery Ticket								Local				
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Kathy Griffin		Real Housewives	Kathy Griffin	Local				
CMT	Local	Local	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Local				
CNN	Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront			Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson	Local				
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	The Comedy	Central Roast		Futurama	Futurama	Local				
DISC	Local	Local	Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners	Property	Local				
DISN	Local	Local	Austin	Shake It	Good Luck	Jessie	ANT Farm	Austin	Good Luck	Local			
E!	The Soup	Love You	She's Out				Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Local			
ESPN	Audibles		NFL Live		SportsCenter		NFL Live	Best/NFL	Local				
ESPN2	How to Lose				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	Local				
FOOD	Local	Local	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped	Sweet Genius	Local				
FX	The Waterboy				The Waterboy		Chopped	Underworld: Ev	Local				
HGTV	Salvage	Salvage	Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Rehab	Local			
HIST	Bamazon		Ax Men		Cajun Pwn		Cajun Pwn	Pawn Stars	Local				
LIFE	Project Runway		Dance Moms		BUCKWILD		BUCKWILD	Project Runway All Stars	Local				
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show		BUCKWILD		Catfish: The TV Show		Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish	Local				
NICK	Local	Local	Drake		House of Anubis		Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	Local			
SCI	Repo Men				Outlander				Local				
SPIKE	IMPACT Wrestling		Bellator 360		Crank: High Voltage				Local				
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		The Office	Conan	Local				
TCM	Littlest	Big Bang	Sister Wives		Stowaway		CSI: NY	I'll Be Seeing You	Local				
TLC	Local	Local	Sister Wives: Secret		Four Weddings		What Not to Wear	Cold Case	Local				
TNT	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		CSI: NY		Delocated	Squid	Local				
TOON	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries	Local				
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	Local				
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	NCIS		NCIS: Crime Scene		Law & Order: SVU	House	Local				
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Fools Rush In	Local	Local				
VH1	100 Greatest		100 Greatest		Rules		Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Local			
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Local			
Premium Channels													
HBO	Local	Local	Day-Tomorrow		REAL Sports Gumbel		New Year's Eve		Cadillac Man	Local			
MAX	Local	Local	Arthur		The Parent Trap				The Pianist	Local			
SHOW	Local	Local	Mailrats	War Horse						Local			

Friday Evening										January 4, 2013			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
ABC	Last Man	Malibu	Shark Tank		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
CBS	Undercover Boss		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson				
NBC	Go On	Go On	Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon				
FOX	College Football						Local						
Cable Channels													
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty	Local				
AMC	Enter the Dragon				Shanghai Noon			Pet Sema	Local				
ANIM	Infested!		Infested!		Infested!		Infested!	Infested!	Local				
BET	One Mic	One Mic	One Mic	One Mic	One Mic	One Mic	Wendy Williams Show	Barbrshop	Local				
BRAVO	Sleepless in Seattle				Sleepless in Seattle				Local				
CMT	Local	Local	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Starsky & Hutch	Local				
CNN	Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront			Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson	Local				
COMEDY	J. Dunham	Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos			Year One				Local				
DISC	Local	Local	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Bering Sea	Gold	Local				
DISN	Local	Local	Star New Year		Tangled		Dog	Good Luck	Local				
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	E Special	Love You	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Local			
ESPN	NBA Basketball		NBA Basketball				SportCtr		Local				
ESPN2	College Basketball		Boxing		SportsCenter		NBA		Local				
FAM	Hope Floats				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	Local				
FOOD	Local	Local	Restaurant: Im.		Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Mystery D	Local			
FX	Country Strong				Country Strong				Local				
HGTV	Spelling Manor		Castles on Camera		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Castles on Camera	Local			

Saturday Evening										January 5, 2013			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
ABC	Once Upon a Time		Once Upon a Time		Once Upon a Time		Local						
CBS	The Mentalist		48 Hours		48 Hours		Local						
NBC	NFL Football		Local	Local	Local			Saturday Night Live					
FOX	Cops	Cops	The Mob Doctor		Local		MasterChef	30S	Local				
Cable Channels													
A & E	Gangsters: Most Evil		Gangsters: Most Evil		Gangsters: Most Evil		Gangsters: America's Most Evil		Local				
AMC	Signs		Hannibal						Local				
ANIM	Pit Boss		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Boss		Pit Bulls-Parole	Too Cute!	Local				
BET	Beauty Shop				Four Brothers				Local				
BRAVO	How to Lose				How to Lose				Local				
CMT	Local	Local	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Redneck Island						

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Easy as 1-2-3
 - Goat and camel hair fabric
 - A woman's undergarment
 - British bathrooms
 - Assemblages of parts into one entity
 - Semitic fertility god
 - Dull & uninteresting
 - Yemen capital
 - Stare impertinently
 - Banished persons
 - Heart failure & energy supplement
 - Reduction in force
 - Women's ___ movement
 - Polynesian wrapped skirt
 - Double-reed instruments
 - Own (Scottish)
 - Summer window dressings
 - Many not ands
 - Paddle
 - Being a single unit
 - Silly behavior
 - Insecticide
 - A blank area
 - Reduces stress
 - Morning moisture
 - Tear away roughly
 - Elevated
 - Cristobalite
 - Baseball's Ruth
 - Indian monetary unit
 - Contest of speed
 - Having a slanted direction
 - Gross receipts
 - A river in NE Spain
 - The brain and spinal cord (abbr.)
 - Dynege Inc. on NYSE
 - Japanese monetary unit
- CLUES DOWN**
- Linen vestment worn by priests
 - The trunk of a tree
 - Transmission line cable
 - Freshwater duck genus
 - Bulk storage container
 - Oil obtained from flowers
 - Shopping containers
 - Abnormal breathing
 - Brew
 - Bake eggs in their shells
 - Stare impertinently
 - A person in the navy
 - A child's slight injury
 - Fain
 - Supports trestletree
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 - Fixed in one's purpose
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 - Taxis
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 - London radio station
 - Perform work regularly
 - Longest geological time

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Golf, summer softball are top sports stories of 2012

The Goodland Star-News staff has chosen 10 stories that highlight the achievements of local athletes throughout 2012. The first five stories were listed in the Friday, Dec. 28, paper. The top five stories of the year appear below.

5 Northwest Kansas Technical College continued its march onto the collegiate athletic stage with the launch of four new sports programs this year.

The men's soccer team began playing in August. They won their first two games against Gateway College and Phoenix College in Arizona. Throughout their first season they picked up wins against Pratt Community College, Lamar Community College, Hesston College, Cowley County Community College, Dodge City Community College and Trinidad Junior College.

They lost to Barton County Community College in the quarterfinals of the Region VI tournament, finishing the season with a 10-9 record.

The women's soccer team won

their first game against Gateway, but lost to Phoenix College. They beat Western Wyoming Community College, Pratt, Trinidad, Could County and Hesston. They also lost in the first round of the Region VI tournament, finishing with a 6-9-1 record, having tied Neosho County 0-0.

Both teams are coached by Luis Figueroa and Marcelo Lima.

The men's and women's basketball programs got their start in November. After starting with long road trips, the teams began home games at the Max Jones Fieldhouse on Nov. 20.

The Mavericks lost their first three games, then got their first two wins at the Colby Ambassador Classic in November. They lost the final game against Colby by one point in overtime. A week later, they came from behind to beat Colby at the last second in the first home game in program history.

The men's team is coached by Jase Herl with assistant coach Wade Knapp.

The Lady Mavericks have strug-

gled in their first season. After a string of eight losses, the team found their rhythm against Mid Plains Community College at home on Nov. 24, beating the Lady Knights 81-77.

The women's team is coached by April O'Neal with assistant coaches Jasmine Ewing and Malik Fletcher.

4 It was a good year to be a Mustang.

In January, the Grant Junior High seventh and eighth grade girls basketball teams each placed second in the league. In the fall, the volleyball team came away with a league title.

The track team had a record breaking year. At the home meet in April, Kelsey White, Margeaux Thompson and Faith Biermann either tied or broke school records. The team got first place finishes in every age group at the Hays meet. At the Oakley meet in May, the Mustangs got 16 first-place finishes, including several relays.

At the league meet on May 5, the Mustangs set 12 school records and tied or broke nine league records.

The seventh grade football team had an undefeated season, finishing 7-0 and outscoring all their opponents with 188 total points and allowing just one touchdown all season. Their final game against Scott City on Oct. 9 was a 30-0 shutout.

This winter, the eighth grade girls basketball team has also been successful, beating teams like Holcomb, Oakley and Ulysses.

3 The Goodland Swim Team could do no wrong this summer.

The team was the host for the Northwest Kansas Swim League Championship meet in July and while some of the individual races were close, the team won the meet by a large margin.

Goodland swimmers won 19 individual races and five relays. The team had four league champions: Ethan McDaniel, Devinee Borgman, Levi House and Rachel Witman. The team also set five pool records.

The Goodland swimmers performed well throughout the season, winning meets in Oakley, Burlington, Colby, Wray and Holyoke.

2 Another summer league team making headlines this year was the Goodland Slammers 14 and Under softball team.

Beginning their season in June, the girls went 3-1 at the opening tournament in Hays. They competed in the Dodge City Tent City Tournament on June 23 and 24, defeating the Dodge City Storm, the Dodge City Dusters and the SW Thunder to claim the championship.

At the state tournament, the girls moved brackets several times, ending up in a single-elimination bracket in the silver division. A win over the Colby Sweet Thunder advanced them to the championship round where they beat the Optimist Aftershock from Manhattan to win

the bracket.

The Slammers 12 and Under team also went to the state tournament. After beating the Salina Tsunami in game one, the girls lost to the Winfield Hurricanes. They won game three against the Wichita Jets and game four against the Valley Center Sliders, but lost in game five to the Wichita Extreme, taking fifth place in the tournament.

1 Goodland High was the host school for the Class 3A State Golf Tournament this year, and the home team came through in fine style, winning the tournament with a 20-point margin.

The Cowboys qualified for state as a team, and so had six golfers at the tournament. Gage Ihrig won first place; Joel Linin, third; and Gannon Ihrig, fourth. Rounding out the state qualifiers were Tanner Jones, Cooper Slough and Thatcher Jones.

It hadn't all been smooth sailing for the Cowboys. They struggled at the Hays high Invitational, at which they came up against 5A and 6A teams. Gage Ihrig had to sit out part of the season with a back injury and Thatcher Jones struggled with a foot injury.

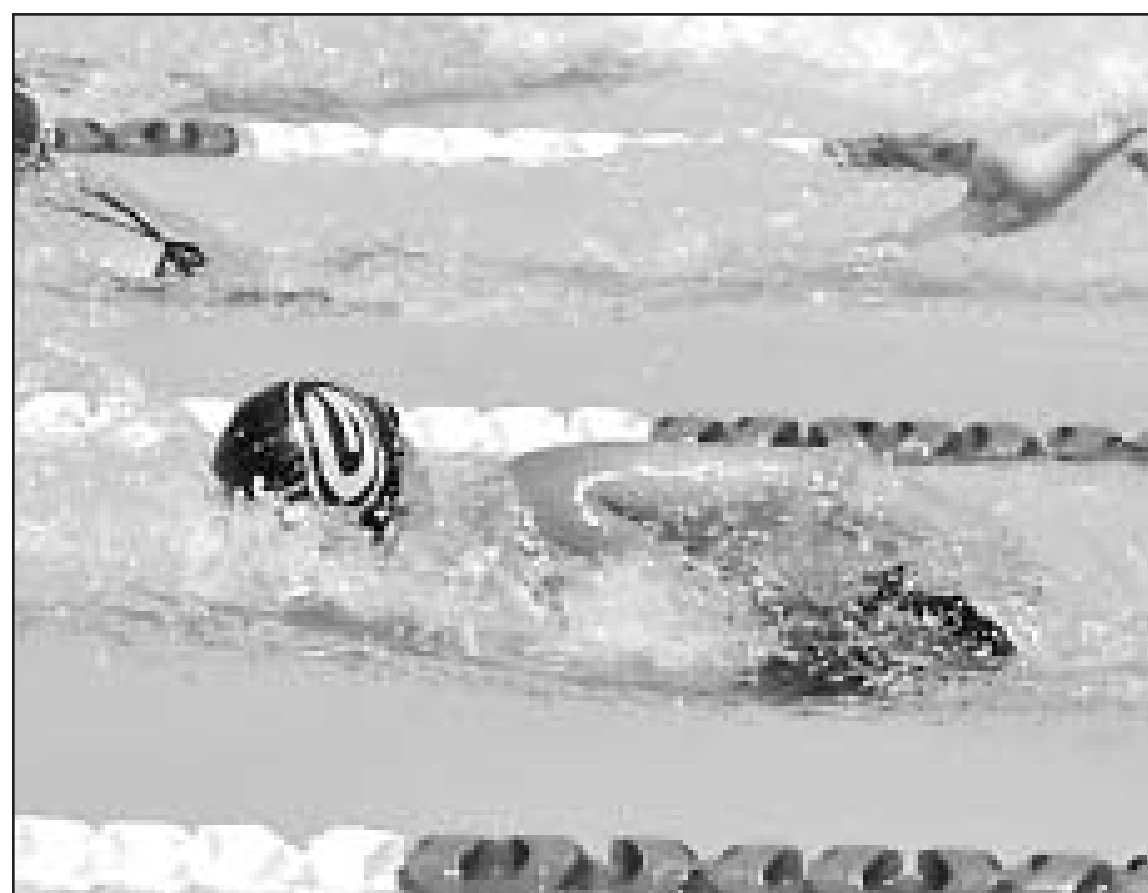
However, the Cowboys won six regular meets as well as regional and state titles. They placed second in the Great West Activity Conference.

Of the team that won state, only Joel Linin, who graduated in May, won't be returning next year.

Tanner Jones (right) teed off on Hole No. 1 at Sugar Hills Golf Course during the Class 3A State Tournament in May. Jones shot an 85 and the team went on to win the state title. The Goodland Swim Team (below) set five pool records and won 19 individual races as well as the league title at the Northwest Kansas Swim League Championship meet, held here in July.



The Northwest Tech men's basketball team played their first scrimmage on Oct. 13. Both they and the women's basketball program are in their inaugural seasons.



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Wednesday: No School-Winter break
Thursday: No School-Winter break
4 p.m.: Girls Junior High Basketball at Burlington
Friday: No School-Winter break
3:45 p.m.: Junior Varsity/C team Basketball at Ulysses
5:30 p.m.: Varsity Basketball at Ulysses
Saturday: 8 a.m.: Junior Varsity Wrestling at WaKeeney
8 a.m.: Varsity Wrestling at Rossville

Monday: Classes resume
3 p.m.: Junior High Scholar's Bowl at Colby
Tuesday: Gold day
3:45 p.m.: Junior Varsity/C team Basketball, here, versus Oakley
5:30 p.m.: Varsity Basketball, here, versus Oakley

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