WEEKEND

Friday, Feb. 22, 2013

Goodland, Kansas 67735

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## weather report

10 a.m. Thursday

## **Today**

Sunset, 5:31 p.m.

## Saturday

Sunrise, 6:29 a.m.

## Sunset, 5:32 p.m.

#### **Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 33 degrees
- Humidity 85 percent
- Sky cloudy with light snow Winds north 12 mph
- Barometer 29.79 inches
- and falling • Record High today 77° (1982)
- Record Low today -4° (1911)

#### Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday 26° Low Wednesday 0.59 Precipitation This month 0.71

Year to date 0.78 0..08 inches Above normal The Topside Forecast Today: Partly sunny with a high

near 29, winds out of northwest at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 13. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 33, winds out of the south at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 20.

#### **Extended Forecast**

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow and patchy blowing snow, a high near 30 and a low around 20. Monday Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance snow and patchy blowing snow, a high near 32 and a low around 20.

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

markets

Wheat — \$7.17 bushel

Corn — \$6.98 bushel

Millet — no bid

Pinto beans — \$28

inside

today

Gowgirls

get a win

Fieldhouse

The Goodland High School

girls basketball team won

the final regular season

game against Scott City on

Tuesday at the Max Jones

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Sunflowers

Milo — \$6.53 bushel

Confection — no bid

Soybeans — \$14.12 bushel

Posted county price — \$7.25

Posted county price — \$7.07

Posted county price — \$14.04

Oil current crop — \$23.90 cwt.

(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta,

Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## City gives money to groups

By Kevin Bottrell

kbottrell@nwkansas.com At their regular meeting Tuesday, the Goodland City Commissioners approved donating money to five

The city had redone its donation olicy last year, requiring applica tions to be filed by Feb. 11. City Manager Doug Gerber said he had contacted by mail the seven groups the city had donated money two the year before. Five of those filed applications for fiscal year 2013 money.

The commissioners approved donations to Run for the Wall, \$500; the Sherman County Historical Society, \$1,000; the Fall Flatlander Festival, \$1,000; Thunder on the

Mayor John Garcia asked if organizations that had missed the tion to the commission and request funds. Gerber said that was up to the commission. Garcia said he would hate to see anyone fall through the cracks.

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## Orchestra

"It's a fun program," according to orchestra conductor Beverly Rucker. "so if you bring your school-age

The program starts off with a bright Sousa number, the "Semper Fidelis March." Other highlights of the orchestral selections include "Fossils," from Camille Saint-Saens Carnival of the Animals, in which the xylophone gets to imitate dancing bones, Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Flight of the Bumblebee" and

## High Plains hit hard by snowstorm



Streets Department was hard at work plowing, but had a job keeping

A car braved Main Street on Thursday morning. The Goodland up with the snow, which at times was falling at a rate of one inch per Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

The blizzard that began rolling across the plains states Wednesday morning dropped more than 13 inches of snow on Goodland by the end of the day Thursday, prompting the Goodland police to request that people stay home unless they have four-wheel drive.

The National Weather Service predicted snow and areas of blowing snow before 2 p.m. on Thursday, with snow continuing to fall here and there until the evening. Daytime snow accumulation was expected to be about three to five inches over the course of the day.

On Wednesday, the snow began in the morning and with high winds the visibility was often dropped to a quarter-mile or less. Accidents on Wednesday were relatively light in Sherman County, with just a few slide-offs reported. One car slid off I-70 and into a ravine Thursday morning around mile post 13.

Things were worse further east, with accidents along I-70 from Colby to Salina. In town, various events such as bingo at the VFW hall and 4-H sewing were cancelled. School was let out around noon and cancelled Thursday. Northwest Kansas Technical College also closed on Thursday along with many businesses.

The National Weather Service was predicting the storm would move across the central plains,

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Plains, \$1,000; and the Goodland Arts Council, \$2,500. deadline could still make a presenta-

## to play in Hoxie

"Music for Children of All Ages" will be the theme for a concert at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) Sunday at the Hoxie High School Auditorium, presented by the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra and featuring The Town Choir, directed by Bonnie Cameron.

children they can enjoy it."

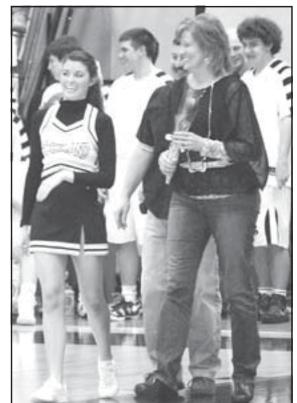
Mancini's "The Pink Panther."

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## School recognizes state qualifiers, seniors

Goodland High School held several recognition ceremonies at the varsity basketball games on Tuesday, The nine state qualifiers from the high school wrestling team (above) were brought out for a round of applause. The wrestlers were headed to the Class 4A State Tournament in Salina today. Due to the snowstorm, today's tournament start time had been set back two hours. At press time Thursday, the Kansas State High School Activities Association had not cancelled the tournament, but had announced that it would make further changes to the schedule if needed. Also recognized on Thursday were the seniors from the basketball and cheerleading squads, including Shayley Miller (right). Parents and coaches joined the seniors out on the floor. The last group honored was the state-qualifying Science Olympiad team. The team won the regional competition in Hays for the fifth time, scoring more points this year than in any previous year. The team will compete in the state competition in April. Photos by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News





## friends

## 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 Sat**urday.** 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 goodlandgac.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 Mondays and Tuesdays from 6 to 7;30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

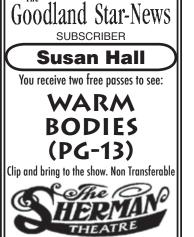
Weight Watchers meets at 5:30 **p.m. for weigh in** and 6 p.m. for the meeting every **Tuesday** at the Harvest Evangelical Free Church, 521 E. Hwy. 24. For information call (785) 890-6423.

Goodland Alcoholics Anony**mous**, 1013 Center. If you drink alcohol, that's your business. If you to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. On 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.



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## the calendar

#### calendar

Participating in the Sherman County health challenge? Looking for a fun exercise program? Try beginning line dance! Mondays 6 p.m. For more information call 890-2688.

A video recording of 2010 Goodland High School graduate Ben Waugh's senior performance "<3" will be at **1:30 p.m.** on Sunday at the Sherman Theatre, 1203 Main.

tion is 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at Cat's TnT, 1018 Main, or at the Bernadine Johnson residence, located at 704 Walnut. For information call 899-2338, 821-1275, 890-2287,821-1827 or 899-4278 or order online at www.prairielandfood.com.

On Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9, the Mothers of Preschoolers is sponsoring Sepia Splash Children's **Portraits** with vintage attire and props at the First Baptist Church, 1121 Main. For information call Sky at (785) 405-0163.

**AARP Tax-Aide counseling**, preparation, e-filing and teaching service will help you file your 2012 Tax Return through April 15. Call (785) 890-2287 or (785) 821-

**Bird City Alcoholics Anony-**

(Mountain Time) on Fridays at the fasting blood sugar and hemoglo-

mous group meets at 6:30 p.m.

Senior Center on 4th Street. Nar-

cotics Anonymous meets at 6:30

(Mountain Time) on Tuesdays at

the Senior Center. Call (785) 734-

**Stratton** "AA by the Book" **Al**-

coholics 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

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 Burling-

ton. Call Debbie at 719-346-4612.

Prairie Museum of Art and

open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central **Thursday**: a.m. Paxton.

**History**, 1905 S. Franklin, Colby is

Time Tuesday through Friday and 1

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, pa-

The Goodland Churches Thrift

Shop, 1002 Main, is open from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through

Friday. Donations welcome. For

health department

The Sherman County Health De-

from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

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2734 for more information.

1827 to make an appointment.

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

#### senior menu

Today: Tuna and noodles, peas, stewed tomatoes, bread and pears. Monday: Chicken dressing casserole, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned carrots, bread and mixed fruit. **Tuesday**: Chili, cottage Prairie Land Food distribu- cheese with pineapple, crackers and cinnamon roll. Wednesday: Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread and peaches. Thursday: Cook's choice entree, hash brown casserole, hot cinnamon apple slices, bread and pudding. Friday: Pasta salad with ham and vegetables, gelatin with fruit, breadstick and cookie.

#### school menu

**Today**: Breakfast - excellent egg taco with tomato salsa, yogurt cup, pineapple chunks and milk. Lunch - cheese pizza, garlic bread stick with marinara, fresh banana and milk. Monday: Breakfast - aloha muffin square, whole grain cereal, grapes and milk. Lunch - beef and bean burrito, romaine and tomato, Mexican corn salsa, whole grain corn chips,

dren's and adults' immunizations;

health assessments for Kan Be

Healthy, daycare and school entry;

bin; and family planning available

by appointment. Sharps containers

are available free. WIC program

available. Call 890-4888 or go to

or complaints about child care, call

If you have questions, concerns

Water Testing — The Northwest

Local Environmental Protection

Group does well evaluations, in-

cluding testing for bacteria and

nitrates. To schedule an evaluation

or discuss environmental concerns,

call the Health Department at 890-

hospital volunteers

and 1 to 4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. vol-

unteers are in the gift shop. Today:

a.m. Avis Alcorn. Monday: a.m.

Helen Musil and p.m. Jan Lam-

bertz. **Tuesday**: a.m. Shelby Miller.

Wednesday: a.m. Faye Paxton.

program for income eligible fami-

lies with prenatal mothers and chil-

dren up to age three. Families par-

ticipate in a variety of educational

activities and receive free medical

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-

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4 year olds. The federally funded

meet certain economic guidelines

and provides hearing, vision, dental

and dental care.

672-3125, ext. 187.

preschool

partment at 1622 Broadway is open program is targeted to families who

early head start

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www.sherman.kansas.com.

the health department.

apple wedges and milk. Tuesday: Breakfast - star spangled pancakes, sausage links, fuit juice and milk. Lunch - stromboli, spinach salad, fresh carrots, fresh strawberries and milk. Wednesday: Breakfast - whole wheat bagel with toppings, fresh orange and milk. Lunch - barbecue beef on a bun, baked beans, orange smiles, oatmeal cookie and milk. Thursday: Breakfast - breakfast pita with tomato salsa, hash browns, kiwi and milk. Lunch - turkey and cheese sub with lettuce and tomato, oven fries, sliced peaches, graham snacks and milk.

### school calendar

Today: State wrestling. Saturday: State wrestling. 9 a.m. boys junior high basketball Great Western Activity Conference League Tournament. Monday: 7 p.m., Goodland boys varsity basketball plays Colby in sub-state competition at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Earliest practice date for spring sports. 7 p.m. board of education meeting. Tuesday: 7 p.m. Goodland girls varsity basketball plays Hugoton at Hugoton in sub-state competition. **Wednesday**: 7:30 a.m. professional learning community. Thursday: none. Friday: West School spring pictures.

tious meals are served, and parents are encouraged to get involved in their children's education. For information call 890-2552.

## crimestoppers

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

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

### tamily 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/ Early Head Start is a state funded survivors support group from noon a mechanic and truck driver. He 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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## obituaries

### Etta L. Butts

Etta L. Butts, 97, retired Good-brother Thomas Butts and a nephew land Good Samaritan—Sherman County employee, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013.

She was born on Feb. 9, 1916, to William and Grace Butts on a farm southeast of Goodland and attended Mound School.

Ms. Butts helped at home on the Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013 at the Bell Telephone from 1948 to 1958. She started at Good Samaritan in 1962 and worked in the laundry until she retired after 26 years in

She enjoyed gardening, quilting, crocheting and her cats.

her parents, a sister Ruth White, a

farm and then worked at Southwest Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 222

Robert White.

Creek, Colo.

low in the Goodland Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior

Memorials to Hospice or the Preceding her in death were Funeral Home, Box 278, Goodland,

Good Samaritan Society—Sherman and lived at Wheat Ridge Acres County in Goodland, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013.

She was born Jan. 17, 1919, to Anna Augusta (Averill) and George Henry Sire in Offerle. In 1936 she graduated from Offerle High School and in 1940 graduated from Fort Hays State College with a degree in home economics.

Water and Clayton before becoming a staff member and later head of home economics department with the Los Angeles, Calif., schools. She retired in 1974. In 1942 she and David Butler

were married in Clayton and he died in 1943 as a result of his military service on a submarine. In 1959 she and Frank Garrett were married and he died in 1967.

After her retirement she moved

W. 13th, Goodland and burial to fol-

Survivors include two nephews

Curtis White of Westminster, Colo.,

and Jerry White of Sekin, Wash.;

and a niece Allice Kauffman of Oak

Services were at 2 p.m. on

to the service on Wednesday, Feb.

church may be sent to Bateman Kan. 67735.

### Elsie S. Garrett

Mrs. Garret taught in Shallow

to Sun City, Ariz., and travel extensively with friends, in both the U.S. and abroad. In 2007 she moved to

Elsie S. Garrett, 94, resident at Goodland to be closer to relatives Retirement Community. In 2009 she transferred to Good Samaritan Society.

She enjoyed cats, golf and

Preceding her in death were both of her husbands, her parents and two sisters Josephine Randall and Delila Hulsey. Survivors include her sister Eva

Lou (Bill) Selby of Brewster and a brother Alva (Rosa) Sire of Foun-Regarding her wishes, there will

be no memorial services. Inurnment will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Los Angeles, Calif., beside her husband Frank Garrett.

Memorials to Hospice Services of Sherman County or Good Samaritan Society — Sherman County may be sent to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

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## Paul Jeffrey Klie

Paul Jeffrey Klie, 44, St. Francis mechanic, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2013, at his home. He was born July 1, 1968, in

Denver and was adopted by Wilmot and Patricia (Carmichael) Klie at 10 months of age. He was raised on the State Line Ranch and spent his youth being a farm boy. In 1987 he finished his high

school education and began being spent several years working on tain 11me) on Saturday, Feb. 23. truck farms in Oregon and also spent 2013 at Knodel Funeral Home, 202 some time driving for a medical S. Benton, St. Francis and inurnoxygen supply company. Mr. Klie enjoyed racing his stock

car and his derby car.

Preceding him in death were his home

Klie of Culbertson, Neb.; two daughters, Nikki Klie of McCook, Neb. and Sheree Klie of Stratton, Neb.; a brother Bob (Joann) Klie of St. Francis; three sisters, Toni (Brent) Enfield of Derby, Mindi King of Bentonville, Ark., and Christa Shannon of Milton-Freewater, Ore.; a grandson; and a granddaughter.

Survivors include a son Gavin

Services will be at 1 p.m. (Mounment at the Armel Cemetery.

Memorials to be used for burial expenses may be sent to the funeral

## Edward J. Vytlas

Edward J. Vytlas, 88, Manhattan, Wallace; and half-siblings, Mary former Goodland resident, died Weedman, Liza Vytlas, Katherine Friday, Feb. 15, 2013 at the

Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

He was born Oct. 7, 1924, to Ladislov Walter Jim Vytlas and Barbaros (Bartecek) Vytlas in Goodland. Mr. Vytlas was raised in Goodland where he attended school up to the sixth grade at Grant School. He was at Golden

West Skills Center at Goodland Ron Brown officiating. Private from June 1977 to June 1988 when interment will be in Goodland Cemhe came to Manhattan to live in a Big Lakes group home.

parents; his siblings, Frank Vytlas, Albert Vytlas, Gertrude Vytlas



Puffenbarger and Joseph Survivors include a sis-

ter-in-law, Helen Vytlas of Papillion, Neb. and nieces and nephews. Services will be at

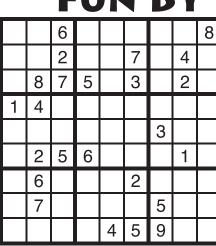
2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22, 2013 at Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan with

etery at Goodland.

Memorials to Big Lakes Foun-Preceding him in death were his dation may be sent to the funeral

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Forward, Sweet Meat, Entourage, In Dew Time, Fat Butt, MTTR Built Right, Mr. Madison

## Future cheerleaders



The Goodland High School cheerleaders led a group of junior Goodland High School cheerleaders are Shayley Miller, Kristina practiced several days before performing.

cheerleaders in cheers and a song at the half time on Tuesday Stasser, Sabre Yarbrough, Telanie Reicks, Rheagan Hageman night at Cowgirls' game with the Lady Eagles of Hugoton. The and Kat Boyington. Their sponsor is Jessica Van Lintel. The group

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

## Time to talk about award winning vegetables

By Kay Melia

Master Gardener vkmelia@yahoo.com Last week, I enjoyed the opportunity to discuss this year's All America winning vegetables and flowers, never available to Ameri-

can gardeners until now. I urge you to seek out All America seeds, including those from past years. They are the varieties that assure you of a productive crop, no matter where you live in America.

But you know, there are hundreds of new varieties developed each year that don't quite make the elite All America designation. And only a few of them are listed in the new

seed catalogs. Those that are, are



kay melia

the gardener

tagged as "new" this year, and certainly deserve your consideration. Watch for them in the catalogues and on the seed racks at the garden

There are a few new vegetable and lower cultivars that have caught my eye this winter, and I want to name them. First, the huge new romatype tomato called SuperSauce, offered by the Burpee Company just

give you a report on them at harvest from Jung.

begs for a place in my may give it a try. The Jung Company garden, and I will give also has an extremely interesting 'em a try. A packet of new bean named Nikki. This one 25 seeds has cost me is a French filet type, and the beans \$6.50, and I'll try to should be harvested when they are grow them myself. I'll no larger than a pencil. Filet beans only set out a couple are always extremely flavorful, and of them, so if they all I'm very tempted. The Accelergrow, I should have a few plants ate from Vermont is only \$2.95 a for someone else to try. I'll try to packet, and the Nikki is just \$3.25

The Vermont Bean Seed Compa- Jung Seeds and Plants catalog is vines, and I appreciate that, because most attractive lettuces with a deep ny, the nation's premier purveyor of my favorite place to shop for seeds I detest prickly vines more than the red color and frilly leaves. all kinds of beans, has again named because it is so well organized, plus zucchini itself. Lock your cars. one of there own as the "bean of the it carries most of the varieties I preyear," and this year they are offering fer. It also lists many new ones. I've new Fragrant Angel coneflower. garden this year, and be surprised a new green bean called Accelerate. never been picky about the zucchini It's a beautiful white one that of-This is a great looking bean, and I seed I plant since, to me, one zuc-ten produces blooms up to seven

to lock their cars at harvest time. Jung has a new zucchini this year in both green and yellow, whereby you can buy a packet of each for just \$4.50. It's called "Easy Pick Gold and Green" and the vines are said slow to bolt when the hot weather As I mentioned last week, the to be less prickly than most squash sets in. It is also said to be one of the

I am also impressed by Jungs ones. Plant something new in your

chini tastes like all the others. But I inches across. Jung's new Waooh always plant a couple of hills of both mid-size sunflower may be the most the yellow and the green zucchinis prolific sunflower offered this year. just to surprise and infuriate my The guy who hybridized the plant friends and neighbors who forget shouted WAOOH when he saw the blooms.

And finally, Pinetree Garden Seeds is offering a new leaf lettuce that is going to be difficult to ignore. It's called Red Fire, and is extremely

Hey, that's just a few of the new when it's time to harvest! Waooh!!

## Hiawatha farmer uses Twitter, Facebook to connect

By Ron Wilson

Director Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University Let's go to southern California where a conference on social media is underway. Participants are learning how to utilize the new technology of social media. Remarkably, one of the speakers is a farmer from rural Kansas.

He is a cofounder of a new entity which is helping thousands of people learn more about agriculture.

Darin Grimm is a farmer near Hiawatha. He has always been interested in technology.

"As a high school student, I was interested in computers," Darin said. As a self-taught computer expert, he did tech support for a couple of local companies.

family farm outside Hiawatha near the rural community of Morrill. "I live in the house where I was born,"

<u>February 22-28</u>

**Warm Bodies** 

PG-13: Zombie violence and some

language.

www.goodlandnet.com/movies

Identity Thief (R) starts March 1st!

Ben Waugh's Senior Performance: Sun., Feb. 24 @ 1:30 PM=FREE

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Darin said.

He continues to farm with his father and partners while maintaining his interest in technology. In fact, for several years he did consulting on precision agriculture. Then his platforms." interest in technology led him to discover Twitter.

"As a technology person, I heard about Twitter early on," Darin said. "After I had been on Twitter for a while, a farmer in Ohio made a list of ag accounts on Twitter, four hundred or so. I converted that into a list that was searchable and sent it back to the farmer in Ohio."

The two started an online conversation. As unlikely as it may seem, these aggies started communicating on Twitter. They were on Facebook as well, along with a number of other farmers.

This growing interest in social In 1995, he moved back to the media and agriculture culminated in the creation of a new group called the AgChat Foundation. Created in April 2010, the AgChat Founda-

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tion is a non-profit organization. Its mission statement is simple and straightforward: "Empowering farmers and ranchers to connect communities through social media

In practice, the Foundation educates and equips farmers and ranchers with the skill set needed to effectively communicate in this new world of social media. That means engaging on Twitter, Facebook, blogs, YouTube, Linkedin and other social media services.

For generations, farm organizations have talked about the importance of telling agriculture's story. Social media give individual farmers new tools to tell their story first-hand more effectively than ever. Research shows that social media are a growing opportunity

for farmers to have a stronger voice in educating people about the business of growing food, fuel, feed and fiber.

'Consumers have sincere questions about their food, and it's our goal to help farmers and ranchers answer questions about how food, fuel, feed and fiber are produced," said the AgChat website. "We also believe it's all of agriculture's responsibility to build that connection.'

In August 2010, the AgChat Foundation sponsored its first-ever two-day conference on social media. Some 75 people attended, and it was so successful that it became an annual event. More than 100 people attended the most recent conference in Kansas City. AgChat is now doing regional training sessions as well.

Mountain time, AgChat hosts an online discussion of timely topics, of Morrill population 270 people. from U.S. Department of Agriculture school lunch policies to how The organization's website is www. agchat.org.

Will people discuss agriculture on social media? According to the AgChat website, when ag groups coordinated "Thank a Farmer" on Twitter during Thanksgiving 2009, it generated 6.7 million online impressions.

The AgChat Foundation is not a membership organization. It is supported by sponsorships from individuals and agribusinesses. The foundation has a national board of directors with members from Oregon to Florida. The president

Every Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. of the AgChat Foundation is Darin Grimm from the rural community Now, that's rural.

"So many people have so little to manage a farm during a drought. connection to the farm anymore," Darin said. "Social media is a way for people to interact with real farmers.

We salute Darin Grimm for making a difference by pioneering this innovative form of communicating about agriculture through technology. The success of this rural initiative makes me all a-twitter.

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## from other viewpoints...

## Parties working together on KanCare

It may be a surprise to see our names together in an opinion piece. As Democrats and Republicans, we don't always agree on issues like taxes or the budget.

But where we do agree is that we want to make sure our state Medicaid program known as KanCare is compassionate and effective. Poor and disabled Kansans rely on Medicaid for medical care, nursing homes, home health, and long term care. Most importantly, if Kansans have issues navigating the program, we want to make sure their questions are answered quickly, so that they get the care they need.

For years, these programs have been confusing and hard to navigate for thousands of Kansans. It was often hard to know who to call when you had a problem, so most times the issue went unresolved and undetected. Or other times, the only way they could get resolved was to call your Legislator or the governor.

We want to fix that.

On January 1st, Kansas Medicaid became KanCare, affecting nearly 370,000 Kansans. Under KanCare every Kansan who has Medicaid will have the choice of three insurers –Amerigroup, Sunflower and United.

A transition this big is hard, and there will be challenges. We want to make sure patients are protected and providers continue to see those they serve. After eight weeks, the transition has gone smoother than either of us expected, and we are dedicated to continuing this accountable transition.

To make sure Medicaid patients are protected, Kansans can change their insurer until April 4 and again at the end of this year. Each KanCare insurer offers a different benefit plan, so one may be better for you. Each of the health plans can be reached through their websites and assistance lines: Amerigroup, (800) 600-4441; Sunflower, (877) 644-4623; and United, 877-542-9238. So far 99 percent of consumer inquiries have been resolved within two business days.

The state also has expanded its access lines. Consumers can get their specific questions answered any time of day by calling the consumer assistance line at 866-305-5147.

If providers like doctors and hospitals need assistance they can call 800-933-6593. So far 1.1 million provider payments totaling more than \$200 million have been paid to providers across

Another avenue for public input is a twice-weekly operatorassisted conference call where consumers, their families and caregivers as well as providers can engage state officials and the leaders of the health plans on a personal level. They can call in at 9 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays until February 28th to discuss their issue at (877) 247-8650 and use ID code 79687456. Issues and resolutions are posted on the KDHE website.

Another way to resolve issues is to call our new KanCare Ombudsman, James Bart, who can be reached at 855-643-8180. Mr. Bart's primary focus is on individuals participating in HCBS waiver program or other long-term care services.

We want to make sure there is accountability and input on every level of the program. We support bills to provide oversight of KanCare by the Kansas Legislature. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has an advisory panel of citizens, providers, and stakeholders. Each insurer also implemented a similar advisory panel. And the Federal government is involved at every level too.

And as always, we encourage citizens to contact their legislators as well as either one of our offices with KanCare related questions at www.Kansas.gov.

-Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer and House Minority Leader Paul Davis

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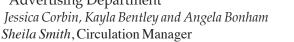
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## Support school bond at the ballot box

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readers

To the Editor:

A well-studied School Bond will be put to people's vote on April 2. As a long time resident of Goodland and advocate for quality education and improved school facilities, I appeal to all voters to consider casting a vote for progress enhancing the future of our youth.

Personally, as a senior citizen whose three children all graduated from U.S.D. 352, I feel it is my obligation as well as my turn to give support to the proposed school bond since our forbearers had their opportunity to do so for our children, and in some cases, for the grandchildren as well.

My reasons for promoting this project:

- We need to save and improve the outdated
- It is a cost-efficient plan to reach our
- Safe and updated facilities are conducive to better environment for teaching and learn-
- We want to attract quality teachers and interested people who are looking to relocate.
- Hopefully, more GHS graduates will return to Goodland to work & to raise a family.
- This certainly will help our community to grow and prosper.

• We will all take pride in the progress and

improvement of our community. Let us do our part in voting YES on the ba

for the proposed School Bond. Thank you.

Kin Huang Past school board member and concerned

## Column wrong on collectivism

To the Editor:

I recently read the opinion section of the Friday, Feb. 15, Goodland Star News, written by John Schrock, and I found myself almost at a loss of words. Mr. Schrock sells a great

to the editor story for the Chinese government. He tells us how much better the bullet train in China

is compared to its peers in Japan or Europe.

About how amazingly fast and affordable

this train is, and how the Chinese government

knows what is best for its people. Better than

they know themselves, I'm sure. He then goes on to demonize capitalism, free markets and individualism. Maybe John doesn't know, but the reason for China's current economic boom is because the government has allowed a select, limited group of people to experience capitalism. Those in rural areas that have been lucky enough to be is why we don't have a bullet train. If we did, allowed the permit to move to the cities and get just a taste of what Free Markets have to offer, have exploded Chinese Gross Domestic Product. Never mind all the money that they get from factories that produce products that go to consumerism driven America.

I would ask Mr. Schrock how all the peasants of China get to the cities to use the bullet trains? if they're allowed to go to the cities to begin with. I'm sure their government knows what's best for them though, and that is to stay put in their shanties. Mr. Schrock talks about how affordable a \$40 train ticket is versus flying, but he is talking to Americans, not to the tens of millions of Chinese people who don't make that much money.

Not that I am belittling the Chinese people, who have suffered some of the gravest human rights violations of any world power. Most recently as the last century, the Chinese government murdered 20 million of its own

But that is what happens from a centrally planned government/economy. Just like Mr. Schlock said, they shut down the airlines after

the train started running, so to will they have to use force to get the desired result. By the way, if you are a Chinese citizen, do not cross the Chinese government, you may never be heard from again.

According to Mr. Schrock, capitalism, individualism and consumerism could or have done what the centrally planned Chinese government did. Apparently he has never drove down one of Americas extensively paved highways, or drove at all behind the wheel of a fine American made automobile that is available to the masses, or never been allowed to purchase affordable goods and produce, or he has never had the privilege to speak freely with no worry of government retribution. It is because of the rights of the individual that he can travel freely and visit places in the world such as China.

Americans don't want to ride the train, that if there was a demand from consumers to ride trains again, someone would see the need and fill that consumer want.

Free markets, individualism and equality by the law and under the eyes of God have built this great nation. With four and half times the population of America and only a third of our Gross Domestic Product, with On their donkey? Or by their own feet? That's the standard of living this country knows in comparison to the lack of food for the people of China, Mr. Schlock has the nerve to tell us how collectivism is the way of the future? I beg your pardon sir, but we are not fooled by propaganda. This country is strong because of a large American middle class, a stark difference from the millions of poor Chinese with just a few elitist running their country. Big Government, Centralized Power, are not the answer to our budget problems, they are the problem, and some of the most heinous crimes against humanity have been done in the name of the State. This is America, and we think for ourselves, and we decide for ourselves what

is best for each of us. Let Freedom Ring!

Dan Schields

## Dredging proposed for reservoir

John Redmond Reservoir has become the poster child for the reservoir sedimentation issue in Kansas. Since it was built, the reservoir has lost more than 40 percent of its capacity to sedimentation.

Located in Coffey County, John Redmond was built in 1964 to control flooding in the Neosho River Basin. The reservoir also provides water storage for municipal and industrial customers who contract with the state of Kansas.

Susan Metzger, policy and planning director at the Kansas Water Office, says sedimentation happens in all lakes, but at John Redmond it happens to be filling in quicker than anticipated.

Three years of drought have exacerbated the dwindling water supply in the reservoir. The primary concern remains the loss of storage for the downstream municipalities and industrial customers.

"We need to identify ways to improve storage conditions to meet the customers' needs, especially if this drought were to extend over time," Metzger told nearly 100 people attending a public information meeting in Burlington on Feb. 5.

In an effort to slow down the amount of silt flowing into John Redmond, watershed and stream bank stabilization initiatives have taken place upstream. The Water Office is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to reallocate a portion of the flood storage to water supply.

The office is also asking for a two-foot increase in the permanent pool from 1,039 feet Metzger said. "Now we'll see what these pro-



john schlageck

elevation to 1,041 that might help meet water users' demands for another 20 to 30 years. Even with these efforts, the office understands John Redmond needs additional help to restore water storage capacity and meet water customers'needs.

"We believe our most efficient, and most practical alternative is to remove sediment through dredging at John Redmond," Metzger

To supply future water demands, the office ays, 600,000 cubic yards of sediment will need to be removed each year. Doing so could create approximately 400 acre feet of water storage per year.

"Estimates project it will cost \$6 to \$15 per cubic yard for removal," Metzger said. "This would amount to \$6 million to \$8 million a year to remove sediment."

The cost for the project will be paid for entirely by nonfederal funds, she added.

The office has money to accomplish the preliminary planning phase, the development of an environmental impact statement and some preliminary design and engineering for

"We've made the argument for this project,"

posals will show us about the realities of this

dredging project." During the public comments, Glenn Fisher, mayor of Oswego, expressed the sentiment of

most people who live downstream from John

Redmond and rely on the reservoir for drinking

water and the operation of their towns. "Whatever we need to do, dredging or raising the water level, do it," Fisher said. "I want to emphasize the importance to us, because without the water we aren't going to be able to maintain our communities. To me, this is more

important than somebody fishing.' Landowners and farmers expressed their concern that the power of eminent domain, or condemnation through court suit, not be used to acquire land for sediment deposit. The office promised such land will either be acquired through voluntary contribution of the property or through negotiated agreements. including compensation for temporary use of the property.

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## 2013 wheat crop expected to be smaller

By Stephanie DeCamp

sdecamp@nwkansas.com Last year's Kansas wheat crop was the largest in nearly a decade, at 382.2 million bushels, and brought

to happen again this year.

"We have very good prices, historically high, at or near the highest we've ever seen," said Dan O'Brien, an extension agricultural economist with Kansas State University, "but the weather from now on through the first two-thirds of 2013 will determine the size of the crops, and ultimately the prices we have in the fall.

"We have high corn and grain sorghum prices, and pretty high wheat prices, but there are prospects for increases in production that could unwind those high prices and bring things lower."

said, his job is to dig through the ter to have a higher price or higher market values, crop reports, recent history and complicated math behind what drives crop prices up and down.

"When the yields are lower," he said, "the prices get higher. Supply and demand still works in this market. The more scarce we are, the higher the price, and the more abundant the yield, the lower the price. We've had very good markets of late, and a strong demand, but again, production issues within agriculture and worries about the sustained basis year after year." broader economy will have almost everything to do with where the prices go from here."

So if a smaller amount of a crop results in a higher price, does that make up for what a farmer misses out on if he were to have a more abundant yield?

"Generally," he said, "when it As an economist, Mr. O'Brien comes to a question of, 'Is it bet-

bushels?' farmers are almost always better off when they have higher bushels. If we have 20 bushels of wheat (per acre) at \$9 per bushel, it's \$180. If we have 40 bushel at \$5, it's \$200. So we tend to do better with higher production and moderate to low prices. We know from a marketing point of view that it's better if everybody has moderate prices and lots of bushels. That's when we tend to make a lot of money in agriculture, when you can do that on a

So what should a farmer keep an eye on right now, when it comes to the grain market? Two things, said Mr. O'Brien: First, the downside risk of a good yield, and second, the value of the U.S. dollar.

"There's a potential," he said, "if we have large crops in the U.S., to see lower corn and soybean prices than we now have. As people try to figure out how to market their crops this year for the coming year, they need to be aware that there's some downside risk this fall."

## Snowstorm drops 13 inches on Goodland

dropping more than a foot of snow. On Thursday, all of Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Nebraska were under Winter Storm Warnings or Watches. Those warnings and watches also included parts of Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Wisconsin,

In the tri-state region, the heaviest snowfall was expected to the east,

But don't expect that snow to go anywhere soon. The forecast for today was partly sunny with a high near 29 and low of 13. Saturday is expected to get up to 33 degrees with

More snow is expected Sunday. 20 percent in the evening.

## City donates money to five community groups

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In other business, the commission:

• Signed a five-year contract with Brett and Jill Beringer for maintenance at the cemetery.

 Approved the Fire Management Agreement. Under the agreement, the city is compensated for sharing Fire Chief Brian James' services with the Rural Fire District. Gerber described the agreement as not perfect, but workable for both sides. At the previous meeting earlier in February, the commission had expressed its approval of how the agreement was working.

• Heard a public comment from Jeff Mason, who said he just wanted to express his appreciation for the city's efforts around town.

"If we don't take pride in our community, who will?" he said. "I think it shows a positive attitude."

 Approved a plan to clean up an unfit structure at 520 W. 16th, provided the new landowner would get together with James, the building inspector, and show

progress within 30 days. • Discussed economic development incentives for residential development. Currently the city does not offer any incentives, but Gerber said he had been approached by an interested developer.

"This is one of those big-picture policy decisions," he said. "You'll have to decide on what level that incentive would be."

Garcia and Commissioner Gary Farris said they would be to clean up unsightly properties open to some kind of incentive.

## Community orchestra to play Sunday in Hoxie

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Following intermission, The Town Choir will perform "The Reluctant Dragon," a dramatized story featuring St. George and the Dragon as you've never seen them

According to Rucker, while the choir plays the part of the villagers, soloists take several parts that

are acted out, including that of the poetry-writing dragon.

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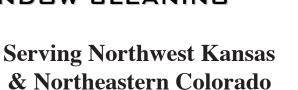
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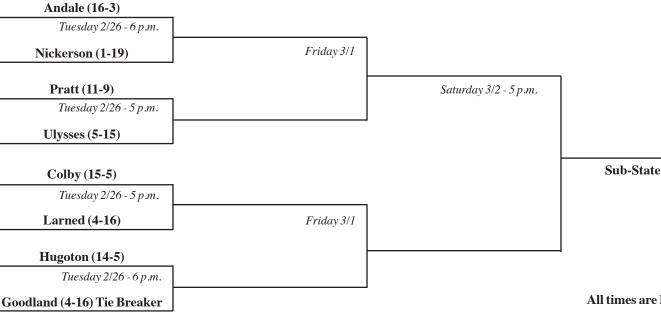
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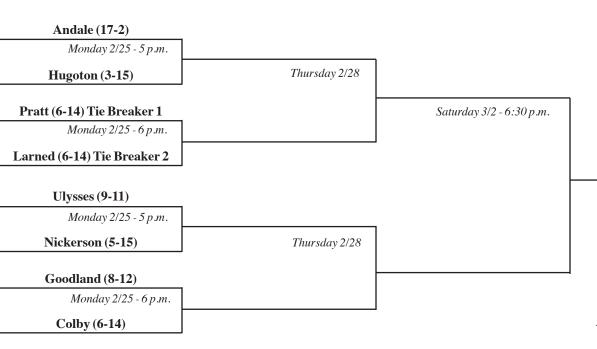


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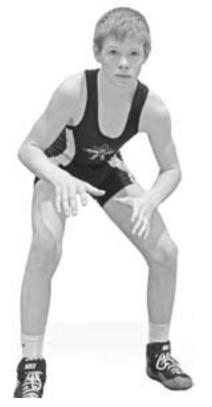
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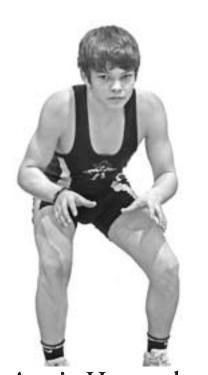
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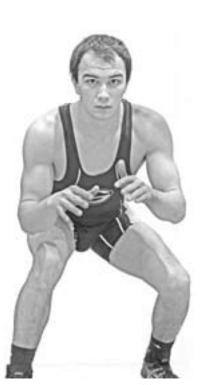
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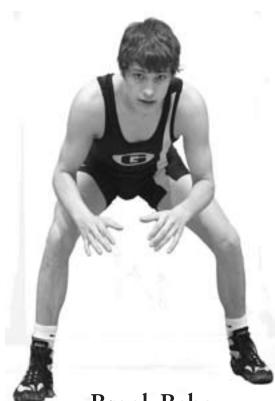
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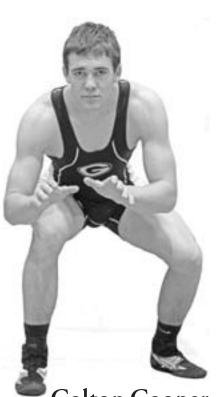
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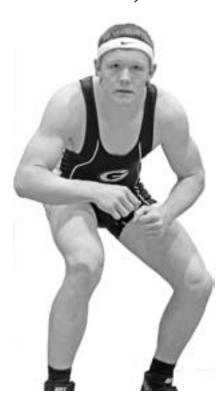
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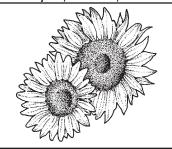


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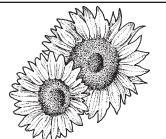
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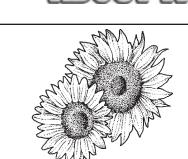


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the contest.

and Virginia Palmgren. The first place winners get \$50 and an Americanism certificate. Second gets \$25 and a certificate and third gets \$15 and a certificate.

The top six essays have been forwarded for district judging.

Division II (7th and 8th graders) First place "What Does the National Anthem Mean

to Me? Have you ever dug deep into the lyrics of the national anthem? Do you ever translate

what they mean to you? I think the national anthem is a very moving song. It describes the rockets streaming overhead and at the end of the fight, our flag was still there. It's our national anthem because it shows patriotism. Without Francis Scott Key being so inspired by the fight to

write the lyrics of "The Star Spangled Ban-

To me, the national anthem is also a remembrance of the soldiers who fought. They fought long and hard. It paid off which led to freedom in America.

ner," we'd have no national anthem.

In the second verse of the national anthem, it seems as if no war had happened. It states the sunlight was starting to gleam, there was only a slight breeze, and all was quiet. The only sound of victory for the United States of America.

I'm glad to be an American and I'm proud modern times, we still stick together. Every now and then, there is some trouble which comes amongst us, but in the end we're to use our freedom and opportunities. bonded as American citizens.

country best.

What does the national anthem mean to you?

Makayla Rogers, eighth grader

at St. Francis Middle School. Her parents are Mr. and Jerry Stahlecker

**Second place** 

"What Does the National Anthem Mean to Me?

Wow! Do you think the national anthem is a powerful song? I think it is, but everyone has their own opinion. Do you know what the national anthem means? I think it means we are a strong and powerful nation. America never gives up on anything. We stand our ground and protect what is ours.

When I sing or hear the national anthem, I think of the people who died for this country. I sing our national anthem proudly and know our flag will still stand. I am so proud of this country. I have a home to go to every night and a family who loves me. The national anthem speaks out in that everyone has somewhere to belong. Do you have a place where you belong?

Do you ever wonder how frightened some men are out on the battlefield? Just think when they had fire, smog and bombs bursting in air around them. Yet they still fought and kept our flag flying high in the smoggy sky. The United States is very brave and courageous. Do you think this a brave

What does the national anthem make you an American.

The Goodland Elks Lodge has an Amerithink about? Do you think of it as a boring canism Essay Contest every year. The title song? I really love how the song is easy for this year was "What Does the National to remember. I think this should be a song Anthem Mean to Me?" They had entries in sang with respect, but some people just sing it like it's just another song. If flows The judges for the contest are Jan Wilson like a river, so peaceful and beautiful when America sings it. What does the national anthem mean to you?

Katie Schmid, eighth grader at St. Francis Middle School. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Tim

Schmid. Third place "What Does the National Anthem Mean

to Me? Does the national anthem mean freedom or a place where people fight and defend our country? Does it mean a place where

we have peace and poverty? What does the

national anthem mean to you? The national anthem mostly represents freedom. Freedom doesn't mean the ability to do whatever you want, but it represents the equal opportunity that we the people have to participate in different things. Whether it is about life, opportunities, or

just being happy. Soldiers are a key part to our nation. They are the people that represent and defend our country as a peaceful and plentiful place. Soldiers are the people who fight for this country's freedom and endless opportuni-

The American flag also represents this wonderful land. Most people don't realize how much the flag means to Americans and how it symbolizes our grand nation. People often take it for granted. Our flag of our history. I think Americans are strong not only represents our country, but it repindividuals who have always come together resents what decisions we make, how we as one country in time of war. Even now in stand for our country and how we choose to believe

The government does not dictate how It's the responsibility of an individual to It's crazy to think how important one choose what is right and act the way their song can be to billions. To me, the national conscience is telling them. Our righteous anthem is a song which represents our freedom needs to be used properly and not be taken for granted. We all need to stand as one and be thankful for this country's opmore time. What does the national anthem mean to you?

Cade Mayer, eighth grader at Grant Junior High

His parents are Robbie and David Mayer of Brewster.

#### Division I (5th and 6th graders) First place

"What Does the National Anthem Mean

to Me? The colors red, white and blue were waving in the wind in front of me. I had a halfeaten hotdog in my hand and I was listening to the Goodland High School marching band play the "Star Spangles Banner" at the 2011 homecoming football game. I had heard this song many times, but this time I really started to think about it. Our county has a wonderful privilege, the privilege of being free. Some people don't understand how lucky we are to be free. People fought and even died for our country's freedom. People in some other countries sometimes don't get the privilege of being free. That's why I think that we should be thankful for freedom and respective to the soldiers that fought for the freedom of the United States of America. Whenever I look at the United State flag or listen to the National Anthem I think about how lucky I am to be

Kaitlyn Coumerilh, fifth grader at Central Elementary School. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Coumerilh of Goodland.

#### **Second place**

"What Does the National Anthem Mean to Me?"

I can see it now, the bombs bursting brightly in air, the tattered flag bearing red, white and blue and the gigantic, black, starless sky. This is what I imagine the battle of Fort McHenry looked like while reading all about it on my iPad in school.

When I think about what the National Anthem means to me, I think about veterans. They go into war and fight for us, the citizens of the United States. A lot of people don't think about the ones who fight so they don't have to. This makes me fee ver sad, because veterans do things that lots of people would not even think about doing They are very hard working. We are forever in debt to all of them. Even though only a few people do something for them in return.

This is part of the first stanza in the "Star Spangled Banner."

"O, say can you see, by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight, o're the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?"

This is my favority part of the first stanza because it is asking if you can see the flag that the soldiers saluted in the middle of the night. And, whose design, through the dangerous fight, was still there in the morning?

I am proud to live in the United States of America.

Saige Newman, fifth grader at Central Elementary School. His mother is Betsy Newman of Good-

Third place

"What Does the National Anthem Mean to Me?"

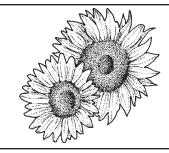
I remember the first time I heard the National Anthem. I was five at a Bronco football game. These words are what I think portunities it gives us. Let me ask you one of when I sing the National Anthem. Peace: peace means no war and no problems like at the battle of Fort McHenry where the "Star Spangled Banner" was written. There was peace after the war was over. What the "Star Spangled Banner" means to me. The "Star Spangled Banner" defines our country "The land of the free and the home of the brave." The home of the brave are our soldiers and how brave they are to fight for our freedom and peace. The land of the free we are able to have the freedom to vote, For speech and press and again our soldiers fought for those rights and we need to use them. The National Anthem is important to me, and I am guessing it is important to many other people too. My grandfather helped during some wars. He has passed and whenever I hear the National Anthem I remember when my dad told me the story about how he helped with the fighter planes. I am proud of my grandfather and I always will be. I am proud to be an American and when I was five until now I have been proud of my relatives in wars, and the National Anthem has been special to me. Peace is a wonderful thing to have.

Blake Sanderson, fifth grader at Central Elementary School. His parents are Jenifer and Kevin Sanderson of Goodland.



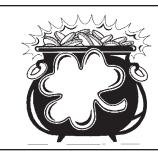


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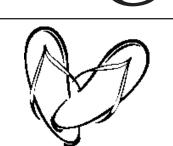
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distance of 1,839.7 feet to the place of beginning, less all portions of said tract heretofore condemned or conveyed for highway purposes.

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## Cowgirls end regular season with 49-38 win

The Goodland Star-News Coming off last weeks loss to Hugoton, the Goodland High School girls basketball team ended the regular season in fine style with a 49-38 victory over the Scott City Lady Beavers on Tuesday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The game – which was also senior night – ended the Cowgirls' ninegame conference losing streak.

Brianna White made the first bucket of the game to give the Cowgirls the opening lead. When Kate-Lynn King fouled Scott City's Shanaya Hoeme and she made both of her free throw shots. The score was tied at 6:20 left in the quarter. White made her second bucket of the night at 4:35. When Megan Siruta was fouled she made one of two free throws for Goodland to lead Scott City, 5-2.

With less than two minutes left Kelly Wycoff aded back-to-back buckets to give Scott City the lead, 6-5. In the last 40 seconds Hope Cochran made her first bucket to return the lead to the Cowgirls. Then Aubrey Davis made a bucket for Scott City to give them the lead. With two seconds left Paige Phillips was fouled by Davis and she made one of two free throws to tie the

After the first minute and a half of the second quarter the Cowgirls took the lead, 11-10. Milan Brannick hit one of her free throws. With four minutes left Scott City had regained the lead, 16-14. With less than two minutes left Scott City still led, 21-18. The Cowgirls were able to add one more bucket to the score before the end of the half. The score was Scott City, 21-20.

Scott City's Janessa Lowenthall led off the scoring with a bucket in



The Goodland High School girls basketball team celebrated their win on Tuesday. They beat Scott City 49-38 in the final regular season game. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

the first two minutes of the half. Co- on a foul by King. Then Faith Bierchranthen made her first three-point mann added her first three-point shot of the night to tie the game, 23-23. Lowenthall then made a bucket Goodland, 33-27. Hoeme added and Phillips answered her to keep the score tied, 25-25. On a missed shot Cochran got the rebound, made made a basket. Biermann added a layup, followed by a three-point the last bucket for Goodland in the

Scott City put in two free throws kept the lead, 37-32.

shot of the night to make the score a three-point shot for Scott City. With less than two minutes left King shot to give the Cowgirls the lead, quarter and then Lowenthall made a bucket for Scott City. Goodland

Lowenthall again made the first bucket of the quarter. Then Phillips and Siruta both made buckets. The score was the Cowgirls, 41-34. With less than four minutes left in the fourth quarter Siruta hit a three-point shot. Then King sunk a bucket from White. The score was Goodland, 46-34.

Neither team made a score in the

In the last three and a half min-

utes, Scott City put in a three free

throws and a three pointer while

holding the Cowboys scoreless. The

made another bucket to make the free throw. Hugoton led at the end of score Goodland, 46-36. With a minute left King made another bucket with an assist from White. In the last 15 seconds Lowenthall made a bucket. When Lowenthall fouled Courtney Cowan she made one of her two free throws. The Cowgirls

last Friday losing 50-34.

Hugoton's Nicole Kinser made the first point of the game in a free throw in the first minute of the first quarter. She added another bucket before King made the first bucket of the night for the Cowgirls. Hugoton led 3-2. The Lady Eagles made three buckets in a row. White made a bucket for the Cowgirls. Chastity Parsons followed with a three-point shot for Hugoton. Before the end of

minutes left in the quarter Hoeme the first quarter Hugoton added a the first quarter, 13-4. Goodland had 11 turnovers and Hugoton five.

To end the first half Hugoton led 20-13. White and Biermann made three-point shots and Biermann made one free throw and King two

in the quarter. At the end of the third quarter The Cowgirls played at Hugoton Hugoton led, 29-25. Mara Kling made a three-point shot, King two free throws, Biermann a free throw, a three-point shot by White from Biermann and White another threepoint shot.

> White made a free throw, Phillips a free throw, Biermann two free throws, White a free throw, King a free throw and Cochran a threepoint shot. The game ended with Hugoton winning 50-34.

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## Cowboys beat Hugoton, fall to Scott City After a couple looks, Taylen Smith half. With the score at 32-15 in Ihrig to make the score 59-28. was finally able to sink a jump shot. favor of Scott City, the Beavers Scott City added another three, but

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The Goodland High School boys basketball team beat the Hugoton Eagles 57-34 on Friday, then lost 68-30 to the Scott City Beavers on Tuesday in the last two regular season games of 2013.

On Friday, the boys got off to a big lead in the first quarter, outscoring the Eagles 20-7. Hugoton regained some ground in the second quarter, closing to 26-17 at the half, but the Cowboys opened up the taps again Beavers leading 19-9. in the second half, putting in 31 points to the Eagles' 17.

on Tuesday against the nearly undefeated Scott City Beavers.

Scott City won the tipoff but turned the ball over to the Cowboys, who turned it over themselves a few the board first with a three pointer. two pointer with 2:16 left in the answered by a three from Gannon

Scott City got a pair of baskets and put in a pair of baskets. Garrett this time Ihrig only managed a two a free throw to take an 8-2 lead with Taylor was fouled and made two 4:10 left in the quarter.

Gannon Ihrig sank a three pointer for the Cowboys. Scott City put in half at 39-17. seven more points before Ihrig put in another basket to make it 15-7. in the remaining minutes, while the

with a two pointer. Scott City put in quarter. The Cowboys didn't fare as well a basket and a free throw on a foul by Kolt Trachsel to make it 22-11. With 6:35 left in the half, Scott City put in a basket, answered by a two their lead was greater than 30 points, pointer from Trachsel.

The Beavers went on a six-point last five minutes of the game. seconds later. The Beavers got on run before Gannon Ihrig put in a

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free throws, then Scott City made a three pointer at the buzzer to end the

Scott City put in the first two pointer of the second half. They The Beavers added four more points scored four more points before Adam Simmerman hit a basket to Cowboys got two on a basket from make it 45-19. Scott City put in Smith to end the quarter with the three baskets, answered by a trio of two-point shots from Smith to Smith opened the second quarter make it 51-25 at the end of the third

Scott City again put in the first points of the fourth quarter on a pair of baskets and a free throw. Since the clock ran continuously for the

The Beavers put in a three pointer,

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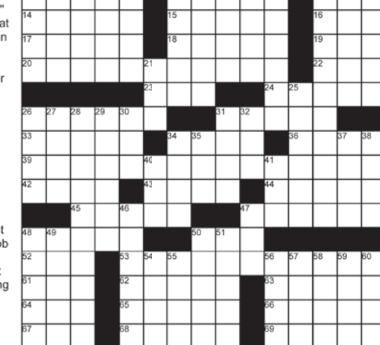
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