

weather  
report

37°

noon Thursday



Today

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Friday

• Sunrise, 6:50 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 31 degrees
- Humidity 42 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds south southeast 15 mph
- Barometer 30.02 inches and falling

- Record High today 76° (1926)
- Record Low today -4° (1985)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday	39°
Low Wednesday	7°
Precipitation	trace
This month	2.63
Year to date	15.96

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, high near 44, south wind changing to the east at 5 and 10 mp. Night: 20 percent chance of snow, mostly cloudy, low near 20.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: 20 Percent chance of snow, mostly cloudy and a high around 35, and low around 17. Sunday: 20 percent chance of snow before noon, partly cloudy, high near 37 and low near 15. Monday: Partly cloudy, high around 32 and low near 17. Tuesday: Partly cloudy, high near 34. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

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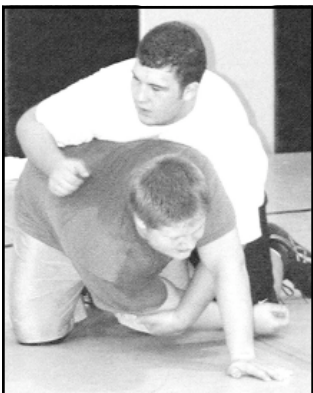


Noon

Wheat — \$3.32 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.30  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.70 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.65  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 29¢  
Milo — \$1.36 bushel  
Soybeans — \$4.80 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.97  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Millet — \$5.75 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$7 cwt.  
NuSun crop — \$8  
Confection — Call  
Pinto beans — \$17 (new crop)  
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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today

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Season opens  
against Hoxie

Sophomore Robert Doxon (bottom) and freshman Clay Schilling, both heavyweights, worked on escape moves together during practice Wednesday. The Cowboys open their season today in Hoxie. See story, photo on Page 12.

# 2,000 visit Van Gogh corn maze

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Whether going through during the day or using a flashlight for night vision, 2,000 people trekked through the paths, using questions to navigate the twists and turns of the corn maze this year.

Bryce and Jessica Cole opened the maze at Eighth and Eustis Aug. 20 and had so much fun and such a success that the wheels are turning, coming up with plans to make it even better next year.

The field, with a picture of the Van Gogh sunflowers carved in it, drew people from Goodland, surrounding towns and across the country to its unique form of entertainment. Some braved 90-degree heat, others chilly nights.

Movie night drew 50 people the weekend before Halloween, and the haunted mazes were a hit with youth groups.

"We had a good time," said Bryce Cole, "and we're gonna do it again."

He said they are planning to carve the Goodland Cowboys' logo next year because of the all-school reunion. But that could change, he said. The maze won't be open yet when the reunion is held, he said, but

some alumni may come back for it.

About 2,000 people went through this year's maze, Cole said, even though advertising was kept to a minimum to cut costs.

"Between ads and word of mouth," he said, "the maze did about what we projected for the first year."

About 50 people braved a chilly October night for movie night, he said; many of them laid around in the hay bale castle. There were 200 visitors a night the two nights the maze was haunted, Cole said.

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America group from the high school haunted it, he said, and received a portion of the ticket price and had concessions to raise money.

The pumpkin patch did well, Cole said, but there were quite a few pumpkins left over. He said they will have to decide whether to plant fewer pumpkins next year or different kinds. The Valencia variety sold the best, he said, of the five this year. Bundles of 10 shocks of corn were another souvenir that sold, he said.

Ten youth groups went through the night maze the weekend before

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## Food drive 9 a.m. Saturday

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Boy Scouts and 4-H members will spread out across Goodland starting at 9 a.m., Saturday to pick up food for the Genesis Food Drive. People can drop food off at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 1116 Sherman.

Anyone wishing to donate food should put it in a sack by their front door or on their front porch. The food bank needs any can goods or non-perishable items such as cereal, macaroni, jello or peanut butter. Things that can be used for a holiday meal such as cranberry sauce, pumpkin or stuffing mix.

At 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, Genesis will need volunteers to sort the food collected. Then at 5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15 they will need help packing the boxes.

The boxes are being decorated by the Catholic Youth Organization of

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

The number of families, at last count, on the list was 129, said Joy Hayden, member of the Genesis Sherman County board. Each family may get more than one box. The boxes will be given out Saturday, Dec. 17.

The board of Genesis includes Jeff Mason, President, Jim and Kathryn Wedermyer, Pat and Clark Jordan, Caroline Pettibone, Father Norbert Dlabal, Hayden, and Juan Miguel Hernandez, Harvest America Director.

Genesis has been going for 22 years. "We are an all volunteer organization for the residents of Sherman County," said Mason "and everything stays in Sherman County."

For information call Pat Jordan at (785) 899-5073.

Mason said they appreciate people's generosity.

## Three win \$50 prize

Tickets are going out at a fast rate at many of the participating merchants in the Christmas on Us program, and three people have collected \$50 in instant prizes for finding their numbers in the Tuesday section of *The Goodland Star-News*.

The first winner of \$50 was Connie Soellner, 485 E. 22nd, who got her winning ticket from *The Goodland Star-News*.

When asked what she was going to do she said, "I don't know yet. Never won anything."

Debbie Overmiller, 104 Walnut, was the second \$50 instant winner. She got her winning ticket from Rasure Lumber.

She said she might buy some Australian crystal.



Soellner



Overmiller



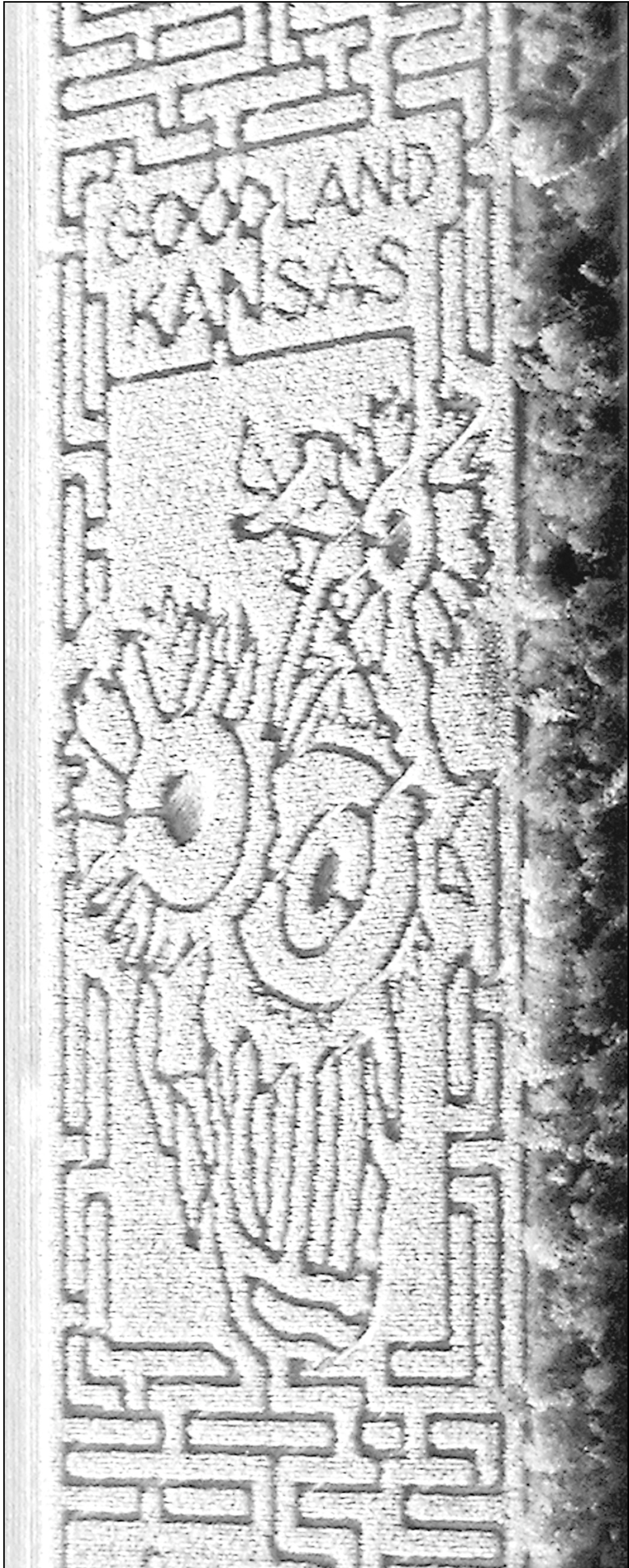
Corke

Kenny Corke, 516 W. 13th, was the third winner of \$50. His wife got the ticket at Klip 'N Kurl. He said she would probably use the money at Klip 'N Kurl.

Businesses are handing out tickets to customers, and the contest will end on Saturday, Dec. 17, when the grand prize of \$1,500 and second prize of \$500 will be given away at 1 p.m. downtown.

Shoppers will have plenty of chances to win smaller \$50 "instant

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Aerial view of Van Gogh corn maze at Cole's farm on northeast edge of Goodland taken on Oct. 28 before the maze was harvested.  
Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## Technical College enrollment shows 3 percent growth

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

The Northwest Kansas Technical College's enrollment is up from a year ago, and college officials say they're adjusting to changing times to continue that growth.

The college began the year with 281 students, up 3.3 percent from last year but down from the top enrollment of about 600 in 2001. The drop reflected changes in the job

market, said President Ken Clouse; telecom and computer programs were hot for awhile and then faded as jobs in those industries become less available.

When the college's enrollment was at its peak, communications technology was the hot program. The telecommunications industry has taken a lot of restructuring, Clouse said; a lot of telephone companies were bought or merged. The

stock market had a lot to do with it, he said.

Since then, the college has dropped to less than half its peak enrollment. The college had a two-year waiting list for communications technology in the late 1990s and early 2000s, said Paul Chaffin, director of student services. Some programs, such as medical assistant, carpentry, auto body and diesel technology, had waiting lists this sum-

mer, he said, but most of those students got in because of others changing their minds.

The waiting list a few years ago was more pronounced, he said, with students waiting two years from when they enrolled to when they could get in. The peak was in 2001, Clouse said; there were 600 students enrolled, about 175 in communications technology.

The college has added programs

in the last two years and has the OK to add another, but needs money to launch it. In January, too, the college will begin offering on-line classes in telecommunications.

Fort Hays State University has been successful with on-line classes, Clouse said, and has even has students from China taking classes through the Internet. They

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