

## weather report

46°

at noon

### Today

• Sunset, 4:25 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:00 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:25 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 32 degrees
- Humidity 20 percent
- Sky Sunny
- Winds NW 12 - gusting to 26 mph
- Barometer 30.08 inches and steady
- Record High 66° (1946)
- Record Low -9° (1951)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 39°  
Low 16°  
Precipitation Trace

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy; low near 20; winds West 1-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny; high 55; winds West 10-20 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday. Friday dry; high 45; low 25. Saturday dry; high 45-50; low 25. Sunday chance of snow; high 30; low 15-20.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.02 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.89  
Loan deficiency payment — 56¢  
Corn — \$1.57 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.63  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 36¢  
Milo — \$2.23 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.83 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.81  
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.08  
Millett — \$3.80 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$5.65 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.89  
Confection current — \$11/\$7 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$13 (new crop)  
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

## Man charged in murder case

COFFEYVILLE — A man whose family was killed this weekend has been charged with one count of first-degree murder in his wife's death.

John Dalton, 52, was charged Tuesday and made his first appearance late in the day, Montgomery County court records indicate.

It was not clear why Dalton was charged only with a single count. No charges have been filed in the deaths of the wife's two children.

County Attorney Bob Claus was in court and could not be reached for comment. Dalton remained in jail on \$500,000 bond and had another court appearance scheduled for Thursday.

The bodies of Holly Dalton, 45, and her two children from a previous marriage — Ryan Stack, 12, and Sara Stack, 10 — were found Saturday in the home they and Dalton occupied.

# Evolution put back into state standard

TOPEKA (AP) — State science standards once again will include biological evolution in a list of topics that students should learn before graduating from high school in Kansas.

Education Commissioner Andy Tompkins said Tuesday the Department of Education has mailed a copy of the standards with the change to members of the state Board of Education.

He said department staff inadvertently left out the concept as they reworded the standards, which the board last week agreed to have reviewed by a consultant.

Tompkins said the deletion simply was a mistake, not part of any effort to further de-emphasize evolution in the state's 304 school districts. In August, the board approved standards that downplay evolution, triggering national attention.

"There's no conspiracy," Tompkins said. "Someone just flat forgot to put it back in."

The section now reads: "Experiences in grades 9-12 will allow all students to develop an understanding of the structure and function of the cell, the molecular basis of inheritance, biological evolution, interdependence and behavior of living things, and organization of living systems and uses of matter."

The standards approved in August replace ones that also stated students should develop an understanding of

evolution before they graduate from high school.

Linda Holloway, the board's chairwoman, said she supports restoring the reference. Holloway, of Shawnee, noted the standards still contain natural selection, the idea that advantageous traits increase in a population over time.

She said when the board approved the standards, it meant to leave the decision about whether to teach evolution in the hands of local school boards rather than prohibit teaching of the concept.

"I don't think there was ever any intent of anybody to say that it shouldn't be taught," Holloway said.

The standards do not set a statewide curriculum, but they are guidelines for what should be taught and will be used to develop statewide tests. New science tests are to be introduced in spring 2001.

Revisions of the standards were necessary after three national science groups in September refused to give the board permission to copy copyrighted material from their publications.

The board then directed its staff and a science teacher to revise the standards to avoid copyright problems.

Tompkins said he hopes to be able to give the board a list of reviewers to choose from at its February meeting. He said if that happens, the review should be completed by March.

# Just one day left to collect tickets

Goodland merchants' big Christmas on Us drawing will be held Saturday, and anyone who wants to round up more tickets needs to move fast.

The last day to get tickets will be Thursday, and all tickets will be collected Friday.

The last of the instant winners have claimed their prizes. Two of them came into *The Goodland Daily News* office on Friday and the other on Monday. They each received gift certificates worth \$50 at participating Goodland sponsors.

Rich Miller of Goodland said he got his winning ticket at either MCB's Corner or Orscheln's. He was pretty happy to have won.

"I've never won anything in my life," he said.

He said he would probably use his gift certificates to buy a Christmas present for his wife or just give them to her and let her spend it how she likes.

Sidney Rasure of Goodland said she got her ticket from Jan's Hallmark.

"This is delightful, a real treat for Christmas," she said.

She too said she had never won anything in her life.

Tris Todd of Goodland said she got her ticket at either Rasure Lumber Do-It Center or Miller's Electronics.

"I was thrilled," she said.

The big drawing will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in front of the Goodland Chamber of Commerce office, 104 W. 11th, if the weather permits. The street will be blocked off at Main and Center. If the weather is bad, then the drawing will be held at Central School.

Entertainment between drawings will be provided by two Goodland High School choirs under the direction of Shelly Cole, the Chamber Choir and the X-pressos. Church choirs have been invited to participate, and civic groups or clubs are invited to sell cookies, hot drinks and the like. About 1,200 people attended last year's drawing, jamming the Central gym.

A big crowd is expected for Saturday's event, as people are eager to find out the winning ticket numbers. The grand prize will be \$2,000, second prize will be \$400, and third prize will be \$200. All prizes will be awarded in

gift certificates and the winning ticket must be present to claim a prize.

Shoppers will be given one ticket for each \$10 in merchandise or services purchased. No purchase is necessary to enter or win. Anyone 18 or older may obtain a free ticket (limit one per visit) from *The Daily News* office or the Goodland Chamber of Commerce office, or any sponsor.

There is no limit to the number of tickets you can collect for the contest, but there is a maximum of 250 per purchase. Employees of sponsoring businesses are not eligible to win with tickets obtained at work, and employees of *The Daily News* are not eligible at all.

Sponsors include: Knott Just Books, Collage Ltd., Corner Garage, Shores Bros., Rasure Lumber Do-It Center, Miller's Electronics, American Communications, Jan's Hallmark, First National Bank, Mann's Jewelry and Julie's Interiors, Gambino's Pizza, Aten Department Store, Orscheln Farm & Home Supply, NAPA Auto Parts, Frontier Equity Co-op,

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# Odds against a White Christmas on the plains

It's OK to hope for a White Christmas this year, but don't bet the farm on it.

The odds aren't that great.

Goodland has had measurable snowfall on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day only five times over the past 30 years. The most snow on the ground on Christmas Day here was 10 inches in 1982, said Kevin Lynott of the National Weather Service office here.

Although the weather service will have a better idea of the weather pattern leading up to Christmas next week, nothing is certain in terms of a White Christmas. In fact, in only about one out of three or four years across the central



# Elves-is gets down

Jacob Kling (top left) and Toby Hurst, danced during the fourth grade music program "Holiday 'Ho! Down" on Tuesday night at the Goodland High School auditorium. Forrest Trachsel (left) portrayed Elvis. Josh Doke (below) was "Santa", while Andrew Miller, Nick Sopris and Spencer Windell (bottom left to right) were elves making toys.

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