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Today Sunset, 4:33 p.m.

Tomorrow Sunrise, 7:07 a.m. • Sunset, 4:33 p.m.

Midday Conditions

 Soil Temperature 39 degrees Humidity 27 percent Sky sunny Winds north 15 mph Barometer 30.01 inches and steady Record High 71° (1921) Record Low -13° (1990)

Last 24 Hours*

| High | 65° |
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| Low | 20° |
| Precipitation | none |

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear; low 20; winds southwest 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny; dry; high 55-60; winds southwest 10-20 mph; low 20-25.

Extended Forecast

Saturday through Monday. Saturday: dry; high 45-50; low 20-25. Sunday: dry; high 45; low 20. Monday: dry; high 40; low 15-20. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Noon Wheat — \$2.11 bushel Posted county price — \$1.95 Loan deficiency payment — 50¢ Corn — \$1.63 bushel Posted county price — \$1.71 Loan deficiency pmt. - 28¢ Milo — \$2.33 hundredweight Soybeans — \$3.92 bushel Posted county price — \$3.85 Loan deficiency payment - \$1.04 Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. - \$4.16 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.

Big show provided by native

Lower Denver fireworks contract awarded to Kansan **By Janet Craft**

The Goodland Daily News A Goodland native got the contract to put on a big fireworks display for the opening of the Christmas season in downtown Denver, which also included the holiday lighting of historic Union Station.

Joe Diaz, owner of Tri-State Fireworks in Denver, had the opportunity to be part of the Christmas opening for Lower Downtown Denver on Dec. 1.

The new Pepsi Center, Coors Field and Six Flags Elitch Gardens are also in that part of Denver.

It was one of the biggest shows ever done by Diaz. He said his display, which took a lot of planning and two days for him to get ready, lasted nine minutes. He has already been signed up to do the fireworks display for next year's Christmas opening in the area, popularly known as LoDo.

The show was all handled by electronic firing, as under Denver city regulations that's the only way it can be done, said Diaz. In case something were to go wrong, and with so many buildings close by, the show could be stopped right away using this type of firing.

He said when you're shooting off fireworks in an open area, like for the show he held on the Fourth of July at the Sherman County Fairgrounds, the firing can be done manually. Diaz said he had to make some changes in the order of setting off fireworks at last summer's show to allow for the wind.

Diaz got his start in the fireworks Goodland to set up his fireworks stands business at a stand three miles west of earlier this week to sell fireworks to Goodland over 25 years ago. For the anyone who wants to celebrate.

This fireworks display was part of the show put on by Goodland native Joe Diaz, owner of Tri-State Fireworks, Denver, to kick off the Lower Downtown Denver holiday season.

The Denver Post/Craig F. Walker

new millennium, Kansas law has changed, allowing fireworks to be sold from Dec. 28 through Jan. 1. He was in

Diaz will be setting off two fireworks shows in Denver Friday for New Year's Eve. One will be in downtown Denver and the other at the Pinery Country Club. His wife Sharon will help him get things set up for both shows.

Missouri couple killed, daughter injured in wreck

An elderly Kansas City area couple responded from this area, plus one from was killed Wednesday and their daughter critically injured when their car rolled on I-70 near the Kanorado rest area.

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fied the couple as Martha V. Newman, tigation. 82, and Eugene E. Newman, 88, of suburban Raytown, Mo.

Their daughter, Christine K. Burke, 51, also of Raytown, was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center, then flown on to St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver.

A nursing supervisor at the hospital said she was in critical condition today in the intensive care unit, but stable. She was listed as having "multiple traumas.'

The patrol said the crash occurred about 11:40 a.m. when a 1993 Chrysler sedan driven by Mrs. Newman was eastbound on I-70 near milepost 7. The car went off the right side of the road, then when the driver apparently overcorrected, came back across both eastbound lanes into the median, where it rolled at least twice.

All three victims were thrown from the car, and motorists who reported the accident told Sherman County Central ity with which they can be ejected from Dispatch that they were lying on the pavement.

Sheriff Doug Whitson said he, the undersheriff and five state troopers worked the accident. Three troopers shoes and left them tied.'

Colby and one from Oakley to form a mapping team, charting out the scene. He said his department stayed to provide traffic control to protect the troop-The Kansas Highway patrol identi- ers, who spent five hours on the inves-

> None of the victims was wearing a seat belt, the sheriff said, and that omission probably cost at least two lives.

> "They all could have walked away from it if they had been," he said. "We hate to see these, especially around the holidays. It's a time for families, and to have two of them killed '

> The family had been visiting another daughter and her children in Colorado, relatives said. Whitson said there were Christmas packages in the car.

> It's disturbing when people ignore the life-saving value of seat belts, Whitson said.

> "In 16 years, I've only taken the seatbelts off of one person who was dead," he said, adding that he's cut many free who were alive. Just last week, a couple survived a wreck near the same location with only minor injuries. They were wearing belts.

> "People don't understand the veloca vehicle," the sheriff said. "We found the driver's shoes still laying on the floorboards, still tied.

"It just peeled her right out of her

Businesses to close early for New Year's holiday

early on Friday for the New Year close at 2:30 p.m. today and will be holiday, but city and county offices closed all day Friday.

Many businesses will be closing Resources Conservation Service will

afternoon Late news from the Associated Press 1 p.m. Nasdaq hits new milestone

NEW YORK — The Nasdaq has come a long, long way from the days when it was viewed as a second-rate home for small firms.

A fascination with technology stocks that spread this year from Wall Street to Main Street has pushed the Nasdaq composite index over the 4,000 milestone, closing Wednesday at 4,041.46.

It is now up more than 84 percent for the year, a record pace for a major U.S. market index. The previous record for an annual gain was set back in 1915, when the Dow Jones industrial average rose 82 percent.

In contrast, the Dow is up 25 percent this year and the broadly based Standard & Poor's 500stock index is up 19 percent.

The Nasdaq crossed its latest milestone less than two months after closing above 3,000 for the first time.

through New Year's Day, due to a change in the law, 1 in Kansas, as a way for people to celebrate the arrival of the new century.

Two Goodland area fireworks stands, TNT Fireworks and Diaz Fireworks, will be open for anyone wanting to buy fireworks for celebrating the new year.

You need to take them out of town to shoot, however. Dean Jensen, city fire chief, said no fireworks may be sold or discharged in the city limits. He warned people would have had to get a permit, he said.

'Even though they're supposed to be safe, they're which allows fireworks to be sold Dec. 28 through Jan. extremely dangerous if not used under proper supervision," he said.

> He said young kids are usually the ones to get in trouble with fireworks and recalled that a teenage boy was killed in a fireworks accident near Kanorado last summer.

> To his knowledge, the chief said, no public fireworks display has been planned. Someone wanting to do one

Trains, elevators halt at millennium arrival

Fireworks provided for century celebration

Residents of Kansas may purchase fireworks today to use caution in shooting them off.

By Larry McShane

Associated Press Writer As fireworks explode, revelers exult and the crystal ball descends in Times Square, the Boston mass transit system will mark the arrival of the new millennium by ... grinding to a halt. It won't be alone.

At the plants of U.S. Steel Group, the year 2000 will arrive without any steelmaking. At Boston's Copley Square Hotel, the elevators will sit silently on the ground floor. Louisiana casinos saying delays could last up to an hour. floating on the mighty Mississippi River will dock.

Fears of Y2K problems accompanying the arrival of the millennium have

persuaded a variety of people from coast to coast to greet the new year not said Amtrak spokesman John Wolf in with a bang — not with a boom — but with a pause.

Some pauses will last a few minutes; other will cover a couple of days. All are linked to concerns that potential Y2K glitches are beyond the control of companies that have spent years and millions of dollars trying to work out the kinks. Across the country, 50 Amtrak trains will stop before midnight, with officials Planned celebrations on the trains will include a special millennial party favor: acommemorative train whistle inscribed,

"IrodeAmtrak into the new millennium."

"We believe we are Y2K compliant," a statement typical of most worries. This is just a precaution."

There will be no keepsakes on the Union Pacific Railroad, but the freight line also will halt its trains.

In Boston, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority will have trains stop inside stations as the clock approaches midnight. If there are no glitches, trains will start up a few minutes after the new year arrives.

At the Copley Square, hotel guests will not only have complimentary shampoo and shower caps on hand but flashlights, placed in all 143 rooms.

will be closed all day.

regular hours on both Friday and Saturday.

The city offices will be closed on Friday due to the holiday, but will be open again on Monday. The Sherman County Courthouse will close to the public at noon today so their end-ofthe-year work can be done, and then will be closed all day Friday and Monday. The county landfill will be closed Friday and Saturday, but will be open on Sunday.

The First National Bank will close at 2 p.m. on Friday. Western State Bank will close at noon on Friday and the drive-up window will be closed on Saturday. Bankwest will be open inside until 4 p.m. Friday and the drive-up will stay open until 5 p.m. The drive-up window will be closed Saturday. First Commerce Bank will close at 2 p.m. Friday.

The Goodland post office will be open its usual hours, which are 8 a.m. a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday but A&W to 4 p.m., on Friday, but will be closed on Saturday.

care of year-end business, the U.S. Farm Service Agency and Natural

If you want to buy groceries in Most area restaurants will be open Goodland, Wal-Mart will be open 24 hours on both New Year's Eve and Day. Cowboy Loop, which is usually open until 10 p.m. on Fridays, may possibly close a little earlier that evening, but will be open regular hours on Saturday. The Vista Coastal Mart at 8th and Caldwell will close at 10 p.m. on Friday but will be open for regular business on Saturday. Vista Coastal Mart at 17th and Caldwell will be open regular hours on both Friday and Saturday. The Presto Convenience Store on K-27 will be open 24 hours both Friday and Saturday.

Restaurants that will close early on Friday include Pizza Hut and McDonald's, which will close at 9 p.m. Wendy's, Kentucky Fried Chicken/Taco Bell, Gambino's and A&W will all be open regular hours on Friday.

McDonald's will be open from 7 will be closed that day. Pizza Hut. Wendy's, Kentucky Fried Chicken/ For farmers who may want to take Taco Bell and Gambino's will be open regular business hours on Saturday.





Residents light up Kanorado

Tom and Tammy Colby's house (left) was first-place winner in the Kanorado Christmas Lights contest which was judged on Friday, Dec. 17. Jon and Connie Sheldon's home (above) won second place. Other winners were Phil Garcia's house, which won third place, and Victor Delgado's home, which received honorable mention.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News