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More local news and views from your Goodland Star-News



Junior golf has club tournament

The Goodland Junior Golf program held its club tournament last week at Sugar Hills Golf Course.

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weather

73°
10 a.m.
Thursday



Today
Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Saturday
Sunrise, 5:26 a.m.
Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 69 degrees
• Humidity 65 percent
• Sky partly cloudy
• Winds south-southeast 20-27
• Barometer 30.18 inches and falling
• Record high today 108° (1964)
• Record Low today 42° (1915)

Last 24 Hours*
High Wednesday 77°
Low Wednesday 58°
Precipitation trace
This month trace
Year to date 9.07
Below Normal .86 inches

The Upside Forecast
Today: Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 5 p.m., a high near 94, winds out of the south at 15 mph and a low around 63. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 99, winds out of the southwest at 5 to 15 mph switching to the northeast and a low around 64.

Extended Forecast
Monday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 95 and a low around 65. Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 92 and a low around 64. (National Weather Service)

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Corn — \$6.73
Post — \$4.23 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.10
Milo — \$3.70 bushel
Soybeans — \$12.79 bushel
Posted county price — \$13.66
Millet — no bid
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$18.65 cwt.
Confection — no bid
Pinto beans — \$32
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)



Fire department training



The Goodland and Sherman Rural Fire Departments held a training session Tuesday evening on a lot on W 17th Street. Firefighters trained with hoses, taking turns approaching and getting water put on two burning vehicles. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Woman sentenced to more than 14 years

Amanda Miller

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With the courtroom half full, sentencing for Leanna Windell came down after personal statements which were read by Brad Figgins's brother, and Windell made a statement. The prosecution and defense came to a plea deal, and Windell will serve 176 months in prison, with credit for time served.

With Judge Scott Showalter presiding, Windell was present with her court-appointed attorney, Charles Peckham. Assistant At-

torneys General Nicole Romine and Jessica Domme were present for the prosecution.

The family of Brad Figgins — who was a former Goodland resident — were allowed to make statements first. His brother, Brook Figgins, stood to read carefully crafted words about his brother. He called Brad his trainer, coach, and teacher; said he was always calm, patient and encouraging. He also read a statement from his mother, in which she referred to Brad as a "peacemaker." She went on to say that she was still struggling to deal with

the reality of his death, and that her heart still ached for her son. Full of emotion, he could not read his father's statement, and handed it to Judge Showalter to read himself.

After the judge reviewed the victim's statements and photographs, he asked Mr. Peckham if his client wished to make a statement. She did.

Windell was forced to face the truth of the wake of destruction and horror she had caused. She

said she was filled with shame and anguish.

Windell went on to tell the story of how she and Mr. Figgins met. She said when she met him in 1992, she thought he was her "knight in shining armor." The two married, against their family's better judgement, and tried to make things work. After they divorced in 2001, she said Brad remained close with her family. He worked two full time jobs and raised the children so she could get the help she needed.

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New doctor to start on Monday, July 14

Dr. Heather Licke, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, will join the medical staff at Goodland Family Health Center on Monday, July 14. Licke, who has recently concluded her post-graduate medical education at Via Christi Family Medicine in Wichita, earned her Doctorate in Medicine from the University of Minnesota Medical School. She did her undergraduate work at Itasca Community College and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, from which she received a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering in 2003, and was certified as an EMT-Paramedic by

Emergency Training Associates in 2005.

In addition to her medical degree, Licke also has professional certification in five specialties: Advanced Life Support Obstetrics, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Comprehensive Advanced Life Support, and Neonatal Resuscitation. She is a member of the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Licke has done volunteer work on short-term outreaches

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Representative to take position at tech college

120th District Rep. Ward Cassidy will be joining Northwest Kansas Technical College as assistant vice president. His areas of responsibility will include academic support and outreach.

Cassidy has represented the 120th District since November, 2010 and has announced he will not be seeking re-election this year. He holds an Educational Specialist Degree from Ft. Hays State University; a masters in counseling and administration from Northwest Oklahoma State University; and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Northwest Oklahoma State University.

Cassidy has a background in education, serving many years as a secondary principal, counselor, social studies teacher, and basketball coach in St. Francis. He has served on the advisory board for the Kansas

High School Activities Association; as a member of the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame Selection committee; and as a member of the board of directors of the Kansas Secondary School Principals. He was named Kansas Secondary Principal of the Year in 1989.

"We couldn't be more pleased that Rep. Cassidy is joining the leadership team at Northwest Tech," said Dr. Ed Mills, college president. "He brings an incredibly rich educational background to the campus that will be first, and foremost, great for our students. I know he will make a great many wonderful contributions to the quality of our programs, outreach initiatives, and to the future of this great college."

Restoring the fountain



New work is being done to restore the Victory Memorial Fountain at Chambers Park. The goal is to bring the fountain back to life with functioning water plumbing. The fountain — which was originally a World War I memorial — was completed in 1930. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Man waives right to trial in murder case

A man who allegedly killed his ex-girl friend over a year ago avoided a "hard" 50-year prison sentence when he pleaded guilty to first degree premeditated murder Wednesday morning.

William Andrew Shank, who had initially pleaded not guilty in the case, agreed to waive his right to a trial. He pleaded guilty to murder and two other charges — aggravated arson and aggravated burglary — in the case in which he killed his ex-girlfriend Teri Morris and ran off with their child. State prosecutor Nicole Romine agreed not to ask for a hard-50 sentence for Shank, instead recommending a sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole after 25 years.

"This is a really difficult decision for Bill," Shank's attorney Jerry Fairbanks said after the hearing. "It's really hard no matter what you might think for him to

come in here and say this."

Just three people sat behind him in Thomas County District Court this morning, while almost 20 were seated behind the prosecutor, including Teri Morris' family, Teri's boyfriend Russell Rodenbeck and members of his family and people who worked with Morris at Thomas County Emergency Medical Services.

The state presented the evidence in the case. Shank and Morris had a relationship and had a child, Addilyn Morris, born in May 2012 in Garden City. Teri Morris broke up with Shank and moved to Colby. She moved in with Russell Rodenbeck, another emergency medical technician, at the end of that year.

Shank was arrested for domestic battery in an in-

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Lucas artist specializes in world's largest

By Ron Wilson

Director

Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University

What is the Next Big Thing? Maybe it is the World's Largest Thing. Today, in the third and final part of our series on grassroots art, we will meet an artist who has developed a specialty in the World's Largest Things. When she's not on the road, this artist can be found in rural Kansas.

Erika Nelson is a visionary artist, national researcher and speaker on the topic of roadside attractions such as the World's Largest Things. As an expert in grassroots art, it is fitting that she makes her home in Lucas, the Grassroots Art Center of Kansas. Erika grew up in Missouri. As a

child, she lived near a town which had painted its water tower to look like a giant billiard ball. In fact, it was called the World's Largest 8 Ball. Her grandparents lived up north near the supposed home of Paul Bunyan and the Babe the big blue ox. Perhaps those experiences shaped an early appreciation of unusual, oversized artifacts.

Erika got her bachelor of fine arts degree from Central Missouri State University and a Masters of Fine Arts from the University of Kansas in Lawrence. She enjoyed the creative and unusual. Her first public art endeavor was a Spam carving workshop. "I always had a soft spot in my heart for these odd, offbeat things (such as I had seen as a child)," Erika said. She started traveling to visit those attractions

which might be termed the World's Largest Things.

"I was mapping and recording these as I traveled," Erika said. "Then I wanted souvenirs and reminders of them, so I started making small replicas." Using her artistic talents, she started making small models of these distinctive landmarks.

In Kansas, she came to the community of Lucas which had become a center of grassroots art. "The town was so open and welcoming," Erika said. She volunteered at the Grassroots Art Center and then found a house next door to Lucas' Garden of Eden. It was such a good value that she bought the house and stayed.

Erika continues to travel extensively. She is a part of the Kansas Humanities Council speakers bu-

reau and the Kansas Arts Commission Arts on Tour roster. As a working artist, she is involved in various public art projects such as community murals. She has created exhibits as far away as Philadelphia and at the Boca Raton Museum of Art in Florida.

In 2007, she created a non-profit organization relating to history, preservation, production and promotion of the distinctive roadside attractions known as the World's Largest Things. These are those unusual artifacts such as the World's Largest Ball of Twine as found in the rural community of Cawker City, population 510 people. Now, that's rural.

Erika's travels have literally taken her coast to coast in her quest to study these attractions. For ex-

ample, the World's Largest Box of Raisins is found in Kingsburg, Calif., the World's Largest Ketchup Bottle is found at Heinz Park in Pennsylvania, and the World's Largest Beach Ball is in Pensacola, Fla. Erika has catalogued more than 500 of these remarkable, quirky attractions around the U.S. She has even appeared on the TV show Conan.

One might expect to find more of the World's Largest Things in Texas, but that state ranks third behind California and Minnesota. (Kansas has a very respectable 17.)

As mentioned, Erika has created small replicas of these landmarks. That has now become – are you ready for this? – the World's Largest Collection of the World's Smallest Versions of the World's Largest

Things. Erika has created a traveling road show which displays this remarkable collection. She also consults with community members who want to create their own version of the World's Largest something. "For many communities, these things can be a point of pride or hope," Erika said.

For more information, and the entire list of biggies, go to www.worldslargestthings.com.

What is the Next Big Thing? Maybe it is the World's Largest Thing. We commend Erika Nelson for supporting grassroots art and helping communities grow their identity through the World's Largest Things. Such larger-than-life symbols can make a big difference.

Paving company barred from state

A door-to-door paving operation has been banned from doing business in the State of Kansas and ordered to refund three Northeast Kansas consumers, Attorney General Derek Schmidt said.

George H. Swartz and James J. Swartz were ordered to repay a total of \$8,500 to a Lawrence consumer and two Topeka consumers for violations of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act. In addition, the pavers were permanently banned from doing business in Kansas. District Judge Rebecca Crotty approved the consent judgment last week in The defendants, operating under a variety of names, including All Star Asphalt, All Star Paving, Asphalt Solutions and All Star Asphalt Paving, acknowledged that they violated the Kansas Consumer Protection Act by failing to provide consumers with

a completed receipt, failing to advise consumers of their three-day right to cancel and cashing the consumers' checks in less than five business days.

Schmidt warned consumers to be especially cautious of door-to-door home repair sales, which claim to offer a good deal.

"With the summer construction season in full swing, consumers should be on the lookout for these fly-by-night operations looking to make a quick buck," Schmidt said. "Consumers who are in need of driveway repairs should seek out local, reputable contractors and get multiple written estimates before having any work done."

More tips on staying safe from home repair scams are available on the attorney general's consumer protection website at www.InYourCornerKansas.org.

Atwood farmer gets regional grant

The North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program recently announced the projects recommended for funding for the Farmer Rancher and Youth Educator competitive grant programs. More than 50 grant projects were selected to receive a total of more than \$500,000 through these two NCR-SARE grant programs, which offer competitive grants for farmers, ranchers, youth educators, organizations, and others who are exploring sustainable agriculture in America's Midwest.

For the 2014 Farmer Rancher Grant Program, Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education awarded more than \$486,000 to more than 40 projects ranging from \$1,370 to \$22,500. The Farmer Rancher Grant Program is a competitive grants program for farmers and ranchers who want to explore sustainable solutions to problems

through on-farm research, demonstration, and education projects.

The following are Kansas farmers who were awarded grants for their projects:

Chris Sramek of Sramek Family Farm, LLC in Atwood was selected to receive \$22,500 for the project, "Feasibility, planning and purchase of Mobile Processing Unit for Scaling up Free Range Poultry Meat Processing for High Volume Retail Market." A group of High Plains poultry producers will complete feasibility, planning, implementation, purchase, and fabrication of a mobile processing unit to slaughter and process range pasture-raised poultry for direct consumer sales in rural Kansas, rural Colorado, and a large growing urban market in Denver.

Kerri Ebert, Kansas State SARE coordinator says, "The SARE Farmer Rancher Grant is unique

because it allows farmers to apply for money to conduct their own on-farm experiments to find sustainable solutions to problems that directly affect their farm or farms in their area. Just as Kansas agriculture is diverse, so the projects that received SARE funding this year reflect the ever-expanding depth and breadth of agricultural production in Kansas; from alternative crop production (mushrooms in this case) to mobile meat processing."

NCR-SARE administers these grant programs in the North Central region, and each has specific priorities, audiences, and timelines. The focus for the NCR-SARE grant programs is on research and education. Funding considerations are made based on how well the applicant articulates the nature of the research and education components of their sustainable agriculture grant proposals.

The administrative council members decide which projects will receive SARE funds. A collection of farm and non-farm citizens, the council includes a diverse mix of agricultural stakeholders in the region. Council members hail from regional farms and ranches, the Cooperative Extension Service, universities, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations. Kansas Farmers Union member Donn Teske, Wheaton, currently serves on the administrative council.

Since 1988, the grant program has helped advance farming systems that are profitable, environmentally sound and good for communities through a nationwide research and education grants program. The program, part of U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, funds projects and conducts outreach designed to improve agricultural systems.

Insurance could cover stop-smoking efforts

Sandy Praeger, Kansas Commissioner of Insurance, is encouraging consumers to check with their health insurance companies or employers regarding coverage



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for smoking cessation services and the specific benefits included in their policies.

In May 2014 the U.S. Department of Labor announced that health insurance companies and employer group health plans are required to cover tobacco use counseling and interventions, with no out-of-pocket costs and no prior authorization.

The labor department said that it will consider an insurance plan to be in compliance with this requirement if it covers both screening for tobacco use and, for those who use tobacco products, at least two tobacco cessation attempts per year.

Each cessation attempt includes four tobacco cessation counseling sessions of at least 10 minutes each (including telephone counseling, group counseling and individual counseling) and all FDA-approved

tobacco cessation medications (including both prescription and over-the-counter medications) for a 90-day treatment regimen when prescribed by a health care provider.

"We at the Kansas Insurance Department encourage all individuals who wish to stop smoking to speak with their insurance company or employer to learn about the specific smoking cessation benefits provided under their policy," said Commissioner Praeger. "Some health plans offer additional smoking cessation services and programs beyond the DOL requirements and are anxious to share that information with their members."

Kansas consumers who have related insurance questions can call the department's Consumer Assistance Hotline at (800) 432-2484.

Kansas State University will offer a combustible grain dust prevention workshop teaching advanced mitigation methods from noon to 3 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Thursday, July 31, at the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, Mo. The workshop, which is free of charge, will follow a safety conference co-sponsored by the National Grain and Feed Association and *Grain Journal*.

The three-hour training will focus on housekeeping practices, proper grain unloading and grain handling,

and controls, with a demonstration of sensors and other engineering controls. In this program, the emphasis will be on controlling dust in the grain receiving area, spouting design, bucket elevator safety, sensors for bucket elevators and other material handling equipment. In addition, the course will cover venting, explosion suppression and isolation.

"The past two years, we have focused on increasing awareness of basic grain dust explosion understanding and mitigation tech-

niques. Now we will go beyond this to research-based mitigation methods," said Kingsly Ambrose, project leader and Kansas State assistant professor in grain science and industry.

As a result of the workshop, participants will be able to identify active steps to mitigate immediate

threats, improve their knowledge on dust mitigation methods and have a better understanding of equipment used throughout a grain handling facility.

This initiative is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Maleficent 3D (PG) starts July 11!
July 5-10 (Closed July 4)
22 Jump Street
 (R): Language throughout; sexual content; drug material; brief nudity; some violence.
www.goodlandnet.com/movies
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from our viewpoint...

Recent U.S. wars less than decisive

Since the nation united to defeat the Axis powers during World War II, the U.S. has had trouble "winning" wars, though the results have not been all bad.

We had to win World War II. The best result otherwise would have left us isolated by hostile powers dominating Europe and Asia; at the low ebb, the idea of a German invasion and takeover of the U.S. — unimaginable as that might seem — was not out of reason.

In Korea, we stopped the invasion of South Korea and drove the invaders back to the Chinese border. We in turn were routed by waves of Chinese "volunteers" and driven back. A truce, still in effect, restored the border between the two Koreas, but the war itself has never ended.

After fighting in Vietnam for more than a decade, we pulled our troops out, leaving our allies to the tender mercies of the communists. Many South Vietnamese friends would end up in labor camps, the lucky ones, anyway.

Today Vietnam is a thriving, developing Third-World country, where merchandise in airport shops is priced in dollars, not "dongs." Maybe we lost the war, but won the peace.

In the first Gulf War, we "won" by driving Iraq out of Kuwait, losing only about 135 troops in all, but left Saddam Hussein in power. Along the way, we killed hundreds of thousands of Iraqis, a fact that few Americans seem to remember.

Leaving Saddam set us up for the next round, however, and that may have been a mistake.

Then came the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, which prompted us to invade Afghanistan and suppress the Taliban. Win is now how we would describe the result, however, and now we are pulling out, leaving our allies and especially the women of Afghanistan, to a fate, if anything, worse than that of our Vietnamese friends.

Iraq, if anything, has turned out even worse. It's degenerating into chaos, anarchy and violence, where the probable winners are the radical Islamists who prompted us to get into the war in the first place. You have to ask, if the goal was to replace Saddam, is that how we wanted things to turn out?

Why do we fight these wars, anyway?

In Iraq and Afghanistan, at least, our casualties have been light — fewer than 8,000 troops killed in 13 years, nothing compared to 58,000 in Vietnam or 36,500 in Korea. The cost to any family that lost a son or daughter is incalculable, of course, and the fiscal cost mounts into the billions.

The cost of total war is far higher — 650,000 dead in the U.S. Civil War, about 405,000 Americans in World War II. But wars that must be fought become total war, as Abraham Lincoln and his contemporaries found a century and a half ago.

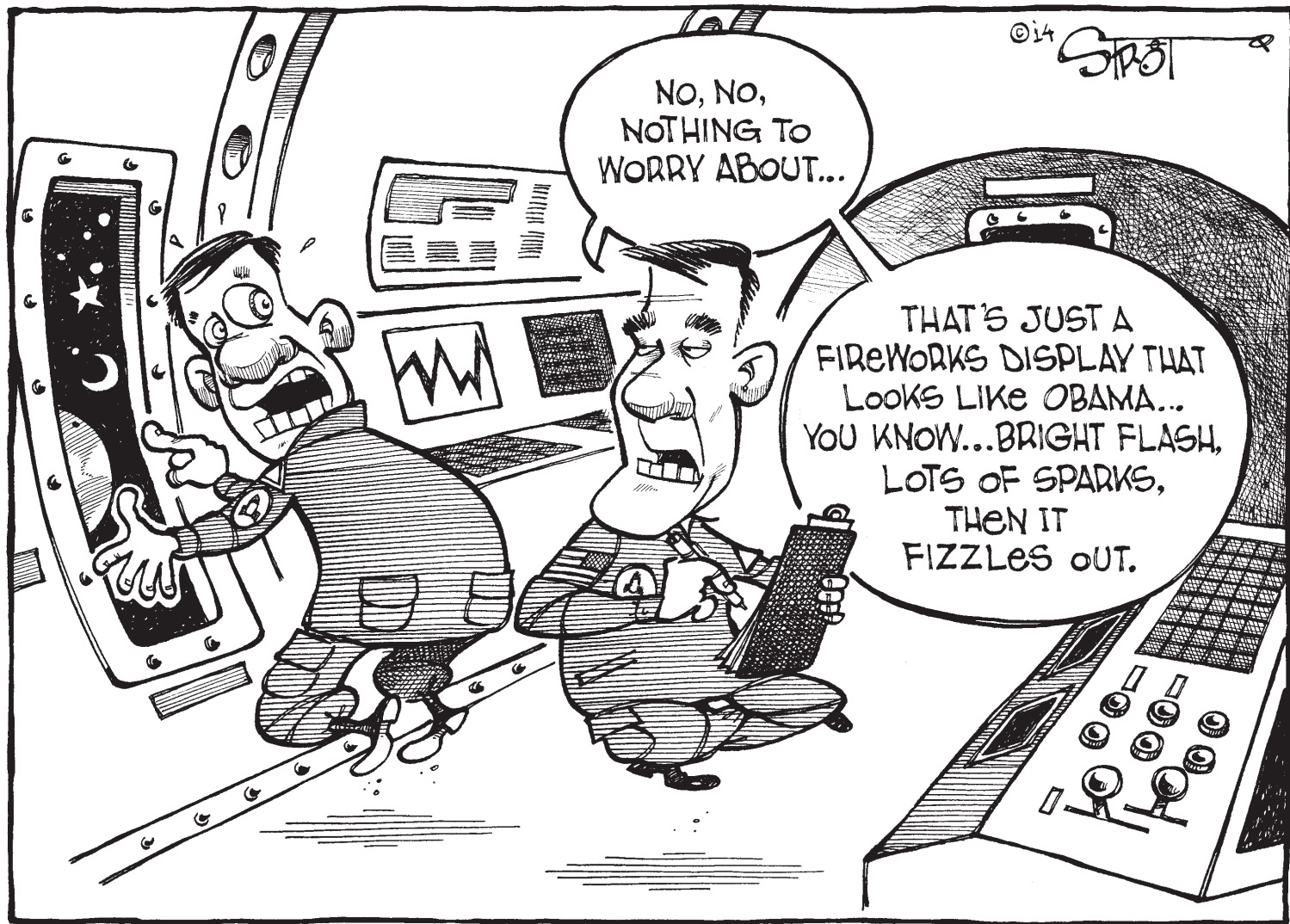
"Limited" wars may have lower costs, but it can be hard to assert a victory, harder still to maintain one after we pull out.

What have we gained from 13 years and untold billions of fighting?

We have suppressed the terrorist movement, for a time anyway. But their friends seem likely to dominate both nations, and both will be used to train fighters and stage new attacks. It is hard to say we "won" either war.

Limited wars do not receive total commitment, and without that, it's difficult to achieve even limited goals. The way we are leaving dishonors those who paid the ultimate price.

Being the world's superpower and policeman is no easy task. When will we learn either not to get into these adventures, or to bring them quickly and successfully to a conclusion that can be held? — *Steve Haynes*



Love of hot peppers may explain a lot



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I was reading the Journal of the American Medical Association the other day, and I noticed an article on how hot peppers can cause... well, um...brain gaps.

When I am at the doctor's office, I occasionally pick up JAMA as it is called by us intellectuals. Well, basically I do it because the alternatives are Humpty Dumpty Magazine or doing a Cosmo quiz entitled "Is Your Husband as Much Fun as He Was When You Were Dating?" or "How Does Your Guy Compare with the Hunks on Grey's Anatomy?"

Usually I go to Humpty Dumpty Magazine and do the picture puzzles, the ones that say, "Find 15 differences between these two pictures," and they show two pictures of a fox wearing a Tyrolian hat looking under some bushes for a pig in a tutu.

Lately, however, I've only been able to find five or six differences between the two, and that's with actually looking at the answers in the back of the magazine next to the pin-up picture of Daisy Duck.

But regarding the hot pepper study, it said, "Hot peppers can have a variety of reactions from those who eat them." It said among subjects who ate them, some would break out in a sweat, there could be a burning sensation in the mouth and stomach area and further, eating the

EEEEEEEEEE" at the top of my lungs takes my mind off the pain.

I do have to admit that the theory put forth by JAMA does explain some things that have happened to me while eating peppers and Mexican food.

When I was single, I walked out of Mexican restaurants a number of times without car keys, coats, gloves, books and dates.

Well, the dates were usually because some other guy had picked up the girl I had gone there with, and that could happen at most any eating place (my wife just looked over my shoulder and said it probably had a great deal more to do with my eating habits), but really, I seemed to care less about leaving dateless after eating hot peppers.

There was even the 1968 Volkswagen bus I left in the parking lot back in 1976. I sure hope I find that vehicle one of these days. It was a good Machine.

TV Time is meant as humor. While the author, an English teacher at Grant Junior High School, is rather forgetful, we don't attribute all of that to his fondness for hot food. Much of it is...well, just him. We just hope he remembers the next deadline for his column.

hot peppers might, "cause a sense of euphoria, something of a "high." It also said there could be a tendency to ramble on and on and in addition, the hot peppers often, "caused measurable forgetfulness among the test subjects," both human and lab mice.

My wife contends that since I love hot peppers, this explains a lot about me.

I had Mexican food for lunch, and all I have to say is...well, I forgot what I had to say exactly, but it would probably be about how do these doctors know if a lab mouse is euphoric or not, anyway? At least I think that's what I would say, I think.

I will grant that I have on occasion jumped up from our table and danced around after eating some hot Mexican food, but usually this was not because I was especially "euphoric." More often it was because the water pitcher had yet to arrive at my table, and I find that dancing in place, holding my mouth and uttering syllables like "AAAAAAAHH, OOOOOOOOOGH,

Celebrate local hospital

To the Editor:

The people of Goodland and Sherman County may not know it, but Goodland Regional Medical Center is a place where most of our citizens, in and out of town, have visited for medical or various other issues.

We need to acknowledge this facility for the caring attitude of its employees, and how it constantly strives to provide the best medi-



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cal services possible. It takes all of us in this facility, in and out of uniform, and all the de-

partments, to keep this hospital up, so we can provide the community the best care we can deliver. Community support is the key to our continuing to improve our service, so I hope people will put the Goodland hospital at the top of their healthcare list.

Connie Squires

Lost voice makes things interesting



cynthia haynes

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I was speechless.

Well, actually I had plenty to say. I just couldn't say it.

I had lost my voice, and I didn't know where to find it.

I caught a cold during my visit to Maine. Lucky for me, it started at the tail end of the trip, and although I was sniffling on the train home, I wasn't on a plane infecting hundreds of people. I could relax for most of the trip.

But then on Sunday, trying to work at home, I started to croak. My voice would be fine for a while then, like a teen-age boy, the tone would change. Instead of going up, however, it went down.

By Monday, I had to be standing right in front of anyone for them to hear me.

Steve and the staff of the paper didn't complain. In fact, I think I saw some surreptitious smiles when they didn't think I was looking.

But it's hard to be a reporter when you can't talk. Phone calls were the worst. I would start out pretty well, but by the end of even a short conversation, the person on the other end of the line had to keep asking me to repeat myself. It was embarrassing for both of us.

Fortunately, most of what I do during a typical Monday doesn't include a lot of talking.

I place ads, make up pages, proof copy and make corrections. All of this is done on a computer. When I had a question or a comment for one of the other people in the office, I would just go to wherever they were and talk as loud as I could. Since this was something between a wheeze and a croak, many people had to watch my lips to figure out what I was trying to say.

It did not make for casual conversation. I figured this would go away, but on Tuesday,

sign language.

Wednesday came, and my voice started out normal. That only lasted about half an hour and then I was back to "Hi, my name is (croak)." The day was devoted to getting to know the others at the conference and those in my discussion group, but I got through it.

By Thursday, thank the Lord, I could speak almost normally, and by Friday, I was able to take part in the panel discussions.

The rest of the groups loved our editorials and gave us some good ideas on things we could do to make our editorial pages more attractive and modern.

I'm glad I could say thanks, and that I'll be able to tell the others back at the paper what I learned.

Stangely enough, Steve didn't seem all that excited about me getting my voice back.

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Woman sentenced to 176 months for murder of former resident

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for her mental illness. Windell went on to explain that in 2009 she began attending a new church. The church told her she was healed from her mental illness, and she said that, at the influence of the church, she stopped taking her medicine and using mental health services. She believed God was rebuilding her life. Six months later, when her symptoms returned, she says was told she did not have enough faith in God by the church members. Windell said there were a lot of major changes happening in her life between 2009 and 2013, one of them was that Brad was a

part of it again. When Brad moved in with her in Bird City, she was kicked out of the church. Windell told the judge that Brad stood by her side always, trying to support her. However their relationship began a destructive cycle taking them back to the past. She said it was painful and tortuous and they were sliding into a black hole. The morning of Brad's death, Windell said that she drove herself to the hospital because she was extremely ill and thought she might be possessed by demons. That evening's events are now known to most of the residents of northwest Kansas. Brad Figgins, 45, was found in the basement

of his home the evening of April 3, 2013, with injuries to his head. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital, and later pronounced dead. Windell said she holds herself completely to blame for Brad's death. After she finished reading her statement, Judge Showalter addressed the courtroom. He said that there are legislative guidelines determining proper sentencing so that sentences are consistent. In her case, it says 176 months is appropriate. However, he said, in this case he felt it is far too lenient. Judge Showalter went on to address Windell. He told her that she blames many yet claims to blame no one. It was her decision

not to continue her medical and psychological treatments. It was her actions that ended Brad Figgins' life that evening. Her initial statement was filled with lies and deceit to try to cover up her actions. She alone did these things. There was an agreement between the prosecution and defense to offer 176 months. Judge Showalter said that he would honor that plea deal. Otherwise the case would have to go to trial. He looked at Windell and told her that she will face a judgement one day far greater than today. Windell was sentenced to 176 months in prison. She will get credit for time served.

The maximum good time credit will be 15 percent of her sentence. She does not have the right to expunge her record. Judge Showalter then looked at the family and friends of Brad Figgins and said he was sorry he could not do more, by sentencing Windell longer. He said as a judge everything he does is about equity, but there is nothing he can do to return Brad Figgins to his family and his children. "Brad was, in fact, a peacemaker," Judge Showalter told the court.

New doctor to start on July 14

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in Nairobi, Kenya and Chingola, Zambia, and was a member of the National Ski Patrol from 2005-2010. In addition, she has been recognized with the Dr. Charles M. and Ruth Bagley Scholarship, the Dr. Jerry Church Community Health Sustainers Award, two Alworth Scholarships, and the Oluf and Margaret Haugsrund

Endowed Scholarship. "We are very pleased to have someone of Dr. Licke's caliber join our staff," said hospital Chief Executive Officer and Administrator Tony Thompson. "She has demonstrated that she is a skilled and dedicated physician, and we look forward to helping her get established in northwest Kansas."

Man waives right to trial in murder case

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cident on Feb. 2, 2013, in Hays, a week before he killed his ex-girlfriend at the house where she lived here. Sometime after Rodenbeck left for work at 6 a.m. on Feb. 9, 2013, it is believed Shank broke into the house, killed her and set the building on fire before leaving with the child. The house was seen burning at around

7:15 a.m.; Rodenbeck, had left to start his shift as a medical technician before 6 a.m., and pointed out that Morris should have been gone. A group of law enforcement officers and firefighters went to the house, where Morris' body was found inside. It was later found she had been stabbed to death, and the house had been set on fire intentionally. Evidence found on Shank's computer showed he

had researched how to pick a lock and how to break into a residence. Shank was found that afternoon in Logan with their daughter. He had cut marks on his body, and Morris's blood was found on his person, his clothing and his vehicle along with his own. There will now be a pre-sentencing investigation. As soon as the investigation is completed a sentencing hearing will be held.

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Farm and Ranch News

Travel safe during harvest

Wheat harvest is now in full swing in many areas of Kansas. Travelers should expect to share the road with large, slow-moving farm equipment for the next few weeks.

Making sure farmers get their harvest to market and travelers reach their destinations safely begins with paying attention, using caution and having patience on the road.

The Kansas Department of Transportation, the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Kansas Highway Patrol offer the following tips for travel in farm country during harvest:

- Slow down when approaching farm equipment. Think of the triangular, slow moving vehicle emblem on the rear of farm machinery as a warning to adjust

your speed.

- Allow extra room when following farm equipment.

- Be aware of heavy truck traffic near grain elevators and COOPs. Grain trucks may stop on the road while waiting in line to unload grain. Find an alternate route away from elevators if possible.

- Be aware of trucks, tractors pulling grain carts and combines pulling onto roads from farm fields. Also, be prepared for farm equipment to suddenly turn off the road into fields.

- Don't pass unless absolutely necessary. Before passing make sure the farm machinery isn't turning left, determine if the road is wide enough for you and the equipment to safely share, look for roadside obstacles such as mailboxes,

bridges or road signs that may cause the machinery to move to the center of the road and be sure there is adequate distance to safely pass.

- There may be several pieces of farm equipment traveling together. Be sure there is adequate space to accommodate another vehicle before attempting to pass.

- Don't assume the farmer knows you are there.

- Remember, grain goes to market by train as well as truck. Be watchful when approaching railroad crossings.

- No texting. It's against the law.

- Always wear seat belts and use child safety restraints.

Women in Denim event scheduled for Oct. 3 and 4

Northwest Kansas Conservation and Environmental Alliance is celebrating women in Northwest Kansas by holding the fifth annual Women in Denim event "Pour Your Heart Into Life" on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3 and 4, at the Mount Sunflower Bed and Breakfast in Sharon Springs.

Registration at the bed and breakfast will be the evening of Oct. 3. There will be a meal that evening at the Pond Creek Diner in Wallace, a 1950s themed diner. The main conference will be Oct. 4.

The event is still in the planning stages. It will include speakers and topics such as "Age-itude" by Jen Schoenfeld, "Who Gets

Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate" by Amy Lorenzen, as well as hands on crafts and other things.

One speaker will be Julie Clark, an award-winning author, speaker, trainer and founder of the Inspirational Coffee Club. Through the club, she shares strategies that teach others how to pour their hearts into a life that overflows with happiness and fulfillment.

To attend, call Bev Elder at (785) 852-4262 or Sandy Rogers at (785) 899-3070. The registration deadline is Sept. 8. Cost is \$100 for a Friday overnight stay, or \$40 for Saturday only. Space is limited.

Two northwest Kansas schools receive agriculture program grants

The Kansas Department of Agriculture has announced eight schools from across the state of Kansas — including two in northwest Kansas — as recipients of \$12,500 Farm to School Pilot Sub-grants to implement a local food and agriculture education program in school cafeterias. Sub-grants are derived from a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant that the state received last fall to support efforts to connect school cafeterias with local farmers and ranchers through the Farm to School program.

Grantees will establish or expand upon an agriculture education, student managed

food production system to service a minimum of two locally produced food items in the school cafeteria any five months during the school years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. In addition, they will create and implement a farm to school educational kit and campaign for elementary and middle school students. Each grantee will host a Good Agricultural Practices workshop in their community.

Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey, in making the announcement, was encouraged by the possibilities of the program. "Bringing an awareness of food production into schools and making

the connection between agriculture and the food we eat is important," McClaskey said. "We believe that these Farm to School programs will not only enrich the school lunches served, but also give children the opportunity to learn more about what agriculture looks like and how food really arrives from farms to our homes and schools."

The following northwest Kansas schools have been selected to receive the grant:

Rawlins County USD 105 of Atwood has developed a project to expand the greenhouse and the chicken house for laying hens and broilers. In addition, raised bed

gardens with irrigation will be built around the community.

Saint Francis USD 297 plans to integrate hydroponics into their greenhouse and build raised bed gardens.

Agriculture and nutrition education programs in schools continue to be a vital link to agriculture, the state's largest industry, employer and economic driver. Providing innovative education and experiential learning opportunities are keys to continuing to educate Kansans of all ages about the importance of agriculture to Kansas and raise awareness of modern food production

processes.

The department will be a support service to the eight grantees as they implement their plans over the next two years.

For more information on the national Farm to School program, please visit www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool. For information on the program in Kansas, visit www.agriculture.ks.gov or contact Nellie Hill at (785) 296-8047 or Nellie.Hill@kda.ks.gov.

U.S. put up money to combat pig viruses

In response to the significant impact porcine epidemic diarrhea virus and porcine deltacoronavirus are having on U.S. pork producers, the United States Department of Agriculture today announced \$26.2 million in funding to combat these diseases. Additionally, the department issued a Federal Order requiring the reporting of new detections of these viruses to its Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service or State animal health officials.

These viruses do not pose any risk to human health or food safety, and they are commonly detected in other countries.

The \$26.2 million will be used for a variety of activities to support producers and combat these diseases, including:

- \$3.9 million to be used by USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) to support the development of vaccines
- \$2.4 million to cooperative agreement funding for States to support management and control activities
- \$500,000 to herd veterinarians to help with development and monitoring of herd management plans and sample collection
- \$11.1 million in cost-share funding for producers of infected herds to support biosecurity practices.
- \$2.4 million for diagnostic testing
- \$1.5 million to National Animal Health Laboratory Network

diagnostic laboratories for genomic sequencing for newly positive herds

The Federal Order requires producers, veterinarians, and diagnostic laboratories to report all cases of PEDv and other new swine enteric coronavirus diseases to national and state animal health officials. The industry is already seeing herds previously impacted by the virus become re-infected, and routine and standard disease reporting will help identify the magnitude of the disease in the United States and can help determine whether additional actions are needed.

The Federal Order also requires that operations reporting these viruses work with their veterinarian or Agriculture Department or State animal health officials to develop and implement a reasonable management plan to address the detected virus and prevent its spread. Plans will be based on industry-recommended best practices, and include disease monitoring through testing and biosecurity measures. These steps will help to reduce virus shed in affected animals, prevent further spread of the disease, and enable continued movement of animals for production and processing.

For full details of the Federal Order and program requirements, along with a Q&A on this topic, visit the APHIS website at: www.aphis.usda.gov.

Kansas farm income continued to slide in 2013

Kansas farmers took a one-two punch with drought and lower grain prices in 2013 and the result was a drop in average net income to its lowest level since 2009, according to data from the Kansas Farm Management Association's annual PROFITLINK Analysis.

Net income across 1,194 KFMA member farms averaged \$135,429 in 2013, down from \$159,352 in 2012 and \$166,375 in 2011. The figure is also below the five-year average of \$145,096.

The biggest drop was primarily in western Kansas, which experienced the worst of the state's drought conditions, said Gregg Ibendahl, Kansas State University associate professor of agricultural economics. However, the major grain-producing areas of the country did not experience drought and as a result U.S. grain production was good and this pushed down prices.

Not all Kansas farmers are members of the KFMA, but the annual report provides a glimpse of financial conditions for producers across the state, especially when comparing one year to the next.

The data showed that about 23 percent of the farms had net income of \$200,000 or higher, while 42 percent had income of \$50,000 to \$200,000. Twenty-nine percent had net farm income of \$0 to \$50,000 and almost 14 percent operated at a loss.

"A big chunk of our farms are

making \$0 to \$55,000 a year. Most people are not getting rich," Ibendahl said. "Even in the best years, the majority of farms make under \$100,000."

A tale of six regions

"Northwest Kansas fared the worst, partly because of the drought, but also because grain prices went down so much," Ibendahl said. "All of a sudden the value of the grain inventory was down. Because the study considers net income on an accrual basis, the lower inventory was reflected in lower farm income."

The average price of U.S. corn in 2013 was \$4.50 a bushel, down from \$6.89 in 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The average price of soybeans last year was \$12.70 per bushel, down from \$14.40 a bushel in 2012.

Net farm income numbers varied widely by regions across the state, with northwest Kansas averaging \$35,791, southwest at \$71,633 and southeast at \$161,776. Income in north central Kansas averaged \$136,045; south central at \$151,303; and northeast at \$154,867.

Dryland net farm income across 855 farms was \$156,991, down from \$169,061 a year earlier and about the same as \$157,296 two years earlier.

Net income for the 59 farms that irrigate crops averaged \$118,974, well below \$347,315 in 2012 and

\$449,115 in 2011.

Yields on irrigated farms typically don't vary that much, Ibendahl said, so last year's lower grain prices and inventory values weighed them down.

"That will be a factor in this coming year," he added. "With crops in some of the bigger producing states -- Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio -- we're on track to have pretty good U.S. production next year. We were looking at pretty good grain prices for a few years but will probably be lower next year."

Livestock a bright spot

Last year's lower grain prices meant trouble for grain growers, but gave livestock producers a boost.

"Anything to do with livestock did pretty well, compared with the year before," Ibendahl said, noting higher meat prices and lower grain prices. "Those in the cattle background feeding and finishing went way up. They had a really good year."

The 2013 average net income for backgrounding-finishing operations was \$162,459, well above

\$46,193 a year earlier, but below

\$397,138 two years earlier.

Net income for farms in the "Crop -- Sow & Litter" category averaged \$206,724, up from \$166,809.

Overall, the report showed the average value of livestock produced in 2013 at \$92,241, compared with \$88,507 a year earlier and \$106,280 two years earlier.

Family living expenses

Total family living expenses rose to an average of \$71,377, up from \$70,242 in 2012. Family living expenses have increased every year since the 2009 average of \$54,981.

"If you look at our family living expenses and the fact that they were higher, even though net income fell, there's a two- to three-year lag before families are able to make the adjustment after income has been up," Ibendahl said. "When you have money, you'll tend to spend more of it. With the potential for lower grain prices this coming year, farm families will need to monitor their family living to avoid eating into their net worth."

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"Lightning continues to be one of the top three causes of storm-related deaths in the United States," said Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, the adjutant general and director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. "Many people have the wrong idea about lightning and its behavior, and those misconceptions can prove fatal. Lightning Safety Awareness Week is aimed at correcting those false ideas and making us all safer."

Over the past 14 years, the average number of lightning deaths in the U.S. has decreased. Since 2006, five Kansans have died from lightning strikes; on a per capita basis, this places the state in the top 20 for lightning-related deaths.

On average, 53 people are killed each year by lightning in the United States.

Survivors may experience memory loss, attention deficits, sleep disorders, numbness, dizziness, stiffness in joints, irritability, fatigue, weakness, muscle spasms, seizures, depression and inability to sit for long periods of time. These effects may be long-term or permanent.

Every flash of lightning is dangerous, even the first, because lightning can travel sideways from the storm. Many deaths from lightning occur because people wait too long before seeking shelter. If you can hear thunder, lightning is close enough that it could strike your location at any moment, and may strike as far away as 10 miles from a storm. Even when the sky looks clear, be cautious.

At least 10 percent of lightning happens without visible clouds overhead in the sky. Look for dark cloud bases and increasing winds, and head to safety before the first flash of lightning.

The most dangerous place to be in the event of a storm is outside. Seek shelter in a sturdy, closed building that contains a mechanism for conducting the electrical current from the point of contact to the ground.

Avoid sheds, picnic shelters, baseball dugouts, bleachers, open carports, garages and covered patios, which are not safe from lightning strikes.

If no enclosed building is accessible, get inside a hard-topped, all-metal vehicle.

If you can't get to a sturdy shelter, crouch down low in an open area. Stay at least twice as far away from trees as they are tall.

Since water is an excellent conductor of electricity, avoid standing in or near puddles.

Also, remember to avoid holding anything that will conduct lightning, such as golf clubs, fishing poles or tennis rackets.

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Swim team caps season with a win

The Goodland Swim Club finished its regular meets with another first place victory on Saturday at Oakley before going on to the league meet on July 11 and 12 at Wray.

The Goodland Swim Club had 310 points with 52 swimmers. Holyoke Swim Club was second with 249.5 points and 39 swimmers. Colby Swim Club was third with 203 points and 70 swimmers. Burlington Swim Club was fourth with 187.5 points and 58 swimmers. The Wray Swim Club was fifth with 186 points and 23 swimmers. The Oberlin Swim Club was sixth with 116 points and 25 swimmers. The Oakley Swim Club was seventh with 81 points and 23 swimmers. The Flagler Swim Club was eighth with 27 points and nine swimmers.

The Goodland club set two new pool records. Taryn Bedore (15-18 girls) won the 100-yard butterfly (1:09.14) and the 8 and under boys 100-yard freestyle relay team won (1:27.44) with Linkon Cure, Blair Linin, Cole Linton and Jaron Nothdurft swimming.

Individual swimmers won 23 individual gold medals. Linkon Cure (8 and under boys) was first in the 50-yard freestyle (42.16), the 25-yard freestyle (18.28) and the 25-yard backstroke (23.22).

Dusty Johnson (15-18 boys) won the 100-yard backstroke (1:10.27), 100-yard breaststroke (1:20.38) and 400-yard freestyle (4:57.43). Brennon Overton (15-18 boys) won the 100-yard freestyle (55.77), 100-yard butterfly (1:01.19) and 200-yard individual medley (2:26.74).

Linton (8 and under boys) won the 25-yard butterfly (27.49) and 100-yard individual medley (2:03.47). Lindsey Cure (9-10 girls) won the 100-yard freestyle (1:23.48) and 25-yard freestyle (16.24). Devontay Hardy (9-10 boys) won the 25-yard freestyle (15.54) and 100-yard individual medley (1:33.91).

Ethan McDaniel (9-10 boys) won the 25-yard backstroke (20.63) and 25-yard butterfly (17.99). Bedore (15-18 girls) won the 50-yard freestyle (27.69). Blair Linin (8 and under boys) won the 25-yard breaststroke (26.64). Mya Nemechek (9-10 girls) won the 100-yard individual medley (1:33.55). Blake Sanderson (11-12 boys) won the 50-yard breaststroke (39.57). Ian Bonsall (15-18 boys)

won the 50-yard freestyle (24.81).

In 8 and under girls Madelynn Murray was second in the 25-yard backstroke (25.45), fourth in the 50-yard freestyle (50.59) and fourth in the 25-yard freestyle (22.97) and Libby Cure was third in the 25-yard freestyle (22.68), fifth in the 50-yard freestyle (51.2) and fifth in the 25-yard backstroke (26.97).

The 8 and under girls 100-yard freestyle relay team was second (1:41.91) with Libby Cure, Mirari Linin, Madelynn Murray and Jacylyn Horinek swimming.

The 8 and under girls 100-yard medley relay team was third (2:15.67) with Addison Owens, Libby Cure, Madelynn Murray and Sheridan Townsend swimming.

In 8 and under boys Blair Linin was second in the 50-yard freestyle (45.92) and second in the 100-yard individual medley (2:10.83). Linton was second in the 25-yard freestyle (18.97) and Nothdurft was fourth in the 50-yard freestyle (53.67), fourth in the 25-yard freestyle (23.88) and sixth in the 25-yard backstroke (30.66).

The 8 and under boys 100-yard medley relay team was first (1:56.25) with Nothdurft, Blair Linin, Linkon Cure and Treighton Hoss swimming.

The 8 and under mixed 100-yard freestyle relay team was fourth (2:30.02) with Treighton Hoss, Jackson Yost, Kerrek Lockhart and Suri Dorn swimming.

The 8 and under mixed 100-yard medley relay team was second (2:19.67) with Allison Daise, Kerrek Lockhart, Linton and Danica Dautel swimming.

In 9-10 girls Nemechek was second in the 25-yard backstroke (20.39) and second in the 25-yard butterfly (17.62) and Lindsey Cure was fourth in the 25-yard butterfly (19.5).

The 9-10 girls 100-yard freestyle relay team was third (1:13.85) with Lindsey Cure, Olivia Bassett, Nemechek and Rilynn Frazier swimming.

The 9-10 girls 100-yard medley relay team was third (1:38.57) with Peyton Finley, Lindsey Cure, Nemechek and Jordin Owens swimming.

In 9-10 boys Hardy was second in the 25-yard butterfly (18.19) and Dexter Dautel third in the 25-yard butterfly (21.26) and third in the 100-yard individual medley (1:48.67).

The 9-10 boys 100-yard freestyle relay team was first (1:14.76) with Hardy, Dexter Dautel, Ethan McDaniel and Tayke Weber swimming.

The 9-10 boys 100-yard medley relay team was third with Baylee Hillmer, Dexter Dautel, Ethan McDaniel and Tayke Weber swimming.

The 9-10 mixed 100-yard freestyle relay team was fourth (1:55.25) with Baylee Hillmer, Jordin Owens, Peyton Finley and Faith Turner swimming.

The 9-10 mixed 100-yard medley relay team was third (1:54.48) with Mirari Linin, Olivia Bassett, Hardy and Turner swimming.

In 11-12 girls Lauren Cure was fourth in the 100-yard individual medley (1:37.20) and fifth in the 100-yard freestyle (1:18.12) and Leanne Cristelli sixth in the 50-yard backstroke (45.72).

In 11-12 boys Leyton Cure was second in the 50-yard freestyle (32.25), second in the 50-yard butterfly (40.86) and fourth in the 100-yard individual medley (1:31.03); Mason Murray was second in the 50-yard backstroke (43.19); Jackson Daise fifth in the 100-yard freestyle (1:19.49), fifth in the 50-yard breaststroke (47.27) and fifth in the 100-yard individual medley (1:34.30); and Blake Sanderson fifth in the 50-yard backstroke (46.86).

The 11-12 boys 200-yard freestyle relay team was first (2:22.23) with Jackson Daise, Mason Murray, Blake Sanderson and Leyton Cure swimming.

The 11-12 boys 200-yard medley relay team was first (2:45.65) with Mason Murray, Blake Sanderson, Leyton Cure and Jackson Daise swimming.

The 11-12 mixed 200-freestyle relay team was fourth (2:54.74) with Heath Sanderson, Isabel Ordonez,

Estevan Ordonez and Cody Cox swimming.

The 11-12 mixed 200-yard medley relay team was fifth (3:15.89) with Lauren Cure, Leanne Cristelli, Rebecca Lockhart and Cox swimming.

In 13-14 girls Ellee McDaniel was second in the 100-yard freestyle (1:10.85), third in the 50-yard freestyle (31.02) and fifth in the 100-yard butterfly (1:32.00) and Natanya Ordonez fourth in the 100-yard freestyle (1:17.99), fifth in the 50-yard freestyle (33.32) and sixth in the 100-yard backstroke (1:42.61).

The 13-14 girls 200-yard freestyle relay team was second (2:17.55) with T.C. Ruhs, Kaitlyn Townsend, Natanya Ordonez and Ellee McDaniel swimming.

The 13-14 girls 200-yard medley relay team was second (2:41.12) with Natanya Ordonez, Ruhs, Ellee McDaniel and Kaitlyn Townsend swimming.

In 15-18 girls Sianna Miller was fourth in the 100-yard freestyle (1:11.17) and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle (31.03) and Savannah Bassett sixth in the 100-yard freestyle (1:28.17) and sixth in the 100-yard backstroke (1:52.45).

In 15-18 boys Bonsall was second in the 100-yard freestyle (56.18) and fifth in the 100-yard backstroke (1:20.74); Hagan Hoss third in the 50-yard freestyle (26.73), third in the 100-yard butterfly (1:20.31) and fourth in the 100-yard freestyle (1:04.39) and Simon Bassett third in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:22.42) and fifth in the 50-yard freestyle (28.62).

The 15-18 mixed 200-yard freestyle relay A team was first (1:52.7) with Johnson, Miller, Simon Bassett and Overton swimming.

The 15-18 mixed 200-yard freestyle relay B team was third (1:56.39) with Bedore, Savannah Bassett, Hagan Hoss and Bonsall swimming.

The 15-18 mixed 200-yard medley relay team was first (2:08.15) with Bedore, Johnson, Hagan Hoss and Bonsall swimming.

The 15-18 mixed 200-freestyle relay team was first (2:08.15) with Bedore, Johnson, Hagan Hoss and Bonsall swimming.

The 15-18 mixed 200-freestyle relay team was first (2:08.15) with Bedore, Johnson, Hagan Hoss and Bonsall swimming.



Ellee McDaniel tee'd off at the Hoxie Tournament on Monday. McDaniel won her age group with a score of 56.
Photo by Connie Livengood

Junior golf holds tourney

The Goodland Junior Golf Program held its Club Tournament at Sugar Hills Golf Course last Friday.

In the 8-9 Boys, Kasen Sederstrom placed first with 54; and Tanner Gorostiza, second with 61. Gentry Deeds shot a 62; Brock Ferguson, 63; Blair Linin, 65; Barrett Schlosser, 72; Chase Conger, 75; Kerrek Lockhardt, 80; and Reese Hillmer, 98.

In the 10-11 Boys, Brock Mull placed first with 64; and Nathan Gillming, second with 66. Leyton Cure shot a 70; Bryson Ihrig, 73; Jackson Daise, 75; Ethan McDaniel, 78; Blake Drennen, 78; Cutler Mayer, 82; and Caleb Duell, 90.

In the 12-13 Boys, Garin Ihrig placed first with 42; and Ryan Lalicker, second with 55. Joseph Mann shot a 62; Micah Daise, 78; Champ King, 81; and Zach Werner, 99.

In the 14-15 Boys, Dillon Gillming placed first with 47; Taitem Jones, second with 47. Aaron Arteaga shot a 56; and Dawson Ensign, 78.

In the 16-17 Boys, Thatcher Jones placed first with 46; and

Elijah Bohl, second with 72.

In the 8-9 Girls, Lindsay Cure placed first with 73; and Raelyn Hillmer, second with 81. Tori Jones shot an 87; and Alli Daise, 92.

In the 10-11 Girls, Emmi Ensign placed first with 85; and Rebecca Lockhart, second with 95.

In the 12-13 Girls, Ellee McDaniel placed first with 56; and Madison Studer, second with 83. Lauren Cure shot a 108.

In the 14-15 Girls, Katie Hays placed first with 45.

The program took nine golfers to compete in the Hoxie Tournament on Monday.


In the 10-11 Boys, Nathan Gillming placed third with 63. Ethan McDaniel shot a 70.

In the 12-13 boys, Joseph Mann placed third with 60. Champ King and Talon Corke both shot a 78.

In the 14-15 Boys, Taitem Jones placed second with 89; and Arron Arteaga, third with 98.

In the 16-17 Boys, Thatcher Jones placed third with 91.

In the 12-13 Girls, Ellee McDaniel placed first with 56.



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