

## weather report

26°

noon Monday



### Today

• Sunset, 5:59 p.m.

### Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:47 a.m.

• Sunset, 6 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 36 degrees

• Humidity 88 percent

• Sky overcast, snowing

• Winds northeast 24

• Barometer 29.71 inches

and falling

• Record High today 84° (1907)

• Record Low today 0° (1913)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 39°

Low Monday 32°

Precipitation .22

10 inches of snow

This month .3

Year to date 1.06

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy in the morning, then becoming partly cloudy. High in the upper 20s. Wind north 10-15 mph. Tonight: Becoming mostly cloudy with 30 percent chance of snow after midnight. Low around 16. Wind south-east 10-15 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with 50 percent chance of snow. High in the upper 20s, low in the lower 20s. Wind southeast 10-15 mph. Thursday: Partly cloudy. High around 40, low in the 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$3.82 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.77

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$1.92 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.92

Loan deficiency pmt. — 2¢

Milo — \$1.54 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.86 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.08

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7.10 cwt.

NuSun — \$8.10

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.)

## inside today

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## Goodlanders games' stars

Goodland senior Jase Herl (No. 10) scored the Light Jersey's 100th and 101st points in the second half of the boys game of the Northwest Kansas Classic Sunday at the Colby Community Building. See story, photos on Page 10a.

# Spring arrives under foot of snow

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The vernal equinox signaled the start of spring about 11 a.m. on Monday, but people in the High Plains were too busy shoveling snow to take much notice.

Weather forecasters had been saying all week that a spring storm was coming, and they were right. The slow-moving storm had dropped more than 10 inches of snow by mid-day Monday.

About 9:45 a.m., the Kansas Department of Transportation closed I-70 in both directions from Colby to Goodland because of near blizzard conditions.

In Goodland, police were asking drivers to avoid Kansas Ave. between Eighth and Second Street because of drifting snow.

The streets were snowpacked, and getting traction was tough. A Shamrock Foods delivery truck got jack-knifed across Broadway trying to pull out of Hank's Cafe on 17th Street.

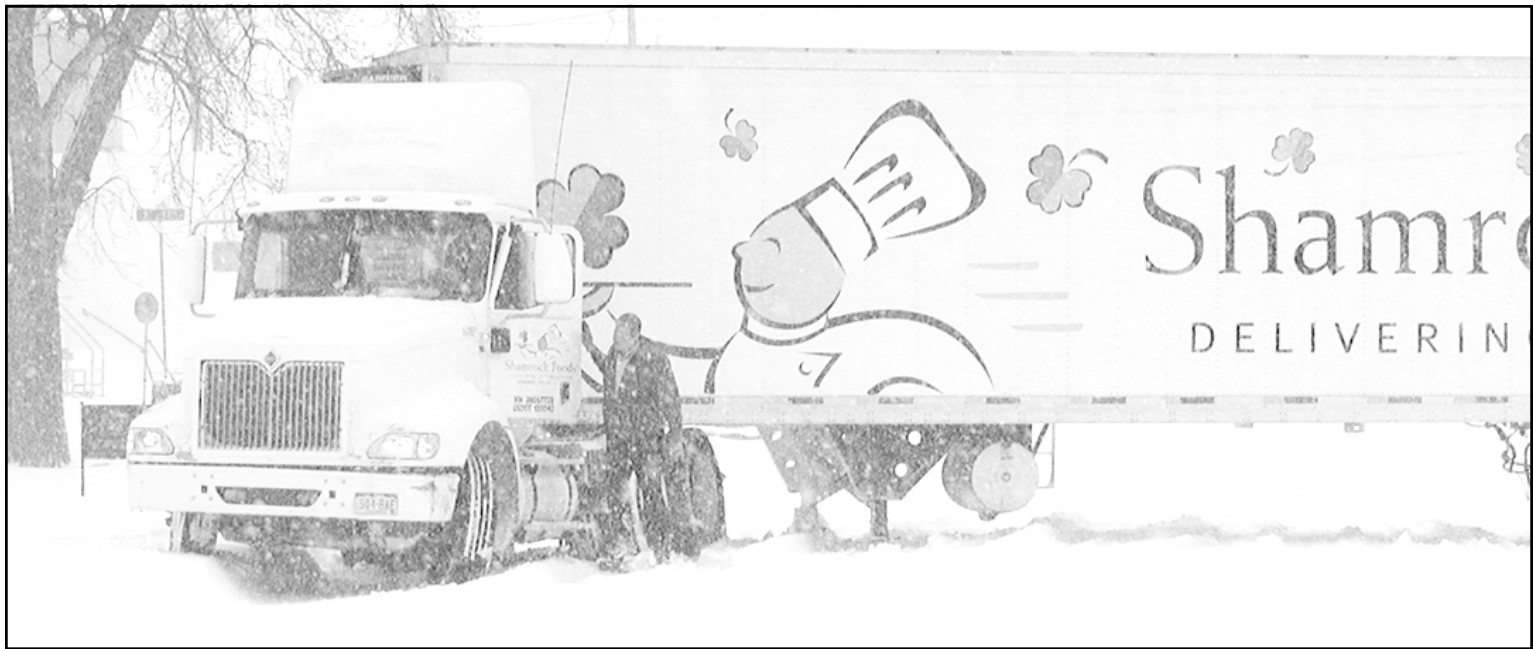
There were several calls for the police and sheriff's deputies to help pull people out of drifts, including a reporter who got stuck while trying to turn around after taking a photo of the Shamrock truck. Sheriff Kevin Butts was able to help get his pickup backed out and headed north.

For the Goodland schools, the storm had great timing, as they are on spring break. However, the snow did close the Sherman County courthouse, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Center and the Goodland Activity Center. City offices closed at 10 a.m., and City Clerk Mary Volk said a city commission meeting scheduled for Monday evening had been canceled.

First National Bank closed its Goodland office at 10 a.m., along with all the branches in surrounding cities. Bankwest closed its Goodland office and all branch offices at noon. People's State Bank closed at noon, but planned to be open at 10 a.m. today. Western State Bank was expected to close at noon.

Some downtown stores opened

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This Shamrock Food delivery truck fell victim to the spring snowstorm as it jackknifed trying to leave Hanks' Café on Monday morning. By midday, about 10 inches of snow had fallen, with deeper drifts reported in parts of Sherman County. The storm

was expected to end by midnight, but more snow was expected by Wednesday. Warm weather might return by the weekend, forecasters said.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News



Postal carrier Harvey DeLaRosa (above) got the business mail delivered through the heavy snow using a truck. Not everyone was unhappy with the storm; Salym West (right), grandson of Daryl and Liz West, had fun building a snow fort.

Snow fort photo by Liz West/The Goodland Star-News



# Wrestling coach responds to evaluation

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Goodland High wrestling coach Randy Bahe talked with the Goodland School Board last Monday about issues he said were raised in an evaluation form he received.

Some of the questions centered on wrestlers who got in trouble during a trip to the Basehor-Linwood tournament near Kansas City this year, but the coach said he thinks the team has a good record of behavior.

He spoke during the board's public forum, saying he had received the evaluation and thought he needed to address the issues.

"I appreciate your coming," said board member Marty Melia, adding that the board appreciates Bahe's efforts for the wrestling program.

Bahe, a successful coach whose team finished 10th in the state tournament this year and third last year, told the board that he had learned something every year he had been a coach, especially this year.

"My primary goals are and always have been to encourage and promote young men with character, discipline and of the highest quality," he said.

"Basehor-Linwood is an important tournament for us. It is important because the eastern officials are different than here, and we face opponents that the team meets at the state competition levels."

In 2001, Bahe said, the wrestling coaches asked the administration and the school board if the team could go back to Basehor. The

school board said they could go but would have to raise money pay for it themselves.

"That is the only involvement the enthusiasts have had with any scheduling," he said, "only financial help."

Concerning discipline, Bahe said, "I am responsible for their behavior. If I can't handle it, I don't take them."

"I was as disappointed and upset about the situation at Basehor-Linwood as anyone. We have always done frequent room checks, bedtime checks. Obviously the timing was wrong for Basehor."

"I feel I must stand up for our track record on overnight trips. This is the one event in all the years I have been coaching, both as assistant head

coach."

He feels that the same standards of conduct should be applied to all sports, clubs and activities.

"We had a difficult year with discipline and behavior issues involving a few of the wrestlers," Bahe said. "I do not make excuses for this, and I also am not at all pleased with this. I did, however, address these issues immediately, after consulting with the administration."

He said he has high expectations of his wrestlers.

"I talk to the entire wrestling team twice a week all year long about character, discipline, behavior, grades," Bahe said. "In addition, I talk to kids individually who are creating problems or if I sense they may be creating problems."

Bahe, a farmer and part-time coach, said he has stops in the office every day before practice to check on problems that may have come up.

"I have always been proactive and supportive when a teacher has talked with me about a problem with one of my wrestlers," he said. "I have always followed school policy and administration's recommendations when it comes to grades, behavior or policies."

"I have never swept anything under the rug just to win a dual or tournament."

He said he asked the administration after Basehor if any other coaches had a grade policy different from the school's and if he could

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# Plat approved for Goodland Energy Center

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County commissioners approved a preliminary plat for the Goodland Energy Center last Tuesday.

The subdivision plat shows one entrance from County Road 14.

Commissioners talked to County Attorney Bonnie Selby before accepting the plat. Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he wanted to be sure the county was not going to be responsible for the roads inside the energy center boundaries.

Commissioners Mitch Tiede and Chuck Thomas agreed the county does not want to take responsibility for those roads.

Rasure said the language on the plat said the roads would be public access, and dedicated for all time.

Rasure asked County Clerk Janet Rumpel to see what the language

## Caruso top project for five-year plan

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Getting a road project on the state's five-year plan doesn't mean it will be done quickly, but it does keep Sherman County in line to get some money.

Curt Way, county public works director, talked to the commissioners last Tuesday about what project to put on the upcoming five-year plan.

He said the county needs to prioritize the projects

if there is more than one. He said the county gets about \$97,000 a year, and can let the money grow so there would be about \$539,136 available from 2007 to 2011.

He suggested leaving County Road 14 on the list for now, and if the sales tax for road rebuilding is approved, the county could move that project down

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was on the recent plat of the Sundance subdivision.

Rumpel called Register of Deeds Carol Armstrong, who brought the plats for the Sundance and Sappa Creek subdivisions down to the commission room for the commissioners to see what they said.

The two plats had the same lan-

guage as the Energy Center, listing the roads a public access and dedicating the utility easements.

Rasure said the Sundance plat dedicated the streets and alleys to the homeowners association.

He called Ron Pickman, chief operating officer for Goodland Energy Resources, and asked him

about the language on the plat.

"The roads on the property will be our responsibility," Pickman told the commissioners. "We never had any intent for anything to be yours."

"We are making it public access for those who are a tenant of the industrial park. You have enough roads to take care of."

Selby said the commissioners could make the road maintenance a part of the motion to accept the plat.

The commissioners approved the motion to accept the plat, but not take responsibility for the roads in the subdivision.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Reviewed the emergency vehicle information for the city firemen, which had been checked by Sheriff Kevin Butts. The commissioners approved the emergency vehicle designations for the firemen for their private vehicles. There was a question about where the forms were for the rural firemen. Tiede said he would call Kenny Griffith, the fire chief, about those.

• Had a notification from the Federal Aviation Administration that the

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